Creating a Hemisphere of Opportunity
Our Mission

The Mission of the Pan American Development Foundation is to assist vulnerable and excluded people and communities in the Americas to achieve sustainable economic and social progress, strengthen their communities and civil society, promote democratic participation and inclusion, and prepare for and respond to natural disasters and other humanitarian crises, thereby advancing the principles of the Organization of American States and creating a Hemisphere of Opportunity for All.
How We Work

Engaging governments, private sector companies and other NGOs is a key part of designing new programs that can meet local needs.

PADF works with local governments, community-based groups, NGOs, and the private sector to carry out development programs throughout the Americas.

Programs are funded with resources from governments, corporations, multilateral organizations, private donors, and individuals.

PADF measures the impact and effectiveness of every program to ensure that we meet each goal and improve the quality of life in communities where we work.
Program Areas

Creating Economic Opportunities
- Generating employment and income for self-reliance
- Developing micro, small, medium and community enterprises
- Supporting agriculture and rural development
- Protecting and conserving the environment
- Implementing public-private partnerships and supporting corporate social responsibility
- Facilitating South-South exchanges and cross-border cooperation
- Supporting workforce development

Strengthening Communities and Civil Society
- Enhancing democratic values and civic practices
- Empowering civil society, communities and social entrepreneurs
- Promoting human rights, including Afro-descendants, indigenous and other vulnerable groups
- Fostering participation and a culture of lawfulness
- Pioneering innovative models of corporate-civic engagement
- Supporting the Inter-American Democratic Charter

Responding to Natural Disasters
- Preparing communities for disasters
- Providing emergency relief
- Assisting disaster recovery, reconstruction and mitigation
- Strengthening community responses to natural disasters
- Supporting the Inter-American Committee for Disaster Reduction
- Aiding victims of humanitarian crises

In 2014
PADF reached more than
15,100,000 people by investing
$92.3 million in development resources in 27 Latin American and Caribbean countries
Promoting Social Progress

- Implementing community-driven development
- Improving infrastructure and housing
- Expanding access to technical training and health services through in-kind donations
- Combating trafficking in persons, community-based violence and gang activities
- Aiding youth at-risk of being recruited into gangs and criminal activities
- Building social capital, resilient communities and neighborhoods
- Mobilizing diaspora remittances for development

Major Recent Partners include:

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Government of Mexico
Government of the Republic of China (Taiwan)
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About PADF

The Pan American Development Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, brings together many stakeholders to improve livelihoods, empower communities, strengthen civil society, support human rights, protect the environment and respond to natural disasters in Latin America and the Caribbean. Established by the Organization of American States in 1962, PADF has worked in every country in the region. In 2014 PADF reached more than 15 million people by investing over $92 million in development resources in 27 Latin American and Caribbean countries.

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