

# Joint local Action for Sustainability

## Recover Better Support Fund



### The Challenge

**Increasing Inequalities:** The Covid-19 pandemic has widened the social and economic gaps in Latin America and calls for an accelerated implementation of the 2030 Agenda. According to the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), eradicating extreme poverty and reducing inequality in all its dimensions are among the most important development challenges in the region.

**Inclusive Recovery:** Inclusive economic growth combined with sustainable management of natural resources and the promotion of a green economy are development priorities in Ecuador. Economically marginalized groups are the most affected by the crisis caused by the pandemic. This calls for an inclusive recovery from the crisis which leaves no one behind.

Project Name	Localizing SDGs through Multisectoral Groups and Citizen's Observatories
Commissioned by	Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)
Country	Ecuador
Implementing Organisation	Fundación Futuro Latinoamericano (FFLA) FARO
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### The Objective

The project aims to accelerate the implementation and monitoring of the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs at national and sub-national levels in Ecuador through an integrated and multi-sectoral approach. A new presidential term has recently begun in Ecuador, a new national development plan has been formulated and will be implemented in the following three years. In this context, the participation of stakeholders from all sectors of society is central to promote the 2030 Agenda as a policy tool and to advance inclusive sustainable development.

### The Target Group

The project focuses on provincial and local governments as well as civil society, the private sector and academia to ultimately benefit decision-makers and citizens. Based on prior experience and fruitful cooperation, the project operates in the three selected provinces of Santo Domingo, Loja and Galápagos.

### The Approach

The project follows a three-dimensional approach.

**Platforms for dialogue:** Inclusive and multisectoral platforms for dialogue and collective action are created to articulate and strengthen citizen participation in the implementation and monitoring of the 2030 Agenda. Active participation and exchange is assured through regular meetings which lead to public policy proposals at provincial and national levels.

**Improved statistical data:** Various stakeholders, including the National Statistics Bureau and citizens, employ data collection methodologies, focussing on prioritized SDGs in the project provinces. In doing so, quality of statistical data quality is enhanced, and data gaps are identified to assure and refine the



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monitoring and follow-up of the SDGs compliance. Citizen generated data and the national statistics bureau will be valuable actors in that process.

**Empowerment of key actors:** Agents of change Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) are empowered through virtual capacity building and citizenship initiative support. The CSOs are trained to develop concrete initiatives on gender, climate change and COVID-19 recovery to accelerate the implementation of the SDGs at the national and sub-national levels.

## About FFLA

FFLA is a non-profit organization based in Quito, Ecuador. It was created in 1993 and constituted in 1994 following the historic Earth Summit. The organization underlines that Latin America's path to sustainability requires favorable conditions, capacities, and leadership. FFLA builds on collaborative multi-stakeholder dialogue and good governance to strengthen civil, political, and institutional capacities and articulate actions.

## About FARO

FARO is an independent research and action center that generates evidence and implements initiatives to influence public policy and promote practices that lead to a sustainable society. FARO conducts research in the areas of democracy, sustainable development, education and investigation.

## The Results



A document on data gaps regarding prioritized SDGs produced



3 civil society organisations and 60 people from civil society, decision makers, public entities, journalists etc. are trained to develop concrete initiatives



A digital platform to monitor the implementation of the SDGs is optimized to integrated citizen-generated data. A map of other stakeholders' SDGs initiatives created



200 citizenship initiatives have been mapped and include SDGs in their action

The Recover Better Support Fund supports efforts designed and implemented in partner countries to recover from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic with the goal of building more resilient, inclusive, and sustainable societies while advancing the 2030 Agenda. For that purpose, it deploys two funding lines: (1) Sustainable development advisory bodies and (2) leaving no one behind and strengthening socio-economic resilience. Commissioned by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), it supports 23 projects in 16 countries worldwide with up to 180.000 EUR.

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