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Introducing our non-founding
regional partner country:

Panamá



Since 2007, CABI and this country have strengthened relations by coming together as regional partners, which has allowed creating strategic alliances to benefit over 4 million Panamanians.

About Panama: With a total area of 75,517 km², it is bordered to the north by the Caribbean Sea; to the south by the Pacific Ocean; to the east by Colombia and to the west by Costa Rica, and is the strip of land that connects South and North America. The landscape is composed of lowlands (70%) and highlands (30%), the latter formed by rocks of volcanic origin, within which is the maximum elevation of the region: the Barú volcano with 3474 MASL.

This tropical country is made up of nine provinces, 75 districts or municipalities, three indigenous counties with provincial status (Guna Yala, Emberá, Ngäbe Buglé), and two counties (Kuna de Madungandí and Kuna de Wargandí).

It is a country known for the Panama Canal, an inter-oceanic waterway located between the Caribbean Sea and the Pacific Ocean. It is also considered one of the great world engineering works of the twentieth century and has had over one million ships cross since its opening in 1914.

A multicultural nation with high life expectancy: Panama has a population of approximately 4.3 million inhabitants and has a moderate population density of 57 inhabitants per km². Of the total, 68.4% of the population is urban and 31.6% rural. Panamanians have a life expectancy between 75 and 82 years, among the longest in the region. This country is characterized by a cultural wealth influenced by the seven indigenous peoples who, together, represent about 5% of the population: gunadule, emberá, wounaan, Naso Tjer Di, bri bri, ngäbe and buglé; the latter two are the majority.

The path to economic recovery: after a sharp drop in production in 2020 as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Panamanian economy, according to the National Institute of Statistics and Census (INEC, for its acronym in Spanish) of the Comptroller General of the Republic, recorded a cumulative growth of gross domestic product (GDP) in the first nine months of 2021 of 14.9% and 25.5% compared to the same period of 2020. The sectors that showed the most dynamism are mining, construction, wholesale and retail sale, hotels, restaurants, and all activities related to the interoceanic canal and the logistics system. By 2022, growth is expected to exceed 5% and tourism is expected to recover and be one of the main drivers of economic growth.

CABI, the financial arm for the economic and social development of Panamanians.

Since 2007, the Republic of Panama has been a non-founding regional partner of CABI and, since then, has had the support of the multilateral bank for the development of projects and initiatives that improve the quality of life of Panamanians in sectors such as energy, health, road infrastructure, among others.

Currently, the Bank supports the creation of an institutional framework through guidelines, guides, and manuals in order to have a sound foundation of projects in public-private partnership, among others prioritized by the authorities of the country linked to electromobility, institutional strengthening and MSMEs.

Some of the operations in progress

Instituto Conmemorativo Gorgas de Estudios de la Salud (ICGES).

CABEI funding: US\$70.0 million

Expected Benefits

- It will benefit over 4 million Panamanians, in addition to becoming a regional reference.
- Improvement of health and quality of life
- Capacity building for health professionals.

MSME Support Facility Program

CABEI funding: US\$61 million

- Financing to meet working capital needs and operational obligations.
- Protection and generation of new jobs.
- Support to important business sectors in the country.

Feasibility studies of the railway network of Panama Metro's line 5

CABEI cooperation of US\$630,000 from the Korea-CABEI Single Donor Trust Fund (KTF)

- It will benefit 1.9 million inhabitants.
- Efficient, equitable, accessible and lower-cost public transport network.
- It will reduce gas emissions for a better quality of life.

Innovation Strategy of the National Interconnected System (SIN)

CABEI Cooperation of US\$18,900

- Updating of the structure, operation, marketing, and regulation of the electricity system, as a result of the integration of renewable energies in the country's generation network.

In this 2022, CABEI holds conversations to make progress in possible projects associated with drinking water and sanitation solutions, MSMEs, energy, infrastructure, logistics and others. Ad-

ditionally, it foresees to support in education and pre-investment issues for projects in Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs).

Panama, non-founding partner

Panama's shareholding in CABEI is 4.8% and its capital contributions are US\$67.2 million, while the subscribed capital is US\$358.40 million.

During the years 2016 to 2021, the Bank's approvals to the country reached US\$1,956.0 million, while disbursements for the same period totaled US\$1,677.5 million.

About CABEI

CABEI was created in 1960 as the financial arm of the region's integration and development. Its resources are continuously invested in projects with developmental impact to reduce poverty and inequality, strengthen regional integration and the competitive insertion of its members in the global Economy, with special attention to environmental sustainability.

CABEI's headquarter is located in Tegucigalpa with offices throughout Central America.