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How We Work

PADF was organized through an innovative partnership between the OAS and private enterprise with support from the Inter-American Development Bank, the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) and corporate and private donors.

- PADF engages community-based groups, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), local governments, and the private sector in the process of designing and implementing appropriate solutions for integral and sustainable development.
- Programs are funded with resources from individuals, private donors, multilateral organizations (World Bank, United Nations, Inter-American Development Bank, among others) and national governments from the Americas and other regions.
- PADF receives in-kind donations from the U.S. government and private sector partners
- In 2016, PADF’s programs totaled $95 million and reached nearly 8 million people.

Create Economic Opportunities

- Generating employment and income for self-reliance
- Developing community enterprises
- Supporting agriculture and rural development
- Protecting and conserving the environment
- Implementing public-private partnerships and supporting corporate social responsibility
- Facilitating exchanges among countries in the region and cross-border cooperation
- Supporting workforce development
Promote 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

Strengthen Communities and Civil Society

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

Respond to Natural Disasters

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

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 2016 PADF reached nearly 8 million people by investing $95 million in development resources in 18 Latin American and Caribbean countries.