

Mission to Support the Fight against Corruption and Impunity in Honduras (MACCIH-OAS)

*“ZERO tolerance for corruption”
- Secretary General Luis Almagro*

Workplan 2017



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INTRODUCTION



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- On January 19, 2016, the GS/OAS and the Government of Honduras signed, in Washington DC the Agreement to establish the MACCIH/OAS. The Mission has a four year mandate.
- On April 19, 2016, the MACCIH-OAS was installed in Honduras.
- ***The Mission to Support the fight against Corruption and Impunity in Honduras*** helps Honduran institutions to establish an integrated system to prevent and fight corruption and impunity in the country.
- The MACCIH-OAS is the first mission of its kind for the OAS.
- The MACCIH-OAS works closely with the Office of the Attorney General in the investigation of cases to dismantle corruption networks.



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Division for Preventing and Combating Corruption

International judges and prosecutors oversee the work of and provide technical support to entities of the Honduran justice system

Prepares a National Plan of Action for implementation of the recommendations made by MESICIC

Proposes legal and institutional reforms to Honduras' system to combat corruption, including for the private sector

Division of Criminal Justice System Reform

Reviews and analyzes the work that is being done by the system of justice institutions and formulates recommendations to improve the justice system in Honduras

Develops, together with civil society, an observatory and evaluation matrix for the Honduran Criminal Justice System

Division of Political and Electoral Reform

Advises on the preparation of norms on political and party funding and supports the creation of electoral justice authorities

Division of Public Security

Follows-up the evaluation report of the National Public Security System in Honduras

Develops institutional capacities to protect justice operators, among others

ACHIEVEMENTS



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- The MACCIH-OAS advanced its installation process and began its operations. The Mission has 50 members deployed in Honduras, which represents 67% of its total expected personnel.
- In response to a request from the MACCIH-OAS, a national anticorruption jurisdiction was created. The Mission selects and certifies the members of the special jurisdiction.
- The MACCIH-OAS created a special investigation unit against corruption (UFECIC, for its acronym in Spanish) comprised of local and international prosecutors. They will investigate key corruption cases and networks in the country, through the establishment of integrated investigation and prosecution teams. UFECIC will comprise prosecutors selected and certified by the Mission.
- The Mission works with the Office of the Attorney General in the investigation and adjudication of cases related to corruption. In terms of the corruption scandal of the country's Institute of Social Security (IHSS): to date, 3 criminal sentences have been issued through the efforts of integrated investigation teams, one of which represents the longest sentence given for corruption charges in the history of Honduras. Likewise, a special investigation and prosecution team has been established to actively collaborate in the recent corruption case linked to drug trafficking.

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- As an initiative of the MACCIH-OAS, the Law on Financing, Transparency and Oversight of political parties and campaigns - "Ley de Política Limpia" was approved.
- Over 60 conciliation processes related to corruption cases have been refused by the Office of the Inspector General.
- Through the initiative "Dialogue Forums", the MACCIH-OAS Observatory of the Criminal Justice System has engaged civil society in the activities of the Mission.
- The Mission proposed recommendations to improve the typology of corruption crimes in the new Honduran Criminal Code. Likewise, additional legislative initiatives were proposed.
- The MACCIH-OAS has a positive image in Honduras: 62% of the leaders surveyed by Caritas-Honduras consider that the work of the MACCIH-OAS is relevant (Source: Perceptions and expectations about MACCIH-OAS by Caritas of Honduras, Nov 2016).



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DIVISION FOR PREVENTING AND COMBATING CORRUPTION

To strengthen the investigation, prosecution and dismantling of corruption networks

1) Improve the capacity of Honduran institutions to investigate and prosecute public and private corruption networks

- Actively collaborate with Honduran national institutions in investigating and prosecuting cases of corruption and illicit enrichment, including electoral financing.
- Design new legislation, legal reforms or other measures to strengthen the fight against corruption

2) Improve the capacity of Honduran institutions to comply with the Inter-American Convention against Corruption

- Prepare and present an Anticorruption Plan to implement the recommendations formulated by the MESICIC



Expected Achievements for 2017

- Consolidate the MACCIH-OAS Investigation and Analysis Unit.
- Support at least 3 criminal investigations of corruption networks.
- Provide technical advice in the investigation of 4 specific corruption cases.
- Implement the national anticorruption criminal justice system (certified judges and prosecutors)
- 30 judges, prosecutors and relevant personnel trained and certified to work in the anticorruption mechanisms - 35% of which will be women.
- Create an anticorruption unit in the Office of the Inspector General.
- Establish a certified mechanism for receiving complaints on corruption cases.
- Design projects/proposals to strengthen the prevention and fight against corruption (compliance, ethics in professional associations, strengthening of investigative journalism, national students litigation competition on corruption cases, trainings for justice officials)
- Propose 5 new legal initiatives (plea bargain, official secrets, anticorruption law, international judicial assistance, influence trafficking)
- Prepare and present the National Anticorruption Plan (Compliance with the recommendations made by the MESICIC)



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DIVISION OF POLITICAL ELECTORAL REFORM

The poster features the Honduran flag as a background. A hand is shown holding a magnifying glass over the central blue star of the flag. The text is arranged in a clean, modern font. The top left corner contains the OEA MACCIH logo and tagline. The main text is centered and reads 'HONDURAS NECESITA POLITICA LIMPIA'. The bottom of the poster has a brown curved banner with a Twitter icon and the hashtag #NUEVALEYPOLITICALIMPIA.

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Increase the transparency and accountability of political party financing in Honduras

1) Train political parties and civil society in political finance norms and mechanisms

- Train representatives of political parties and candidates on their obligations and responsibilities under the new Law on the Financing, Transparency and Oversight of Political Parties.
- Train civil society on the scope of the Law and the possibility of reporting violations. (Protection of whistleblowers).

2) Support the Honduran State in ensuring transparency and accountability in political financing

- Participate in the election of members of the Financing, Transparency and Oversight Unit.
- Support the implementation of the Unit (certification of auditors, regulations and trainings).
- Support the automation of the work processes of the Unit with the aim of facilitating the delivery of information by the subjects obligated in the Law.
- Support the development of a list of electoral crimes for inclusion in the Criminal Code.

Expected Achievements for 2017

- Ensure that the Unit is operational for the general elections of 2017 (regulations and internal structure).
- Certify the unit's financial auditors.
- Establish protocols to investigate illegal campaign and party financing.
- Establish mechanisms to receive complaints from civil society on illegal financing operations, and establish protection measures for whistleblowers.
- Encourage the implementation of the Law by political parties (publication of campaign expenses).
- Encourage increased transparency regarding the income/expenditure accounts of political parties in the electoral campaigns.





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DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM REFORM



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Promote the implementation of reforms and recommendations to strengthen the criminal justice system

1) Strengthen the Honduran criminal justice system

- Enhance criminal justice standards relating to the investigation and prosecution of cases.
- Strengthen judicial independence.
- Enhance the criminal prosecution policy to increase the efficiency of conflict management.
- Strengthen capacities in criminal analysis and identification of criminal phenomena.
- Develop a management and organization model for prosecuting complex crimes.

2) Enhance the capacity of civil society to monitor the criminal justice system

- Establish a decentralized system of observatories involving academia and civil society.
- Open spaces for interaction between the MACCIH-OAS and civil society to promote reforms.
- Create an evaluation matrix of the Criminal Justice System.

Expected Achievements for 2017

- Establish a work-plan with the Justice Studies Center of the Americas (CEJA, for its acronym in Spanish).
- Launch the Honduran Criminal Justice System Observatory:
 - Establish and validate a system of criminal justice indicators with civil society and academia.
 - Validate the evaluation matrix in collaboration with Honduran civil society and institutions.
 - Consolidate spaces for dialogue (Dialogue Forums, workshops, seminars and online debates).
 - Create an information system on criminal justice and corruption (website).





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DIVISION OF PUBLIC SECURITY

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Improve implementation of reforms and recommendations to strengthen the public security system

1) Enhance capacity to manage the public security system

- Implement the recommendations made in the Evaluation Report of the National Public Security System (SNSC).
- Propose reforms to strengthen the Honduran National Police.
- Support the review of the penitentiary certification system.
- Monitor the restructuring and cleansing of the National Police.

2) Promote mechanisms that ensure the protection of whistleblowers and justice officials

- Design a mechanism for the protection of justice officials (judges and prosecutors):
 - Craft the organizational design and structure for the implementation of the Law
 - Identify risk factors and security mechanisms for justice officials.

Expected Achievements for 2017

- Prepare the Evaluation Report on the National Public Security System (SNSC) – 2017.
- Submit recommendations to enhance the capacity of the National Police (Organic and Career laws).
- Develop a certification proposal for the penitentiary system.
- Implement, with the support of donors, the mechanism to protect justice official.





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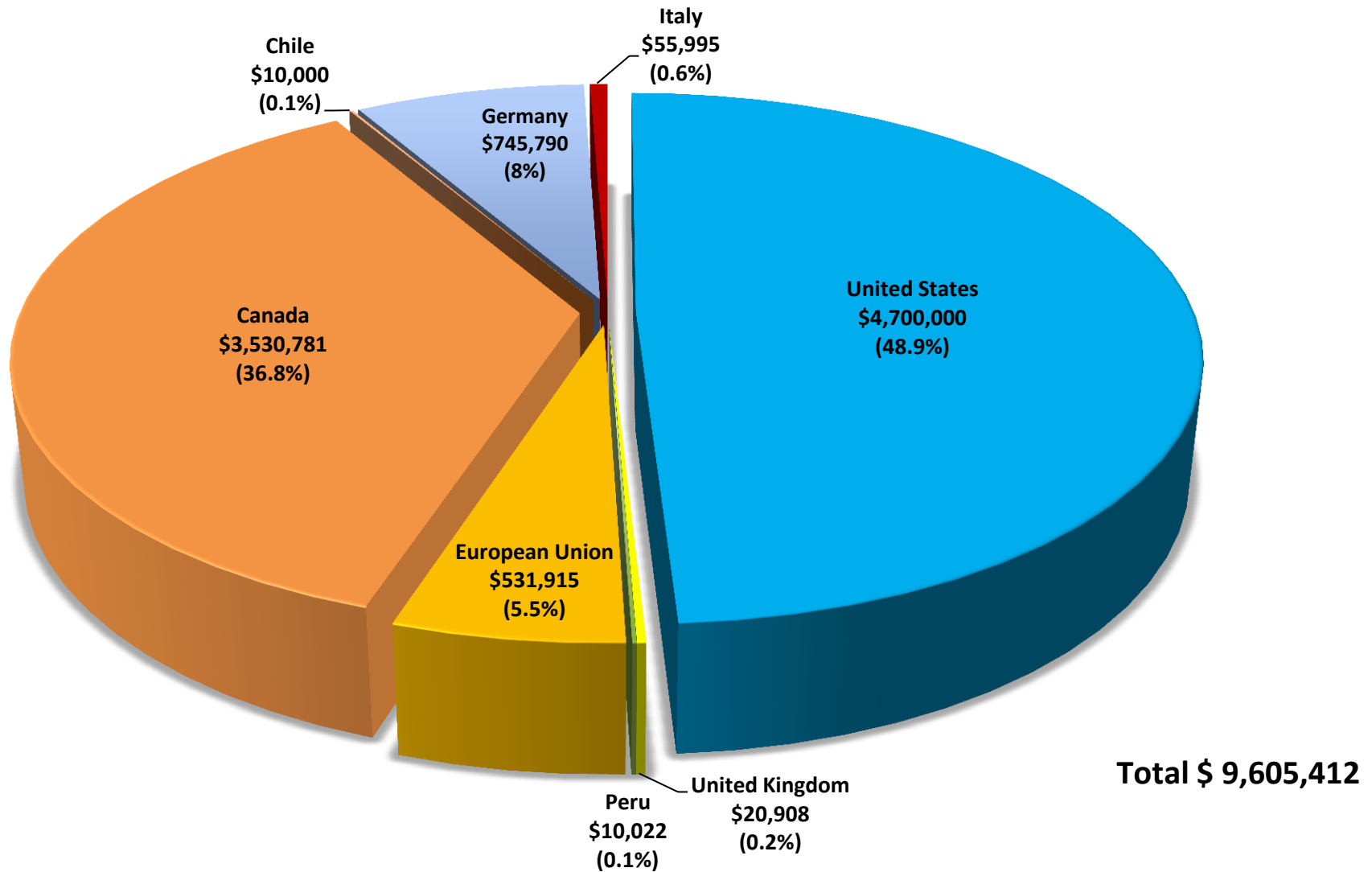


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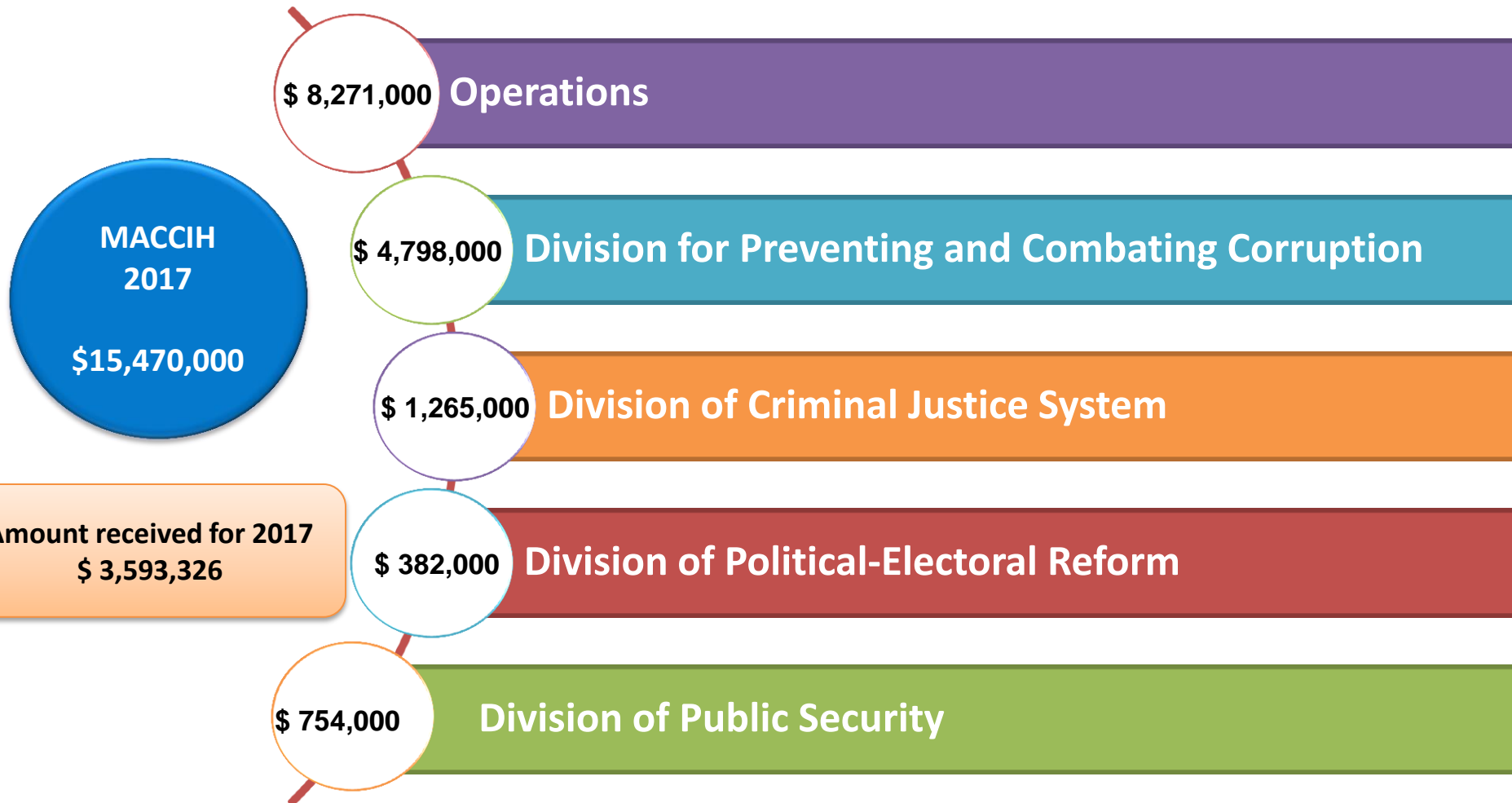


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