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LAND FOR PROSPERITY (LFP) (COLOMBIA)

OVERVIEW

Land for Prosperity (LFP) works with the Colombian Government to improve the conditions of rural households and respond to peace accord commitments related to institutional capacity and land governance. Rural economic development in Colombia has been hindered by a lack of citizen and government clarity about land tenure and property rights. The perpetuation of informal land rights also inhibits economic growth, encourages illicit economies and activities, and facilitates illegal land appropriation. LFP seeks to address challenges stemming from informal land rights through land titling programs, strengthening government capacities to manage land, and creating legal economic opportunities for rural community members. LFP is implemented in conflict-affected regions in Bajo Cauca, Catatumbo, Meta, Montes de María, Northern Cauca, Southern Tolima, Tumaco, and the vicinity of the Chiribiquete National Park. The activity runs from September 2019 – August 2024.

GOALS

FACILITATE LAND TITLING AND RESTITUTION

LFP works with community, public, and private sector actors to consolidate a national land formalization model. This model helps establish clear property rights needed for licit economic development and improved citizen quality of life. LFP also supports ongoing land restitution processes and is using improved land use management to promote illicit crop substitution and reduce deforestation.

STRENGTHEN LOCAL CAPACITIES

LFP strengthens local and national government actors' capacities to establish and update land information systems that make land administration and processes easier. LFP also improves digital land management oversight tools and databases, like the *Nodo de Tierras* platform, to manage land ownership records and ensure property rights.

PROMOTE PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS

LFP establishes public-private partnerships to strengthen local value chains, create new job opportunities, and spur rural economic development. LFP works with local government administrations to mobilize funds needed to improve public service provision, like water and electricity. Increased rural investment by public and private actors improves licit income generation opportunities for community members.

ANTICIPATED RESULTS

- Help formalize 1,600 schools
- Establish 27 public-private partnerships
- Create or strengthen 24 municipal land offices
- Help 11 municipalities develop land formalization plans
- Mobilize USD \$172 million to support economic development
- Digitalize 582,00 property registration files from rural public registry offices
- Formalize land tenure for 13,000 hectares of land as an incentive for families to substitute illicit crops
- Issue 22,000 land titles, including 11,000 titles to women through independent or joint titling, for parcels to provide legal certainty over land tenure