

The Open Government Partnership & Counterpart International

The Open Government Partnership (OGP) is a global multi-stakeholder initiative that aims to secure concrete commitments from national governments to promote transparency, empower civil society, fight corruption and harness new technologies to strengthen governance.

Since 2011, **Counterpart International** has directly supported the OGP initiative in Latin America under its existing USAID-funded projects. As a leading development organization, Counterpart shares OGP’s values: promoting transparency, constructive dialogue, and collaborative partnership around the world. Specific examples of Counterpart’s work in support of OGP include facilitating the co-creation process of National Action Plans, providing technical and material support to the government Point of Contacts (OGP POC) during the co-creation process and implementation of the National Action plans, promoting civil society participation in the initiative, raising awareness about OGP, and enabling constructive space for civil society and government collaboration. Counterpart’s projects covering these activities include the *Impactos* Program in Honduras and the *Participación Cívica* Project in Guatemala. Counterpart is actively seeking opportunities to expand support through its Rights and Dignity Project in El Salvador; Civil Society Assistance Project in Ecuador; the Afghan Civic Engagement Promotion project in Afghanistan; and the Civil Society Strengthening Program in Morocco.

Counterpart’s Support in OGP to Date (as of July 2018)

Facilitation/Logistics	Trainings/TA	Grant Making	Learning Exchanges
<p>Facilitation of the co-creation process:</p> <p>Bringing Govt. and CSO representatives together, facilitating the discussion of thematic areas surrounding commitments, and creating the agendas for co-creation meetings.</p>	<p>Training to CSOs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Basics of OGP (introduction to OGP process) - Communication Skills - Leadership & Collaboration Skills - Financial Sustainability - Constructive Engagement - Social Auditing - Network/Coalition building 	<p>Honduras subgrants to CSOs in support of NAP #3.</p> <p>Focused on 5 commitments within the thematic areas of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Civic participation - Govt. transparency - Anti-Corruption 	<p>Hosted Regional OGP Conference for the Northern Triangle:</p> <p>November 2016 and March 2017</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Networking and connecting of resources - Best practices and lessons learned in Access to Information and Open Data

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<p>Supporting the logistical set-up for the co-creation process: Procuring venues, facilitators (consultants), resources, advertisements</p>	<p>Training to the Honduran Youth Council for OGP:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Open govt. theory - Govt. transparency <p>Technical support to human rights organizations in El Salvador</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Trainings on OGP Basics; how to draft a Human Rights Commitment in National Action Plans 	<p>Guatemalan subgrants to CSOs in support of NAP #3.</p> <p>Focused on 5 commitments within thematic areas of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Access to information - Public service - Transparency - Social accountability - Raising public awareness of OGP 	<p>Sponsored CSO and Govt. reps to global OGP conferences:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Regional Americas Meeting, Uruguay 2016 - Global Summit Paris, 2016 - Regional Americas Meeting, Buenos Aires, 2017 - Global Summit Tbilisi 2018
<p>Supported the CSO Network for OGP in Guatemala:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supported CSOs in signing MOUs to ensure collaboration for 2016 co-creation process. - Developed network development methodology 	<p>CSO Network Development:</p> <p>Counterpart's 'Strengthening OGP Networks' methodology</p>	<p>Subgrant to CSO that serves as local IRM researcher:</p> <p>Augmenting the scope and coverage of the IRM research for data collection and analysis.</p>	
<p>Providing logistical support to the Govt. POC for OGP events:</p> <p>Venues, resources, awareness raising strategy and materials, providing consultants, reviewing technical documents</p>	<p>Training to Public Officials and CSOs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Access to Public Information - 'What is OGP and how is it a resource?' 		
	<p>Training of Co-Creation Facilitators:</p> <p>Certifying representatives of both Govt. and CSOs in facilitation, compliant with the new co-creation standards</p>		