PARTNERS FOR TRANSPARENCY

Promoting a culture of transparency, accountability, and effectiveness to reduce corruption in Colombia.

OVERVIEW

The Partners for Transparency Activity (JxT) leverages local stakeholders’ expertise, engagement, and unique positions of influence to promote a culture of transparency and accountability. The activity promotes local-level civic participation; strengthens local partner capacity; and advances national-level government transparency and accountability initiatives. The activity also engages a broad range of public and private sector counterparts, including Transparencia por Colombia, Foro Nacional por Colombia, Los Andes University, and La Silla Vacia media group. The activity works in the departments of Bolivar, Cauca, Cordoba, Tolima, Sucre, and Valle del Cauca, and it runs from August 2020 to August 2025.
COMPONENTS

ADVANCING TRANSPARENCY INITIATIVES

JxT advocates for public sector transparency and accountability. The activity also supports national level agencies, like the National Public Procurement Agency and the National Planning Department, in implementing transparency-related regulations, procedures, and international commitments.

FACILITATING CIVIC COLLABORATION

JxT promotes communication and collaboration between civil society and local government administrations to advance the development, implementation, and monitoring of transparency-related policies and open data initiatives.

STRENGTHENING GOVERNMENT INSTITUTIONS

JxT works with Colombia's Attorney General's Office, Comptroller General's Office, and Inspector's General's Office to enhance prevention, detection, prosecution, and sanctioning of corruption.

PROMOTING A CULTURE OF TRANSPARENCY

JxT promotes a culture of transparency, accountability, and a greater social sanction of corruption through innovative approaches and the use of strategic communications.

STRENGTHENING LOCAL PARTNER CAPACITY

JxT provides technical assistance to a broad range of local partners, like media, academia, and civil society organizations, to increase their capacity, sustainability, and internal accountability and transparency practices.

RESULTS

- Conducted corruption risk assessments in 15 private sector companies;
- Registered over 700 people for the Citizen School of Integrity and Anticorruption;
- Helped design agendas that establish transparency and anticorruption priorities for citizens in 18 municipalities;
- Developed collaborating, learning, and adapting (CLA) activities through which partners could share best practices;
- Encouraged nine local partners to commit to improving their accountability and transparency practices for their stakeholders;
- Strengthened the Network of Journalists for Transparency by training over 85 journalists in the use of public contracting information; and
- Established private sector partnerships in Cartagena, Buenaventura, and Córdoba to promote integrity and transparency, and resulting in over 13 businesses joining anticorruption business commitment at the subnational level.