

MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS REPORT

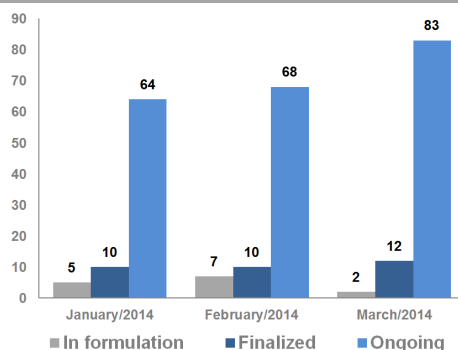
This report provides monthly institutional (Victims Unit, Ministry of Health, National Historical Memory Center and Mayor/Governor's Offices) and Victims Law achievements.

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

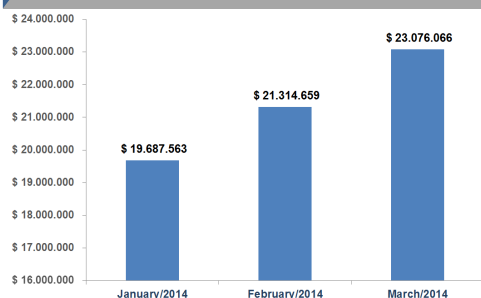
VISP STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE

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

National Historical Memory Center (CNMH) result planning lab

- Advanced CNMH's strategic planning process to define objectives based on results. The session was attended by the institution's board of members and coordinated by Reddin Consultants, a firm with vast experience in result planning and effective areas training
- Participants identified and solved communication barriers to strengthen team work, agreed on results and measurement methodologies and designed objectives

Victims Unit's regional peace building meetings

- Supported meetings to collect regional experiences on peace building and reconciliation in Popayán, San José del Guaviare and Florencia
- Regional meetings identified social and institutional conditions required for peace building in the regions
- The Victims Unit created a team to assess the negotiations, collect information and produce documents on possible actions that the institution will undertake in a post conflict scenario

Medellin's Mayor's Office information system

- Presented and transferred to Medellin's Mayor's Office part of the victims' information system
- Two modules were concluded and transferred: (1) individuals and households and (2) attention, assistance and reparations

Report, monitoring and assessment of fulfillments of Constitutional Court's decisions (Autos)

- Supported the design of the report on the Victims Unit's actions to guarantee displaced populations' rights
- Created a document with general and methodological aspects to coordinate measures and actions to guarantee displaced populations' rights

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

Training for Victims Unit's members responsible for the return of mortal remains

- The training focused on theoretical and practical processes for exhumations, technical concepts on emotional suffering and forced disappearance, 'do not harm' perspective, emotional skills and group help

Strengthening tools for psychosocial attention and self-help

- Supported a National Encounter with 51 psychosocial professionals from the Victims Unit's Regional Offices who are responsible for implementing the Emotional Recovery Strategy (ERE) to promote emotional healing
- Training included topics such as dealing with emotions, group therapy, self-care and care within teams

Narrative Exposure Therapy (NET) training workshop

- Supported a workshop in Medellín to provide training on tools to assess the effects of traumatic events and design adequate psychosocial responses, focusing on the NET as an advanced tool to provide attention services to victims
- The NET treatment approach aims to transform fragmented reports of traumatic experiences into coherent narratives and habituate emotional responses to reminders of traumatic events

Monitoring, assessment and planning session on the implementation of PAPSIVI

- The national session presented planning for the Comprehensive Health Program (PAPSIVI) 2014 implementation and the assessment and monitoring of regional actions to follow judicial decisions regarding victims' attention and protection
- VISP is currently supporting the Ministry of Health in piloting tools, protocols and access routes to psychosocial rehabilitation services, and in providing training, supervision, transfer and sustainability of interdisciplinary teams responsible for PAPSIVI's implementation

R3. Transitional Justice Processes Advanced

Victims Unit's Reparations School workshop

- Assessed the Victims Unit's Reparations School's performance and provided a knowledge update for trainers on individual and collective reparation routes
- The meeting facilitated the creation of education and technical standards for the School of Reparations, exchanging training experiences and identifying training needs of specific audiences

Historical memory projects presentation in Chocó to victims' organizations

- Presented advances of the five historical memory projects supported and implemented with CNMH in Chocó

- Local communities presented the activities programmed to commemorate 12 years since the massacre in Bojayá; the historical memory documentary "There was no time for sadness" will screen in Bojayá on May 2
- Advanced in the Bojayá and former Bellavista initiative to strengthen the design of a sanctuary honoring victims

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

Validation of the Damages Diagnostic for ANMUCIC's Collective Reparation Plan

- From March 13 to 16, an encounter with women from more than 20 departments and in exile was held in Bogotá to validate the National Association of Rural, Afro-Descendent and Indigenous Women (ANMUCIC)'s damages diagnostic
- The encounter provided a space for the women to revise and discuss the damage diagnostic document with the Victims Unit. The document, a product of sessions held in different departments, reconstructs damages suffered over a period of more than 10 years

Inter-institutional strategy for victims of gender based violence

- Supported the presentation, led by Vice President Angelino Garzón, of the inter-institutional strategy for victims of gender based violence (GBV)
- The strategy has three phases: (1) identification of GBV cases within the armed conflict, (2) decentralized interventions to establish strategies to overcome sub-registry of cases and coordinate inter-institutional actions and (3) assessment and monitoring

Quote



"If we want to strengthen human rights in Colombia, we have to invest more in people, starting with women and children. The participation and respect for women's rights are vital within an Integral Human Rights Human Policy," expressed Vice President Angelino Garzón during the presentation of the Inter-institutional strategy for GBV victims. Photo: Human Rights Presidential Program



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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>Regional meetings to analyze peace building in the regions</p>	<p>Focus group session with members of the Victims Unit's Registry Office to identify self-care and emotional care needs</p> <p>Training of members of the Victims Unit's Reparations School to improve their competencies and skills to design and facilitate training spaces</p> <p>National Encounter with 51 psychosocial professionals from the Victims Unit who are responsible for implementing the Emotional Recovery Strategy (ERE)</p> <p>Training for members responsible for the return of mortal remains</p>
<p>Historical Memory Center (CNMH)</p>  <p>Centro Nacional de Memoria Histórica</p>	<p>National Historical Memory Center (CNMH) result planning lab</p> <p>Historical memory projects presentation in Chocó to victims' organizations</p>	<p>Produced the website of FUNDEHUMAC from Santa Marta, as part of the digital literacy project</p>
<p>Ministry of Health</p>  <p>MinSalud Ministerio de Salud y Protección Social</p>	<p>Monitoring, assessment and planning session on the implementation of the Comprehensive Health Program (PAPSIVI)</p>	

Highlighted Product

- Historical memory website: FUNDEHUMAC <http://www.fundehumac.org/>
- Medellin's Mayor Office victims' information system

Highlights by Target Municipality

Antioquia	Magdalena	Bolívar
<p>Necocli, Turbo, Apartadó, Chigorodó and Medellín</p> 	<p>Santa Marta, Ciénaga and Fundación</p> 	<p>Cartagena, María la Baja and San Juan Nepomuceno</p> 
<p>Supported and transferred Medellín's Mayor Office victims information system</p>	<p>Provided training to 22 municipal liaisons on information systems to strengthen registry skills</p>	<p>Supported Bolívar's Victims Participation Roundtable's action plan and internal regulation design</p>
Nariño	Cauca	Chocó
<p>Samaniño and San Juan de Pasto</p> 	<p>Popayán</p> 	<p>Riosucio, Bojayá and Quibdó</p> 
<p>Rehabilitation Protocol validation session to receive feedback on the tools, routes and protocols for the physical, mental and psychosocial rehabilitation processes part of PAPSIVI</p>	<p>Regional meeting to analyze peace building in the regions</p>	<p>Training session in Quibdó with health officers and other institutions on the integral health attention protocol for victims of sexual violence</p>
La Guajira	La Guajira /	Bogotá
<p>Riohacha, Dibulla and San Juan del Cesar</p> 	<p>Workshop led by the Ministry of Health and the Victims Unit held in Riohacha on the ABC's of the Rehabilitation, Attention and Psychosocial Support Programs and Strategies</p>	
	<p>Bogotá / Provided a self-care workshop to 50 members of Bogotá Mayor's Office High Counselor for Victims' Rights, Peace and Reconciliation</p>	