

MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS REPORT

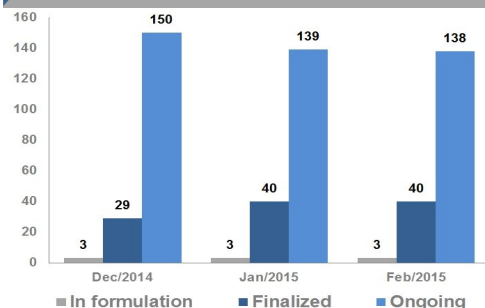
This report provides monthly institutional (Victims Unit, Ministry of Health, National Historical Memory Center and Mayor/Governor's Offices) and Victims Law achievements.

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

VISP STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE

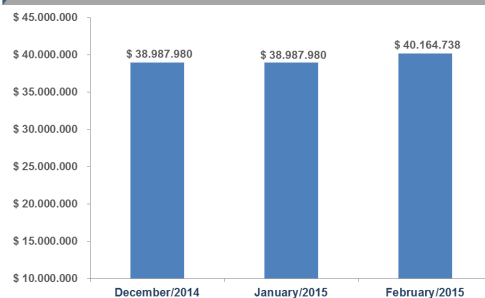
Provide accompaniment and technical support for GoC policies, systems and institutions at the national, departmental and municipal levels, to strengthen capacities and build necessary competencies for the timely and effective execution and implementation of the Victims Law.

VISP projects by status and month



*One project was cancelled between January and February 2015.

Value of VISP's formulated projects by month



IR1. Improved GOC Strategic Management for Victims Law

Regional authorities given tools to lead upcoming selection of victims participation roundtables

- Participatory sessions were held in VISP's ten departments to share information on the election process of municipal victims participation roundtables
- Municipal, district and regional ombudsperson's offices, regional inspector general's offices, and participation roundtables participated in these spaces led by VISP and the Victims Unit
- Participants were provided with tools, including a smartphone application, a toolbox, informational booklets, guides and calendars to facilitate the registration, election and installation processes
- These interactive workshops ensure that regional authorities have the skills and tools necessary to successfully lead the upcoming roundtable election processes, for which enrollment is open through March 31

"Historical Memory in the Regions: Guidelines for Regional Authorities"

- The CNMH and VISP completed the guide "Historical Memory in the Regions: Guidelines for Regional Authorities" and printed 5,000 copies for distribution
- This publication provides guidance for regional and ethnic authorities to develop, promote and implement actions to reconstruct historical memory and support initiatives with a differential approach
- The publication was launched through interactive capacity-building workshops with members of transitional justice committees, victims' representatives and representatives of victims participation roundtables in Quibdó and San Juan de Nepomuceno

Territorialization of victims policies in Caquetá

- One of six national encounters to territorialize public policies for victims was held in Florencia with 35 participants from the Ministry of the Interior, the Victims Unit and mayor's offices
- An impulse and follow-up roundtable was installed to develop proposals for the construction of peace at the local level in the post-conflict
- Moreover, in another encounter emphasizing local capacities, regional entities in Florencia, including the Victims Unit and the Governor's Office, received support to build competencies and skills to implement victims policies

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IR2. Improved GOC Rehabilitation Services for the Wellbeing of Citizens

Psychosocial approach with Bogotá's High Council for the Rights of Victims, Peace and Reconciliation

- Approximately 150 public servants from Bogotá's High Council for the Rights of Victims, Peace and Reconciliation were trained on the guide "Elements to incorporate a psychosocial approach in victims attention, assistance and reparation"
- Interactive activities increased knowledge and understanding for labors carried out with victims, generating recommendations for continued strengthening
- Two victims participated to share their stories and explain the importance of the psychosocial approach, and a self-care workshop was held with the team coordinators to generate skills to mitigate emotional stress
- Elements were identified to create a general guide for SNARIV institutions

National Encounter held for victims of forced disappearance

- 12 organizations of victims of forced disappearance participated in the second national encounter in Bogotá
- 75 participants developed proposals to recognize the state's responsibility, create a search mechanism to identify victims, and guarantee non-repetition
- A training workshop on the psychosocial approach provided organizations with tools, methodologies and strategies to position forced displacement as an important peacebuilding issue in the post-conflict period
- Regional trainings were planned to replicate the information with other organizations at the local level

IR3. Transitional Justice Processes Advanced

Active Memory Resource Center (GRAM) fosters reconstruction of historical memory

- With the presence of USAID/Colombia Director Peter Natiello, the GRAM was inaugurated as part of Medellín's Memory House Museum, opening an interactive, accessible space to preserve information on the armed conflict and make it available to the regional community
- Approximately 1,200 visitors, including members of the community, victims, scholars and national and international tourists will frequent the center's facilities and over 900 spoken, visual and written records on the conflict
- VISP supported the development and design of the CRAM and provided human talent support and technical equipment and computer systems for the center

Advances in Companion Program in Pasto

- Two sessions were held in Pasto on the Victims Unit's Companion Program with victims who would be interested in investing their financial compensations
- 200 victims were invited to the session on investing in improvements, new houses and housing savings
- The Mayor's Office committed 12 housing projects for victims, for which 8 families have been identified, and committed to selecting 18 victims to participate in the interested savers housing program ("VITA")

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

Workshops on sexual violence with Narrar para Vivir

- A third workshop was held with the female collective reparation subject Narrar para Vivir in San Juan Nepomuceno to socialize methodological instruments to increase visibility of violence against female victims
- The most recent workshop in February included music, film and interactive activities to increase participants' understanding of types of violence and actors involved
- An upcoming fourth workshop will propose social mobilization plans to recognize the organization's efforts

Support to Embera Katio community in Chocó

- 37 indigenous leaders participated and graduated from the training process on project design through the General Adjusted Methodology (MGA) and accessing resources from the General Royalties System
- Embera translation of Decree Law 4633 was validated with 17 indigenous governors, 19 indigenous chiefs and 40 teachers, women, youth and adults
- Indigenous representatives were elected to victims' participation spaces, ensuring greater use of these spaces, in which ethnic victims can directly voice their concerns and influence public policies

Quote



One woman participating in the workshop with the women's organization Narrar para Vivir expressed, "we were able to reflect on the human rights of women and what it means to talk about sexual violence in times of violence and in current moments."



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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:

- Presentation of the Victims Unit's 2015 plans and structuring a local SNARIV work plan in Magdalena
- Selection of regional teams in 10 departments country that will provide training, self-care and technical guidance to UARIV teams and build local capacity

National Historical Memory Center



Centro Nacional de Memoria Histórica

Institutional capacities:

- Publication and socialization of the guide "Historical Memory in the Regions: Guidelines for Local Authorities"

Individual competencies:

- Historical memory workshops with female victims from indigenous communities in Cauca

Ministry of Health



MinSalud
Ministerio de Salud y Protección Social

Institutional capacities:

- Effective enjoyment of rights indicators for victims with disabilities and communication strategy revised
- Selection of regional teams in ten departments that will provide training, self-care and technical guidance to PAPSIVI teams and build local capacity

National Planning Department (DNP)



DNP
Departamento Nacional de Planeación

Institutional capabilities:

- South-Central Regional Meeting on territorialization of victims' policies with mayor's offices from Caquetá, and training technical teams on victims' policies with the Governor's Office

Individual competencies:

- Sessions to share information on the registration, conformation and election process of municipal victims participation roundtables with local governments
- Session to socialize ethnic decree laws and incorporate differential approach in local action plans with La Guajira's Governor's office

Mayor's and Governor's offices

Highlights by Target Municipality

Antioquia: Medellín, Necoclí, Turbo, Apartadó and Chigorodó

R3: Medellín - Inauguration of the CRAM; R4: Workshop in Turbo on sexual violence

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

R3: "Historical memory in the regions: guidelines for regional authorities" launched in San Juan Nepomuceno; R4: María la Baja - Decree-Law 4635 socialization with Palenquera community; R3/R4: Strengthening with La Pista community

Caquetá: Florencia, La Montañita, Cartagena del Chairá

R1: South-Central Regional Meeting on territorialization of victims' policies in Florencia; Training regional entities' and victims' references on victims' policies

Cauca: Popayán

R1: Popayán-Socialization of information on participation roundtable elections; R4: Historical memory workshops with 90 Jambaló indigenous reservation women

Chocó: Quibdó, Bojayá, Riosucio

R3: Workshop to launch "Historical memory in the regions: guidelines for regional authorities" in Quibdó; R4: Workshops in Quibdó to socialize ethnic Decree-Law 4633 and validate the translation of Decree 4633 with the Embera community

Córdoba: Montería, Montelíbano, Tierralta

R1: Montería/Montelíbano - info disseminated on participation roundtable elections

La Guajira: Riohacha, Dibulla, San Juan del Cesar

R4: Workshop to socialize ethnic Decree-Laws in Riohacha

Magdalena: Santa Marta, Ciénaga, Fundación

R1: Workshop to socialize the comprehensive reparation route with regional entities and the Victims Unit's Regional Office; R4: Workshop with female Afro-Colombian victims in Santa Marta; Project formulation workshop with the Ette Ennaka community

Nariño: Pasto, Samaniego, Tumaco

R3: Companion Program introduced to compensated victims in Pasto; R4: Historical memory and narrative workshops and interviews with LGBTI victims in Pasto

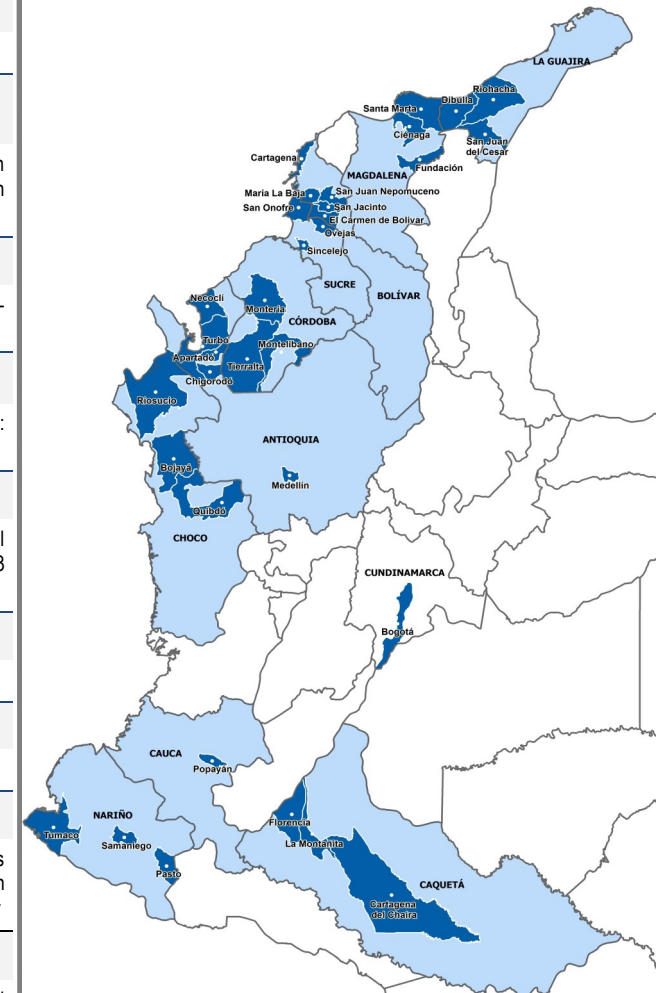
Sucre: Sincelejo, San Onofre, Ovejas

R1: Ovejas - Workshop on project formulation with the participation roundtable; SNARIV inter-institutional meeting in Sincelejo on actions to positively impact victims R4: Encounter with Afro communities on declarations of massive collective subjects

Bogotá

R2: Socialization of psychosocial attention guide with Bogotá's High Council; Validation of the model for women under protection measures with Sisma Mujer

VISP Targeted Regions



Highlighted Products

- Guide "Historical Memory in the Regions: Guidelines for Regional Authorities"



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