

## MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS REPORT

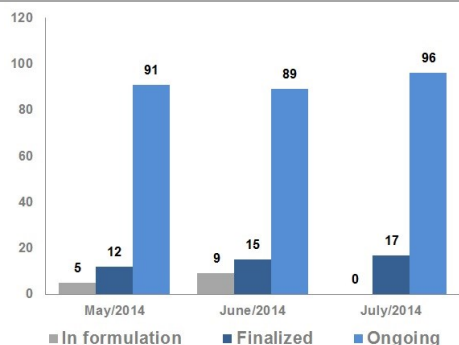
This report provides monthly institutional (Victims Unit, Ministry of Health, National Historical Memory Center and Mayor/Governor's Offices) and Victims Law achievements.

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

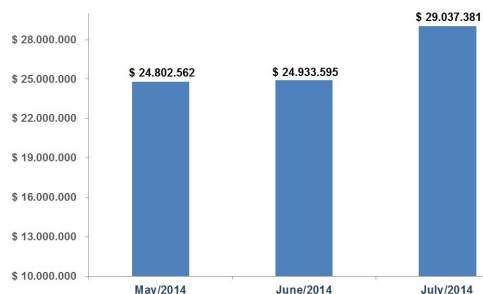
### VISP STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE

Select GOC Institutions, Policies and Systems at the National and sub national levels operationalized for effective implementation of the Victims Law.

VISP projects by status and month



Monthly cumulative project budget allocation in USD



### R1. Improved GOC Strategic Management for Victims Law

#### Renovated victims attention office in San Juan Nepomuceno (Bolívar) and Chigorodó (Antioquia)

- On July 15, the Mayor's Offices in San Juan Nepomuceno (Bolívar) and Chigorodó (Antioquia), with VISP support, each received a remodeled Office for Attention and Assistance to Victims of the armed conflict
- The spaces include renovated offices, waiting and meeting rooms, and new equipment to improve the quality of services to victims and the attention, assistance and reparation processes
- The Attention Office also includes a space for members of the Victims Participation Roundtable to dialogue and interact

#### Strengthened the Victims Unit's to assess Victims Law's implementation

- Supported the Victims Unit's Constitutional Court team to improve its ability to comply with requirements to advance victims public policy, as part of the follow-up of the T-025 sentence (2004) on displaced populations
- Developed the methodology to inform the Constitutional Court on advances in the provision of services to displaced populations, to fulfill 15 fundamental rights, which allows monitoring of the implementation of Sentence T-025 and issue a certificate showing the ability to comply of SNARIV institutions responsible for providing specific services
- Implemented a monitoring and follow-up tool on the Constitutional Court's decisions under Sentence T-025

### R2. Improved GOC Rehabilitation Services that Strengthen Victims Capacity to improve their wellbeing

#### Concluded the construction of psychosocial response models for complex crises in Medellín and Apartadó

- Concluded the process led by the Victims Unit to construct psychosocial response models for complex crises resulting from the armed conflict in Apartadó and Medellín, designed jointly by public servants, victims, experts and community leader and based on

the models already constructed for Bogotá and Samaniego (Nariño)

- The model is a tool to strengthen the psychosocial response to individuals, families and communities affected by complex crises, thereby minimizing negative effects and further damages
- The models have been transferred to and validated by the Victims Unit, to be implemented nationwide

#### Concluded the validation process of the profiling tool to assess psychosocial needs of victims

- The results were presented and approved by the Ministry of Health, which agreed to adjust and design a final version of the profiling tool following the conclusions reached during the validation process
- The tool allows the identification and assessment of victims' psychosocial needs, and will be included in the implementation of the Comprehensive Health Program (PAPSIVI)

### R3. Transitional Justice Processes Advanced

#### Dissemination of the reparation route for victims of forced displacement

- Supported nine informational sessions led by the Victims Unit with victims in Turbo, Bogotá, Popayán, Quibdó, Medellín, Cartagena and Santa Marta to diffuse the reparation route for the displaced population, which was created to respond to Sentence SU-254/2013\* and demonstrate the importance of appropriately investing reparation resources and emphasize victims' role in overcoming conditions of vulnerability
- Attendants received copies of booklets providing information on the route and explaining how victims of forced displacement can access humanitarian aid, attention and reparation measures.
- Approximately 1,500 individuals attended the information sessions.
- The final information session will be held in August in Pasto (Nariño).

\*Based on 40 cases, the sentence unified the position of the Constitutional Court regarding financial compensations to victims of forced displacement.

### Manual to define "reparative role" of goods

- The Victims Unit, with VISP support, presented the manual to revise the "reparative role" of goods returned by former combatants, that provides guidelines for the Victims Reparation Fund to oppose the provision of goods when they are not appropriate for reparation as their administration costs, could be detrimental to the government of Colombia (GoC)
- The manual will allow the Victims Reparation Fund to broaden its human and financial resources, focusing on the reception, administration and acquisition of useful goods
- Based on the manual, judges can also determine if ex combatants have a real commitment to repair victims

### R4. Select GOC Institutions and Systems Accommodate the Specific Needs of Ethnic Groups and Women

#### Meetings with LGBT organizations in Bogotá and Medellín

- The CNMH, with VISP support, held meetings in Bogotá and Medellín with organizations and individuals with diverse sexual and gender orientations to profile and strengthen historical memory processes with these populations
- The meeting invited LGBT organizations in Bogotá and Medellín to participate in processes developing individual and collective narratives
- Training on LGBT issues was also provided to the Victims Unit's psychosocial attention team in Bogotá

### Quote



During the presentation of the manual to revise the "reparative role" of goods returned by former ex combatants, former Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court (ICC) Luis Moreno Ocampo expressed that **"the example of Colombia regarding reparations can be very useful worldwide. I am extremely happy with the work that you are doing"**. Photo: Victims Unit's Director Paula Gaviria and Luis Moreno Ocampo (Victims Unit).



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# VISP Monthly Highlights 15 - July 2014

## 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:

- Training on LGBT issues with the Victims Unit's psychosocial attention team Bogotá
- Discussion and assessment process on the Victims Unit's single offer management model

#### Individual competencies:

- Dissemination of the reparation route for victims of forced displacement
- Strengthened the Constitutional Court team to assess victims law's implementation

### National Historical Memory Center



Centro Nacional de Memoria Histórica

#### Institutional capacities:

- Training with CNMH's regional teams on identifying local memory initiatives to create an inventory of local memory initiatives in VISP municipalities

#### Individual competencies:

- Memory workshops with LGBT victims in Medellín and Bogotá
- Digital Literacy Workshops in Apartadó and El Salado (Bolívar)
- Validation workshop for the Human Rights Archives Toolbox in Pasto and Necoclí

### Ministry of Health



MinSalud  
Ministerio de Salud y Protección Social

#### Institutional capacities:

- Concluded the validation process of the profiling tool to assess psychosocial needs of victims

#### Individual competencies:

- Project development support for afro descendent and indigenous communities in Bolívar and La Guajira

### National Planning Department (DNP)

#### Institutional capacities:

- Renovated victims attention offices in San Juan Nepomuceno (Bolívar) and Chigorodó (Antioquia)

### Mayor's and Governor's Offices

## Highlights by Target Municipality

### Antioquia: Medellín, Necoclí, Turbo, Apartadó and Chigorodó

R3. Dissemination of the reparation route for victims of forced displacement (sentence SU-254/2013) in Turbo and Medellín

### Cauca: Popayán

R2. Supervision Strategy Workshop to provide technical support and tools for self-help and group help to PAPSIVI teams in Popayan

### Chocó: Quibdó, Bojayá, Riosucio

R2. Training with public servants on diversity mainstreaming (gender, psychosocial, rights and "Do No Harm" actions) to provide attention to female victims of sexual violence within the armed conflict in Quibdó

### Bolívar: Cartagena, Maria la Baja, San Juan Nepomuceno, • San Jacinto, • Carmen de Bolívar

R4. Training Workshop on Project Creation, the General Adjusted Methodology and the General Royalties System, directed at Cartagena – Bolívar's Afro-descendent community

### Magdalena: Santa Marta, Ciénega, Fundación

R3. Dissemination of the reparation route for victims of forced displacement (sentence SU-254/2013) in Santa Marta

### La Guajira: Riohacha, Dibulla, San Juan del Cesar

R4. Training Workshop on Project Creation, the General Adjusted Methodology and the General Royalties System, directed at the Wiwa's indigenous community

### • Sucre: Sincelajo, San Onofre, Ovejas

Visit to new VISP prioritized municipalities (July 31-August 1)

### • Córdoba: Montería, Montelíbano, Tierraalta

Visit to new VISP prioritized municipalities (July 23-24)

### • Caquetá: Florencia, La Montañita, Cartagena del Chaira

Visit to the new prioritized VISP municipalities confirmed (August 28-29)

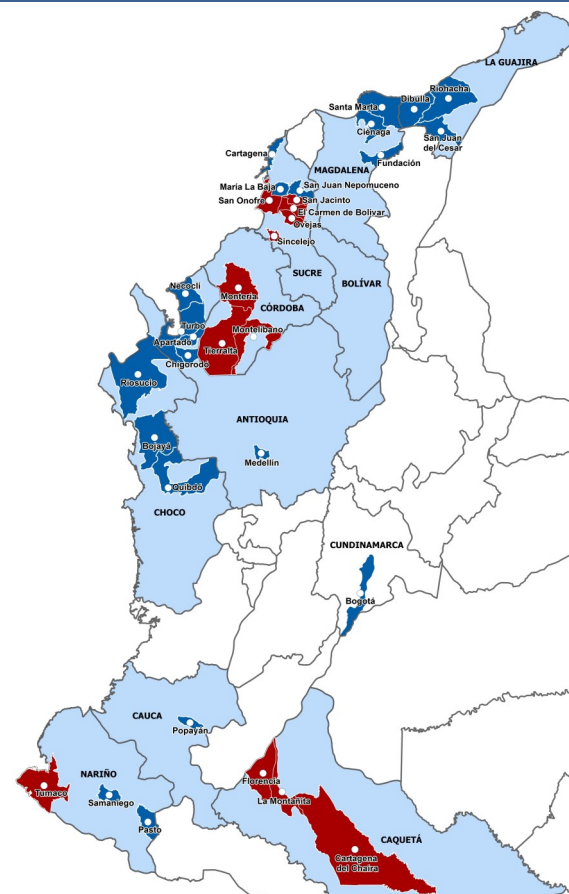
### Nariño: Pasto, Samaniego, • Tumaco

R3. Validation of the CNMH's Human Rights Archive Toolbox in Pasto

### Bogotá

R3. Training on identifying and characterizing local memory actions and initiatives

## VISP Prioritized Territories



## Highlighted Products

- Supported the manual to revise the "reparative role" of goods returned by former ex combatants.
- Constructed psychosocial response models for complex crises in Medellín and Apartadó
- Completed the production of booklets providing information on the route showing how victims of forced displacement can access humanitarian aid, attention and reparation measures (sentence SU-254/2013)