

World Bank Group Country Survey FY 2024 – Paraguay

The World Bank Group seeks your insights regarding our engagement and activities in Paraguay. Our goal is to refine our country program to achieve greater impact and tangible results. As an integral partner, leader, and decision-maker, your perspective is invaluable.

We deeply value your participation in this crucial consultation. Your honest feedback will not only shape the future of our work in Paraguay but also help the Bank to foster better development outcomes for the country. We are committed to sharing the findings of this survey with you, ensuring that your voice drives our initiatives forward.

To maintain the integrity and confidentiality of this process, we have engaged a reputable local firm to manage the survey logistics. Your responses will remain anonymous and no feedback will be linked to any specific individual.

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

1. What is your primary professional affiliation? (Select only 1 response)	
1	Office of the President, Minister
2	Office of a Parliamentarian (National Assembly, Legislative body)
3	Government Institution: Employee of a Ministry / Ministerial Department / Project Implementation Unit / Independent Government Institution (e.g., Central Bank, Regulatory or Oversight Agency) / Judiciary / State-Owned Enterprise
4	Local Government Office or Staff
5	Bilateral or Multilateral Agency (e.g., embassy, development organization, development bank, UN Agency)
6	Civil Society Organization: local and regional (NGO; Community-Based Organization; Private Foundation; Professional / Trade association, Faith-Based Group, Youth Group)
7	Private Sector: Private Company / Financial Sector Organization / Private Bank
8	Academia / Research Centers
9	Media
10	Other (please specify): _____

2. How familiar are you with the work of these organizations in Paraguay?		Not familiar at all										Very familiar
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
1	World Bank Group	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
2	International Monetary Fund	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
3	United Nations	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
4	European Union	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
5	Inter-American Development Bank (IDB/BID)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
6	Latin American Development Bank (CAF)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
7	United States Agency for International Development (USAID)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
8	Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
9	Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
10	Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
11	Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation (AECID)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	

3. Do you collaborate/work with the World Bank Group (WBG) in Paraguay?	
1	Yes
2	No [skip to A1]

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

4. Which of the following WBG agencies do you collaborate/work with in Paraguay? (Select ALL that apply)

1	World Bank (IBRD)
2	International Finance Corporation (IFC)
3	Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA)
4	International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID)

SECTION A: OVERALL ATTITUDES TOWARD THE WORLD BANK GROUP IN PARAGUAY

A1. How much do you trust each of the following institutions to do what is right for Paraguay?												Don't know
		Not at all										Very much
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
1	World Bank Group	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	International Monetary Fund	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	Bilateral organizations (e.g., KOICA, JICA, GIZ, USAID, AECID)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	United Nations (e.g., OMS, UNICEF, UNFPA, PNUD, FAO, ILO, etc.)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	<input type="checkbox"/>
5	Regional development banks (e.g., IDB/BID, CAF)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	<input type="checkbox"/>
6	Private sector	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	<input type="checkbox"/>
7	Civil society (e.g., NGOs, CBOs)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	<input type="checkbox"/>
8	Faith-based institutions (e.g. Catholic Church, Protestant Church)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	<input type="checkbox"/>
9	Academia / research centers	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	<input type="checkbox"/>
10	Traditional media (including their web presence e.g., newspapers, TV stations, radio)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	<input type="checkbox"/>
11	Web-based media (i.e., blogs, social media, other web-based news and information sources)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	<input type="checkbox"/>

A2. How effective is the World Bank Group (WBG) in helping Paraguay achieve development results?												
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10			
										<input type="checkbox"/>		
Not effective at all										Very effective		Don't know

A3. How significant a contribution do you believe the WBG's <u>knowledge work</u> makes to development results in Paraguay?												
<i>Knowledge work includes data resources, analytical reports, policy notes, hands-on advice, and knowledge-sharing workshops or training programs.</i>												
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10			
										<input type="checkbox"/>		
Not significant at all										Very significant		Don't know

SECTION A: OVERALL ATTITUDES TOWARD THE WORLD BANK GROUP IN PARAGUAY

To what extent do you agree with the following statements?													
		Strongly disagree										Strongly agree	Don't know
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		
A4	The WBG currently plays a relevant role in development in Paraguay												<input type="checkbox"/>
A5	The WBG's work is aligned with what I consider the development priorities for Paraguay												<input type="checkbox"/>
A6	The WBG has a positive influence on shaping development policy in Paraguay												<input type="checkbox"/>
A7	The WBG's work helps end poverty in Paraguay												<input type="checkbox"/>

SECTION B: WORLD BANK GROUP'S WORK AND EFFECTIVENESS IN PARAGUAY

B1. Which WBG instruments do you VALUE the most in Paraguay? (Select up to 2)	
1	Convening / bringing together different groups of stakeholders
2	Development partner coordination
3	Implementation support (incl. project design and implementation)
4	Technical assistance
5	Reimbursable Advisory Services (RAS)
6	Financial resources (e.g., budget support, investment lending, grants, trust funds)
7	Mobilizing third party financial resources (incl. both public and private)
8	Informal advice that WBG's staff provides (e.g., memos, short evidence notes, informal discussions, and emails)
9	Data and statistics
10	Promoting knowledge sharing
11	Other (please specify): _____

B2. When thinking about how the WBG can have the most impact on development results in the country, which areas do you believe the WBG should prioritize with its resources to have the most impact on development results in Paraguay? (Select up to 5)			
1	Gender equity	12	Environment / natural resource management
2	Water / sanitation	13	Urban development
3	Health / pandemic preparedness (e.g., COVID-19)	14	Social protection (e.g., pensions, targeted social assistance)
4	Transport infrastructure	15	Job creation / employment
5	Energy	16	Crime and violence
6	Public sector governance (i.e., government effectiveness, public financial management, public expenditure, fiscal system reform)	17	Judicial reform and anticorruption
7	Agriculture / food security / rural development	18	Early childhood development
8	Education and skills	19	Economic growth, trade, and investment
9	Climate change and pollution	20	Other (please specify): _____
10	Digital infrastructure development		
11	Private sector development		

SECTION B: WORLD BANK GROUP'S WORK AND EFFECTIVENESS IN PARAGUAY

Listed below are development areas where the WBG is engaged in Paraguay, organized by major thematic clusters.

How EFFECTIVE has the WBG been at achieving development results in each of these areas of human development in Paraguay? <i>(If you have NO exposure to/experience in working in any of these areas, please respond "Don't know")</i>		Not effective at all										Very effective	Don't know
B3. Human Development:													
1	Education: more resilient, equitable and higher-quality education systems	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	<input type="checkbox"/>	
2	Health: universal health coverage, strengthening health system focusing on primary health care and pandemic preparedness	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	<input type="checkbox"/>	
3	Early Childhood Development: health, nutrition, nurturing care, childcare, child protection, early childhood education, family support, quality ECD services, qualified workforce	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	<input type="checkbox"/>	
4	Social protection: pensions, social assistance, social safety nets	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	<input type="checkbox"/>	
5	Social inclusion: increasing opportunities for marginalized people to participate fully in markets, services, technologies, and society	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	<input type="checkbox"/>	
6	Gender equity: close gender gaps in health, education, social protection, economic opportunities, and voice and agency	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	<input type="checkbox"/>	

How EFFECTIVE has the WBG been at achieving development results in each of these areas of infrastructure in Paraguay? <i>(If you have NO exposure to/experience in working in any of the sectors listed below, please respond "Don't know")</i>		Not effective at all										Very effective	Don't know
B4. Infrastructure:													
1	Transport: roads, bridges, sustainable transportation, urban mobility, road safety	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	<input type="checkbox"/>	
2	Water supply and sanitation infrastructure	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	<input type="checkbox"/>	
3	Digital development: digital infrastructure, digital services, digital skills development	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	<input type="checkbox"/>	
4	Urban development: urban planning, services, and institutions	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	<input type="checkbox"/>	
5	Energy / extractives: access to energy, transition to cleaner energy sources; governance of oil, gas, and mineral resources	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	<input type="checkbox"/>	

SECTION B: WORLD BANK GROUP'S WORK AND EFFECTIVENESS IN PARAGUAY

How **EFFECTIVE** has the WBG been at achieving development results in each of these areas of **finance / institutions / economic growth** in Paraguay?

(If you have NO exposure to/experience in working in any of the sectors listed below, please respond "Don't know")

B5. Finance / Institutions / Economic growth:		Not effective at all										Very effective	Don't know
1	Public sector governance: accountability, and transparency of the government institutions	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	<input type="checkbox"/>	
2	Fiscal policy and debt: debt management, tax policy, expenditure efficiency and effectiveness	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	<input type="checkbox"/>	
3	Trade and integration: access to markets, tariffs, customs	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	<input type="checkbox"/>	
4	Private sector development: business regulation, access to finance, improved competitiveness	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	<input type="checkbox"/>	
5	Job creation / employment: labor market policies, skills development	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	<input type="checkbox"/>	
6	Economic growth and stability: monetary and fiscal policies, productivity, investments	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	<input type="checkbox"/>	

How **EFFECTIVE** has the WBG been at achieving development results in each of these areas of **environmental sustainability** in Paraguay?

(If you have NO exposure to/experience in working in any of the sectors listed below, please respond "Don't know")

B6. Environmental Sustainability:		Not effective at all										Very effective	Don't know
1	Environment / natural resource management: air/water quality, sustainable land and aquatic resource management, biodiversity	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	<input type="checkbox"/>	
2	Climate change: adaptation and transition to low-carbon economy	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	<input type="checkbox"/>	
3	Agriculture and food security: sustainable agriculture, inclusive and efficient food systems	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	<input type="checkbox"/>	

SECTION C: WORLD BANK GROUP'S ENGAGEMENT AND COLLABORATION IN PARAGUAY

C1. To what extent is the WBG an effective development partner in terms of the following?												
		To no degree at all					To a very significant degree					Don't know
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
1	Responsiveness to needs in Paraguay	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	Access to WBG staff and experts	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	Flexibility when circumstances change in the country	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	Openness (sharing data and other information)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	<input type="checkbox"/>
5	Being a long-term partner to Paraguay	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	<input type="checkbox"/>

C2. To what extent is the WBG an effective development partner in Paraguay, in terms of collaborating with the following groups?												
		To no degree at all					To a very significant degree					Don't know
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
1	The Government	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	Local government	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	Parliament / legislative branch	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	Private sector	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	<input type="checkbox"/>
5	Civil society (e.g., NGOs, CBOs)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	<input type="checkbox"/>
6	Other donors and development partners (e.g., IDB, CAF, UNDP, KOICA, JICA, GIZ, USAID, AECID)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	<input type="checkbox"/>
7	Academia / research centers	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	<input type="checkbox"/>
8	Media	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	<input type="checkbox"/>

C3. In addition to its partnership with the national government, which of the following should the WBG collaborate with more to have greater impact in the country? (Select up to 2)	
1	Local government
2	Parliament / legislative branch
3	Private sector
4	Civil society (e.g., NGOs, CBOs)
5	Other donors and development partners
6	Academia / research centers
7	Media
8	Youth groups
9	Faith-based groups
10	Other (please specify): _____

SECTION C: WORLD BANK GROUP'S ENGAGEMENT AND COLLABORATION IN PARAGUAY

The following questions ask about **the WBG's financial support to Paraguay**.

C4. To what extent do you agree with the following statements?													
<i>(If you have NO exposure to, or experience with the WBG's financing, please respond "Don't know")</i>													
		Strongly disagree										Strongly agree	Don't know
1	The WBG's financial instruments (i.e., budget support, loans, grants, trust funds) meet the needs of Paraguay	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	<input type="checkbox"/>	
2	The conditions of the WBG's financing are competitive compared to markets	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	<input type="checkbox"/>	
3	The WBG provides financial support in a timely manner	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	<input type="checkbox"/>	
4	The WBG insists on accountability through its lending (e.g., performance-based financing, resources tied to results)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	<input type="checkbox"/>	
5	The WBG's Environmental and Social Framework requirements are reasonable	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	<input type="checkbox"/>	
6	The WBG effectively monitors and evaluates the projects it supports in Paraguay	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	<input type="checkbox"/>	

The following questions ask about **the WBG's knowledge work in Paraguay**.

Knowledge work is WBG's non-lending activities that include data resources, analytical reports, policy notes, hands-on advice, and knowledge-sharing workshops or training programs.

C5. Have you ever used the WBG's knowledge work, including participating in workshops or training programs?	
1	Yes
2	No

C6. To what extent do you agree with the following statements?													
<i>(If you have NO exposure to, or experience with the WBG's knowledge work, please respond "Don't know")</i>													
		Strongly disagree										Strongly agree	Don't know
1	I am satisfied with the quality of the WBG's knowledge work in Paraguay	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	<input type="checkbox"/>	
2	Working with the WBG increases Paraguay's institutional capacity	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	<input type="checkbox"/>	
3	The WBG brings global expertise to Paraguay as part of its knowledge work	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	<input type="checkbox"/>	
4	The WBG's knowledge work is tailored to Paraguay's context	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	<input type="checkbox"/>	
5	When I need to consult the WBG's knowledge work, I know how to find it	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	<input type="checkbox"/>	

SECTION C: WORLD BANK GROUP’S ENGAGEMENT AND COLLABORATION IN PARAGUAY

C7. Paraguay Ahora (www.paraguayahora.com) is a WBG-supported platform that facilitates policy dialogue among young leaders with the goal to help address the country’s challenges and shape development policies. How relevant do you believe the platform is in terms of improvement of social capital in Paraguay? (If you are not familiar with this platform, please respond “Don’t know”)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	<input type="checkbox"/>
Not relevant at all									Very relevant	Don't know

SECTION D: THE WORLD BANK GROUP IN PARAGUAY GOING FORWARD

D1. In your opinion, what is the most important thing the WBG could do to increase its effectiveness in Paraguay? (Please be specific)

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SECTION E: WORLD BANK GROUP'S COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION SHARING

E1. How would you prefer to receive communication from the WBG? (Select up to 2)

1	e-Newsletters	4	Direct messaging (e.g., WhatsApp)
2	Direct contact with staff (e.g., in person, virtually, phone, email)	5	Event / conference / seminar / workshop (in person or online)
3	Social media (e.g., Facebook, Twitter)	6	Other (please specify): _____

E2. Do you recall seeing or hearing anything about the WBG recently?

1	Yes
2	No [skip to E5]

E3. If you answered "Yes" for E2, where do you recall seeing or hearing this information? (Select ALL that apply)

1	Television (TV)	7	Direct contact with WBG staff (e.g., in person, virtually, phone, email)
2	Radio	8	Blogs
3	Newspapers (print or online)	9	Podcasts
4	Event / conference / seminar (in person or online)	10	e-Newsletters
5	WBG websites	11	Direct messaging (e.g., WhatsApp)
6	Social media	12	Other (please specify): _____

SECTION E: WORLD BANK'S COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION SHARING

E4. If you answered "Yes" for E2, what topics were included in what you saw or heard about WBG's work or research? (Select ALL that apply)

1	Climate change
2	Pandemic preparedness
3	Job creation / employment
4	Human capital (education, health)
5	Food security
6	Digital economy
7	Women empowerment / gender equality
8	Youth development
9	Debt relief for developing countries
10	Ending poverty in developing countries
11	Economic growth and forecasts
12	Changes to the WBG financial and operational model
13	Other (please specify): _____

E5. How concerned are you about the following potential impacts of climate change in Paraguay?

		Not concerned at all	A little concerned	Somewhat concerned	Very concerned	NA
1	More frequent and intense wildfires	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	Decreased crop yields / increased food insecurity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	Climate-driven migration	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	More frequent and severe floods	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5	More frequent and severe droughts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6	More frequent and severe heatwaves	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7	Air pollution	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8	Extinction of plant / animal species	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9	Land and forest degradation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10	Loss of jobs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11	Increased erosion of shoreline	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12	Decreased water availability / quality	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13	Increased poverty / inequality	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

SECTION F: ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND INFORMATION

F1. What is the primary specialization of your work? (Select only 1 response)			
1	Education	13	Climate change
2	Health / pandemic preparedness	14	Agriculture and food security
3	Social protection	15	Urban development
4	Gender equity	16	Legal / human rights
5	Transport	17	Generalist (specialize in multiple sectors)
6	Water / sanitation	18	Communications, public affairs
7	Digital development	19	Social development
8	Energy	20	Data and statistics
9	Public sector governance	21	Tourism
10	Macroeconomics, fiscal / debt management	22	Trade and competitiveness
11	Private sector development / trade	23	Other (please specify): _____
12	Environment / natural resource management		

F2. What is your gender?	
1	Female
2	Male
3	Other
4	Prefer not to specify

F3. What is your age?	
1	25 or younger
2	26-35
3	36-45
4	46-55
5	56 and above
6	Prefer not to specify

F4. Which best represents your geographic location?	
1	Capital and Central Department
2	Western Region
3	Eastern Region

Thank you for completing this survey!