ABOUT PADF

WHO WE ARE
The Pan American Development Foundation (PADF) believes in creating a hemisphere of opportunity, for all. We work across Latin America and the Caribbean to make our region stronger—more healthy, peaceful, just, inclusive, resilient, and sustainable for current and future generations. For nearly 60 years, we have served the most vulnerable communities, investing resources throughout the hemisphere. We partner with and enable civil society, governments, and the private sector for the greater good of the region.

PADF is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization established by the Organization of American States (OAS) in 1962. As a strategic partner and proud affiliate of the OAS, we are part of the Inter-American System while maintaining an independent status. We are committed to upholding OAS’ values and supporting its mission of achieving more rights for more people.

WHAT WE DO
We work with vulnerable populations across Latin America and the Caribbean to improve Human Development and Human Security. Our work is driven by impact and informed by the global sustainable development goals that provide a shared blueprint for peace and prosperity for people and the planet, now and into the future, in areas such as:

HUMAN DEVELOPMENT
- Disaster Resilience
- Economic Opportunities
- Education
- Environment
- Health and Nutrition

HUMAN SECURITY
- Democracy, Governance, and Human Rights
- Peace, Justice, and Security

IN 2019, PADF HELPED 2.5 million PEOPLE IMPROVE THEIR LIVES.

In Arauquita, Colombia, home to one of the finest cocoa varieties in the world, we trained a group of eight female cocoa producers to manage a more efficient business through a coordinated effort with the municipal government, private sector, and local community. The women learned how to reduce production costs while improving the quality of their product.
WHO WE SUPPORT AND EMPOWER

At the heart of what we do, is our commitment to serving the most vulnerable communities. Our mission is driven by our firm belief in creating a hemisphere of opportunity, for all.

WOMEN AND GIRLS
MIGRANTS AND DISPLACED PERSONS
YOUTH
INDIGENOUS GROUPS
AFRO-DESCENDANTS
LGBTQ+

OUR PARTNERS

PADF partners with and strengthen public and private sectors and civil society to achieve meaningful and sustainable progress for the most vulnerable people in Latin America and the Caribbean. We enable local organizations and government institutions to build and deliver innovative and sustainable solutions, through funding, capacity building, technical assistance, collaboration with the academic community, and meaningful cooperation across the region.

We also facilitate connections and relationships between different sectors, earning the respect and trust of our partners and the communities we serve. An important part of our legacy and footprint is the ability to create local capacity to continue to serve and support people, communities, and countries beyond the lifecycle of our programs and our direct involvement.

WHY US

With nearly 60 years of experience across Latin America and the Caribbean and strong partnerships with local communities, civil society, and public and private sectors, we have an impeccable track record of success with extensive in-country networks and sound financial controls.

We are uniquely positioned to develop and implement adaptable programs across multiple technical areas, quickly deploy to any country in Latin America and the Caribbean and activate existing local networks, measure and evaluate our impact with comprehensive performance indicators, and communicate our progress through integrated communications strategies.

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