

# Commitment

Technical support to organizationally strengthen the Community Action Boards on issues associated with public procurement.



## CARTAGENA DE INDIAS, COLOMBIA, 2023



**JUNTOS POR LA TRANSPARENCIA**

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### 1. Commitment Title

Acompañamiento técnico para fortalecer organizacionalmente a las Juntas de Acción Comunal en temas asociados a la contratación pública.

### 2. Commitment Start Date:

01-01-2023

### 3. Commitment End Date:

31-12-2023

### 4. Lead implemen

District Mayor's Office of Cartagena de Indias:

- Secretary of Participation and Social Development

### 5. Lead implementing non-governmental stakeholder, if applicable

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Together for Transparency Program by USAID

## Description of the commitment

### 6. Problem

Cartagena currently has 429 Community Action Boards and Community Housing Boards and 3 Associations of Community Action Boards, most of which do not have the knowledge or the administrative and technical capacities to participate in contracting processes with public entities of the highest level. local and regional.

### 7. Status quo

In Colombia, communal action is understood as a space for social organization that works for the territory, and where citizens converge to solve their local problems and participate in decision-making, in accordance with the provisions of Law 743 of 2002.

These organizations are non-profit, of solidary nature, with legal status and their own assets, their participants are volunteer residents of the territory who join efforts and resources to promote comprehensive, sustainable development based on the exercise of a participatory democracy.

Cartagena has 429 Community Action Boards and Community Housing Boards and 3 Associations of Community Action Boards, which have identified the following challenges for the development of their management:

- \* Technical and organizational weaknesses for the fulfillment of objectives and their action plans.
- \* Lack of financial, technological, physical and human resources to meet the goals of the action plans.
- \* Barrier of access to public information of State organizations.
- \* Lack of knowledge and management capacity of public procurement platforms.
- \* Weakness in the transparency of internal management of organizations.
- \* Limitations in the relationship with public entities.
- \* Limitation in compliance with the technical requirements to contract with public entities.

The Department of Participation and Social Development of the District Mayor's Office of Cartagena is implementing strategies to strengthen community organizations in regulatory issues, in the formulation of strategic management plans, and a community information system is being developed that will allow it to have a repository on communal issues and will make the management known to the public.

## 8. Action

The commitment deemed »Technical accompaniment to organizationally strengthen the Community Action Boards on issues associated with public procurement« seeks to generate capacities so that these organizations can participate in the public procurement processes of the District Administration with knowledge and tools that ensure their competitiveness and access capacity.

This commitment promotes citizen participation, transparency, access to public information, local development capacity, open contracting, and accountability.

### General Objective:

Strengthen community organizations in public procurement issues to generate capacities for their participation in public procurement processes.

## 9. How Will the commitment contribute to solving the public problem described above?

The commitment “Technical support to organizationally strengthen the Community Action Boards on issues associated with public procurement” will contribute to the problem in the following way:

- \* Generating technical and administrative capacities in community organizations with capacities to participate in public contracting processes.
- \* Contribution of knowledge and tools that guarantee their ability of access and competitiveness in the offer of public contracting processes.
- \* Stimulation of local development based on greater management capacity in community organizations.

## 10. What long- term goal as identified in your Open Government Strategy does this commitment relate to?

The Development Plan “Salvemos Juntos a Cartagena” Let’s Save Cartagena Together 2020 - 2023 in its Transparent Cartagena Pillar has the Program “We save Cartagena by Participating”, which aims to achieve dialogue between citizens and their organizations with the state, through the appropriation of the participation spaces provided. For this, the Administration has emphasized its efforts to strengthen the different spaces and instances of formal and non-formal citizen participation, as a strategy for the recovery of citizen trust in government management, since social participation is the best instrument for analyzing the scope of popular initiatives and state supply.

## 11. Primaty Policy Area

- \* Public procurement
- \* Civic space

## 12. What OGP value is this commitment relevant to?

- \* Civic Participation: Generating a strategy for the organizational strengthening of the Community Action Boards will allow the creation of spaces for learning, collaboration, and direct participation in the public contracting offer.
- \* Access to Information: Through the execution of this commitment, the Community Action Boards will be able to access platforms and information related to public procurement.

- \* Technology and Innovation for Transparency and Accountability: The process of organizational strengthening will lead to the internalization and formalization of practices of transparency and accountability, necessary for the administration of public resources, and to generate confidence in its community bases.

### 13. What resources are needed to achieve this commitment?

Partially

### 14. Milestones

1. Identify the Community Action Boards that will participate in the strengthening strategy. January 2023.
2. Conduct a survey of needs for organizational strengthening of the Community Action Boards in matters of public procurement. February 2023.
3. Design the organizational strengthening strategy for Community Action Boards on issues of public procurement. February – March 2023.
4. Implement the organizational strengthening strategy for Community Action Boards on issues of public procurement. April – September 2023.
5. Follow-up on the organizational strengthening strategy for Community Action Boards on issues of public procurement. April – September 2023.
6. Evaluation of the organizational strengthening strategy for Community Action Boards on issues of public procurement. October – November 2023.