

## MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS REPORT

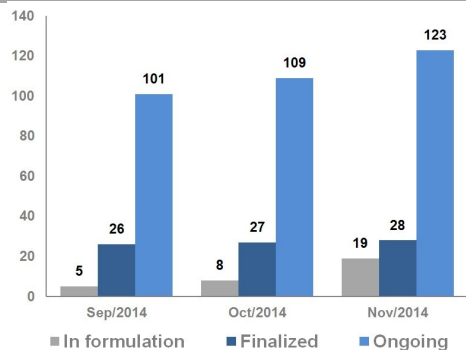
This report provides monthly institutional (Victims Unit, Ministry of Health, National Historical Memory Center and Mayor/Governor's Offices) and Victims Law achievements.

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

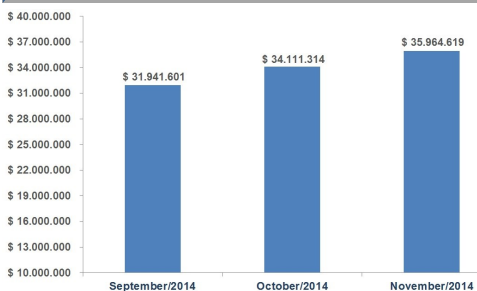
### VISP STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE

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



#### Value of VISP's formulated projects by month



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

#### Victims participation roundtables strengthened

- Support was provided to strengthen victims' participation roundtables for increased impact on public policies
- Five sessions were held in Chocó, Nariño, La Guajira, Caquetá and Sucre with 19 municipalities, of which 13 are prioritized by the program
- Sessions aimed encouraged the development of Local Action Plans (PAT) in upcoming budgetary periods, the creation of work plans and adjustments to existing PATs
- Municipal Ombudsperson's Offices, victims municipal liaisons and Regional Victim's Unit Offices participated

#### Meetings in Dibulla strengthen local institutions' attention to victims

- Inter-institutional meetings were held on November 7 with public servants responsible for victims' services and victims representatives to discuss strategies to implement and improve victims' policies
- Dibulla's Mayor's Office, victims' representatives, the Secretary of Government, the municipal ombudsperson, VISP and USAID participated

### R2. Improved GOC Rehabilitation Services for the Wellbeing of Citizens

#### Victims Unit's Regional Offices trained on the victims attention and reparation route

- Workshops in seven municipalities (Apartadó, Bogotá, Medellín, Cartagena, Quibdó, Pasto and Santa Marta) trained approximately 300 public servants from Regional Offices on the victims' attention and reparation route
- The three-day trainings with the Victims Unit's Reparation School introduced "Elements to incorporate a psychosocial approach in attention, assistance and reparation to victims", constructed with the Victims Unit, presenting conceptual and practical tools according to the psychosocial approach and "Do no harm" principles
- Sessions reviewed the framework and operation of the route, the Comprehensive Liaison, and the inclusion of diversity mainstreaming and a psychosocial approach

#### Institutions review disability policies and actions

- An inter-project meeting analyzed current actions being carried out for victims with disabilities
- 35 individuals from the Victims Unit, the Ministry of Health, universities, foundations and others participated

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- Topics included identifying and registering disability, guidelines for victims with disabilities to access reparation, differential attention trainings, and communication strategies for victims with disabilities

#### International references on psychosocial attention and reparation strengthen internal processes

- Consultant teams' worked with Elizabeth Lira, internationally recognized expert on psychosocial attention and the Chilean conflict, and virtually with Guglielmo Schinina, IOM Head of Mental Health, Psychosocial Response and Intercultural Communication, to improve the applicability of the technical assistance provided and gain new skills and perspectives to train the GoC
- Results and difficulties were reviewed, identifying methods to improve training, technical guidance to pairs, self-care, profiling, methodological guidelines for psychosocial interventions, and turning over remains
- 15 participants received technical feedback, exchanged international cases, discussed challenges that have arisen during projects' implementation, and received suggestions and recommendations for future knowledge management

### R3. Transitional Justice Processes Advanced

#### Cost Bank Tool training sessions

- A five-week process trained 35 civil servants from the Victims Unit's Collective Reparation Office, the Return and Relocation Office and Regional Offices on the Cost Bank Tool, including its design and structure, collecting information on costs, and using it to measure the costs of different collective reparation measures
- The Cost Bank Tool is a technological tool designed by VISP in 2013 that permits constant updating, with official data, on the costs of collective reparation measures

#### Regional memory dialogues on a Colombian truth commission

- Memory Dialogue encounters led by the CNMH were held in Pasto on November 15 and Sincelejo on November 21 with local NGOs, victims' organizations, members of society, experts, academia and civil servants
- Participants debated topics related to historical memory and peace, including opinions regarding the creation of a truth commission, including participation, making the commission durable, and the regions
- International experts expressed that a Colombian truth

commission will be aided by existing memory initiatives that have been developed at the local level

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

#### Local experiences on sexual violence exchanged

- On November 27 an encounter was on local experiences attending to survivors of sexual violence and GBV was held in Popayán as part of the week against gender-based violence and the #16days campaign
- Female victims' organizations from Chocó, Antioquia – Urabá, Bolívar and Cauca participated, and approximately 170 women attended, as well as the Victims Unit, the CNMH, and local entities
- Lessons learned implementing attention processes for female victims of sexual violence and GBV were shared

#### Diversity mainstreaming model resolution signed

- Victims Unit Director Paula Gaviria signed Resolution 758 to implement the VISP supported Diversity Mainstreaming Model with a gender approach
- To develop the model, which guarantee adjustments and complements to the attention route to respond to the needs of diverse populations, VISP supported diversity mainstreaming training strategies, adapting tools, recommendations for the collective reparation route and knowledge exchange spaces
- The resolution was signed as part of a National Victims Assistance and Reparation System (SNARIV) encounter on November 18 with 100 participants that encouraged the inclusion of diversity mainstreaming guidelines

#### Quote



Above, Katie Kerr IOM Deputy Chief of Mission speaks in Popayán. According to Ana Gloria from Mujer y Vida, "Women in Chocó are love, spirituality and family, and this has been stolen by the conflict, this is the treasure...that through this process has been recovered."



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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:

- Great SNARIV encounter and signing of Resolution 758 to implement the Diversity Mainstreaming Model

- Socialization of Psychosocial Attention Models for complex crises with national and regional offices and emergency prevention teams

#### Individual competencies:

- Self-care workshop for the Collective Reparations' Office and the Assessment and Registry Directorate to identify burn out symptoms

- Training sessions on the Cost Bank Tool

### National Historical Memory Center



Centro Nacional de Memoria Histórica

#### Institutional capacities:

- Memory Dialogues encounters on a Colombian truth commission in Nariño and Sucre

- Advances on the CNMH sexual violence report in the framework of Law 1719 presented in Popayán

### Ministry of Health



MinSalud  
Ministerio de Salud y Protección Social

#### Individual competencies:

- Workshop on psychosocial interventions and health services provision for victims according to Resolution 780

### National Planning Department (DNP)



DNP  
Departamento Nacional de Planeación

#### Individual competencies:

- Training workshops on the Victims Law's ethnic decrees, project creation, the general adjusted methodology (MGA) and the general royalties system with Afrocolombian communities in La Guajira

#### Institutional capacities:

- Supported encounter in Popayán for organizations and victims to share experiences on sexual violence, with Cauca's Governor's Office and Popayán's Mayor's Office

### Mayors' and Governors' Offices

- Cauca's Governor's Office participated in session to disseminate Ethnic Decree 4635

## Highlights by Target Municipality

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

R2: Medellín and Apartadó, victims' attention and reparation route training

### Cauca: Popayán

R4: Encounter to exchange local experiences in attention to survivors of sexual violence; Session to disseminate the Victims Law's Ethnic Decree 4635

### Chocó: Quibdó, Bojayá, Riosucio

R1: Victims Participation Roundtables strengthened in Riosucio and Bojayá; R2: Victims' attention and reparation route training in Quibdó

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

R1: Victims Participation Roundtables strengthened; R2: Victims' attention and reparation route training in Cartagena; 4: Workshop on San Basilio de Palenque's participation protocol; Workshop on gender and human rights with Narrar para Vivir in San Juan de Nepomuceno

### Magdalena: Santa Marta, Ciénaga, Fundación

R2: Victims' attention and reparation route training in Santa Marta

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

R1: Victims Participation Roundtables strengthened; R4: Training on project design/general royalties system with Afro communities

### Sucre: Sincelajo, San Onofre, Ovejas

R1: Victims Participation Roundtables strengthened; R3: Regional Memory Meeting in Sincelajo; R4: Session to incorporate ethnic diversity mainstreaming

### Córdoba: Montería, Montelíbano, Tierralta

### Caquetá: Florencia, La Montañita, Cartagena del Chairá

R1: Victims Participation Roundtables strengthened; Program gaps workshop in Florencia to identify obstacles and solutions

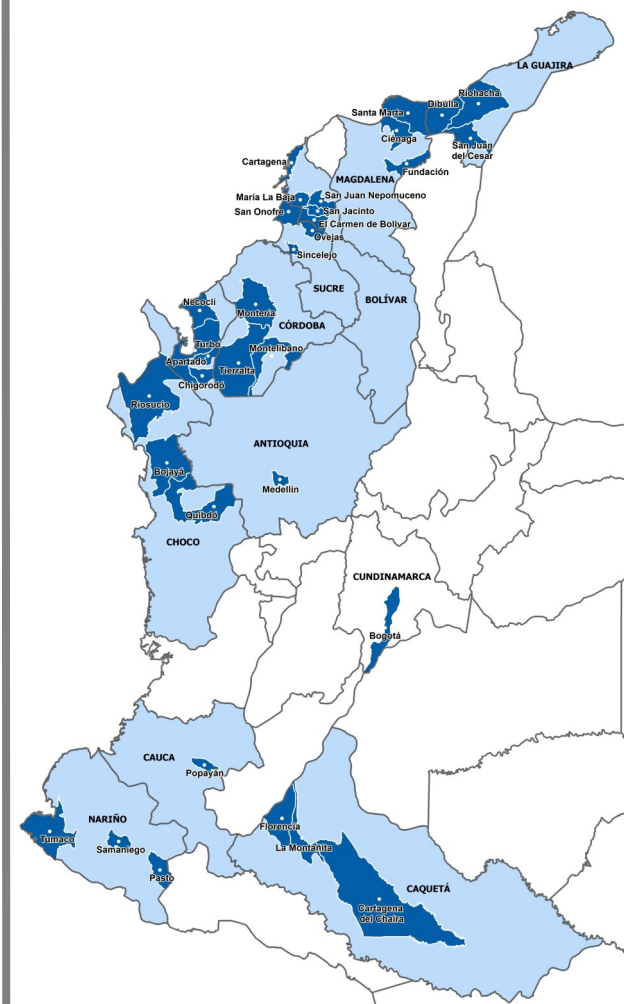
### Nariño: Pasto, Samaniego, Tumaco

R1: Support provided to strengthen Victims Participation Roundtables; R3: Regional Memory Meeting; R4: Ethnic Decree 4633 disseminated with the Awa community; Session to incorporate ethnic diversity mainstreaming in Samaniego

### Bogotá

R2: Victims' attention and reparation route training; Workshop to socialize psychosocial attention models for complex crises with the Victims Unit; R3: Cost bank tool trainings; R4: SNARIV encounter to sign Resolution 058; Human Rights and Gender Workshop with 30 female victims

## VISP Targeted Regions



## Highlighted Products

- Resolution 758 signed by the Victims Unit to implement the Diversity Mainstreaming Model, supported by the Diversity Mainstreaming Team
- Human rights toolbox and documentation of the digital literacy process completed by the Transitional Justice Team