Regional Human Rights and Democracy
in El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Mexico

Overview
PADF is implementing a five year, USAID-funded US$24.9 million cooperative agreement to strengthen human rights in El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Mexico. The project will help communities prevent and respond to human rights violations and establish sustainable Early Warning and Protection Systems for internally displaced persons and migrants.

PADF and partners will focus on and raise awareness about highly vulnerable populations including women and girls, the LGBTI community, persons with disabilities and migrants. The project will work to build the capacity of existing organizations and foster a public policy environment that allows human rights defenders, local civil society groups, and individuals to carry out their vital work without fear of violence.

Activities
PADF’s strategy will support existing public policies, regional networks, government priorities, international cooperation, and the needs of civil society to strengthen human rights protection systems. The goals of the project are to:

• Foster an Environment that Enables Human Rights
• Strengthen Community Responses to Human Rights Violations
• Establish Sustainable Early Warning and Protection Systems for Internally Displaced Persons and Migrants.
Objectives

PADF and its partners will work to achieve the following results:

• Establish a regional human rights education curriculum for teachers
• Reach 20,000 people with human rights campaigns
• Create methodologies and best practices on translating research into public policy
• Build a network of over 50 research entities in the region collaborating to advance knowledge for stronger policies on human rights protections
• Fund five studies that lead to public policy changes at the national or regional level
• Host 13 inter-parliamentary regional exchanges and forums with 50 civil society organizations collaborating on legislative actions
• Use innovative technology to protect individual journalists

Partners

PADF has secured the support of the OAS-affiliated Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR); the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI); Notre Dame University (ND); Internews; and the Organization of Ibero-American States for Education, Science and Culture (OEI).

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 the last decade, PADF has reached more than 92 million people, investing more than $600 million in development resources throughout Latin America and the Caribbean.

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