

## **Assignment: Research and Fact Sheet Creation**

**Objective:** You will research and create a one- or two-page fact sheet or memo about an organization in Panama that we will be visiting. This assignment will help the class learn about these organizations prior to our visit. The fact sheet must be based on factual information, and you are responsible for verifying all data included.

**Type of Assignment:** Individual Project | **Points:** 20 points | **Due Date:** February 26th at 11:59 PM

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### **Guidelines:**

- The fact sheet must be **one or two pages (1 sheet of paper) only**.
- Include **images** relevant to the organization.
- The fact sheet must contain the following:
  - **Organization Name**
  - **Mission, Vision, and Goals**
  - **Interesting Facts** about the organization
  - **Connection to the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs):** Describe how the organization aligns with the UN SDGs, either through its existing work or how it could partner with the UN if not already collaborating.
  - **Student Analysis:** Provide your perspective on how the organization could enhance its partnership with the UN or expand its impact.
- Students are expected to **fact-check all information and ensure accuracy**. Any use of artificial intelligence must be supplemented with verified sources. Plagiarism or unverified data will result in deductions.

### **Approved Organizations:**

Students may choose from the following organizations:

- Ciudad del Saber
- Fundación PROBIDSIDA
- International Organization for Migration (IOM)
- Organization of American States (OAS)
- U.S. Embassy in Panama
- World Food Programme (WFP)

### **Submission Requirements:**

- The final fact sheet (**PDF**) must be submitted via **ELMS-Canvas** by **February 26th at 11:59 PM**.
- Students will present their findings in class on either **March 3rd or March 5th**.
- The completed fact sheets will be shared with the respective organizations.
- All sources must be cited at the bottom of the fact sheet.
- You will also review each other's papers. Each student will review two papers between **Thursday, February 27th and Monday, March 3rd** (by 5:00pm).

# The World Food Programme (WFP)



## Basic information

The World Food Programme was established in 1961 at a UN General Assembly as a combined effort with the UN Food and Agriculture Organization. The WFP's mission is to bring much-needed food to those devastated by conflict, climate change, economic disparity, and inequality. Its ultimate goal is to create a "world with zero hunger." Its vision is to create resilience in the communities it helps, adapt to climate change, and promote future generations by improving current food systems.

## Interesting Facts

1. The World Food Programme won a Nobel Peace Prize in 2020. In the words of The Nobel Prize themselves, the WFP won this award for "its efforts to combat hunger, for its contribution to bettering conditions for peace in conflict-affected areas and for acting as a driving force in efforts to prevent the use of hunger as a weapon of war and conflict."
2. The World Food Programme is committed to supporting local businesses and economies. In 2023 it sourced \$56 million worth of food from smallholder farmers, and 60% of the food that was used that year was purchased in local and regional markets.
3. The World Food Programme provides individuals with climate risk insurance. In 2023, it "provided 5.1 million people in 27 countries with financial protection." It also provides communities with early-warning systems so these at-risk regions will be better equipped when climate shocks and disasters occur.

## Connection to UN SDGs:

The World Food Programme primarily resonates with the 2nd SDG: Zero Hunger. This is the WFP's entire goal, and it works toward it by providing food to countries in desperate need. The WFP also correlates with goal #17: Partnerships for the Goals, as it teams up with a variety of organizations like other UN agencies, private sector companies, and governments.



## Personal Analysis:

The World Food Programme already partners with several UN organizations as it is also under the UN. However, in order to increase its impact, the WFP can expand its partnership with UNICEF. When this partnership was first announced in 2024, it was stated they would be working together to help 15 countries. If this is expanded to more of the 120 countries that the WFP alone supports, more children would have access to food and life-saving supplies.

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# FUNDACIÓN PROBIDSIDA

PRO BIENESTAR Y DIGNIDAD DE LAS PERSONAS AFECTADAS POR EL VIH/SIDA

## MISSION

TO WORK ON HIV PREVENTION AND TO PROMOTE AND DEFEND THE HUMAN RIGHTS AND DIGNITY OF PEOPLE AFFECTED BY HIV-AIDS IN PANAMA



## VISION/GOALS

TO BE THE LEADING ORGANIZATION COMMITTED TO THE NATIONAL HIV/AIDS RESPONSE AND TO PROMOTE COMPREHENSIVE QUALITY CARE FOR THE POPULATION AT LARGE, ESPECIALLY THOSE WITH HIV/AIDS

## KEY INFORMATION

- DR. ORLANDO FRANCISCO QUINTERO AROSEMENA, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND CO-FOUNDER OF PROBIDSIDA, LIVES WITH HIV
- FOR A \$9 DONATION, PROBIDSIDA WILL CONDUCT AN EXAM AND DELIVER YOUR CONFIDENTIAL RESULTS
- THE PROBIDSIDA LABORATORY IS CERTIFIED TO CONDUCT DOZENS OF DIFFERENT HEALTH TESTS

## PARTNERSHIP WITH THE UN

THE UN COULD PARTNER WITH PROBIDSIDA AND PROMOTE THE ORGANIZATION TO RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT HIV/AIDS. IN TURN, PROBIDSIDA COULD SPREAD THE CONCEPT OF UN SDG 3 (GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING)



## CONNECTION TO UN SDGS:

- **GOAL 3: GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING:**
  - PROBIDSIDA CONDUCTS THOUSANDS OF TESTS ANNUALLY AND OFFERS COUNSELING
  - THE PROBIDSIDA YOUTH PROJECT FOCUSES ON PREVENTIVE ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE
- **GOAL 4: QUALITY EDUCATION:**
  - PROBIDSIDA HAS A GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT TASKED WITH SPREADING INFORMATION & AWARENESS
  - PROBIDSIDA HAS EDUCATED OVER 50,000 PEOPLE THROUGH FAIRS, WORKSHOPS, AND TALKS

# Organization of American States (OAS)

The OAS is an international organization that connects 35 independent states in the Americas to address common issues and strive toward shared goals. The organization implements its essential purposes through four pillars: democracy, human rights, security, and development.

## Mission, Vision, and Goals

The essential purposes of the OAS include 1) strengthening peace and security of the continent; 2) promoting representative democracy with respect for nonintervention; 3) preventing difficulties and ensuring settlement of disputes between Member States; 4) providing common action for States in event of aggression; 5) seeking solutions to political, juridical, and economic problems among States; 6) collaborating to promote economic, social, and cultural development; 7) eradicating extreme poverty, which is recognized as a challenge to democratic development, and; 8) achieving effective limit of conventional weapons so that resources can be allotted to economic and social development of Member States.<sup>1</sup>



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## Interesting Facts

- The origin of the OAS traces back to the First International Conference of American States in 1889 and 1890 in Washington DC.<sup>3</sup>
- The OAS facilitates Electoral Observation Missions (EOMs) to analyze and promote democracy in Member States' elections. These missions study gender equity, political financing, media access, and participation of indigenous people in the races.<sup>4</sup>
- While the OAS Headquarters is located in Washington, D.C., the location of the annual General Assembly meeting is based on a rotation. The 2025 General Assembly will be held in Antigua and Barbuda. Picture is from the 2024 General Assembly in Paraguay.<sup>5</sup>



<sup>1</sup> "OAS :: Who We Are : Purpose," n.d. <https://www.oas.org/en/about/purpose.asp>.

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.concordia.net/organization/organization-of-american-states/>

<sup>3</sup> "OAS :: Our History," n.d. [https://www.oas.org/en/about/our\\_history.asp](https://www.oas.org/en/about/our_history.asp).

<sup>4</sup> "OAS:: Secretariat for the Strengthening of Democracy (SFD) - Department for Electoral Cooperation and Observation," n.d., <https://www.oas.org/es/sap/deco/default.asp>.

<sup>5</sup> "OAS :: General Assembly," n.d. [https://www.oas.org/en/about/general\\_assembly.asp](https://www.oas.org/en/about/general_assembly.asp).

## Connection to UN Sustainable Development Goals

The OAS works with the United Nations on several different specific goals:

- 5. Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls: The UN and OAS have collaborated for the "UNiTE to end violence against women".
- 6. Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all: The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and OAS launched the “Internationally Shared Aquifer Resources Management - ISARM Programme” for the Americas to promote cooperation on these international water systems.
- 7. Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable, and modern energy for all: The OAS and the UN Industrial Development Organization collaborated on the Solar Energy Finance Program for the Caribbean to promote solar water heating systems in this area.
- 8. Promote sustained, inclusive, and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment, and decent work for all: The OAS and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development partner to host and participate in trade law and regulation meetings with various government officials.
- 16. Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions: The OAS works with the UN Peacekeeping Operation office to train "anti-trafficking in persons for peace-keeping” projects in the Americas.

While the OAS and UN may not collaborate on all of the Sustainable Development Goals specifically, the OAS has goals and initiatives that greatly align with those of the UN. In addition to what is above, the Department of Sustainable Development of the OAS aims to build resilience and manage disaster risk, aligning with the UN’s 9th SDG to build resilient infrastructure. Additionally, the idea of an agreement between the American States aligns with the 17th SDG to “Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development”.<sup>7</sup>

## Analysis

The OAS already partners with the UN on many different topics, and these organizations have similar goals. The UN has greater reach, but the OAS has regional expertise. To best utilize this partnership, the UN should use its resources to create more programs to eradicate poverty in the Americas, using the guidance and knowledge of the OAS to address these issues. Ending poverty is one of the essential purposes of the OAS and the first SDG listed by the UN.

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<sup>6</sup> <https://plantwithpurpose.org/un-sustainable-development-goals/>

<sup>7</sup> “THE UNITED NATIONS,” 2013,

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