

OUR WORK IN
DEMOCRACY AND
GOVERNANCE



From our decades of experience working in nearly 150 countries, we know that effective governance and accountable institutions are critical to alleviating poverty, promoting resilience, and achieving sustainable results in all sectors. So we partner with governments, civil society organizations (CSOs), independent media, and local communities to strengthen democratic governance systems. Our programs encourage transparency and accountability of leaders and institutions, and protect and promote universal human rights. For example, our work takes us to Sri Lanka, where we are improving the performance of core justice institutions and actors. In Jordan, we support municipal governance effectiveness and the decentralization process. And we are in Colombia, supporting the Colombian government, civil society, and vulnerable populations to prevent and respond to human rights violations.

Throughout its projects, Chemonics works to understand and build on existing local systems and focuses on politically informed practice, looking at both how and why things happen to help local partners map reform efforts and navigate interests and relationships to address governance challenges.

OUR SERVICES

We promote participatory, representative, and inclusive political processes to improve outcomes across sectors by integrating democracy and governance principles throughout our programming.

ANTI-CORRUPTION. We bring together government, civil society, media outlets, and international organizations to prevent corruption and strengthen the accountability ecosystem. We seek to improve educational efforts, government transparency, access to information, public reforms, and national anti-corruption strategies. By analyzing political contexts to understand capacity, structural gaps, and entry points, Chemonics works with local actors and within local systems to combat corruption.

ABOUT CHEMONICS

Founded in 1975, Chemonics is one of the world's leading international development consulting firms. In 76 countries around the globe today, our network of approximately 4,400 specialists pursue a higher standard in development everyday to help clients, partners, and beneficiaries achieve results.

CIVIL SOCIETY, CIVIC ENGAGEMENT, AND INDEPENDENT MEDIA. Our approach uses grants, capacity development, and innovative approaches, with a focus on strengthening advanced CSO capacities through social network analysis, so that community-based and civil society organizations can build effective relationships to achieve common goals. We provide support on effective advocacy and networking, monitoring and evaluation, citizen awareness, gender and social inclusion, and legal aid to build demand for democratic reforms. We also foster community awareness and dialogue and empower journalists to strengthen independent media.

ELECTORAL PROCESS STRENGTHENING. To build sustainable democracies, we are strengthening public voter education campaigns, youth awareness of political platforms and government functions, and women's political participation.



EXECUTIVE BRANCH STRENGTHENING. Our programs build the capacity of officials and institutions to implement laws, develop and oversee budgets, and hold other branches of government accountable. Our efforts help streamline the laws, regulations, and policies that guide interaction with government institutions and design independent oversight mechanisms.

HUMAN RIGHTS. We partner with governments and civil society to address structural human rights challenges by implementing more effective strategies and policy reforms. Our programs also support civil society groups in their efforts to raise awareness of and advocate against human rights violations and promote inclusion.

LEGISLATIVE STRENGTHENING. We work with legislators to design programs that give citizens a better voice and shape laws, budgets, and policies to expand economic growth. Our programs address issues such as constituent relations, policy analysis, and gender equity.

LOCAL GOVERNANCE AND DECENTRALIZATION. We work with local and national governments, civil society, and the private sector to strengthen institutional capacity, improve service delivery, and spur local economic development. Our approach includes strengthening fiscal management skills and systems, strategies that generate local revenue, and capacity for managing service delivery. We implement programs that introduce or institutionalize mechanisms to increase citizens' role in local decision-making and promote social accountability.

RULE OF LAW AND SECURITY SECTOR STRENGTHENING. Grounded in an understanding of domestic structures, practices, and norms, we improve the effectiveness, efficiency, and accessibility of justice systems. To do so, we draw on capacity building, training, expert analysis, and process streamlining. We partner with governments and CSOs to build awareness, advocate for the rule of law, and improve accountability as well as ethics and public confidence in courts. We also provide technical support for alternative dispute resolution, justice sector reforms, case management systems, and security sector governance.

VIOLENCE PREVENTION. To prevent violence and improve security, we work with governments and civil society on implementing comprehensive approaches through multi-sectoral collaboration and technical support to institutions on addressing youth crime and violence as well as community policing efforts.



IMPACT IN NIGERIA

To encourage collective impact in Nigeria, Chemonics partnered with Root Change to build the social capital of CSOs and association groups to develop networks of relationships founded on trust, reciprocity, knowledge transfer, coordination, and shared goals. The project engaged 157 CSOs and 8,769 individuals in capacity building activities. Partners worked collaboratively on 17 advocacy campaigns and have contributed to 60 policy outcomes across a wide range of policy areas, including education, extractives, health, peace, social inclusion for women, youth, and persons with disabilities, and budget transparency.

OUR PRACTICES

Agriculture and Food Security • Democracy and Governance
Economic Growth and Trade • Education and Youth • Environment and Natural Resources
Gender Equality and Social Inclusion • Health • Peace, Stability, and Transition
Supply Chain Solutions • Water, Energy, and Sustainable Cities
