

LACLEARN

The Latin America and Caribbean Learning and Rapid Response
Helping Improve Democracy, Human Rights, & Governance Work in LAC



AT A GLANCE

Time Period:
2020-2024

Location:
Latin America and the
Caribbean

Prime Implementer:
DPI-MCI, A joint venture
between Development
Professionals, Inc., and Making
Cents International

Technical Partners:
NORC
Tetra Tech ARD

Funder:
USAID

Background

Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) countries are currently seeing the largest share of declines in democracy-focused Sustainable Development Goals. Throughout the region, this trend has resulted in weakened institutions, increased corruption, and full democratic crises. If not addressed, these factors will impede efforts to promote inclusive growth, reduce poverty, bolster resilience, and strengthen democracy throughout the region.

Activity Overview

The Latin America and Caribbean Learning and Rapid Response (LACLEARN) activity is a task order managed by the Latin America and Caribbean Bureau's Office for Regional Sustainable Development (LAC/RSD) to help address this issue. A four-year activity under the USAID Analytical Services IV IDIQ, LACLEARN contributes to improving USAID's Democracy, Human Rights, and Governance (DRG) work in LAC through two primary work streams:

1. **Analytical Services:** Strengthening sector learning and building evidence through gender-informed analytical research, assessments, studies, and trainings that contribute to the DRG sector.
2. **Rapid Response:** Targeted short-term technical and analytical activities until mechanisms can be mobilized.

LACLEARN can accept Mission buy-ins for learning and analytical activities.

Anticipated Activities for FY21:

- **Develop a LAC DRG Learning Agenda** to define learning questions, prioritize thematic areas, address critical knowledge gaps on key DRG challenges in the LAC region, guide investments and programming.
- **Design and pilot a Gender-Based Violence Impunity Assessment Tool** to collect multi-country information and regional analysis on gender-based violence (GBV), including country case studies.
- **Analyze trends and democratic norms and attitudes in LAC** to identify drivers of changing attitudes on specific subgroups, like youth and women.
- **Conduct citizen security, democracy, governance, and human rights assessments** that are tailored to Mission strategic planning and program development.
- **Provide technical support for country-level response preparedness** to improve technical capacity and identify potential partners and key piloting opportunities.
- **Support a Grants Under Contract Program and Rapid Response Mechanism for research and local partners initiatives** to address DRG challenges and support innovative programming.



LACLEARN works in 29 Countries across the Region.

Implementing Organizations

Joint Venture Prime Partners

Development Professionals, Inc. is a women-owned small business dedicated to improving lives and enhancing the rights of people around the world.

Making Cents International is a small business dedicated to fostering human potential and promoting economic opportunity.

Sub-contracted Technical Partners

NORC at the University of Chicago is an independent research institution that delivers reliable data and rigorous analysis.

Tetra Tech ARD is a global consulting firm providing practical and sustainable international development services.

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