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STRENGTHENING THE CAPACITY OF INDIGENOUS ORGANIZATIONS

The Amazon region's 1.6 million indigenous people are important partners in biodiversity conservation, but face significant challenges when advocating for their interests to outside economic and political interests. Indigenous peoples' organizations need support to strengthen their institutions in order to defend their rights.

HOW DOES THE PROJECT WORK?

- Indigenous organizations receive technical support to strengthen their administrative and financial management capacities.
- Each indigenous organization is managing a small grant to help them meet their institutional development goals.

RESULTS ACHIEVED

- Fifteen indigenous organizations from Brazil, Colombia, Guyana, Peru, and Suriname have participated in institutional capacity assessment and tailored technical assistance to meet each organization's identified needs.
- Fifteen indigenous organizations are implementing small grants to improve their administrative and financial capacities.
- The institutional capacity assessment tool (ITOCA) has been adapted to meet each organization's cultural context and communications means. As a result, a facilitator's guide is being developed for future implementation.

PROJECT INFORMATION

IMPLEMENTER: Pact and Freedom House

PROJECT DURATION: 21 February 2018 – 30 September 2023

USAID FUNDING: \$3.4 million

LOCATION: Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Guyana, Peru and Suriname

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