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Organized Crime and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean

A Research Network Project

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Summary

While progress has been made in documenting the presence and impacts of organized criminal activity in Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC), substantial knowledge gaps remain. These gaps limit the ability of policymakers and practitioners to design effective, evidence-based strategies that can prevent the emergence and persistence of organized crime, reduce harms, build institutional resilience, and promote inclusive development.

This Latin America and the Caribbean Research Network project aims at filling these gaps by advancing the knowledge on the dynamics, drivers, consequences, and policy responses related to organized crime in the LAC region.