



Panama: Project to Support the National Indigenous Peoples Development Plan

Panama & Indigenous Peoples

GDP Growth:
6.7% vs. 2% LAC
average

IP Population:
12%

Poverty:
86% IPs vs.
12% non-IPs

Life expectancy: 11
years less for IPs

Access to Water:
45% IPs vs. 95%
non-IPs

Maternal
Mortality:
462 IP women vs.
80 non-IP women

Origins of the IP National Development Plan



IP National Development Plan

12 IP Congresses & Councils

Proposes partnership where IPs are in front seat of their own development

Proposes Intersectoral approach

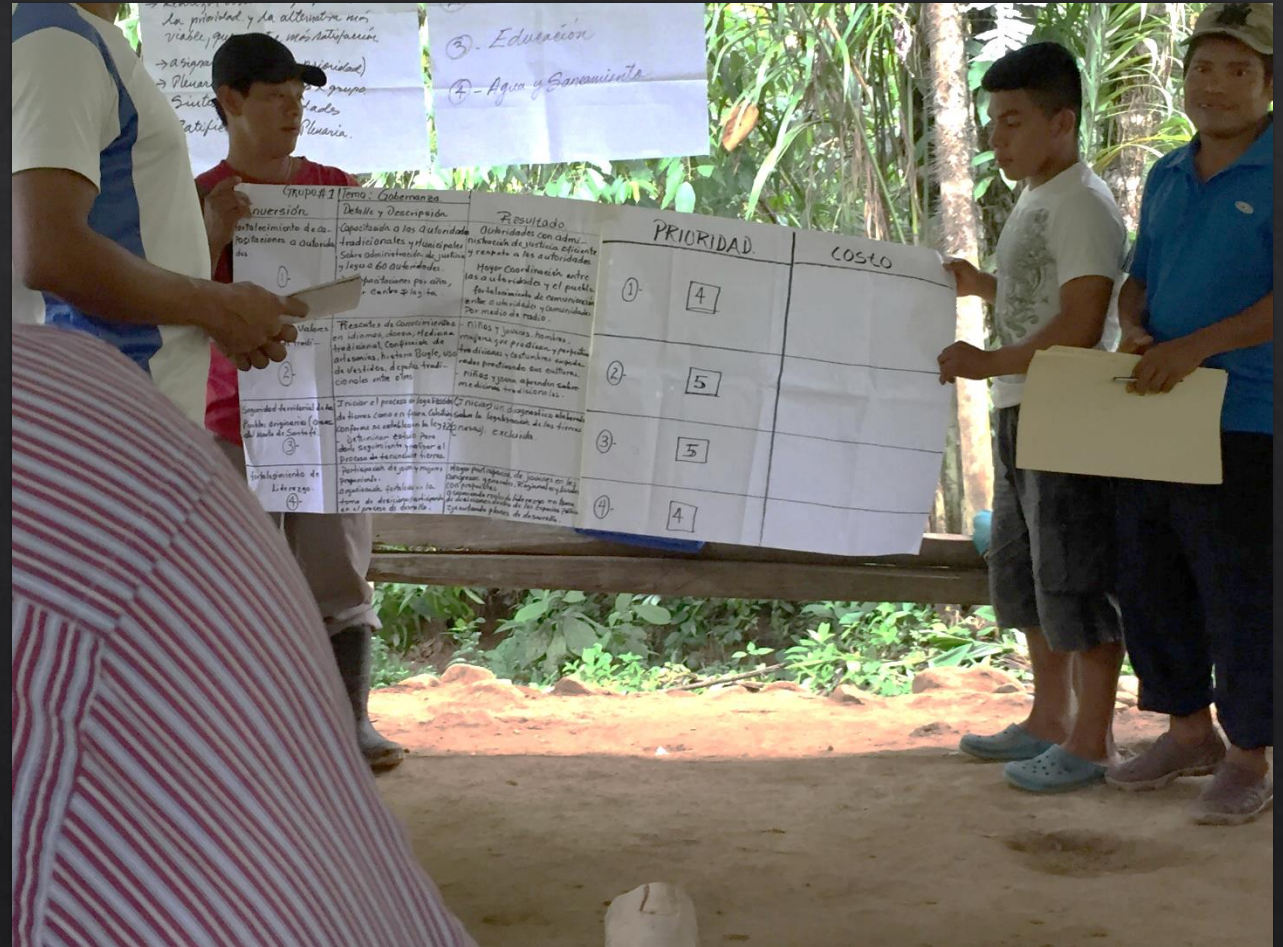
Governance & Land
Security

Productive Devt &
Food Security

Access to Basic
Infrastructure &
Services

WB Role & Financing

- ◆ Support UNDP & IP Roundtable in creating ongoing space & attention with new Govt.
- ◆ \$80 million loan to convert high-level plan into first concrete Project to finance strengthening of governance (pillar 1) and quality and cultural pertinence improvements in service delivery in education, health and water & sanitation (pillar 3).
- ◆ Served as convening platform for other devt partners (FAO, IDB, and bilaterals)
- ◆ Recognizing challenging implementing environment, negotiated alternative implementation arrangement
- ◆ Served as honest broker and experienced partner in critical issues for IPs during preparation period
- ◆ Preparation process required groundbreaking work and processes that in themselves have already started transforming public investment & coordination with IP traditional authorities (mapping of public investment, inter-institutional coordination, strengthening of IP Roundtable, gender, etc.)



Challenges

Building trust & legitimacy to back Plan & request loan

Govt: Weak capacity & slow/overburdensome processes

Internal Bank doubts & churning

Conflicts between Govt counterparts & IP Authorities

IBRD Resources



Internal conflicts among IP Authorities & Representation/Reporting Back

Costs & logistics for consultation & reporting back

Others joining the band-wagon

Slow start-up & budget allocations

Political cycle

Why is this different?



- ◇ 1st WB Loan in 20 years that finances what IPs demand of Government
- ◇ CDD Hybrid: focusing heavily on “handshake” in order to have transformational effect
- ◇ Alternative implementation arrangements that create a development platform attractive to other partners
- ◇ Differentiates role of WB in middle to higher income countries- truly focused on “the last mile”
- ◇ Achievements are governance and transformational in nature, even before disbursements

Questions?



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