

Team Europe Democracy (TED) Network Grants

Research and Dialogue in Central America - Building Strategies to Support Democracy

Duration: June 2025 - September 2026

Countries of implementation: Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras



OXFAM

Oxfam is a global confederation of over 20 independent member organizations, known as affiliates, working together in over 70 countries to challenge inequality and injustice in partnership with communities. Oxfam in Central America has a common strategy that coordinates efforts in Honduras, Guatemala, El Salvador, and Costa Rica to contribute to a more just, feminist, and sustainable region.

Objective

Generate evidence on dynamics affecting civic space to inform CSOs and international cooperation in Central America, improving support to democracy through renewed strategies and methodologies for political participation and positive narratives based on collaborative, multistakeholder research.

Target Groups / Beneficiaries

- 650 people: 500 engaged in the research consultation phase and 150 attending the launch at Festival Centroamérica Cuenta 2026.
- 75 organisations: 45 Central American CSOs in national dialogues, 20 from other regions, and 10 international cooperation agencies.

Key Activities

Oxfam will conduct research to understand the dynamics that influence the closing of civic space in Central America. The project will provide various opportunities for socialisation and reflection on the research findings to identify common strategies for promoting democracy and an open civic space. The research will be presented at the Festival Centroamérica Cuenta and at events organised with civil society organisations.

Expected Outcomes

- Evidence on how anti-democratic values and practices shape political culture and weaken democracy; good practices from CSOs to resist and offer alternatives.
- Strengthened networks sharing experiences and best practices to defend democracy in authoritarian contexts.
- Greater public awareness of threats to democracy and the role of citizens in its defense.