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WOMEN'S POLITICAL PARTICIPATION AND LEADERSHIP ASSESSMENT: HONDURAS

Findings Presentation

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AGENDA

- Assessment Purpose & Approach
- Methodology
- Barriers & Opportunities
- Recommendations



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ASSESSMENT PURPOSE & APPROACH

- The study of women's political leadership in Honduras investigated the barriers to and opportunities for expanding women's participation and leadership in the political landscape.
- It used the Women's Political Participation and Leadership (WPPL) Assessment Framework to document women's access to and power in politics along sociocultural, institutional, and individual dimensions.
- The assessment analyzed WPPL through the lenses of access and power.
- USAID can use the report's findings to identify priority areas where its investments are likely to have the greatest impact.



METHODOLOGY

Desk Review

Key Informant Interviews

- Eleven civil society leaders (nine women, two men)
- Fourteen politicians (five women, nine men)
- Fifteen donors (seven women, eight men)
- Three political leaders (one woman, two men)
- Three men electoral officers

METHODOLOGY—FOCUS GROUP DISCUSSIONS

NO.	GROUP DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	TOTAL PARTICIPANTS
1	Women in civil society	Tegucigalpa	10
2	Men political leaders, currently in congress	Tegucigalpa	3
3	Locally elected women	Tocoa	12
4	Men in media	Tegucigalpa	7
5	Locally elected women	La Ceiba	8
6	Young women in civil society	Tegucigalpa	5
7	Young women in political parties	Tegucigalpa	5
8	Women in politics	Tegucigalpa	Did not happen

METHODOLOGY—SURVEY

POLITICAL PARTY	GENDER	NO. OF SURVEYS
Libre	Women	1
	Men	2
Partido Liberal	Women	2
	Men	3
Partido Nacional	Women	3
	Men	3
Partido Salvador de Honduras	Women	1
	Men	3
PINU	Women	0
	Men	1

BARRIERS & OPPORTUNITIES



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SOCIOCULTURAL

- **Barriers**
 - Patriarchal culture
 - Religious beliefs
 - Sociocultural norms
 - Stigma against women in political life
- **Opportunities**
 - Women in civil society





INSTITUTIONAL

- **Barriers**
 - Violence against women in politics
 - Elected women leaders
 - Political parties
- **Opportunities**
 - Legal framework
 - Government institutions

INDIVIDUAL

- Barriers
 - Access to funding
 - Lack of capacity and confidence
 - Family support



RECOMMENDATIONS



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SOCIOCULTURAL

- Work with men, including political and church officials, to shift harmful cultural beliefs and practices
- Provide journalist training for media professionals on how to cover women in politics in a gender transformative way



INSTITUTIONAL

- Review and revise the national electoral laws
- Develop and implement more rigorous measures to monitor compliance with the provisions of the law pertaining to gender equality
- Provide technical assistance to political parties
- Strengthen civil society organization coordination and advocacy efforts around passing laws to address violence targeting women in politics and public life

INSTITUTIONAL (cont.)

- Dedicate funding to support women's wings of political parties
- Develop policies and protocols in Congress and political parties that are sensitive to the needs and experiences of Honduran women
- Mainstream gender considerations
- Stand up a gender unit in the CNE
- Support local CSOs
- Combat gender-based violence

INDIVIDUAL

- Train locally elected women leaders
- Create gender-sensitive civic education programs
- Support youth committees of national political parties
- Develop leadership and capacity-building programs for civil society and women in rural and urban contexts
- Provide candidate training to women running for office

QUESTIONS?



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