El Salvador — A receipt, a reconstruction and the right to check both



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El Salvador brings a Pacific-facing Central American comparison to the Caribbean framework. The useful exchanges are practical: how to correct a payment alert, how to mark uncertainty in a school illustration, and how an official warning keeps its source and time as it travels from one channel to another.

The decision before local leaders

This paper proposes two starting points for El Salvador. Before either begins, the service owner should agree on an existing comparison service, a way to challenge an error and the conditions for ending the trial.

Run a classroom test using labelled reconstructions of the same object.

Proposed lead. Participating teacher and heritage reviewer

What to measure. Pupils who correctly distinguish documented details from inferred ones.

Run remittance flags in shadow mode before any delay reaches a customer.

Proposed lead. Payment provider’s operations manager

What to measure. False holds, resolution time and payments delayed beyond the existing service standard.

Local evidence in context

Indicator	Value	Observation	Source
Population	6,365,503	2025	World Bank WDI
GDP per person, current US dollars	5,767	2025	World Bank WDI
Residents aged 65 and over	8.3%	2025	World Bank WDI
People using the internet	66.5%	2024	ITU / World Bank

The year and geographic coverage belong to each observation. These figures describe the jurisdiction as a whole. Collect service-level figures before setting a cost target, staff requirement or digital access threshold.

Economic and social needs

Resolve a flagged remittance without losing the payment trail

El Salvador’s central bank publishes remittance figures in its economic reporting. That national flow is made up of individual transfers. A household waiting for one can face a real delay if an assistant mistakes two similar names for the same person. A provider should test flags on redacted cases, count legitimate payments held for review and give the recipient a contact who can resolve a mismatch.

Policy response. Give the reviewer the original payment reference and record the time to release a mistaken hold.

Banco Central de Reserva, monthly economic report, April 2026

Show pupils which parts of a scene are known

The Ministry of Culture locates Joya de Cerén in the Zapotitán Valley and describes the remains of a settlement preserved under volcanic material. A classroom reconstruction lets pupils examine everyday objects, but it can also give a guessed roof colour the appearance of archaeological evidence. Ask teachers and site specialists to label each reconstructed feature by its source and record which details remain a matter of interpretation.

Policy response. Let pupils switch between the documented remains and a clearly labelled reconstruction.

Ministerio de Cultura, Joya de Cerén archaeological park

Public institutions and environmental needs

Put the data decision before the purchase

The Legislative Assembly identifies the Personal Data Protection Law issued on 12 November 2024 and describes its purpose as regulating the handling of personal information. Before a public office buys an assistant, it should specify which records the vendor may see and which tasks staff must handle without it. A named officer should check the law against the actual use and rehearse retrieval and deletion using test records.

Policy response. Require a signed data map and a witnessed supplier exit before sensitive records enter a pilot.

Legislative Decree 144, Personal Data Protection Law, judicial documentation service

Keep the authorised warning intact

El Salvador’s environment ministry publishes a daily geological bulletin on susceptibility to landslides. A summarising tool should preserve the location, issue time and action in the original bulletin. An alert can become misleading when a village name disappears or a draft keeps yesterday’s instruction. Ask a duty officer to compare the complete message with its source before any public distribution.

Policy response. Store the issued bulletin with each derivative message and test the local correction route.

Ministry of Environment, daily landslide susceptibility bulletin

How the policy would change a decision

Determine who operates the pricing system and compare its use with Articles 10–15 of the resolution. A supplier offering a general-purpose tool and an insurer deploying it have distinct roles. Check sector rules and complete any required registration and impact assessment before issuing live quotes.

- Record the basis for mandatory registration, an exclusion or the separate voluntary registration route.
- Name the officer who monitors quoted prices, responds to incidents and communicates with customers. Revisit registration when a trial starts influencing actual offers.

Before the first live quote, the compliance officer should retain the pricing trace and any required National AI Agency registration record. If a trial begins setting prices before that assessment is complete, withdraw the model from quoting and check every offer it affected.

Source: CAIA jurisdiction guide for El Salvador. The worked example illustrates the proposal.

See what pupils can tell from the picture

Ask Salvadoran educators and heritage staff to mark each object as excavated, inferred or unknown. Test with pupils whether they can tell those categories apart. Provide a printable version for classes that cannot load the animation.

The local pilot connects to Education and research. Review R03 · R05 in the regional risk register.

Implementation and public review

Stage	Evidence or decision	Proposed responsibility
Before the trial	Define a completed case and sample the current process. Include people who use the phone, desk or an offline route.	Participating teacher and heritage reviewer
During shadow testing	Pupils who correctly distinguish documented details from inferred ones. Compare the same cases through both routes and record every override.	Participating teacher and heritage reviewer
At the local decision	False holds, resolution time and payments delayed beyond the existing service standard. Record whether the result justifies a live trial and identify the person who can stop it.	Payment provider’s operations manager
After six months	Publish results by channel, the correction time, unresolved complaints and the decision to continue, revise or stop.	Local service owner

What partners can share

Regional museums could exchange a labelling method for AI reconstructions and compare what pupils remember. The Salvadoran authority and contributors retain the decisions about local collections and excavation records.

Record the local approval, correction route and stop authority before exchanging results. Other jurisdictions can reuse the method and run their own tests. Regional recommendation 5.

Where to draw the boundary

An office adopting this proposal would still need to check its own powers, contracts and data permissions. Organisations named as possible reviewers or leads have not been appointed by this publication. Publish any accepted role and its date with the local trial record.

A 90-day plan for the first service

Run a classroom test using labelled reconstructions of the same object.

Proposed pilot lead. Participating teacher and heritage reviewer

A reconstruction passes as a documented historical detail

Failure to test. A classroom aid presents an inferred feature as part of the historical record.

Evidence to retain. Keep the labelled illustrations, source record and student explanations reviewed by the teacher.

Pause condition. Pupils receive a disputed reconstruction without a label that explains what is inferred.

When	Proposed action and evidence
Days 1–30	Participating teacher and heritage reviewer agrees the eligible cases, existing service measures, staffed alternative and authorised decision owner. Record reviewers and a cost estimate in local currency for staff time, testing, access and recovery. Identify the funding source and who would approve it.
Days 31–60	Run the original and proposed routes on the same sample. Pupils who correctly distinguish documented details from inferred ones. Report counted errors and eligible cases by channel and language where lawful, plus the time from error report to correction.
Days 61–90	Witness the fallback, correction and restart before asking the accountable officer for a decision. Pause on the condition above. Record affected cases, unresolved issues, costs and the date for the next check.
Six months after live launch	Publish a lawful comparison with the baseline, including corrections, open complaints and the decision to continue, change or end the use.

Sponsorship, funding and the proposed lead’s acceptance require a recorded local decision. Share test methods with Caribbean partners using the local data permissions.

Sector guide · Ministerio de Cultura, Joya de Cerén archaeological park · Local evidence and sources · Regional high-impact use rules · Local risk scenario

Sources and method

The committee used published local evidence to select the four priorities and compared them with the Caribbean AI Framework's requirements for access, data, skills, oversight and adoption. Recommendations and stories are editorial proposals. This edition reports no results from a completed local pilot.

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