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LOCALIZING SDGS: INTEGRATING VOLUNTARY LOCAL REVIEWS INTO VOLUNTARY NATIONAL REVIEW PROCESSES

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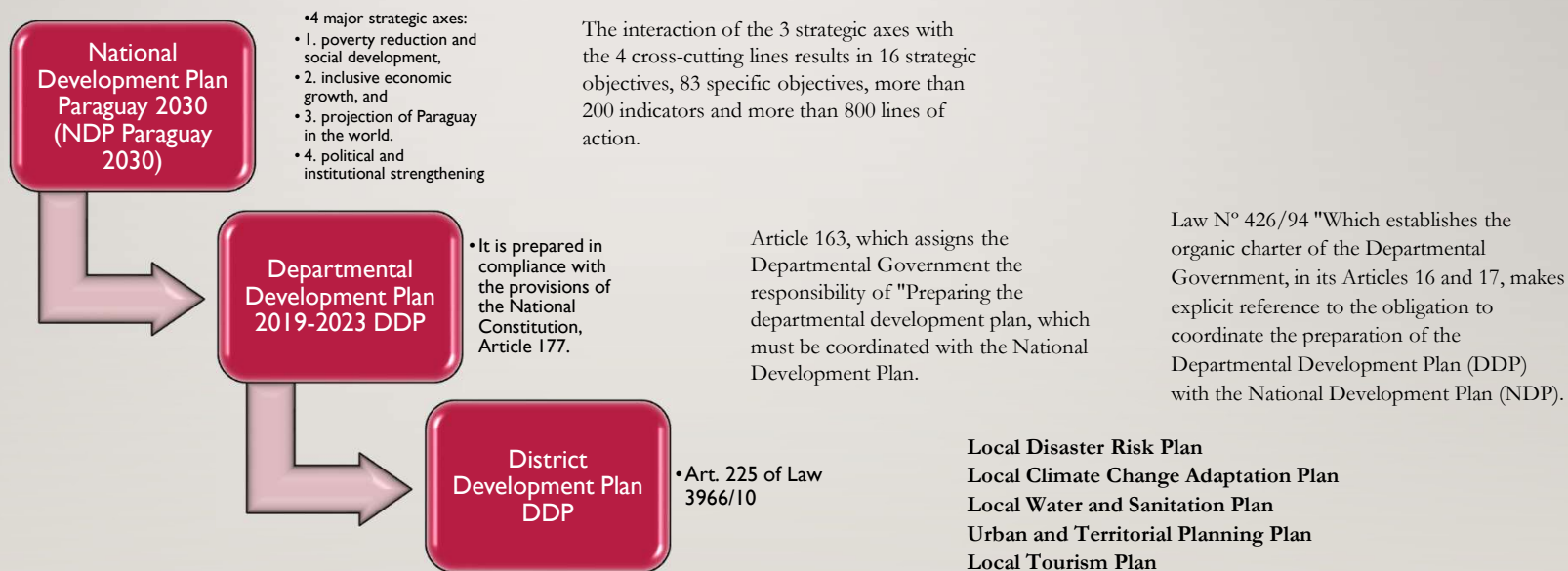


- The department of Boqueron is the largest at the national level, with an area of 91,669 km², which represents 22.54% of the entire national territory. It has a population of 68,080 inhabitants, one of the departments with the smallest population, despite its size. The department is divided into 4 districts, with 38% of the population living in urban areas and 62% in rural areas. More than 21% of the country's indigenous population lives in this department, with 62% of them living in urban areas.
- The municipality of Filadelfia (13,879 km²), conceived as the administrative center of the Fernheim Mennonite colony, was founded in 1931 and later promoted to departmental capital in 1993 by the Paraguayan government. In 2006 the district of Filadelfia was created with its respective Municipality, covering an area of 13,879 km². Today, Filadelfia has a population of approximately 25,000 inhabitants, of which 19,000 live in the urban area. It has an annual budget of USD 3.5 million.

PRIORITY AREAS FOR THE MUNICIPALITY

- WATER – Top priority; the Central Chaco is characterized by arid conditions and increasingly severe droughts (most of the year is dry). The scarcity of water and difficult access, both for human consumption and the productive sector, impacts on health, education and productivity (including at the family level).
- HEALTH
- ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE
- With emphasis on the most vulnerable groups, including indigenous people, children and youth and others.

INTERACTION OF PUBLIC POLICIES AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS (DEPARTMENTAL AND MUNICIPAL)



LOCALIZING THE SDG

- In consideration of the linkages between SDGs, National Development Plan, Department Development Plan and District Development Plan, localizing SDGs is crucial
- The Municipality has focused on some specific activities, including
 - Hosting an SDG expo in collaboration with the UN System
 - Currently developing a Voluntary Local Review (VLR) exercise in collaboration with the UN system in Paraguay and UN DESA
- Strengthening local data management as well as analytical capacity would constitute a key step towards better planning and monitoring of development indicators.

VLR

- Filadelfia municipality is conducting a VLR exercise with Support from UN-DESA and the UN Paraguay
- Extremely useful exercise for the **collection and analysis of adequate, disaggregated data** on the local SDG situation
- Fundamental to identify and showcase **current efforts, results achieved**, but also to **identify and present gaps** that need further attention and assistance.
- Moreover, the VLR process provides a **crucial contribution to the dissemination of knowledge, awareness rising** and local appropriation of SDGs and Agenda 2030. It's important to underline that in many local settings the knowledge of Agenda 2030 and SDGs is limited.

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- The VLR process is also **strengthening inclusion**, since various societal groups are involved in the consultations.
- In addition, the process **fosters and improves multilevel governance and coordination among various levels of the Administration** (central and municipal). At a more advanced stage in the VLR formulation process, linkages between the involved municipalities and the national SDG Commission (including some key members at the National level such as the Technical Secretariat for Planning – STP) shall be further strengthened.
- Finally, it is useful to note that the VLR process also **reinvigorated the interaction between the involved Municipalities and International organizations (UN-DESA and UN Paraguay)**, as well as with the **international goals and agendas (SDGs and Agenda 2030)**.

THANK YOU

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