

Building institutional and resilience capacities in LAC Cities to disrupt and tackle Organized Crime (D2479)

Description:

Enhancing Diagnostic Capabilities: The primary objective of is to strengthen the diagnostic and analysis capacities of cities in Latin America and the Caribbean to combat diverse and complex crime problems, including organized crime. It will include the design and implementation of tailored survey and interview instruments.

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Has the proposal been discussed and authorized by the responsible sector or country department/division, as applicable?

Yes

Team Leader Responsible Department

IFD

Are there specific countries that will directly benefit from your proposal?

Yes

Mark the specific countries that will be directly benefited from your proposal?

Colombia

Costa Rica

Ecuador

Where applicable, describe how the proposal aligns with the respective country strategy (for each country selected)

In the most recent strategies of Colombia and Costa Rica, the issues of insecurity and violence were not identified as strategic areas. In the case of Ecuador, however, it was included as a dialogue area. Nevertheless, increases in insecurity levels have now made these issues a top concern for the governments of Latin American and Caribbean countries, particularly in urban areas. The three selected cities, which were generally considered to have low levels of violence, have experienced significant increases in the levels and forms of criminal violence, exacerbated by organized crime, leading to a major social alarm. These cities will benefit from specific tools and methodologies for measuring and understanding criminal violence and implementing evidence-based solutions to prevent the emergence and growth of organized crime.

Does the proposal align to one or more sector frameworks?

Yes, the proposal aligns with at least one sector framework

Identify and describe how the proposal aligns to the sector framework(s)

This TC is aligned with the SFD of Citizen Security and Justice (2023), as it will strengthen the capacities of the citizen security and justice institutions at the local level to prevent, disrupt and respond to organized criminal violence. It is specially aligned with the "Line of action 5. Strengthen citizen security and justice governance, including the regulatory framework, coordination, and management" as the project will improve information, coordination channels between the national and subnational levels, and mechanisms for collaboration and identification of synergies with the private sector. It is also aligned with "Line of action 1. Deliver crime and violence prevention and social services with an emphasis on vulnerable populations", "Line of action 2. Strengthen the effectiveness and legitimacy of police forces to prevent, address, and solve crime" and "Line of action 3.

Strengthen the effectiveness of justice sector institutions for efficient, coordinated, transparent, and timely case investigation and resolution".

The TC is also aligned with the SFD of Gender and Diversity (document GN-2800-8) because the analysis and strategies to tackle organized criminal violence will have a gender approach. This is crucial as men are often seen as perpetrators, excluding them from needed support for cooperation with the justice system, while women are primarily viewed as victims, ignoring their fluid roles in organized crime (UNODC, 2022).

Finally, the TC is also aligned with the SFD of Transparency and Integrity (document GN-2981-2), in particular with the lines of action to increase access to information and facilitate public demand and citizen control: (i) improving transparency and access to information by making government data available, in turn facilitating social control, accountability, and the reuse of public sector information to foster innovation and economic Development. Tools, pilots and case studies to tackle organized criminal violence will be disseminated, making them available for the use of other cities.

Select the regional challenges and cross-cutting issues to which the proposal aligns to
Institutional Capacity and Rule of Law

Gender Equality

Diversity

Justify the alignment to each selection above

Addressing Diverse and Complex Crime Challenges: Crime and organized crime problems vary significantly across cities in Latin America and the Caribbean. A one-size-fits-all approach is inadequate for effectively addressing these issues, especially as crime patterns become more complex with the proliferation of armed gangs across large areas of many cities in the region. The TC aims to tailor diagnostic instruments and interventions to the specific needs of each city. This approach increases the likelihood of success in reducing crime, violence, and the impacts of organized crime on vulnerable populations (including on women and diverse population groups), communities, and local government institutions.

Strengthening Institutional Capacity and the Rule of Law: This TC will support city administrations by providing tools and technical capacities to effectively analyze and address crime and violence. Moreover, it will assist in piloting evidence-based interventions to test potential solutions and improve overall outcomes that can be replicated in other cities."

What is the estimated funding that you need in order to implement this proposal?

330.000

Select the expected outputs of this proposal

Upstream strategies, action plans, etc.)

Policy Dialogues

Knowledge Products

Are outputs strictly Knowledge Products?

Describe the motivation and main question(s) this TC intends to answer.

Describe the methodological approach to be used and the type of data (when applicable) which will be used

Please specify the type(s) of Knowledge Product (s) this TC encompasses:

Magazines and Learning Materials

Technical and Policy Notes

Please provide a brief description of the output(s) selected above (The number of units planned, and the estimated cost). If you selected others, please specify.

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Evidence-Based Interventions: This TC will contribute to design, implement and evaluate evidence-based interventions to tackle crime and organized crime issues identified through the diagnostic process. These interventions will be customized to each city's unique challenges.

Knowledge Dissemination: Facilitate collaboration and exchange of knowledge among cities in different to disseminate best practices, and successful interventions, ensuring a smooth transfer of expertise.

The TC will support three cities in the LAC region such as Barranquilla, Guayaquil, and San José, serving as pilot cities to develop and test the approach. Upon successful implementation and results in these cities, the program will expand to include more cities in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Outcomes: If the outputs are delivered successfully, what is the change expected (in capacity, knowledge, behavior, etc.)

By implementing this TC, we anticipate a series of impactful and transformative results. First, the embedded citizen security capacities will enhance the diagnostic and analysis capabilities of local authorities, enabling them to better understand and address the unique challenges of crime and organized crime within their jurisdictions. As a direct outcome, these cities will

implement evidence-based interventions that are tailored to their specific needs, leading to more effective crime prevention and law enforcement strategies. Second, collaboration and knowledge-sharing among the cities with shared challenges will ensure the transfer of best practices, fostering a region-wide community of experts in crime management. The Tc will contribute to the development of tools and the generation of knowledge, with the potential to replicate successful interventions, therefore positively impacting multiple cities.

(1) **Attachments**

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1 Comment

Comment by Daniel Fonseca Silva 01/17/2024

The TC should be prioritized in the proposed amount, citizen security has taken on prevalence for the Administration and the activities outlined in this TC will provide significant knowledge to spearhead the Bank's effort on this topic.