Democracy and Governance

Helping promote and support decentralized governance and democratic solutions around the globe
For more than 30 years, Tetra Tech has partnered with the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) and other global development organizations to promote democratic governance and to strengthen institutions across the developing world.

Tetra Tech works with local partners to foster meaningful democratic reforms, promote long-term sustainability, and improve lives. We have applied institutional capacity-building tools successfully in legislative institutions, central government ministries, municipal and regional governments, and community-based and non-governmental organizations and networks.

Tetra Tech on the Ground

Empowering the Next Generation of Afghan Women Leaders

Tetra Tech is helping to empower Afghanistan’s most talented young women to become future leaders in government, business, and civil society through its involvement in the Women’s Leadership Development (WLD) project. WLD is using a capacity building approach based on experiential learning to train Afghan women in leadership development.

Improving Service Delivery in Colombia

The Consolidation and Enhanced Livelihood Initiative–Central Region (CELI) program uses a highly participatory process to redefine the relationship between communities and government in areas with previously limited government presence. CELI works to reduce illicit crop cultivation, the presence of illegal armed groups, and ensure the delivery of basic state services in targeted conflict regions throughout the country.

Strengthening Sub-National Governments

The Mali Sub-National Governance Project (SNGP) works with the national governments, sub-national governments, and civil society to capitalize on renewed efforts to decentralize authority and resources in Mali. The project is increasing the ability of sub-national governments to provide effective, responsive, and accountable service delivery to the citizens of Mali, particularly in the areas of health and education.
Highlighted Projects

- Afghanistan: Promote Women’s Leadership Development, Initiative to Strengthen Local Administrations
- Albania: Planning and Local Governance Project
- El Salvador: Government Integrity Project
- Guatemala: Urban Municipal Governance
- Haiti: Limiyè ak Òganizasyon pou Kolektivite yo Ale Lwen (LOKAL) Plus, Local Capacity Development
- Colombia: Consolidation and Enhanced Livelihood Initiative Central Region
- Peru: Decentralization and Local Governance Project
- Mali: Sub-National Governance Project
- West Bank and Gaza: Communities Thrive

Technical Expertise

Local Governance and Decentralization
Tetra Tech assists national, regional, and local government counterparts to establish and strengthen the foundation for democratic, decentralized local governance by creating the prerequisite legal framework and policies. Our projects enhance the capacity of government officials, build financial and management systems and procedures, improve public service delivery, and strengthen mechanisms for broad citizen engagement.

Institutional Strengthening and Public Administration Reform
Tetra Tech provides technical support, training, and technology-based applications to enhance performance management of public institutions at the national and sub-national levels. We work to strengthen systems and institutions for democratic and accountable governance that are essential for service delivery, equitable economic growth, inclusive development, human rights protection, and citizen security.

Stability and Crime and Violence Prevention
We help design, implement, and manage integrated community development strategies aimed at preventing crime and violence and providing citizens with alternatives to criminal activity. Our programs promote well-being, resiliency, and stability in conflict-prone and post-conflict countries. Through strategic partnerships with national and local governments, police, and non-governmental organizations, we support efforts to address and prevent the drivers of violence and crime.

Anti-Corruption, Transparency, and Accountability
To combat corruption, Tetra Tech strengthens public sector institutions and systems, while engaging the private sector and civil society. We also strengthen and build mechanisms to hold government institutions accountable and increase citizen voice in decision-making. We enhance oversight capacity to ensure effective public policies and assure that resources are allocated and used where they are needed most.

Analytical Services
Tetra Tech works to provide a full range of analytical research services used in strategic planning of democracy and governance programming, including assessments, surveys, evaluations, and Political Economy Analyses. We develop qualitative and quantitative methods to improve understanding of democracy and governance systems, identify critical policy issues, and provide an analytical basis for the design of actionable solutions.

Legislative Strengthening
Tetra Tech supports legislative development by focusing on internal administration and management, parliamentary procedures refinement, legislation drafting and enactment, executive branch oversight, budget analysis, constituency relations, and mechanisms for public participation in the lawmaking process.
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