

Instituto Mais Democracia (IMD) – Brazil

The Instituto Mais Democracia (IMD) is a civil society organization (CSO) that emerged from the heart of the transparency social movement in Brazil in 2010. IMD seeks to address systemic political and economic issues that lead to exclusion, poverty, and injustice – despite Brazil's development and growth. It advocates for decentralizing political and economic power and monitors the budgetary relationship between the country's private and public sectors. For instance, IMD is currently focused on improving oversight of projects funded by the Brazilian Development Bank (Banco Nacional de Desenvolvimento Economico e Social, or BNDES), which is financed largely with tax revenues. The BNDES is one of the largest development banks in the world with investments in Brazil, Latin America, and Africa that totaled more than BRL168.4 billion (US\$97 billion) in 2010 –with very little accountability.

Monitoring Public Funds for the 2014 World Cup and the 2016 Olympics in Brazil

The BNDES is a major source of financing for Brazil's ambitious public investment programs. Though it plays a critical role in the country's development, the BNDES' closed-door transactions with private companies involved in pollution and land rights scandals have landed it in the center of controversy. Based on its experience in the BNDES Platform (a coalition of CSOs and citizens advocating for greater transparency in the BNDES), IMD has formed a civil society coalition to monitor the millions that the Bank will invest in infrastructure projects for the Mega Sports Events

(the 2014 World Cup and the 2016 Olympics). The coalition is called the Network to Monitor the Mega Sports Events (REME) and will monitor the largely "off budget" flow of funds from the BNDES through the Olympic Public Authority, an institution whose oversight mechanisms are equally weak as those of BNDES, for these projects. Its objective is through this oversight work is to "contribute to the development of social, environmental and transparency criteria to be met by the Bank in its financing of urban interventions."

The BNDES Platform has mostly focused on monitoring BNDES-funded projects in Brazil's rural areas, but through its collaboration with IMD and REME it will be able to expand the scope of its work to urban projects. By pushing the Platform to adopt a more comprehensive approach to monitoring publicly financed development projects in Brazil, IMD hopes to promote a development model that is more fair, just, and respectful of citizen rights.

IMD and REME will closely monitor the flow of funds to the Mega Sports Projects, including analyzing investment trends to understand the types of projects and the entities that the BNDES is funding and the process for making these decisions. They will also monitor the impacts, including environmental, of the BNDES-funded Mega Sports urban intervention projects. A main focus of the coalition's advocacy will be to push for greater transparency and accountability in the use of public funds for these projects, meaningful public participation throughout the process, and adherence to the obligation protect the environment.

IMD's Participation in the Partnership Initiative

For the next two years, the Partnership Initiative (PI) will support the activities of IMD within the REME and the Mega Sports activities. The PI support will also be used to boost the institutional consolidation of this nascent organization.

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