

# **Fundación Nacional para el Desarrollo (FUNDE)**

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# Our relationship with GIFT

- GIFT is a framework and a network in which Funde bases its work on fiscal transparency. In our written documents or public conversations related to this topic, references to GIFT are usually present.
- Interchanges through meetings, access to working papers and other activities have helped the development of Funde's capacities on fiscal transparency.
- We extensively use GIFT's principles on transparency and public participation as a working framework for training and supporting to other civil society organizations and community based groups.

# Digital technologies

- Access to information cases have been worked to get or build fiscal or budgetary open data.
- Funde is contributing to the governmental Open Data portal ([datos.gob.sv](https://datos.gob.sv)) with scraped datasets on public finance.
- Funde has been advocating the improvement of the El Salvador's fiscal transparency portal.
- Training and support for other civil society organizations and community based groups include topics about the use of fiscal and budgetary open data.

# Citizen engagement

- It is Funde's objective to support civil society organizations and community based groups to advocate participation on fiscal and budget decisions.
- Support is given through training on accessing and using fiscal information, sharing interpretative information related to decisions to be taken by the government, and given advise in the building process of advocacy agendas.
- Working areas of supported groups have include: tax justice advocating, shielding of social programs, and social audit for infrastructure projects.

# Our commitment for GIFT

- Our main commitment is to contribute for building of mechanism for public participation in the national budgetary process.
  - Through litigation on access to public information cases, the government has disclosed the prebudget and other key related documents.
  - Prompting discussions with government officials and civil society organizations about the "on the ground how to" of public participation.
  - Learning and sharing good practices developed by some public offices.
  - Making specific recommendations for the government on identifying and taking advantage of some opportunity windows.
  - Promoting favorable attitudes in the public opinion.