



**Project Name:** Border Security Training Program (BSTP)

**Funder:** Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (DFAIT)

Stakeholders

- DND
- CIDA
- US (a lot at stake)

Participants:

- Guatemalan border police
- Mexican border police
- Belizean border police
- El Salvador border police
- Honduras border police



**Goal:** To address operational coordination of local border police in order to increase border security and begin to address the drug trade. This project will offer training to support local border police in order to better equip the police to begin to address the porous Guatemalan borders and combat the free flow of drug trafficking.

- Objective is not to stop drug trafficking (to ambitious for our funds) but if drug cartels recognize the borders are being mitigated through better policing this will hopefully deter and inconvenience drug cartels making it less profitable in general.
- Strengthening the border will provide a more secure environment thereby creating other venues for local involvement to help create job opportunities outside of the drug trade.
- Possible side effect may include increased violence on the borders, however, as this is a collaborative effort between bordering countries, there is the potential for a multi-state multi-lateral approach to quelling the violence.
- Facilitate round table discussions bringing together stakeholders –military, community leaders, local police.

**Benefits:**

Canada

- Regional stability
- Efforts to minimize drug trafficking throughout the Americas
- Create environment conducive to better trade relations
- In line with Canadian efforts to create stronger relations in the Americas

Guatemala

- Border security
- Developing local capacity and resilience
- Developing mechanisms for improved coordination relations with bordering countries
- Stimulating local economy

**Programs:**

- Regional Training Command for Peacekeeping Operations (CREOMPAZ)
- Latin America Peacekeeping Capacity Building Project (Pearson Peacekeeping Centre)

**Justification:**

- Once borders are more stable this project will provide an opportunity to engage in other local development programs.
- Helps create security and reduce loss of life
- Encourages a collaborative relation between bordering countries
- Simultaneously addressing the drug trade while also addressing economic disparity
- Intended as first step in addressing larger issues
- Meets prereqs for START's Global Peace and Stability Fund which could allow for expansion on project

**Project Assessment:**

A) Clearly defined goals and objectives

- Increased coordination between countries with regards to border security
  - More cooperative training
  - Join training missions, join border security exercises
- More effective border security practices
  - Interception of drugs at border
  - Number of reported cases of drug related activity and violence
  - Number border guards having received proper training

B) Ability to satisfy needs and interests of stakeholders

- Stakeholder and local border police involvement
- Any increased border security will satisfy stakeholders to a certain degree

- C) Meet all objectives within budget and time frame
- Training programs run a set length and multiple will be offered during our 2 year general time frame
  - Costs will be monitored based on training programs and how many people participate

**Performance:**

- A) Local Population: Larger security presence at borders, with specific questions being asked, checking visas/passports, more effective tracking of who crosses the border, more effective and thorough searches, border patrols, more visibility
- Professionalization of and less corruption within existing police forces
  - Avenues of participation will be open to local population
  - Creation of jobs in different sectors, including security, but also through the support of local entrepreneurs
- B) Indicators of success:
- Comparing measures of drug trafficking before and after implementation of the program
  - Economic growth in local communities
    - Measured by rise in local income levels, job creation
  - Levels of violence:
    - Indicators: number of violent deaths, arrests,
    - Indicator: Reported levels of violence (higher reporting is not necessarily bad as it is indicative of greater trust in police forces)
- C) Monitoring activity:
- General follow up with regard to effectiveness of training programs i.e. are they using the methods taught
  - Have locally organized committees communicate concerns and or desires to organizations being supported by the program initiative
- D) What Agency: DFAIT
- E) Follow up activities:
- Observer teams to monitor behaviour of trained officers (although acknowledge Hawthorne effect)
  - Communication with local organizations regarding progress and effectiveness
- F) Part of preventative action is creating jobs as alternatives to becoming involved in cartels
- Addresses youth bulge issue
- G) Also promotes and increases stability in the region through greater visibility of forces

