

Organization of American States Interamerican Program of Judicial Facilitators

Giving access to justice and safety for vulnerable people

The Netherlands Supports Central American OAS Program of Judicial Facilitators



Judicial Facilitators	7,254
Women	40%
Informed population	500 mil
Avoided causes	100 mil
Officials and police	5,907
trained	



Indigenous Judicial Facilitator from Guatemala.

- Major confidence in institutions and rules of law
- Violence prevention
- Best environment for development and business
- Public safety

Judicial Facilitators: prevention for more public safety



Organization of American States Inter-American Program of Judicial Facilitators Impacts on violence prevention and public safety

The Inter-American Program of Judicial Facilitators of the Organization of American States (OAS) improves access to justice for vulnerable people.

Violence and impunity reduce confidence and harm democratic institutions, generate a bad business climate and increase insecurity.

The judicial facilitators are leaders in their community who voluntarily provide information, counseling, and talks and help to resolve conflicts. They are endorsed by the judiciary which appoints, trains and supervises them.

Since 2012 the Kingdom of the Netherlands has collaborated with the OAS in a regional program for Central America.

Currently, there are 7,254 facilitators, 40% of whom are women, who serve some 3.5 million people providing information and support.

Between 2012-2014 half a million beneficiaries received civic and judicial education through lectures. Courts avoided the arrival of 100,000 causes.

3,957 justice officials and 1,950 police officers have been trained at the postgraduate level in order to manage the judicial facilitators and introduce prevention in public safety.

The program strengthens confidence in institutions, contributes to a better business environment and prevents violence, especially against women.

Currently through the program, prevention is becoming an important part of policies to improve public safety.