

Fiscal Governance of States and Localities

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Agenda

1. Fiscal decentralization in Colombia

2. Experiences with strengthening intergovernmental fiscal relations

3. Policy Reform plans





Fiscal Decentralization in Colombia

Current Decentralization Model

Regulatory Framework

Political Constitution of Colombia 1991

<u>Article 1</u>. "Colombia is a social rule of law, organized as a unitary, decentralized, democratic, participatory and pluralist Republic, with the autonomy of its territorial entities".

<u>Article 286:</u> The departments, districts, municipalities, and indigenous territories are territorial entities. The law may give the character of territorial entity to the regions and provinces that are constituted under the terms of the Constitution and the law.

<u>Article 287:</u> The territorial entities shall be granted autonomy for the management of their interests. In such virtue they shall have the following rights:

- To be governed by their authorities.
- To exercise the powers that correspond to them.
- To administer the resources and establish the taxes necessary for the fulfillment of their functions.
- To participate in national revenues

Fiscal Decentralization

Subnational governments fiscal attributions and responsibilities that allows them to achieve a higher level of autonomy in the financing their revenues and, therefore, in the decision-making process regarding the destination of their expenditures

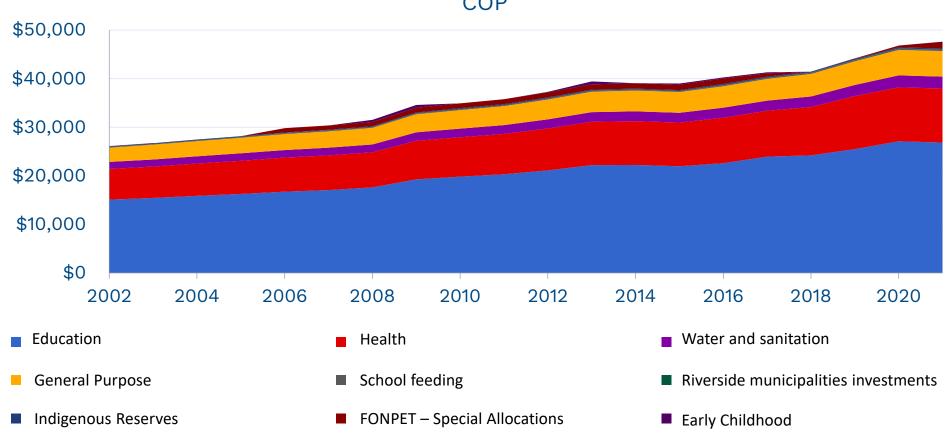
Current Context

Primary sources of territorial financing: tax and non-tax revenues (own resources), resources from the General System of Participations and other transfers from the Nation, royalties, co-financing resources, and credit.

Within the most important tax revenues, we highlight the following: Industry and Commerce and the property tax for municipalities, liquor, and beer tax, and registration and annotation tax for departments

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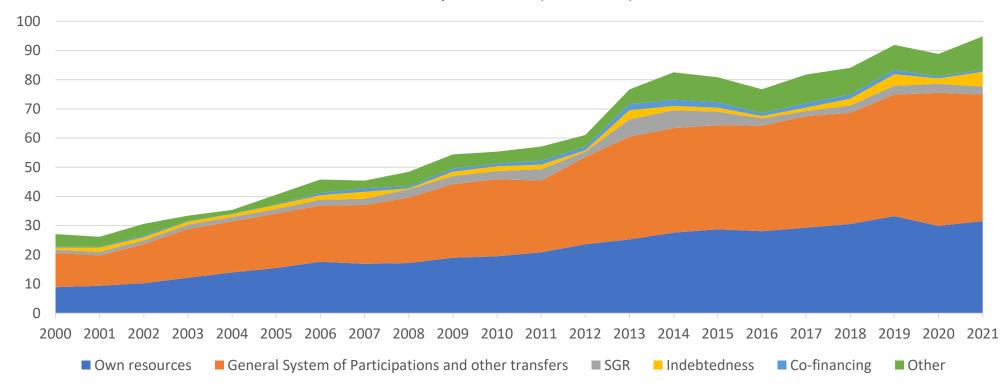
Transfers System: The general participation system (SGP) is created to allocate resources to adequately finance the provision of public goods and services by subnational governments such as departments, districts, and municipalities (Article 356)



Distribution of the General System of Participations (SGP) Billions of COP

Current Decentralization Model

Incomes: Article 287 stipulates the territorial entities right to administer the resources and establish the necessary taxes for the fulfillment of their functions



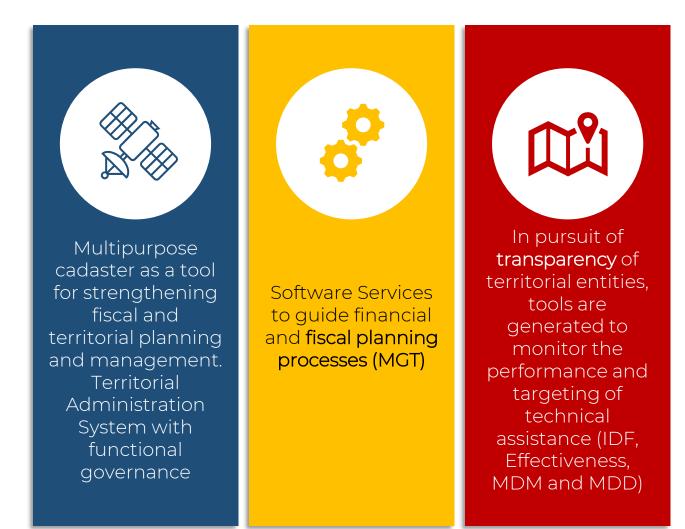
Municipal Incomes (2000-2021)





Experiences strengthening intergovernmental fiscal relations

Strategies for territorial strengthening



Decentralization Mission to promote institutional and regulatory arrangements to deepen the model





Policy Reform Plans

Decentralization Mission: an opportunity for regional development



Assess the current decentralization model and propose constitutional and legislative initiatives to define and organize responsibilities and capacities between levels of government.

Allocation of territorial responsabilities based on government capacities

Finance: checking for **diverse funding sources** and **optimizing local public expenditure**

Modernizing public administration mechanisms and strengthening capacities at local, regional, and national levels

Promoting open government, accountability transparency, and citizen participation mechanisms at local and regional levels

Fulfilling agreements on **decentralization affairs with indigenous** communities

Decentralization Mission: reorienting decentralization towards four goals





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