






Strengthening regulatory foundations for diaspora institutional performance and coordination in Peru

ACTION BASICS

Beneficiary		<p>The Directorate for Protection and Assistance to Nationals (Dirección de Protección y Asistencia al Nacional - ASN) is a governmental institution falling under the Directorate General for Peruvian Communities Abroad and Consular Affairs (DGPCA) of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Peru (MFA). The ASN is the directorate dealing with issues related to the Peruvian diaspora and is composed of the Sub-directorate for Assistance to Nationals (SSN), Sub-directorate for Protection to National Collectivities (PCN) and Migration Policy Department (PIM).</p>
Duration	10 months	
Sustainable Development Goals	 	

MAIN ELEMENTS

Context and needs	<p>Historically, Peru has been a migrant-sending country. Government figures estimate that more than 3 million people are part of the Peruvian diaspora, representing 10% of its population. The majority of its diaspora reside in the United States, neighbouring South American countries (Chile and Argentina), and in Europe (Spain and Italy). Remittances are currently the main diaspora contribution, sending almost 3 million USD in 2019. This gets channelled to basic domestic/household needs rather than larger developmental investments.</p> <p>Peru does not have an existing diaspora engagement policy. Current government policies such as the National Policy on Migration 2017-2025 tend to focus primarily on the protection and social inclusion of its nationals abroad and incentivising the return of its diaspora. Furthermore, Peru established in 2020 a diaspora constituency that allows for their representation in Congress.</p> <p>Migration issues are under the responsibility of the DGPCA which is divided in the Directorate for Consular Policy (CON) and in the Directorate for Protection and Assistance to Nationals (ASN). In 2015, the Migration Policy Department (PIM) was created as one of three sub-directorates under the ASN. However, since then, concrete and clearly-differentiated functions of each office are yet to be developed. Until today, PIM's tasks depend on daily contingency rather than on an official institutional distribution. With this, the Peruvian MFA has identified a need to clarify the work and functions of its agencies working with the diaspora, specifically the PIM, in order to address diasporas' needs in a more coherent and efficient manner. EUDiF's assistance was requested in strengthening the institutional framework for the PIM, to delimit its mandate as part of the ASN and defining its practical functions vis-à-vis the sub-directorates for Assistance to Nationals (SSN) and Protection to National Collectivities (PCN).</p>
Objectives	<p>General objective</p> <p>Strengthen the regulatory foundations for improved institutional performance and coordination in the field of diaspora engagement in Peru.</p> <p>Specific objectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitate peer learning in diaspora institutional development • Ensure the participation of diaspora in the institutional development process • Flesh out effective internal rules and regulations



ACTION PLAN

EUDiF's areas of intervention



Building the capacity of EU-based diaspora organisations



Supporting partner countries by enabling diaspora engagement



Encouraging multi-stakeholder partnership in diaspora engagement

Support for capacity development



Conducting analysis, research and/or evaluation

- **Needs assessment** of the current organisational capacity of diaspora affairs within the DGPCA
- **Data compilation** of existing information on the Peruvian diaspora
- **Review** of relevant diaspora engagement practices of similar institutions



Organisation of knowledge transfer events

- **Peer learning workshop** with government representatives from the region with relevant institutional structures
- **Diaspora consultations** to receive first-hand input from diaspora and understand their needs



Development of strategic documents and/or training tools

- **Co-drafting sessions** of the blueprint for ASN's regulation of organisation and functions related to diaspora engagement



Visibility and communication activities

- **Presentation** of the blueprint among staff members from the DGPCA and other relevant government institutions

Deliverables

- **Blueprint of internal rules and regulations** focused on functions related to diaspora engagement matters for ASN agencies
- **Needs assessment report** on the current organisational state of the DGPCA
- **Stocktaking report** analysing available relevant diaspora data
- **Report of relevant practices** in institutional frameworks for diaspora engagement
- **Event report** of the peer-learning workshop
- **Menu of services** that are of interest to the diaspora

Expected results

- ASN enhance its institutional capacities through a clear definition and repartition of roles which will allow government institutions to better engage and serve their diaspora
- ASN is provided with better knowledge and experience at a regional level on relevant practices in terms of frameworks for diaspora governmental institutions and lessons learned of peers in other diaspora institutions
- Government-diaspora relationship and trust is developed by including a participatory element to policymaking through diaspora consultations
- ASN staff improves their individual capacities in co-drafting internal rules and regulations for future needs

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