COUNTRY BRIEFING



Honduras

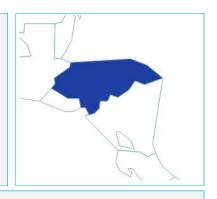


Working for



Social protection

- Implementation of the disability policy (created with the support of EUROsociAL in 2013).
- Implementation of a new social inclusion and productive strategy for families that use the "Bono I0 mil".
- Regulatory and operational design of decentralised services for users of the "Bono 10 mil".
- Design of a national policy for assistance to the elderly.



Justice

- Approval and implementation of the protocol for comprehensive assistance to victims of violence against women in cases of domestic and intra-family violence.
- Creation of an informal justice centre for women victims of gender-based violence. CAPRODEM.
- Implementation of a National Strategic Plan and institutional campaign for strengthening ADR mechanisms.
- Design of the Criminal Conciliation Centre model and its implementation in a pilot court.
- Strengthening of the Public Defender's Office, providing it with a specialised entity for monitoring the penal execution phase through definition of a comprehensive model of attention to incarcerated persons.
- Implementation of protocols for investigation of gender-based violent crimes and inter-agency coordination between the Public Prosecutor's Office and the police.



Social dialogue

Employment

European Union delegation).

subsidy in the Central District.

 Approval of the Economic and Social Council Act.

• Design of new model and system of operation

• Facilitation of the school-work transition of

youth beneficiaries of the Bona Vida Mejor

for the National Honduran Employment

System (SENAEH) in collaboration with the

- Preparation of the Operating Regulation of the Economic and Social Council.
- Approval of the of social protection Framework Law.



Public finance

 Creation of an Accounting and Tax Support Centre at the National Autonomous University for low-income legal persons and individuals in collaboration with the Executive Directorate of Revenue (DEI).



Citizen security

- Inter-agency coordination for implementation of the National Policy on Violence.
- Enactment of the Violence Prevention Law.
- Enactment of reforms to the criminal justice act with violence prevention components.



Democratic governance

 Improvement of inter-agency coordination in the area of investigation and punishment of cases of corruption.

Consortium led by

Co-ordinating Partners



















Working with ...

Main participating institutions

- Technical Secretariat for Planning and External Cooperation
- Economic and Social Council
- Ministry of Finance
- State Secretariat of Social Development
- Judiciary
- Secretariat of Social Development (SEDIS)
- Secretariat of Labour and Social Security (STSS)

Regional

 Honduras is a member of the Latin American Regional Development Network and the Economic and Social Councils Network for Latin America and the Caribbean (CESALC) and the Tax Education Network. It also participated in the first meeting of the Ibero-American Tax Policy Network.

In depth

Institutionalisation of Social Dialogue

In 2014 Honduras approved the new Economic and Social Council Act. The regulation, drafted with technical support from EUROsociAL, is an organisational and functional structure that guarantees stability and operability through a constitutional legislative decree and an extended and improved ESC operating regulation.

The draft ESC law was the subject of extensive discussion and agreement between representatives of the government, the Worker and Peasant Unions and the business sector, represented by the Honduran National Business Council (COHEP), which make up the ESC. The entire process benefited from advising and support by EUROsociAL through different activities, including a visit by representatives of the Honduran ESC to the EU to learn about the experiences of their counterparts in Spain and France; an analytical comparative work on ESC regulations in the EU and Latin America; technical assistance from Spain in the form of a national awareness-raising workshop in Tegucigalpa, which included presentation of the draft law to the President of the Republic of Honduras, Porfirio Lobo.

The Honduran institution has recently been playing an important role in promoting social dialogue and has reached agreements on matters such as negotiation of the minimum wage. It is also responsible for monitoring and for the social compact known as the Great National Agreement.

Combating gender violence

In Honduras, EUROsociAL has driven an inter-agency and intersectoral articulation process involving civil society organisations which is being coordinated by the Judiciary to combat gender-based violence. In 2014



the first Centre for Attention to and Protection of the Rights of Women (CAPRODEM) was opened as a result of the collaboration between EUROsociAL and the Honduran judiciary. This centre aims to strengthen public policies for access to rights and to

make justice available to women survivors of gender-based violence through attention and a comprehensive approach that is immediate and free of charge. Likewise, EUROsociAL supported all stages of the roadmap and assisted in the creation of an action protocol for access to justice by women in situations of domestic violence. It is currently supporting the process for establishing and systematising this initiative in other cities.

Publications:



Protocolo de Atención Integral a Víctimas de Violencia contra la Mujer en Supuestos de Violencia Doméstica y Violencia Intrafamiliar, Honduras [Protocol for Comprehensive Assistance to Victims of Violence against Women in Cases of Domestic and Intra-family Violence, Honduras]

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