

MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS REPORT

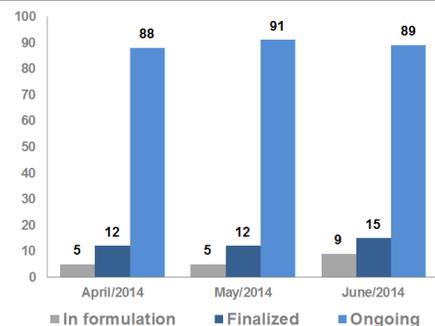
This report provides monthly institutional (Victims Unit, Ministry of Health, National Historical Memory Center and Mayor/Governor's Offices) and Victims Law achievements.

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

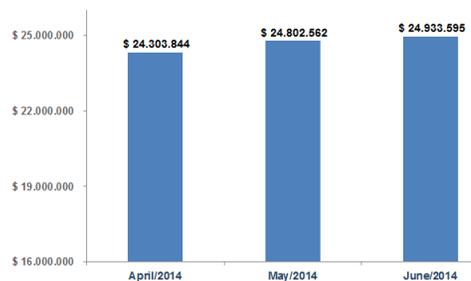
VISP STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE

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

Ciénaga and Dibulla now have renovated and equipped Victims attention points

- Supported the Victims Unit and local authorities to renovate and equip Victims Attention Points in Ciénaga and Dibulla, where victims can access services from multiple government institutions
- Renovations included infrastructure improvements and equipment provision, to increase the quality and efficiency of victims' attention processes, as well as a park for children and a game room in order to guarantee a place where families can wait and receive attention in optimal conditions
- The attention point in Ciénaga will benefit approximately 26,254 victims registered in Ciénaga and neighboring municipalities; in Dibulla, approximately 11,231 registered victims will be benefited

Knowledge Fair held with Victims Unit to benefit victims of the internal armed conflict

- Supported and held a Knowledge Fair on June 27 with the Victims Unit and 13 operating agencies that work with assistance, care and compensation for victims
- The Fair provided a space to exchange knowledge and lessons learned between international programs (including those funded by the USG), development organizations, and the Victims Unit
- 165 individuals participated in the Fair, which featured presentations and 201 negotiation meetings, in which 118 initial cooperation agreements were reached

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

Workshops to develop crisis response models

- Held workshops in Medellín, Apartadó and Popayán to validate psychosocial crisis response models for communities and individuals
- Models contribute to the provision of psychosocial response services to victims who require immediate psychological stabilization to avoid further harm
- Workshops supported institutional relationships, victims' empowerment and coordination between the Victims Unit's civil servants involved in these efforts
- Also led a focal group supported by *Corporación Sisma Mujer* with the Ministry of Health, the Victims Unit and the National Protection Unit to design guidelines for psychosocial attention to women at risk or under protection measures in Cartagena, Quibdó and Bogotá

Supervision strategy workshops

- Worked with PAPSIVI teams in Cauca, Nariño and Chocó to prevent emotional burnout and continue the supervision strategy to identify training needs and reflect on advances in psychosocial accompaniment
- The continued training project aims to organize a focus group with members of the Victims Unit who provide attention to victims, to collect opinions on mechanisms and strategies for self-care, emotional and relational care and staff care

Self-help workshop held in Pasto

- Provided technical support to the Victims Unit's team to return human remains to develop self-help and group help tools for civil servants who work with this process
- The project develops strategies related to training and supervision to support psychosocial accompaniment for relatives of victims of forced displacement in the process of returning human remains, as well protocols to accompany victims

R3. Transitional Justice Processes Advanced

First Historical Memory Initiatives Digital Literacy

- The first encounter of victims' organizations participating in the digital literacy project to share experiences on constructing and diffusing webpages dedicated to historical memory was held with 21 participants from 12 organizations
- The Digital Memory Initiative supports victims' organizations in website design and content administration to share local memory initiative content based on their own cultural expressions and languages
- For the first time, participants met face-to-face and received training on historical memory, story-telling, writing for the web, social media and photography
- A microsite (under construction) that will display organizations' content, forums and e-learning space for interaction was presented; a Facebook group for members to exchange content and questions was also created

First Regional Historical Memory Groups Encounter

- On June 5 to 6, historical memory groups and researchers met in Bogotá to share experiences on investigating historical memory in the regions
- Researchers from seven regional universities and centers (Nariño, Magdalena, Córdoba, Bolívar, Antioquia, Santander and Cesar) presented reports, screened documentaries and provided feedback
- Next steps include producing a documentary focusing on land mine victims in Samaniego (Nariño) and strengthening the Historical Memory Groups Network.

School of Reparations workshop

- Provided training to the reparation liaisons from the Victims Unit Central Offices in Bogotá as part of the efforts with the Victims Unit's Regional Offices in Nariño, Chocó, Antioquia, Magdalena, Bolívar and La Guajira
- Aimed to improve civil servants' ability to interact with victims and their knowledge on routes and processes to implement the Victims Law

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

Meeting to review the collective reparation process with female victims of "Narrar para Vivir"

- Assessed the collective reparation process with female victims of "Narrar para Vivir" (Montes de María—Bolívar and Sucre) to identify difficulties and design the process to implement measures in the plan
- Over 800 women are part of the process, which is currently in the implementation and assessment phases

Training workshops with Afro Descendent populations

- Provided trainings in Sincelejo and Tumaco on citizen participation mechanisms, project creation and management, the general adjusted methodology and the general royalties system
- The training was directed towards Afro descendent populations, the Municipal Ombudsperson's Office and Municipal Planning Secretaries

"Al Día con Regalias" in Cartagena

- The National Planning Department (DNP) designed a session with representatives from Mayor's Offices, Governor's Offices and ministries to raise awareness of royalties and diversity mainstreaming components

Quote



"Victims deserve beautiful and dignified spaces like this one. In this Victims Attention Point we will provide attention services to victims from Ciénaga, Zona Bananera, Fundación and Pueblo Viejo, with an average of 300 victims receiving attention daily", stated Victims Unit Paula Gaviria on Twitter during the inauguration of Ciénaga's Victims Attention Point. **Photo:** Thea Villate from USAID Colombia, Ciénaga Mayor Luis Tete Samper, Victims Unit Director Paula Gaviria and IOM Regional Officer Mario Ariza



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Institutional Strengthening of Select GoC Entities

Victims Assistance and Reparation Unit (Victims Unit)

Institutional Capacities: Knowledge Fair on assistance, care and compensation for victims of the internal armed conflict;

Individual Competencies: Self-help workshop in Pasto, Nariño to the Victims Unit's team to return human remains and work on self-help and group help tools



National Historical Memory Center

Individual Competencies: First Historical Memory Initiatives Digital Literacy Encounter; First Regional Historical Memory Groups Encounter; Human Rights Toolbox Regional Workshop in Medellín; Historical memory workshop with members of the Victims Participation Roundtable in Santa Marta and Magdalena



Ministry of Health

Individual Competencies: Supervision strategy workshops in Cauca, Nariño and Chocó



National Planning Department (DNP)

Institutional Capacities: Attended "Al Día con las Regalias" in Cartagena and presented the diversity mainstreaming approach on the Royalties Law, and the project to provide training and assistance to ethnic communities to design projects and receive investment

Individual Competencies: Training workshops on project creation, general adjusted methodology and royalties with afro descendent populations

Mayor's and Governor's Offices

Institutional Capacities: Renovated and equipped attention points in Ciénega and Dibulla

Individual Competencies: Self-care workshop with 50 members of Bogotá's Mayor's Office High Council for Victims' Rights, Peace and Reconciliation

Highlights by Target Municipality

Antioquia: Medellín, Necoclí, Turbo, Apartadó and Chigorodo

R2. Workshop to construct crisis response models in Medellín and Apartadó; R3. Human Rights Toolbox Regional Workshop in Medellín

Cauca: Popayán

R2. Workshop to construct crisis response models in Popayán; R2. Supervision strategy workshop with members PAPSIVI's Cauca Team

Chocó: Quibdó, Bojayá, Riosucio

R2. Supervision strategy workshop with members PAPSIVI's Chocó Team

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

R4. Attended the session "Al Día con las Regalias" in Cartagena; Visit to the new VISP prioritized municipalities in Bolivar confirmed (August 13-14)

Magdalena: Santa Marta, Ciénega, Fundación

R1. Victims' Attention Point renovated in Ciénega; R3. Historical memory workshop with members of the Victims Participation Roundtable

La Guajira: Riohacha, Dibulla, San Juan del Cesar

R1. Victims' Attention Point renovated in Dibulla; R3. Historical memory workshop with members of the Victims Participation Roundtable

• Sucre: Sincelajo, San Onofre, Ovejas

R4. Project training with Afro descendant communities in Sincelajo; Visit to the new VISP prioritized municipalities confirmed (July 31-August 1)

• Córdoba: Montería, Montelíbano, Tierraalta

Visits to the new prioritized VISP municipalities confirmed (July 23-24)

• Caquetá: Florencia, La Montañita, Cartagena del Chaira

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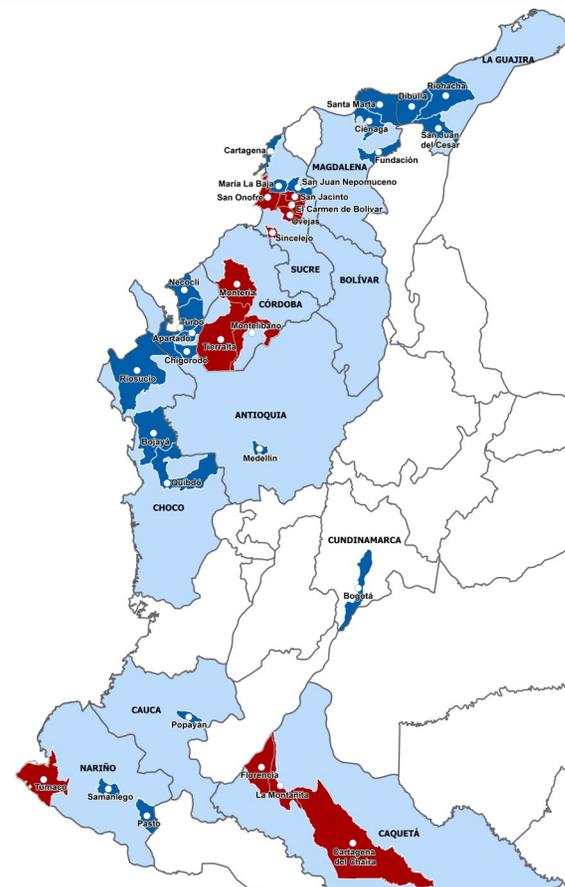
Nariño: Pasto, Samaniego, • Tumaco

R2. Supervision strategy workshop with PAPSIVI's Nariño team; R2. Self-help workshop in Pasto with the Victims Unit's team to return human remains; R3. Presentation of the MAARIV Model to the Transitional Justice Committee in Samaniego; R4. Project training with Afro descendant communities in Tumaco. Visit to Tumaco, newly prioritized municipality, scheduled (August 20-21)

Bogotá

R2. Self-care workshop with 50 members of Bogotá's Mayor's Office High Council for Victims' Rights, Peace and Reconciliation

VISP Prioritized Territories



Highlighted Products

- 118 initial cooperation agreements resulted from 201 negotiation meetings at the Knowledge Fair on June 27th. VISP provided information on five successful projects, presented the Cost Bank Tool and Software and came to 28 initial agreements for follow-up and further collaboration
- Victims Attention Points renovated and equipped in Ciénega and Dibulla