



INTER-AMERICAN FOUNDATION

STRATEGIC PLAN 2018-2022

BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS FOR SUSTAINABLE IMPACT



Each year,
IAF INVESTMENTS
benefit almost
1 MILLION PEOPLE
from the region's
poorest populations

INTRODUCTION

The Inter-American Foundation's (IAF) 2018-2022 Strategic Plan responds to the evolving social, economic, and political challenges in Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC), including weak governance, extreme poverty, forced migration, persistent crime and violence, economic insecurity, and environmental degradation; outlines our strategic goals and our plans for meeting them; and articulates a shared purpose and direction for ensuring that the Foundation's community-level investments will have a durable and transformative impact in the region.

OUR VISION

A just, peaceful, and prosperous Latin America and Caribbean region in which all people have meaningful opportunities to thrive.

OUR MISSION

To identify, support, and partner with the poor, their enterprises and grassroots organizations to create and build thriving communities.



OUR VALUES

- **Community-led:** We trust and empower community solutions, ownership, and leadership
- **Innovative:** We foster agile and entrepreneurial thinking and take informed risks
- **Collaborative:** We build alliances with public, private and community sectors to catalyze smart and sustainable development
- **Accountable:** We are committed to results, transparency, and impact
- **Cost-effective:** We work directly with the organized poor, minimizing intermediaries and overhead

OUR GOALS

Supporting grassroots solutions to the social



EXPANDING economic opportunity

through investments in sustainable smallholder agriculture, urban and rural micro and small business growth, and local entrepreneurship and market development.



ENHANCING peace and security

by strengthening the social and economic fabric of communities and providing alternatives to crime, violence, unemployment and forced migration.

and economic challenges of Latin America and the Caribbean



STRENGTHENING governance

by improving the capacity of community groups and other civil society actors to propel their own development, defend their rights, promote inclusion, and advocate for government accountability and transparency.



UNLOCKING private, public and community resources

for grassroots development through financial and programmatic partnerships.

OUR STRATEGY

A man with dark hair and a slight smile is sitting in a rustic, stone-walled room. He is wearing a white polo shirt with blue stripes on the collar and sleeves. In front of him is a large, dark metal bowl. The background shows a stone wall and some wooden furniture.

Effect positive change through targeted investments in grassroots solutions that build stronger communities

- Set country and program priorities that are responsive to U.S. priorities in the region
- Put local communities in the driver's seat
- Utilize in-country expertise and mobilize local resources
- Strengthen capacity of grassroots organizations to improve their communities



- Partner with private sector to unlock capital and know-how for investments in locally-led solutions
- Use technology to harness local knowledge, expand access to information, lower costs, and scale impact
- Strengthen peer-to-peer learning and action networks



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The Inter-American Foundation (IAF), an independent agency of the United States government, was created in 1969 to promote community-led development in Latin America and the Caribbean. The IAF works directly with community and grassroots organizations to help them realize opportunities and solve their own problems. This approach results in effective, community-owned development characterized by economic opportunity, resilience to violence, social inclusion and greater citizen participation in democratic processes.



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