

# World Bank Trust Fund for the Multipurpose Cadaster in Colombia

Promoting peace in Colombia through clarified land ownership

## Context

The armed conflict between the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (Fuerzas Armadas Revolucionarias de Colombia, FARC), paramilitaries, cartels and the government has increased regional inequalities. For over 50 years, land distribution has been a central source of conflict and is considered one of the origins of the ongoing violent conflicts in Colombia. In addition, unclear and insufficiently documented land tenure is a major factor in ongoing deforestation and environmental destruction.

The low degree of documentation of property rights exacerbates this situation. Only 36% of rural households have a registered land title. There is no allocation for 28% of the area of Colombian territory. The 2016 peace agreement between the government and the FARC foresees the implementation of land reform. This is intended to improve the living and working conditions of the rural population and to return stolen land. In particular, farmers, their communities and the various ethnic groups are affected.

A prerequisite for land reform is a clarification of the ownership and composition of the territory. Therefore, these are to be recorded in a so-called multi-purpose cadaster. The goal of the National Development Plan 2018-2022 is to record 60% of the country in this cadaster by 2022 and 100% by 2025.

This process of recording ownership of the land is intended to take place with citizen participation. However, the participation of the population in political decision-making processes in Colombia is only slightly pronounced. The reason for this is, on the one hand, a low level of trust in state institutions, and on the other hand, the culture of citizen participation has been impaired by decades of violent conflict. Due to the lack of tools for context analysis,

awareness raising and conflict transformation, the active participation of local communities in the implementation of the multi-purpose cadaster is insufficient. Local and national implementation organizations lack the experience and capacities to develop and apply different participatory methods for the implementation of the multi-purpose cadaster together with the target population.

Germany is supplementing the World Bank loan (\$100 million) financially and technically to support Colombia in the participatory implementation of the multi-purpose cadaster.

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## Our Approach

The project aims to improve the conditions for the active participation of local communities in the implementation of the multi-purpose cadaster. Improved participation is intended to reduce the potential for conflict and secure peace in the long term. To this end, we are working on four pillars:

1. The implementation organizations of the multi-purpose cadaster should be enabled to carry out context analyses and pay particular attention to the needs of women, ethnic communities and small farmers.

2. The multi-purpose cadaster shall be drawn up together with the local population. To this end, the implementation organizations are to be enabled to use instruments of citizen participation. Here, too, the needs of groups particularly affected by the conflict should be taken into account separately.

3. We support our partners in developing knowledge products (learning materials, training modules) and making them available digitally. In this way, the implementation organizations of the multi-purpose cadaster are to share knowledge among themselves.

4. We support the Colombian government financially in the implementation of the multi-purpose cadaster.

## What we aim to achieve

- The implementation organizations of the multi-purpose cadaster are enabled by means of a set of instruments for conflict-sensitive context analysis to improve the conditions for the active participation of the local population.
- The trial implementation in a municipality thus serves as a test for implementation throughout the country and the application of the methodology and instruments. These will be adapted to the experience gained in the test run and made available to all actors involved in the nationwide implementation of the multi-purpose cadaster.
- Improved access to information materials and training modules enables key actors to use the tools to mobilise and sensitise the local population and to use them in other communities.

The project contributes to SDG 1.4 (Access to land), 5A (Gender equality), 11 (Sustainable cities and communities), 15 (Life on land) and 16 (Peace).



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