

## MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS REPORT

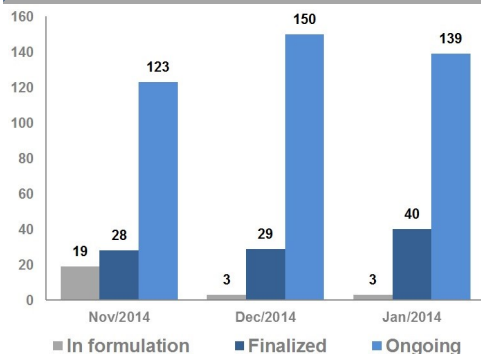
This report provides monthly institutional (Victims Unit, Ministry of Health, National Historical Memory Center and Mayor/Governor's Offices) and Victims Law achievements.

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

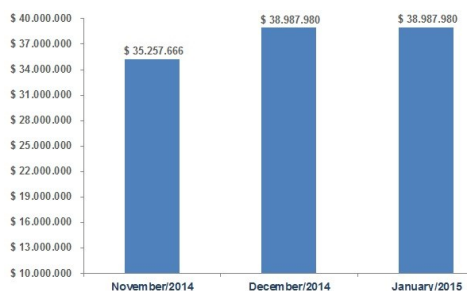
### VISP STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE

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



### IR1. Improved GOC Strategic Management for Victims Law

#### Bogotá's District Victims Participation Protocol completed and formally adopted

- Following its construction through seven participatory socialization workshops with 171 victims of the armed conflict in the Bogotá's District Victims Participation Protocol was adopted by Decree 035 of 2015
- VISP supported the formulation, construction and validation of the protocol, which aims to implement a participatory grassroots process in Bogotá, encourage victims' participation, social monitoring exercises and actions to guarantee victims' rights
- This protocol regulates institutional, operation, logistical and methodological minimums to implement local and district victims participation roundtables
- The participatory process also included seven encounters with indigenous and Afro-descendent victims to create autonomous spaces for these ethnic communities and ensure their participation

#### National Victims Participation Protocol adjusted for municipal inclusion

- The national-level Effective Victims Participation Protocol was adjusted to guarantee direct channels between municipal and central-level victims participation roundtables throughout the country
- Adjustments ensure that all members of national victims participation roundtables also participate at the municipal level, as well as the inclusion of all victimizing acts and diverse differential approaches

#### Consolidation of the National Historical Memory Center's Central - Local Strategy

- The booklet "Historical Memory in the Regions: Guidance for Regional Entities" was launched with the CNMH through workshops in Quibdó and San Juan de Nepomuceno to guide regional entities and raise awareness on the process to design and carry out historical memory at the regional level
- These workshops began a local discussion on collective memory and historical memory and the symbolic dimension of comprehensive reparation, thereby strengthening regional authorities' and ethnic authorities' capacities to promote, implement and develop actions to reconstruct historical memory and support local memory initiatives with a differential approach
- This is the first official document from the CNMH that provides technical support to regional entities

### IR2. Improved GOC Rehabilitation Services for the Wellbeing of Citizens

#### Strengthening validation of cases and rehabilitation efforts with ethnic communities

- The Victims Psychosocial and Comprehensive Health Program (PAPSIVI) team completed a second visit and was presented to an indigenous community in Tumaco in order to establish a monitoring and follow-up plan to implement rehabilitation measures for this community
- Furthermore, articulated efforts were developed with the health service provider UNIPA to propose collective monitoring of the Awá community in Tumaco
- Additionally, as part of the validation of tools, protocols and access routes to psychosocial rehabilitation with a differential approach, cases were approached in María la Baja, Montería, Sincelejo and Florencia to conclude fifteen individual, family and community (including an indigenous community)

### IR3. Transitional Justice Processes Advanced

#### Booklets on the Returns and Relocations Protocol for victims and public servants completed

- Two booklets on the Returns and Relocations Protocol, one adapted for victims and the other for public servants who work with victims attention, assistance and reparation processes, were completed with the Victims Unit
- 3,250 copies of public servants' booklet and 6,370 copies of victims' booklet will be distributed to 20 Regional Offices of the Victims Unit, including to all 10 VISP departments and Bogotá
- These booklets adapt the Returns and Relocations Protocol for the respective audiences, offering conceptual and practical tools and contextual information on forced displacement in Colombia and the Victims Law, the right to voluntary, safe and dignified return and relocation, and the steps to undertake these processes
- Around 44,000 households have returned or been relocated, and the Victims Unit reports 6,044,151 individual victims of forced displacement in Colombia

#### Methodology socialized for memory at the local level

- 15 VISP municipal liaisons, including those from the program's extension, participated in a workshop sharing a methodology analyzing historical memory processes at the regional level, as well as conceptual references to develop and implement memory initiatives
- Participants validated the methodology and identified aspects to advance local memory initiatives

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

#### Strengthening processes with LGBTI victims

- Five workshops have been held on historical memory and rights with LGBTI victims in Cartagena, Bogotá and Medellín, as well as fifteen interviews and data collection activities to advance the development of a (1) a historical memory report with the CNMH on LGBTI victims' experiences in the conflict and (2) a virtual diploma course on inclusion of a gender perspective in institutional actions with the Superior Public Administration School (ESAP) and the Ombudsperson's Office
- In January, a workshop was held with 13 LGBTI victims from Ciudad Bolívar, Bogotá to support the development of the CNMH's memory report
- The workshop included dialogues on the body and violence related to gender identities and sexual orientations, the development and presentation of "body maps" (see photo below) and two individual interviews
- Efforts with LGBTI victims of the conflict support specialized attention, reparation and the recognition of rights

#### Support and guidance provided for ethnic collective reparation subjects

- Between August 2014 and January 2015, 27 socialization workshops on the Victims Law's Ethnic Law Decrees were held, as well as 32 declaration-taking sessions and 85 meetings with indigenous and Afro-Colombian communities
- VISP has supported the Ombudsperson to provide guidance to ethnic communities in Cauca, Chocó, Córdoba, Antioquia, Bolívar, Sucre and La Guajira
- In Cauca and Córdoba, five prior consultation meetings on collective reparation plans were held to ensure that ethnic subjects' rights were guaranteed

### Quote

Right, a participant in a workshop with LGBTI victims draws a "body map"

"It's the first time that anyone cares about the story behind the person. It helps a lot, because, as I repeat, you exorcised, got rid of demons, and it's cool." Testimony of transgender man from Pasto.

"I thought talking about this I was going to break, but I thank God for the trust you have shown me." Testimony of gay man from Bogotá.





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# VISP Monthly Highlights 21 - January 2015

## Institutional Strengthening of Select GoC Entities

### Victims Assistance and Reparation Unit (Victims Unit)



Unidad para la Atención  
y Reparación Integral  
a las Víctimas

### National Historical Memory Center



Centro Nacional  
de Memoria Histórica

### Ministry of Health



MinSalud  
Ministerio de Salud  
y Protección Social

### National Planning Department (DNP)



DNP  
Departamento  
Nacional  
de Planeación

### Mayor's and Governor's offices

#### Institutional capacities:

- Entrelazando M&E products presented and handed over
- Final Psychosocial Attention Models for Complex Crises for Popayán, Apartadó and Medellín formally handed over to the Prevention and Emergency Attention Sub-Directorate
- 2015 Work Plan constructed with the Self-Care Team

#### Individual competencies:

- Returns and Relocation Protocol booklets completed and printed to strengthen victims and civil servants' understanding

#### Institutional capacities:

- Workshop with VISP's regional liaisons on historical memory in the regions to strengthen institutional actions

#### Individual competencies:

- Workshops to develop the CNMH's historical memory report with LGBTI community

#### Institutional capacities:

- Operational route developed to implement replicable model experiences to develop PAPSIVI's comprehensive health attention protocol with a psychosocial approach with five directorates
- The definition of technical institutional guidelines for the Register to Locate and Characterize Persons with Disability instrument emphasizing children and adolescent victims was advanced

#### Institutional capabilities:

- Bases for the National Development Plan 2014-2018 discussed with national and international institutions, stressing the importance of victims and peace-related topics

#### Individual competencies:

- Training with afro-Colombian communities on project formulation, general adjusted methodology and the general royalty system

#### Institutional capabilities:

- Bogotá's Mayor's Office 2015 adopted the District Victims Participation Protocol

#### Individual competencies:

- Publishing of "The route of your rights", a newspaper addressed to victims in Bogotá so that they know the institutional offer of the Mayor's Office.

## Highlights by Target Municipality

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

IR2: Final psychosocial attention model for complex crises handed over for Apartadó and Medellín ; IR3: Completion of the Resource Activation Center (CRAM)

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

IR1: Support to strengthen the municipal participation roundtable in María la Baja; IR2: Cases to validate rehabilitation measures were approached in María la Baja

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

IR1: Encounter with municipal ombudspersons in Florencia to analyze the execution of 2014 Local Action Plans (PAT) and plan future PAT activities; IR2: Cases to validate rehabilitation measures were approached in Florencia; IR3: Strengthening "8th Return Festival" in Montañita, screening of "There was no time for sadness"

### Cauca: Popayán

IR2: Final psychosocial attention model for complex crises in Apartadó handed over

### Chocó: Quibdó, Bojayá, Riosucio

IR2: Hospital Ismael Roldan in Quibdó was chosen to receive resources and strengthening of its functional rehabilitation services for victims with disabilities

### Córdoba: Montería, Montelíbano, Tierralta

IR2: Cases to validate rehabilitation measures were approached in Montería

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

IR1: Transitional Justice Committee meeting in San Juan del Cesar on the prevention and contingency plan

### Magdalena: Santa Marta, Ciénaga, Fundación

IR4: Santa Marta, training workshop with Afro-Colombian communities; Workshop to disseminate ethnic legal decrees with Afro-descendant and indigenous communities

### Nariño: Pasto, Samaniego, Tumaco

IR2: PAPSIVI team was presented to an indigenous community case in Tumaco

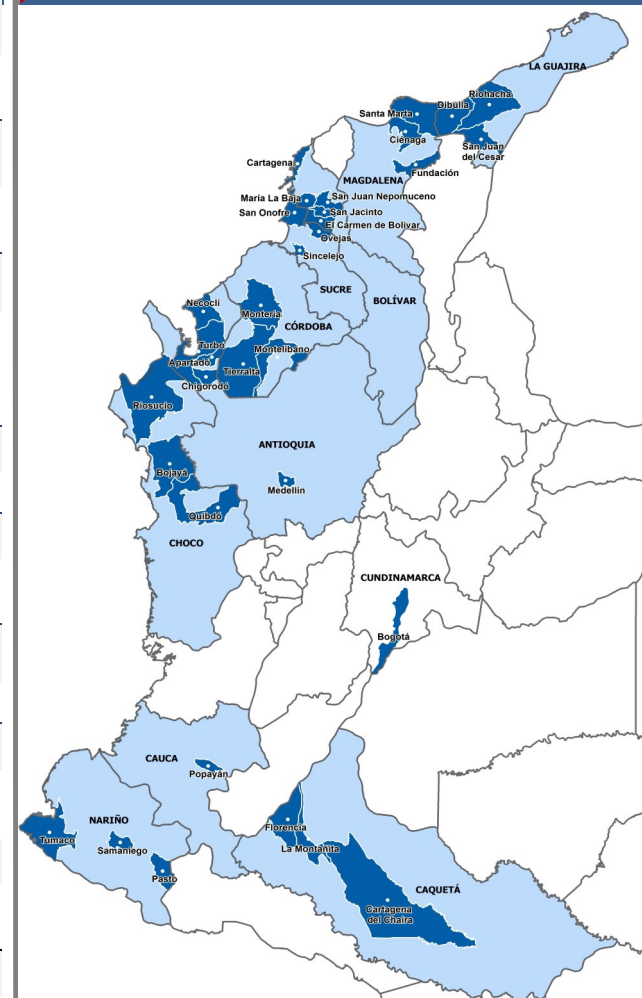
### Sucre: Sincelejo, San Onofre, Ovejas

IR2: Cases to validate rehabilitation measures approached in Sincelejo; IR4: Preparation of collective declaration of indigenous community in San Onofre

### Bogotá

IR1: Adoption of Bogotá's District Victims' Participation Protocol; IR4: Workshop with LGBTI victims of the armed conflict on historical memory and a gender perspective; IR4: Meeting with OPIAC to inaugurate project on differential approach to psychosocial attention of Amazonian indigenous women and girls

## VISP Targeted Regions



## Highlighted Products

- Returns and Relocations Protocol booklets for victims and public servants
- Bogotá's Victims Participation Protocol
- Entrelazando M&E strategy handed over to Victims Unit
- Psychosocial Attention Models for Complex Crises for Apartadó, Medellín and Popayán officially handed over to Victims Unit

