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My mission is to strengthen the ecosystem of philanthropy and social innovation in Latin America by turning evidence into action. Building on over a decade of experience across international development, humanitarian response, and applied research, I lead efforts to design, measure, and scale interventions that deliver measurable impact. I bring together diverse partners, from civil society and academia to donors and the private sector, to co-create solutions that expand opportunity and resilience across the region.

Education

2012-13 Central European University (HU),	M.A. in Public Policy (Merit)
2011-12 University of York (UK),	M.A. in Public Admin (Distinction)
2003-08 Universidad Javeriana (COL),	B.A. in Political Science (4.1 GPA)

Job experience

2023 - Present

Founder & Director / [OnceOnce](#), [Filántropos](#)

Grounded in social sciences, **OnceOnce** explores innovative ways to tackle complex social issues and design cost-effective interventions. **Filántropos.org** is a knowledge-sharing platform focused on the latest developments in high-impact philanthropy.

- **Held a generalist role** encompassing administrative, operational, strategic, and advocacy responsibilities to champion innovative approaches to high-impact philanthropy across Latin America.
- **Directed multidisciplinary teams for impact evaluations** across sectors including postgraduate education, civic leadership, migration, and road safety, integrating qualitative and quantitative approaches for robust causal inference.
- **Led the design of Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning (MEL) systems** for organizations working in rural development, humanitarian response, leadership development, and health, ensuring evidence-based decision making and adaptive management across diverse contexts.
- **Developed organization-wide learning agendas** to close global evidence gaps in humanitarian action, income generation, and primary health care, translating research into actionable learning priorities.
- **Authored theories of change** for multi-country development programs grounded in systematic literature reviews and aligned with global standards such as SDG indicators and WHO benchmarks.
- **Built adaptive learning systems** that transform raw data into insight, linking lean data collection, automated validation and visualization tools, and evidence feedback loops for real-time course correction and scaling.
- **Experienced in project management and donor compliance**, trained in PMBOK and lean methodologies.
- **Fluent in donor MEL frameworks and bidding platforms:** UN agencies, USAID, European Commission, World Bank, IDB, CAF, IDRC, KOICA, SIDA, Cowater, AFD, and Connect Americas.

2021-2023

Regional MEL Adviser / Save the Children International – [Program for Strengthening CSOs](#)

- Developed and institutionalized a comprehensive MEL framework and digital data system, enhancing program accountability and reporting to donors.
- Provided technical assistance to civil society partners across Latin America to design MEL systems integrating child protection and safeguarding standards.

2018-2021

Monitoring and Evaluation Leader / [IFRC](#)

- Developed and institutionalized MEL systems for humanitarian and development portfolios addressing Venezuelan displacement, improving data quality.
- Led the formulation of MEL frameworks for health and WASH programs, aligning indicators with global and donor standards.
- Conducted [regional socio-economic analyses during COVID-19](#), integrating political-economy perspectives to guide response and recovery planning.

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- Commissioned and managed external evaluations consistent with OECD-DAC and donor compliance frameworks, fostering a culture of learning for next iterations of the program.

2017-2018

International Program Coordinator / [Misión de Observación Electoral](#)

- Cultivated donor partnerships and authored winning proposals to USAID, OSF, ECHO, and Google.org, strengthening programmatic reach and institutional credibility.
- Directed a flagship study on campaign finance and corruption; mobilized USD 50,000 in research funding and disseminated findings through national media.
- Developed [data-driven visualization tools to map electoral risk](#) and guide civil society advocacy efforts.
- Oversaw an independent process evaluation of a SIDA-financed initiative to enhance learning and accountability.

2008-2016

Earlier roles at UNDP, FAO, and Colombian Development Agency focused on democratic governance, strategic planning, and evidence-based policy formulation

- Co-authored UNDP's Country Programme Document (CPD) for the 2015-2019
- Designed a national participation strategy to support the implementation of Colombia's Food Security Policy.
- Authored a "Colombia 2019" white paper about the future of Colombian democracy as seen by the investment budget.

Other academic and relevant activities

- Speaker at HUBLAC: Hub de Evidencia de Latinoamérica y el Caribe. Nov 2025.
- Special guest to the Anticipatory Action meeting in Colombia convened by Uniandes and Rockefeller Foundation.
- Seminar: High Impact Philanthropy: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ogqv1d4JsrE>
- Blogpost: The origins of effective altruism: https://www.comparativa.com.co/post/altruismo_eficaz_definicion
- Training in [Humanitarian Information Analysis Course](#) (IFRC), RCTs (JPAL in Coursera), [Effective Altruism](#) (Peter Singer in Coursera).
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- Cabezas Parlantes (2018, podcast). Conversations with the new generation of Colombian scientists. Available at: <http://anfego4.wixsite.com/cabezasparlantes>
- Gómez, A (2018). El contrato fiscal de los municipios en Colombia. Mapa de Riesgo Electoral. Misión de Observación Electoral.
- PNUD (2015). Fortalecimiento de Actores Comunitarios para el Diálogo Público. Gobernabilidad Democrática
- Gómez, A (2014). Centros de Pensamiento y Universidades en Colombia: cooperación y retos. Grupo Faro.