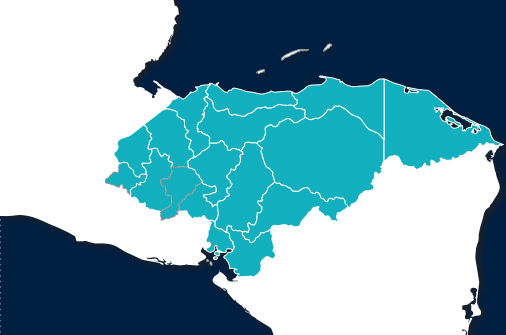




HONDURAS

DEEPENING PREPAREDNESS IN SOCIAL PROTECTION PROGRAMS USING CASH AND VOUCHER ASSISTANCE FOR FUTURE EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE



BONO ÚNICO PROVIDED HUMANITARIAN CASH AND VOUCHER ASSISTANCE TO VULNERABLE HONDURAN HOUSEHOLDS DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC. IT WAS IMPLEMENTED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF HONDURAS AND SUPPORTED BY GOAL HONDURAS AND THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (UNDP). IN RECENT YEARS, HUMANITARIAN SUPPORT IN HONDURAS INCREASINGLY INCLUDES CASH AND VOUCHER ASSISTANCE FROM NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS AND THE UN. THE GOVERNMENT OF HONDURAS HAS ALSO UTILIZED CASH AND VOUCHER ASSISTANCE IN SOCIAL PROTECTION PROGRAMS WITH EARLY EXPERIENCES DATING BACK AS EARLY AS 2010.

KEY FINDINGS

ENABLERS



- The government built on what was in place and sought assistance strategically.
- Pre-existing relationships and trust between the Government and humanitarian agencies allowed for innovation.
- Existing databases permitted rapid scaling up and targeting.

CHALLENGES



- THE NEED OF MORE EFFECTIVE REGULATORY FRAMEWORKS.
- THE PROMOTION OF SUSTAINED FINANCING FOR PREPAREDNESS.
- BUILD COLLABORATIVE AND TRANSPARENT SCHEMES BETWEEN GOVERNMENTS AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS.
- IMPROVE THE COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE POPULATIONS.

OPPORTUNITIES



- Disposition of national authorities for collaboration, learning, and improvement.
- Ongoing analysis on past emergencies through a market lens.
- Establishing new bilateral and national-level agreements.
- Continue momentum on regulatory changes.
- Using data collection tools as predictors.



IN CONCLUSION

Through *Bono Único*, the Government of Honduras was able to develop new platforms for transparency and for data management, which can be used in future preparedness.



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