

MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS REPORT

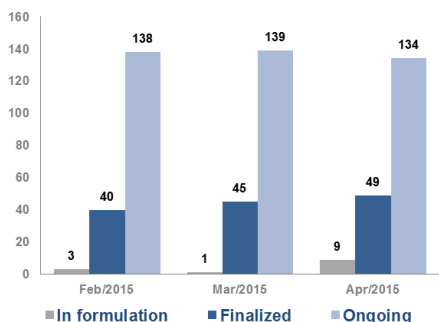
This report provides monthly institutional (Victims Unit, Ministry of Health, National Historical Memory Center and Mayor's/Governor's Offices) and Victims Law achievements.

Corresponding VISP activities that have contributed to these achievements are included below each achievement.

VISP STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE

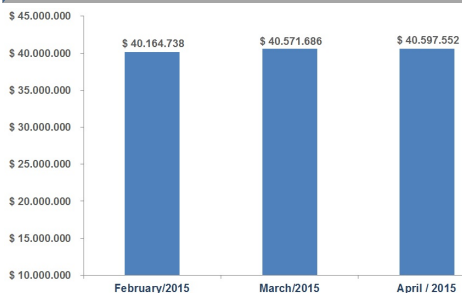
Provide accompaniment and technical support for GoC policies, systems and institutions at the national, departmental and municipal levels, to strengthen capacities and build necessary competencies for the timely and effective execution and implementation of the Victims Law.

VISP projects by status and month



* One project was cancelled between March and April 2015.

Value of VISP's formulated projects by month



IR1. Improved GOC Strategic Management for Victims Law

Municipal Victims Participation Roundtables Elected

- 33 effective Victims Participation Roundtables were elected and installed for the 2015/16 period in VISP's targeted municipalities
- These roundtables strengthen participation and representation of victims, victims' organizations, victims' advocate organizations, which can impact the State and implement policies for their benefit
- Training sessions held before elections cleared up doubts and explained procedural changes, ensuring that victims had the tools to actively participate in elections, and permitting the representation of different violations of human rights and differential approaches, including for children, ethnic populations, the LBGTI community, elders and persons with disability
- The information system VIVANTO was used to validate that candidates were effectively registered as victims in the Victims Single Registry (RUV), an example of the diverse use of tools constructed with VISP's support

Sharing tools and strategies for historical memory with local governments

- Between January and April 2015, the booklet "Historical Memory in the Regional Scope: Guidance for Regional Authorities," was socialized in four municipalities (Tumaco, Rihacha, Quibdó and San Juan Nepomuceno) with 129 public servants from mayor's offices, municipal ombudsperson's offices and victims
- The presentation and sharing of this guide meet the need to strengthen regional and ethnic authorities' ability to promote and implement actions to reconstruct historical memory and develop local memory initiatives
- These workshops facilitated discussion on historical memory, collective memory and the symbolic dimension of comprehensive reparation, in order to build regional and ethnic authorities' skills developing activities to reconstruct historical memory, and to contribute to the process to strengthen the National Historical Memory Center's (CNMH) actions in the regions

IR2. Improved GOC Rehabilitation Services for the Wellbeing of Citizens

Support for PAPSIVI begins Phase III at the regional level

- During April, support was provided for the continued training of PAPSIVI's interdisciplinary teams, beginning Phase III of the process at the regional level in four departments (Nariño, Magdalena, Sucre and Bolívar)

- In Phase III, technical aspects are being covered in depth to allow professionals to acquire new tools and abilities to provide attention and intervene with victims of the conflict to carry out psychosocial attention processes
- Sessions initiating Phase III with PAPSIVI are being carried out in all of VISP's targeted departments, as part of the ongoing strategy developed since 2013 to leave long-term capacity installed for the rehabilitation measure at the regional level

Replicable Model Experiences strengthen the competencies of the health sector

- Encounters have been held in seven municipalities (Riosucio, Apartadó, Montería, San Onofre, Tumaco, Dibulla and Cartagena del Chairá) to advance the Replicable Model Experiences project, which aims to strengthen health sector competencies on assistance and rehabilitation for victims
- IOM, the Ministry of Health, local health authorities, the health roundtable and the victims participation roundtables from each region participated in these bottom-up encounters, which developed and agreed upon phases for the project in each region, and designed a proposal for the selection of management teams in the seven municipalities

IR3. Transitional Justice Processes Advanced

Memory and reparation strengthened by theatre in the regions

- In April, various initiatives were advanced at the local level using theatre to advance historical memory and reparation processes
- First, in Pasto, the "Living Museum: Memory in the Body" piece was carried out with the Victims Participation Roundtable as a process of art, healing and memory to encourage reflection, reconciliation, symbolic reparation and the construction of historical memory and respect of human rights
- Second, the youth theater group Expresarte from Necoclí presented its piece "The Two Faces of Life" in Apartadó during a Memory Dialogue held on forced recruitment by the CNMH with IOM and USAID support
- In this encounter, 25 adolescents and youth from the region participated in dialogues to share ideas on forced recruitment and the armed conflict in Urabá

Historical memory documentary presented at Bogotá

- The CNMH's recently completed memory documentary "Faces of Memory" ("Rostros de la memoria") was screened in Bogotá in late April as part of the book fair

- "Faces of memory" discusses the impacts of the armed conflict through art, graffiti, song, music, and memory spaces, including a graffiti tour of Medellín's Comuna 13
- See the full documentary: <http://bit.ly/1zt7yQM>

IR4. Select GOC Institutions and Systems Accommodate the Specific Needs of Ethnic Groups and Women

Workshops to include differential approaches on ethnicity and gender at the local level

- In April, public servants from Córdoba, Nariño and Bolívar's Governor's Offices, as well as respective capital city Mayor's Offices, were trained on incorporating an ethnic differential approach in local action plans, including specific training on "Comprehensive technical assistance to incorporate differential approaches on ethnicity and gender"
- These workshops used the Dissemination Backpack tool developed by VISP last year, and stressed the importance of effectively implementing the Victims Law and its decree-laws with differential approaches

Tools handed over to strengthen participation of victims from ethnic groups in Chocó

- In Quibdó, IOM handed over methodologies, routes and protocols to the Victims Unit's Regional Office that will facilitate the active participation of ethnic groups
- The tools handed over were constructed in coordination with authorities from ethnic communities, transitional justice committees and victims participation roundtables
- 35 public servants from the Regional Office in Quibdó participated in hand-over session
- Also in April, USAID/Colombia Director Peter Natiello visited Quibdó's House of Justice, highlighting the coordination of USAID programs to strengthen policies preventing sexual violence and GBV in Chocó

Quote



"What is most important at this point is to listen to those who have suffered and resisted," stated filmmaker Camilo Pérez at the presentation of the documentary "Faces of Memory" ("Rostros de la Memoria") at Bogotá's Book Fair.



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Institutional Strengthening of Select GoC Entities

Victims Assistance and Reparation Unit (Victims Unit)



Unidad para la Atención
y Reparación Integral
a las Víctimas

Institutional capacities:

- 2015/16 Victims Participation Roundtables elected and installed in 33 municipalities

Individual competencies:

- Training on the new Comprehensive Reparation Route in Montería with public servants the Victims Unit's Regional Office

National Historical Memory Center



Centro Nacional
de Memoria Histórica

Institutional capacities:

- Faces of Memory documentary presented at the Bogotá Book Fair

Individual competencies:

- Participatory screening of "There was no time for sadness" with community in Montería

Ministry of Health



MinSalud
Ministerio de Salud
y Protección Social

Institutional capacities:

- Prioritized Cartagena del Chairá as one of the eight regions that will develop the Replicable Model Experiences in comprehensive health project

National Planning Department



DNP
Departamento
Nacional
de Planeación

Individual competencies :

- Training workshop on project formulation, the general adjusted methodology and the general royalties system in Bogotá with Afro-descendant community members from 28 departments

Mayor's and Governor's Offices

Individual competencies :

- Public servants from Córdoba's, Nariño's and Bolívar's Governor's Office trained on the ethnic approach

Municipal Ombudsperson's Offices

Institutional capabilities:

- Technical support to establish Municipal Victims Participation Roundtables

Highlights by Target Municipality

Antioquia: Medellín, Necoclí, Turbo, Apartadó and Chigorodó

R1: Encounter of municipal ombudspersons and victims' liaisons from 105 municipalities; Information system support to Medellín's Mayor's Office; R4: Women from Urabá region were trained on human rights and social mobilization against sexual violence

Bolívar: Cartagena, María la Baja, San Juan Nepomuceno, San Jacinto, Carmen de Bolívar

R1: Local institutions held massive declaration sessions and took 494 victims' declarations; R2: PAPSIVI Phase III initiated with interdisciplinary teams

Chocó: Quibdó, Bojayá, Riosucio

R1: Workshop on the victims participation protocol; R3: Bojayá, Attention session with victims and local institutions; R4: Visit by USAID/Colombia to Quibdó's Justice House

Caquetá: Florencia, La Montañita, Cartagena del Chairá

R1: Workshop on "Historical Memory in the Regions: Guidance for Regional Authorities"; R2: Cartagena del Chairá included in Replicable Model Experiences project

Cauca: Popayán

R1: Workshop to socialize the victims participation protocol

Córdoba: Montería, Montelíbano, Tierralta

R1: Training on the Comprehensive Reparation Route in Montería with the Victims Unit; R2: Montería, workshop to socialize the Replicable Model Experiences; R3: Presentation of the documentary "There was no time for sadness"

La Guajira: Riohacha, Dibulla, San Juan del Cesar

R1: Workshop to socialize the victims participation protocol

Magdalena: Santa Marta, Ciénaga, Fundación

R1: Workshop on the victims participation protocol; R2: Victims with disabilities, and institutions worked to construct rehabilitation guidelines, PAPSIVI Phase III; R4: Ette Ennaka indigenous community analyzed proposals for the collective reparation plan

Nariño: Pasto, Samaniego, Tumaco

R2: PAPSIVI Phase III; R4: Technical assistance to incorporate ethnic and gender differential approaches; Commemoration of the Day of Female Victims in Pasto

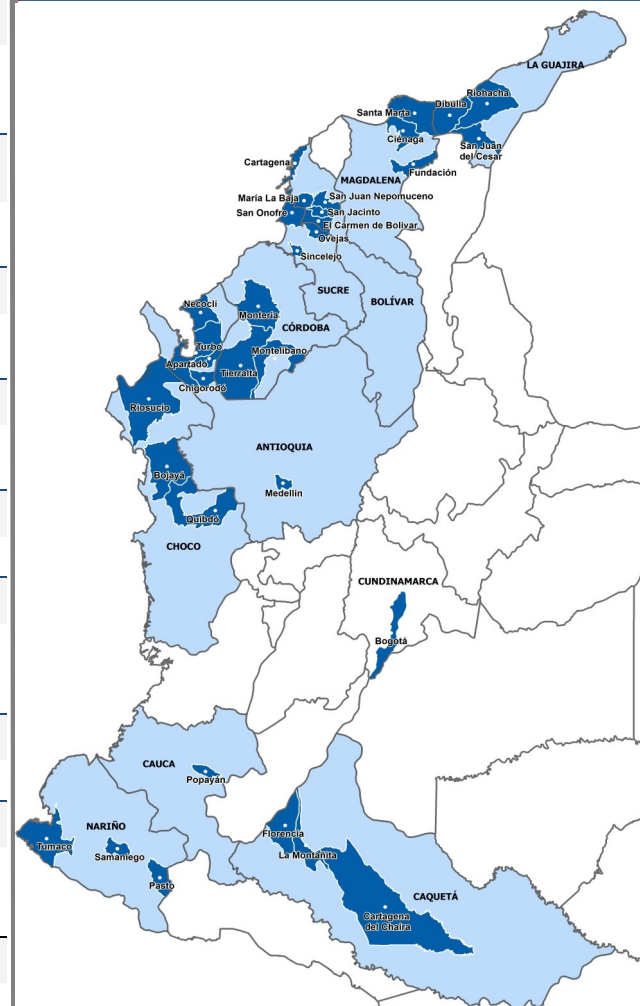
Sucre: Sincelejo, San Onofre, Ovejas

R1: Workshop to socialize the victims participation protocol; R2: PAPSIVI Phase III, Workshop on Replicable Model Experiences project in San Onofre; R4: Workshop on CONPES 3784 with the ICBF's regional team

Bogotá

R2: Training on tools for psychosocial attention and political impact with the ASFADDES victims organization; R4: 20 indigenous women met in the Maloka in Bogotá's Botanical Garden for healing, recovery and psychological reconstruction

VISP Targeted Regions



Highlighted Products

"Faces of memory" ("Rostros de la memoria") historical memory documentary, produced by the National Historical Memory Center with USAID and IOM support