

DCAF have used a collaborative methodology with the Honduran National Police in all of our work. Rather than imposing international models that do not fit the context and/or are unsustainable, DCAF uses a participatory approach which ensures linkage with local plans and priorities, skills transference and creates ownership and institutionalisation.

This methodology is outlined in the recent publication on gender systematization in policing in Honduras.



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DCAF has been working alongside the Honduran National Police since 2018, delivering an ambitious programme to strengthen police response to supporting human rights. The programme focuses on aiding the police to develop, implement and institutionalise specific tools in order to better serve and protect the community.

These tools include a Gender Policy, Use of Force Manual, Confidence in Policing Measure, Mentoring strategies, Strategic Planning Support and improving integrity.

All of these elements are supported by communications campaigns, education systems, knowledge tools and help to create sustainable transformation via knowledge transference, upskilling, institutional approval and enshrining in local law.

The programme is funded by SDC and has already successfully won a second phase to the contract.

RESULTS TO DATE



Modernisation

- Revision of the **Institutional Strategic Plan**, ensuring inclusion of Human Rights and Gender.
- Support to create new **Planning Systems** at strategic, operational and tactical levels.
- Advisory role in modernising **coordination of external cooperation**.
- Ongoing assistance to **external controls** in terms of communications, human resources, investigation and training.



Gender

- Co-designed first **Gender Policy** for the National Police, based on local evidence and DCAF methodology.
- Design and implementation of a **Diploma in Gender Equity**, integrated into the police curriculum.
- Support on **messaging on gender** and communications campaigns, webinars, podcasts and training.



Use of Force

- Design of **methodology to construct models of use of force and training**.
- Creation of Model and Manual of Use of Force** with the National Police.
- Institutionalisation of the Model and Manual**, described by the Director General as the **"Bible for police officers"**.
- Design and implementation of a **Diploma in Use of Force**, integrated into the police curriculum.



Confidence

- Construction of a context-specific **confidence in policing measure**, rapidly becoming local standard.
- Review of the National Community Police Model**, along with mechanisms of planning and implementation.
- Delivery of the first **international symposium in Honduras** for Community Policing.



Police Education

- Support on design and implementation of innovative **mentoring project**.
- Aid to create **decision-making models, conflict resolution guidance** and **resource allocation** advice.
- Creation of a **methodology to design local role profiles** for police officers across the institution.
- Assistance in delivering **South/ South Cooperation** projects.

Publications

Use of Force



Communication Campaigns



Security and Gender



Police Confidence

