

## Impacts of Proposed Aid Cut-off on NGO Programs in the Northern Triangle

The following programs are led by non-governmental organization (NGO) members of InterAction, in partnership with the U.S. government, local civil society organizations, foundations, and Northern Triangle governments. These programs are ongoing and span all sectors, including food security, education, economic stability, credible democratic processes, violence prevention, and labor and trade, and they represent a small sample of programs that would be impacted by a cut-off of funding to the Northern Triangle. While it is still unclear exactly what funds are involved in the President's decision to end FY2017 and FY2018 funding to the Northern Triangle or how the targeting of a minimum of \$450 million in unobligated funds will specifically impact each of the programs listed below, it is indisputable that without U.S. assistance, the progress that these NGOs have made to date through these programs is at risk, and future progress will be improbable.

### McGovern-Dole (MGD) International Food for Education and Child Nutrition Program

- **Duration:** 2016-2020 (Phase 1); **Location:** Honduras
- Seeks to improve school attendance and literacy among school-age children in Intibucá. Increases access to education by providing 54,627 students in 17 municipalities meals and school supplies.
- In the 1<sup>st</sup> semester of FY18, the MGD program leveraged \$63,915 of public and private investments as a result of USDA assistance and provided 3.78 million daily school meals.

### El Salvador Cacao Alliance

- **Duration:** 2014-2019; **Value:** \$25 Million; **Location:** El Salvador
- Revitalizes the cacao sector in El Salvador through partnerships between the private sector, governments, and research/academic institutions; contributes to the improvement of incomes for up to 10,000 farmers. Promotes sustainability and biodiversity and improves citizen autonomy and economic empowerment.
- As of Dec. 2018, the alliance has trained 5,425 farmers on cacao production and agroforestry, planted 6,062 hectares, and brought 7,308 employees into the production of cacao.

### Support for Free, Fair and Transparent Presidential Elections in El Salvador

- **Duration:** 2018-2019; **Value:** \$2.02 Million; **Location:** El Salvador
- Works with TSE El Salvador to increase the transparency of the Salvadoran electoral process; strengthens the TSE's capacity to prevent and mitigate electoral violence; and ensures the results transmission system works properly during elections, reducing suspicions of fraud.
- To date, the project has developed independent assessments on prevention and mitigation of electoral violence; achieved the most successful electoral process since the country's civil war.

### PUENTES Project

- **Duration:** 2017-2022; **Value:** \$65 Million; **Location:** Guatemala
- Focuses on preparing youth 15-24 to access economic opportunities by providing competencies and skills-building training. Facilitates access to education, employment, and entrepreneurial opportunities. Ensures youth have access to critical social services to improve their quality of life.

### Community Roots Project

- **Duration:** 2016-2021; **Value:** \$40 Million; **Location:** Guatemala
- Supports efforts by Government of Guatemala, civil society, private sector and community actors to address the underlying causes of violence and migration, primarily targeting children and youth from the ages of 8 to 24, and women, in disadvantaged communities characterized by high levels of crime, irregular migration, or both.
- As of Jan. 2019, the project has established 79 community and 20 municipal commissions on violence and irregular migration and finalized 47 municipal violence prevention and irregular migration plans.

### **Futuros Brillantes (Bright Futures)**

- **Duration:** 2014-2019; **Value:** \$8.75 Million; **Location:** Honduras
- Reduces child labor and improves labor rights in Honduras by working with the Honduran Government, industry, and other stakeholders to build the Ministry of Labor's capacity to identify and respond to child labor issues and ensure remediation of labor law violations related to freedom of association and the right to organize and bargain collectively in the private sector.
- Includes 5,850 children, 1,787 household, and 10,000 worker participants.

### **Electoral Governance and Reforms Project**

- **Duration:** 2017-2020; **Value:** \$10.5 Million; **Location:** Guatemala
- Works with TSE Guatemala to administer credible, peaceful, and sustainable elections and to encourage civil society engagement in political processes. Supports the implementation of electoral reforms designed to increase transparency and the legitimacy of the country's electoral processes; provides crucial analyses and technical advice on risks of electoral conflict and technical advice.
- Impacts 7.5 million Guatemalan registered voters. Thus far, the project has created a Media Monitoring Unity to prevent the spread of misinformation about elections, increased transparency of campaign financing, and allowed Guatemalans living in the U.S. to vote for the first time.

### **Cooperative Development Project**

- **Duration:** 2019-2024; **Value:** \$1 Million; **Location:** Guatemala
- Works to improve the cooperative sector's ability to provide livelihood opportunities by improving the legal framework for cooperatives, building capacity of the National Institute of Cooperatives (INACOP) and other local organizations to provide quality services to cooperatives, and enhancing business performance of cooperatives.
- Guatemala's cooperative sector represents over 1.5 million members and 1,000+ cooperatives ranging from agriculture and credit unions to consumer and service cooperatives.

### **Farmer to Farmer**

- **Duration:** 2018-2023; **Value:** \$4.25 Million; **Location:** El Salvador, Honduras
- Sends American farmers and agribusiness professionals on 2-4 week agricultural development assignments, promoting sustainable economic growth and agricultural development in the coffee and horticulture value chains. Volunteer technical assistance from U.S. farmers, agribusinesses, cooperatives, and universities helps smallholder farmers in developing countries improve productivity, access new markets, and conserve environmental and natural resources.

### **YouthBuild Latin America and the Caribbean**

- **Duration:** 2009-present; **Value:** \$19.2 Million; **Location:** Guatemala, El Salvador, and Honduras
- Helps unemployed and out of school youth ages 16-24 go back to school, get a job or start their own business. Fosters social and economic resilience for youth at risk in targeted sites across six countries in Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Ecuador and Dominican Republic.
- Since 2009, 7,000 students have graduated from YouthBuild, 80% of which found jobs, returned to school or started a business, and 300+ businesses are providing jobs to youth (as of 2017).

### **Countering Labor Violence in Honduras and Guatemala**

- **Duration:** 2017-2021; **Value:** \$4.12 Million; **Location:** Guatemala, and Honduras
- Strengthens capacity of trade union networks to improve their collective documentation of labor violence in Honduras and Guatemala; improve the capacity of local unions and CSO networks in Honduras and Guatemala to effectively advocate for increased investigation of labor violence and threats; and build the capacity of trade unions in Honduras and Guatemala to effectively advocate combating gender-based violence in the world of work, locally and globally.