



CRIMJUST

FINAL REPORT

CRIMJUST 1 PANAMA ACTIVITIES

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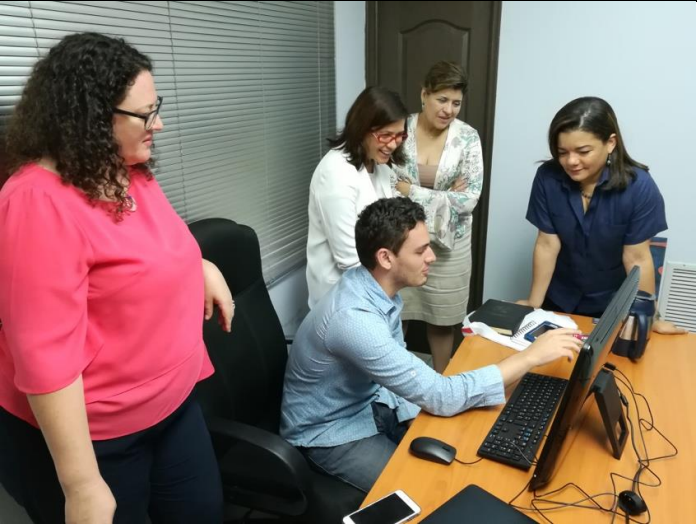
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Date: September 30th, 2019.

Date/Month	Project Activity	Participants/Institutions represented	Number of participants	Purpose of meeting/Activity	Any additional comments
OCTOBER 2017	Planning workshop	Alianza Ciudadana (Research Partner): Magaly Castillo, Cherty Mendieta, Aida Jurado, Carlos Lee (Researchers) FDLC Research assistant: Juan Diego Vasquez	6	To explain the scope of the project, execution time and methodology to be developed, to coordinate strategies, approach, and reporting.	Templates for each institution were developed and verified, action plan was decided.
November 13 2017	Review meeting	European Union: Consuelo Navarro. UNODC Panama: Virginia de Abajo FDLC: Olga de Obaldia y Juan Diego Vásquez. Consultant: Magaly Castillo	5	Initial evaluation and review of the Project.	 <p>L to R: V.de Abajo, J.D.Vásquez, C.Navarro, O.deObaldia, M. Castillo at FDLC office.</p>

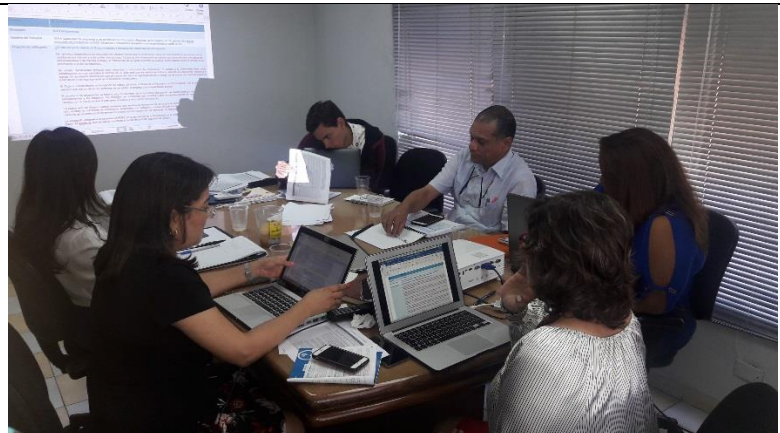
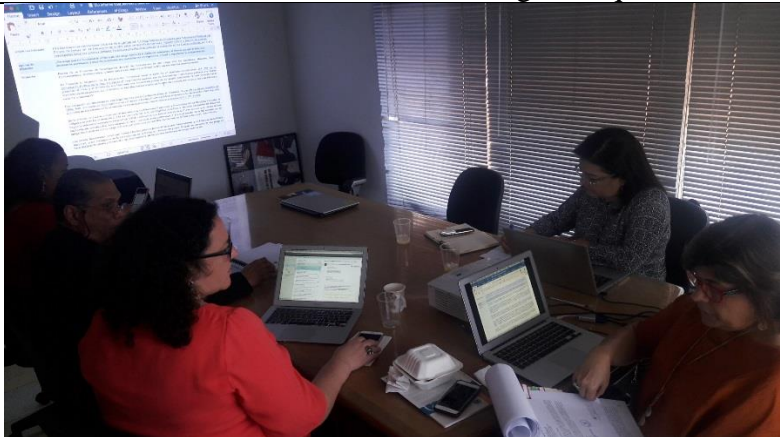
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November 13 2017	Introduction meeting	FDLC: O.de Obaldia. Dirección de Investigación Judicial (D.I.J.): Capt. Gioconda Beliz and other officers. Researcher: Cherty Mendieta	6	Explanatory meeting to share project's objectives, scope and methodology with the investigation institution.	
November 27 and 30 2017	Interview	D.I.J.: personnel from the following departments, Resources , Operation and Head Office. Researcher: Cherty Mendieta.	4	Information gathering	
December 18 2017	Introduction meeting	Ministerio Público (M.P.): three prosecutors FDLC: Juan Diego Vasquez	4	Explanatory meeting to share project's objectives, scope and methodology with the processing institution.	
January 2018	Introduction meeting	Judicial Branch(J.B.): Judges from the Circuit and Superior Courts and Personnel from HHRR. Researcher: Aida Jurado.		Explanatory meeting to share project's objectives, scope and methodology with the resolution institution.	
Jan- Feb 2018	Interviews	Public Ministry.: prosecutors and administrative personnel.	8	Information gathering	



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		<p>External: defence attorneys, ex prosecutors, ex judges.</p> <p>Researchers: Cherty Mendieta, Magaly Castillo.</p>			
Jan, Feb, March 2018	Interviews	<p>Judicial Branch: personnel from several departments.</p> <p>External: system users, ex judges, litigating lawyers.</p> <p>Researcher: Aida Jurado</p>	4	Information gathering	
Jan-Feb 2018	Interviews	<p>D.I.J.: personnel from several departments: resources, detectives, administration, HHRR, head office.</p> <p>Researcher: Cherty Mendieta</p>			
February 22, 2018.	Validation of Sources	<p>DIJ: Gioconda Veliz, Jose Facey and personnel from four other departments: communications, human resources, financial resources, training.</p> <p>FDLC: Olga de Obaldia and Juan Diego Vasquez.</p>	8	To go over the list of sources, material and laws reviewed for each indicator.	
Feb-March 2018	Validation of Sources	<p>M.P.: Rolando Rodriguez, Secretary General.</p>	N/A	The institutions preferred to validate sources	



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		<p>O.J.: Manuel Calvo, Assistant to the Supreme Court President Office.</p> <p>FDLC: Olga de Obaldia</p>		<p>in writing rather than in meetings.</p>	
March 8, 2018	Validation Workshop	<p>UNODC: Cristina Ritter</p> <p>FDLC: Olga de Obaldia, J.D. Vásquez</p> <p>Researchers: Magaly Castillo, Cherty Mendieta, Carlos Lee.</p> <p>External reviewer: R. Esquivel, ex prosecutor.</p>	7	<p>Review and validation of results and colour evaluation for each of the indicators of the D.I.J. and the M.P.</p>	 <p>L. to R.: Cristina Ritter, Magaly Castillo, O.de Obaldia, Cherty Mendieta, Carlos Lee, Juan Diego Vasquez.</p>
March 15, 2018	Validation Workshop	<p>UNODC: Virginia de Abajo</p> <p>FDLC: Olga de Obaldia, J.D. Vásquez.</p> <p>Researchers: Magaly Castillo, Carlos Lee, Cherty Mendieta.</p>	6	<p>Review and validation of results and colour evaluation for each of the indicators of the J.B.</p>	 <p>L. to R.: Cherty Mendieta, Carlos Lee, Virginia de Abajo, Olga de Obaldía, Magaly Castillo.</p>



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May 16, 2018	Presenting Results	<p>Public Ministry: Kenia Porcell, Attorney General, Rolando Rodríguez, Secretary General, Eduardo de la Torre, David Mendoza, José Candanedo, Roberto Crespo, Prosecutors, Silvia Garcia, Human Resources, Delia de Castro,</p> <p>FDLC: Olga de Obaldia, JD Vasquez.</p> <p>Researcher: Carlos Lee</p>	11	To share the results, have the institutions see the dashboard for the first time.	 <p>L. to R.: Carlos Candanedo, Kenia Porcell, Delia de Castro, Eduardo de la Torre, Olga de Obaldia, at the Head Office of the P.M.</p>
18 de mayo de 2018	Presenting results	<p>D.I.J.: Fulvia Valdes, Herlinda Sanchez, Nelson Rodriguez, Abner Alemán, Anayansi Zambrano, David Villasanta, Nuria Jordán, Gustavo Scott, Juan Tejada, José Facey.</p> <p>FDLC: Olga de Obaldia y JD Vasquez.</p> <p>Researcher: Cherty Mendieta.</p>	13	To share the results, have the institution see the dashboard for the first time.	 <p>Personnel of the D.I.J., being shown the results and the dashboard by O.de Obaldia and the researcher Cherty Mendieta, at the conference room of the D.I.J.</p>



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May 21, 2018	Presenting results	Judicial Branch: president of the Supreme Court, Hernan de Leon. FDLC: O.de Obaldia Researcher: Carlos Lee.	3	To share the results, have the institution see the dashboard for the first time.	 <p>L. to R.: Supreme Court Justice Hernan de Leon (president). Olga de Obaldia, Lic. Carlos Lee (investigator consultant) at the plenary hall of the Supreme Court.</p>
May 30 th , 2018	Presenting results	UNODC – Vienna Transparency International (Secretariat) FDLC	Aprox. 30	To share results with the CrimJust partners and the permanent delegations of 14 countries.	 <p>L. to R.: Giancarlo Soler, Anabella de Rubinoff, Marko Texeira, Zoe Ritter, Tofiq Murshudlu, Constance VonSöhnen, ____, Lotta Lampera.</p>



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July 31st- August 1, 2 2018	Advocacy Workshop for TI Chapters in the CrimJust Project	TI- Secretariat 7 Chapters of TI, including Panama (O.deObaldia, T.Fernandez). UNOCD – Marki Texeira.	Aprox. 20	To develop strategies for advocacy in each country whether close work with the institutions, or public strategies through media and others.	 
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Printed Publication August 2018 (40cm x 60cm) full color foldable pamphlet (300 units).	Design and Publication of JustLead Gap Analysis for Panama	FDLC		<p>Shared with the assessed institutions for the quick reference of best practices indicators.</p> <p>Contents: information on Panama, integrity standards, CrimJust Partners, JUSTLead Gap Analysis for Panama.</p>	 
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December 5 2018	Presenting Results of JUSTLead Gap Analysis	<p>FDLC State Accord For Justice (one representative of each of the following institutions: -Administration Attorney -Public Ministry Attorney -National Assemble -Supreme Court Justices -Ombudsman Office -Attorneys College -Citizens Alliance for Justice -Interfaith Council -Presidential Ministry)</p>	8	<p>To share with the results of the JUSTLead Gap Analysis and the recommendations for improvement of the integrity of the institutions assessed, specially independent budget for the Judiciary.</p>	



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L to R: O.de Obaldia, Public Atorney Julio Dominguez, Congresswoman Ana Matilde Gomez, Administration Attorney Rigoberto Gonzalez, Coordinator Miguel Rodriguez, Attorney Salvador Trsitán of the Citizens Alliance for Justice, Rv. Erick Martinez of the Interfaith Council.



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December 12, 2020	Presenting Results of JUSTLead Gap Analysis and advocating for budget independence for the Judiciary	FDCL Minister of Finance, Eyda Varela de Chichilla and executive team	6	To share with the results of the JUSTLead Gap Analysis and the recommendations for improvement of the integrity of the institutions assessed, specially independent budget for the Judiciary.	


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<p>June 18-19, 2020.</p>	<p>Attending the Annual CrimJust Meeting (in representation of TI-S).</p>	<p>FDLC UNODC INTERPOL EU Government representatives of all the countries that are part of the project.</p>	<p>40</p>	<p>To present TI's contribution to the integrity component of the CrimJust Project, use of the JUSTLead assessment tool and online dashboard, advocacy activities in each of the countries.</p>	
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Sept 2019	Design and online Publication of JUSTLead Gap Analysis Report for Panama.	FDLC		To make available to the institutions, the public and the media, in our website, the result of the Gap Analysis Report and specially the recommendations to the institutions to improve their standards.	 <p>https://www.libertadciudadana.org/proyecto/crimjust/</p>

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NOTE:

Please note the following events/conditions during 2019:

External: Panama's general elections (every five years cycle) were held on May 5th, 2019. Previous to the Elections, all public offices and officials were into no-decision making mode. Thus, it was decided with the TI-S CrimJust coordinator that it was not the most adequate time or environment to start advocacy activities, and to wait for elections results and the subsequent change of public officials.