



Commemoration for victims in La Punta de los Remedios, La Guajira. Above, on September 17 the community came together with the National Center for Historical Memory (CNMH), local authorities and institutions, and civil society to commemorate victims. Photo credit: César Augusto Romero Aroca for the CNMH, 2015.

VICTIMS INSTITUTIONAL STRENGTHENING PROGRAM (VISP)

Provides accompaniment and technical support for the Government of Colombia's (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.

MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS

This report provides monthly institutional and Victims Law achievements supported by VISP at the national and local levels.

WHAT WAS DONE THIS MONTH?

MEMORY, COMMEMORATION, AND TRUTH

PEOPLE WITHOUT LAND

- The CNMH with VISP support produced the animation "People without land," a short video on the problems and circumstances that allowed and promoted forced displacement in Colombia.
- "People without land" is part of "A Displaced Nation," the new series of historical memory reports on forced displacement by the CNMH. See page 2 "Discover VISP advances" for a link to the video.

COMMEMORATIONS

La Punta de los Remedios, Dibulla

• Through a joint initiative with the CNMH, the Municipal Ombudsperson's Office, social leaders, and victims' representatives, VISP supported the 13-year anniversary of the massacre committed in La Punta de los Remedios (Dibulla, La Guajira), which included a walk through the town, a religious ceremony, and the installment of wooden crosses honoring the victims.

• Following past years' commemorations, the Municipal Council declared September 17 a civic day to honor victims, and commemoration activities will be planned with the CNMH for coming years.

San José de Playón, María la Baja

• On September 16, the community of San José de Playón honored its victims with dozens of kites flying its skies. This initiative was the result a joint intervention by the CNMH, the Victims Unit, and VISP to assess the damage produced by the conflict in the community, which is currently undergoing its collective reparation process.

• The process resulted in a document and memory initiatives to be considered as part of the community's collective reparation process with the Victims Unit.

GBV AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE

SOCIAL MOBILIZATION AGAINST GENDER VIOLENCE

- In association with Casa Ensemble, the Presidential Council for Women's Equality, and the actress Alejandra Borrero, the monologue and dialogue piece "Rompiendo imaginarios de violencia de género" ("Breaking gender violence imaginaries") was shared with more than 1,300 people in Montería, Cartagena, and San Juan de Nepomuceno. Female victims, public servants, and members of the Armed Forces and the Police participated.
- The event includes a meeting with public servants to present the regional context and statistics on GBV against women, and seeks to establish actions and commitments between participating institutions regarding comprehensive reparation route for victims of sexual violence.

DISABILITY

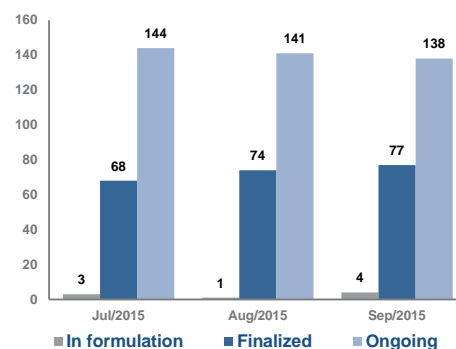
#YOMECOMPROMETO: REGISTERING THE CONDITION OF DISABILITY

- In August and September, eight participatory workshops were held in Cartagena, Montería, Apartadó, Medellín, Quibdó, Popayán, Pasto, and Tumaco presenting the campaign to register disabilities, socializing the importance of registration, and raising awareness on disability.
- 100 Participants committed to replicate the campaign, using the hashtag #YoMeComprometo to share their commitments.

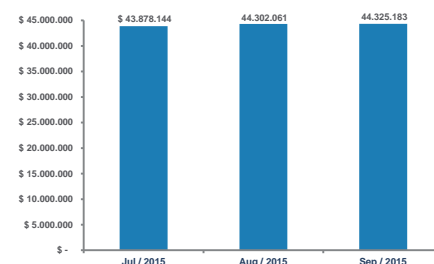
GOVERNMENT PARTNERS

VISP STATISTICS

PROJECTS BY STATUS



VALUE OF DESIGNED PROJECTS



SPREADING KNOWLEDGE ON THE VICTIMS LAW

PARTICIPAZ

- The online open course Participaz (www.participaz.com) designed and implemented by the Victims Unit with VISP support developed virtual and in-person sessions in September. Currently 986 people are registered in the virtual program, of whom 133 have already finished its 18 modules.
- In-person sessions are being carried out in Sincelejo, Riohacha, Montería, Cartagena, Quibdó, Popayán, and Pasto. To date, 37 leaders of victims participation roundtables from the department and Riohacha have participated in in-person sessions in La Guajira.
- VISP is also supporting trainings on differential approaches and inclusion as part of Participaz's in-person sessions.

BETTER LEADERS FOR RECONCILIATION

TRAINING MAYORAL AND GUBERNATORIAL CANDIDATES

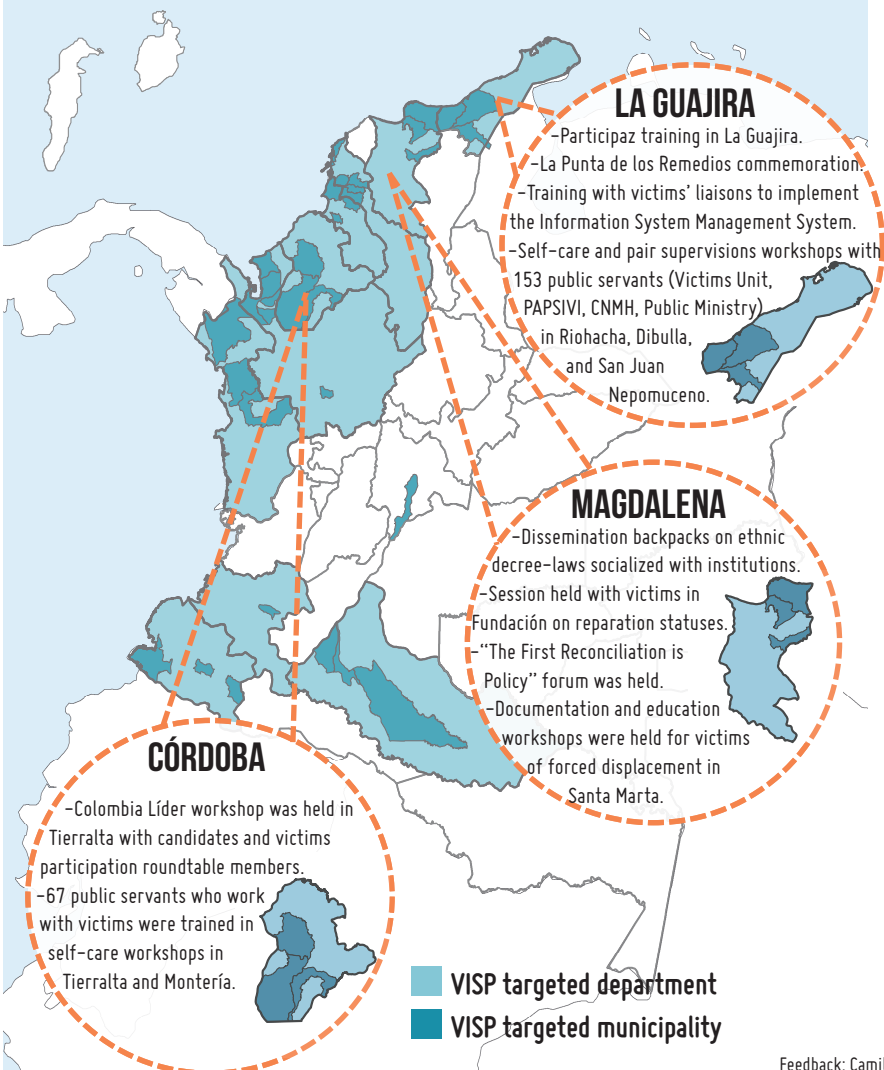
- In association with Colombia Líder, Fundación Exito, and Fundación Saldarriaga Concha, VISP supported training sessions with mayoral and gubernatorial candidates on local management, local development plans, victims' reparations, reconciliation, inclusion and peace-building in Cartagena, Pasto, and Florencia, as part of the process to support hand over processes between outgoing and incoming local administrations.
- On September 28, dialogue sessions were held in Bogotá with gubernatorial and mayoral candidates to present the workshops being held in the regions and exchange opinions on reconciliation and social inclusion programs.
- The finalists of best governors and mayors in reconciliation will be announced in Pasto on November 9, and winners will be announced on December 2. Finalists from targeted municipalities include the mayors of Fundación, Popayán, and Pasto, and the Governors of Antioquia and Cauca.

COLLECTIVE REPARATION

CAMPESINO DIGNITY FAIR

- Through a joint initiative with the Victims Unit and VISP supported the Rural Workers Dignity Fair in Pasto (Nariño), creating a space for rural workers who are in the collective reparation process and who actively promote peace-building initiatives in the region.
- The Fair included a dialogue with two victims who participated in peace talks between the GoC and FARC in Havana, and part of VISP's support to the Victims Unit to implement satisfaction measures, promote better relationships with institutions, and foster experience exchanges.

HIGHLIGHTED REGIONAL ADVANCES



HIGHLIGHTED INSTITUTIONAL AND INDIVIDUAL ADVANCES

INSTITUCIONAL CAPACITIES



All 32 prioritized municipalities reported victims law advances in the **Ministry of Interior's Victims Monitoring System (RUSISCT)**.

Supported the **Ministry of Interior and the Victims Unit** to produce and disseminate a document with guidelines to create the **hand over** report for local authorities.

INDIVIDUAL CAPABILITIES



Approximately **1,400 public servants** from the Victims Unit, the CNMH, regional ombudsperson's office, the Ombudsman's Office, Departmental Health Secretaries, and Victims Attention Points who work with victims in 22 municipalities received training on **self care, pair supervision, and psychosocial skills**, and to turn over the remains of victims of forced disappearance in a dignified manner.

DISCOVER VISP ADVANCES ONLINE:

- "People without land" animated video on land loss <https://youtu.be/6oc7Xu8nifU>
- Basta Ya! Summary of the General Report in English <http://bit.ly/1k5DyDN>
- Guidelines for the inclusion of victims' policies in hand over processes <http://bit.ly/1iaFYzu>
- Paths to Memory interactive website <http://bit.ly/1lyTCpi>



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