

Building capacity in Paraguay's registration authority

Triangular Cooperation Peru – Paraguay – Germany



programme in designing working in indigenous communities issue birth certificates to the local population.

Paraguay was very interested in Peru's experiences with recording indigenous population groups. With support from GIZ RENIEC is now sharing its experience to help Paraguay develop a registration system for these groups.

Project

The project idea was first developed by the Peruvian RENIEC registration office and afterwards elaborated in cooperation with the Paraguayan registration authority. In addition to the national registration authorities, the Planning Secretariat of Paraguay and the Peruvian Agency for International Cooperation (APCI) are involved in the project as cooperation partners.

The Peruvian team is supporting registration authority staff in Paraguay in developing and using appropriate tools, for example in terms of communication, to record indigenous population. RENIEC and the Paraguayan registration authority have adapted the corresponding procedures and manuals developed in Peru to the conditions and legislation in Paraguay. Paraguayan staff is receiving training directly from their counterparts in RENIEC. RENIEC is also supporting the Paraguayan authority in developing an in-service training programme, using both virtual and conventional methods of training. A lively exchange and sharing of experience has evolved between the two countries. Germany acts in this context as a coordinator and contributes its own expertise as well as methodological competence.

Context

Many members of Paraguay's indigenous population have no birth certificate or identity papers. The registration authorities face a major challenge in recording the indigenous population groups in remote areas and in issuing birth certificates and identity papers systematically. Peru faced a similar situation a few years ago, but its registration authority, RENIEC, was able to improve the registration system substantially through a nationwide programme. Between 2007 and 2010, the German Agency for International Cooperation (GIZ) GmbH, working on behalf of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), supported RENIEC in the framework of the 'Modernisation of the State and Democratic Participation'



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Furthermore, examples of good practice are being exchanged across the region. The trilateral partnership shares expertise closely with a regional programme to record indigenous populations in the Amazon border areas, which is being implemented in four countries by the Organization of American States (OAS) and GIZ. GIZ is promoting the regional knowledge sharing via staff training for experts and managers.

Impact

The triangular cooperation arrangement with Peru and Germany as well as networking with the OAS regional programme successfully contributes to increasing the personnel and institutional capacities of Paraguay's registration agency, thus securing the funding necessary to develop the agency further. The project contributes to the training of employees in national registration authorities, thus improving the recording of the population, especially in remote areas.

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