

MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS REPORT

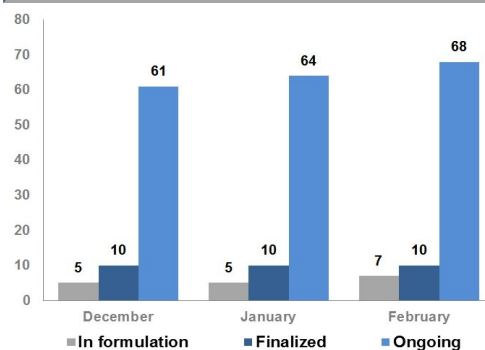
This report provides monthly institutional (Victims Unit, Ministry of Health, National Historical Memory Center and Mayor/Governor's Offices) and Victims Law achievements.

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

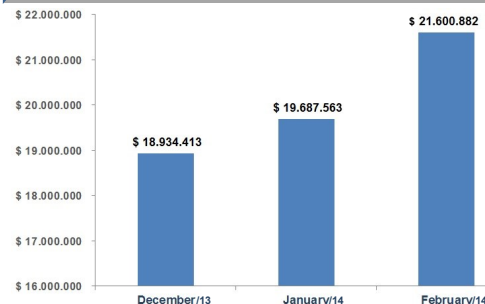
VISP STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE

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

Qualified staff transferred to Regional Ombudsperson's Offices

- In the context of the recent reforms to the Ombudsperson's Office, the trained and qualified staff was transferred to regional offices staff in Antioquia, Bolivar, Cauca, Magdalena and Nariño
- VISP will continue supporting these teams by providing training on diversity mainstreaming, psychosocial attention, self-care and reforms to the Victims Law

Support Victim Unit's Regional Offices Action Plan

- Supported Victims Unit's Regional Offices (Nariño, Magdalena, Chocó) in the 2014 Action Plan design
- Construction process for Local Action Plans (PAT), which align the Victims Unit in its planning methodology at the national and local levels

Victims Unit's Information System training and piloting

- Provided training to advance in the regional information system diagnosis
- Presented the Victims Law's information system's plan
- Implemented pilot projects in Montería, Fundación and Buenaventura to diagnose local governments' information systems, as part of the Plan Operativo de Sistema de Información (POSI – Information Systems Operative Plan)

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

Psychosocial profile tool validation session

- Developed the pilot test of the profiling tool, guide and attention plan validation in Necolí, Pasto and Riohacha to identify victims' needs and characteristics

Comprehensive Health Program (PAPSIVI) transference and sustainability strategy

- Presented the Comprehensive Health Program (PAPSIVI) transference and sustainability strategy in Medellín and Apartadó
- The sustainability strategy is designed to support departmental governments responsible for the implementation of PAPSIVI starting in 2015

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Training sessions with interdisciplinary teams of the Comprehensive Health Program (PAPSIVI)

- A three-day introductory training was provided to 130 psychosocial promoters in Santa Marta, Medellín and Bucaramanga
- The promoters are former victims of the conflict who are now members of the interdisciplinary teams of the Comprehensive Health Program (PAPSIVI)
- Promoters facilitate PAPSIVI teams in approaching communities, provide insights on communities' needs and mobilize communities around teams' interventions
- Next steps include promoters' continued training and supervision strategy to enhance their individual, family and community intervention abilities while also identifying their specific needs to support this role

R3. Transitional Justice Processes Advanced

Capacity strengthening workshop for the Victims Unit's regional offices

- Provided training to strengthen Victims Unit's Regional Offices in victims' attention and reparation services (Cartagena, Pasto, Medellín, Riohacha and Quibdó) to improve the skills of officers responsible for victims' attention and reparation service provision
- 359 individuals participated in the trainings: 48 in Magdalena, 65 in Nariño (48 from the Victims Unit and 17 from SNARIV), 97 in Bolivar, 104 in Antioquia, and 45 in La Guajira

Advanced journalists' collective reparation process

- The collective reparation process with journalists established the committee to promote their reparation measures
- During the work session, the Victims Unit made public the inclusion of the committee's members in the Single Victims Registry
- VISP supports the collective reparation process with journalists, with the women's collective "Narrar para Vivir" ("Live to Tell"), the indigenous Wiwa community, and communities in Fundación and Pueblo Bello

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

Training for differential approach contacts from the Victims Unit's Regional Offices

- Training workshop with 70 differential and gender-based approach contacts from 17 Regional Offices and the central level
- Workshops to strengthen diversity mainstreaming territorially through conceptual, legal and technical capacity-building and feedback on the proposal for the Attention, Assistance and Comprehensive Reparations Model

Participation Protocol for children and youth victims of the internal armed conflict advanced

- The Victims Unit and the Colombian Family Welfare Institute (ICBF) presented advances on the Participation Protocol for children and youth victims

Training methodology on ethnic reparations decrees transferred

- Workshop on the training methodology for ethnic victims decrees with the Victim's Unit regional office in Cauca, and at a later date, the Unit's Ethnic Affairs Office
- This methodology was designed by VISP following various workshops in 2013 that identified content and ethnicity-sensitive pedagogical strategies

Project design supported

- 20 Afro-descendent women from victims organizations attended a project design workshop in Turbo, Antioquia
- 15 projects for Afro-descendent communities were presented to the National Planning Department (DNP) to receive funding through the General Royalties System

Quote



"The members of this committee are valuable and brave men and women. We must have a strong journalism to advance in what comes, hopefully the peace building process," stated Victims Unit Director Paula Gaviria during a work session to advance the collective reparation process with journalists.






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Institutional Strengthening of Select GOC Entities

Entities	Institutional Capabilities	Individual Competencies
<p>Victims Assistance and Reparations Unit (Victims Unit)</p>  <p>Unidad para la Atención y Reparación Integral a las Víctimas</p>	<p>Supported Victims Unit's Regional Offices (Nariño, Magdalena, Chocó) in the 2014 Action Plan design</p> <p>Implemented pilot projects in Montería, Fundación and Buenaventura to diagnose local governments' information systems</p>	<p>Provided training on leadership, team work and conflict resolution to Magdalena's Victims Roundtable</p> <p>School of Reparations workshop in La Guajira and Bolivar</p>
<p>Historical Memory Center (CNMH)</p>  <p>Centro Nacional de Memoria Histórica</p>	<p>Guidelines for creation, control and monitoring of the CNMH's Projects</p> <p>Construction of the project formulation document for the CNMH</p>	<p>Human Rights archives tool box workshop in Antioquia</p>
<p>Ministry of Health</p>  <p>MinSalud Ministerio de Salud y Protección Social</p>	<p>Community promoters within the interdisciplinary teams trained on self-care and basic skills to assist victims</p>	<p>Training sessions with interdisciplinary teams of the Comprehensive Health Program (PAPSIVI) in Bucaramanga, Santa Marta and Medellín</p>
<p>Public Ministry Municipal Ombudsman's offices</p>	<p>Qualified staff transferred to Regional Ombudsperson's Offices in Antioquia, Bolívar, Cauca, Magdalena and Nariño</p> <p>Supported the assessment of the Victims Law's implementation in La Guajira</p>	









Mayors and Governors

Support provided to the Governor's Office in Nariño on methodological development, follow-up and monitoring for the execution of three projects that have resources from the co-financing mechanism

Highlighted Product

- Psychosocial needs assessment tool validated with recommendations for the Ministry of Health (R2)
- Indicators battery for the monitoring and evaluation scheme for Entrelazando and ERE designed and approved by the Victims Unit (R2)
- 15 projects for Afro-descendent communities were presented to the National Planning Department (DNP) to receive funding through the General Royalties System (R4)

Highlights by Target Municipality

Antioquia	Magdalena	Bolívar
<p>Necoclí, Turbo, Apartadó, Chigorodó and Medellín</p> 	<p>Santa Marta, Ciénaga and Fundación</p> 	<p>Cartagena, María la Baja and San Juan Nepomuceno</p> 
<p>Group discussions with local institutions and interviews to advance psychosocial rehabilitation services with diversity mainstreaming in Necolí</p>	<p>Support Victims Unit's Magdalena Regional Office in the 2014 Action Plan design Provided training on leadership, team work and conflict resolution to victims</p>	<p>School of Reparations workshop Transferred qualified staff to Regional Ombudsman's Offices</p>
Nariño	Cauca	Chocó
<p>Samaniego and San Juan de Pasto</p> 	<p>Popayán</p> 	<p>Riosucio, Bojayá and Quibdó</p> 
<p>Provided training to strengthen Victims Unit's Regional Offices in victim's attention and reparation services</p>	<p>Workshop to identify advances and barriers to the Victims Law's implementation</p>	<p>Adjust the work plan and the internal rules of Quibdó and Bojayá Victims Roundtable to comply with Resolution 01448, which extends victims roundtable time periods</p>
La Guajira	La Guajira /	Bogotá
<p>Riohacha, Dibulla and San Juan del Cesar</p> 	<p>Supported the assessment of the Victims Law's implementation in La Guajira</p>	<p>Bogotá</p> 
	<p>Supported advances on the Participation Protocol for children and youth victims</p>	