

MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS REPORT

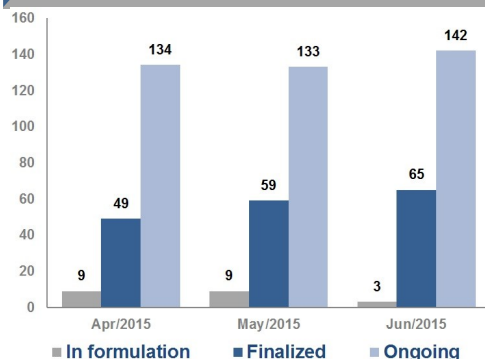
This report provides monthly institutional (Victims Unit, Ministry of Health, National Historical Memory Center, and Mayor's/Governor's Offices) and Victims Law achievements.

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

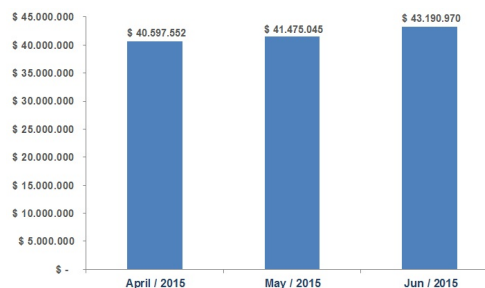
VISP STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE

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



1. Improved GOC Strategic Management for Victims Law

New National Victims Participation Roundtable elected and installed

- From June 8 to 10, the 2015-17 National Victims Participation Roundtable was elected in Paipa
- The new national roundtable includes victims of diverse victimizing acts, as well as women, youths and members of the LGBT community
- As part of the election process, leaders received training on leadership, participation and representation in the framework of the Victims Law, and the newly elected national participation roundtable members learned about the operations of the 10 National Victims Assistance and Reparation System (SNARIV) sub-committees, the National Historical Memory Center (CNMH), the Land Restitution Unit, and other entities

Large scale sessions held at the regional level to take declarations

- Anticipating the June 10 deadline to declare victimizing acts occurring between January 1, 1985 and June 10, 2011, VISP supported the Public Ministry to hold massive declaration-taking sessions at the regional level
- Sessions were held in 10 departments, ensuring that over 4,300 people were able to declare to be included in the Victims Single Registry (RUV), thereby qualifying for the Victims Law's benefits
- The National Learning Service (SENA), the National Police, the Public Ministry, the Colombian Family Welfare Institute (ICBF), mayor's offices and governor's offices provided information on topics related to the Victims Law to over 9,000 individuals

CNMH's organizational redesign proposal presented

- Following an assessment identifying that the CNMH only has 71 staff members and its organizational structure is not sufficient to carry out its mandates, achieve its goals and face the challenges that come with the eventual implementation of peace agreements, VISP delivered a modernization and institutional redesign proposal to the CNMH that includes a new internal structure, a proposal for staff organization, financial impact and the process for approval before the GoC
- While GoC approval is in process, efforts will be advanced to create a temporary staff at zero costs, which implies converting service provision contracts to temporary employees

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2. Improved GOC Rehabilitation Services for the Wellbeing of Citizens

Commemorating victims of forced disappearance

- During the Week of the Detained and Disappeared, VISP supported a commemorative event emphasizing the importance of photographs for relatives, in which victims' relatives were presented with crystal cubes with images of those disappeared
- VISP's support for relatives also included designing psychosocial guidelines to support the search for, finding and handing over of remains
- VISP also provided self-care trainings for teams from the Victims Unit and the Attorney General's Office responsible for providing support, as well as psychosocial and do no harm trainings with families and public servants, to raise awareness on the complexity of this crime and the importance of psychosocial support
- Trainings have qualified nearly 500 individuals from 16 organizations, 13 workshops have been held with non-organized victims, and six with 106 public servants

Training on theatre techniques for emotional recovery in Bogotá and Boyajá

- VISP, Corporación Otra Escuela and ImaginAction Theater developed a forum theatre training with 29 members of the Victims Unit, the Ministry of Health, and VISP's training and self-care team in Bogotá
- Following this training, members of VISP's team, accompanied by the Victims Unit, carried out a forum theater activity in Boyajá to create new significations of representative locations
- Afro-Colombian and indigenous communities from Boyajá participated in activities focusing on expressing expressions of what happened in the massacre in 2002
- Following advances and accompaniment, a new project was designed to support reconciliation efforts between Boyajá's communities and FARC

3. Transitional Justice Processes Advanced

Participatory memory dialogues held around country

- VISP supported the CNMH to hold six memory dialogues at the regional level in June in Caquetá, Apartadó, Medellín, Montería, Cartagena and Santa Marta
- 184 people participated in these dialogues on landmines, risks and challenges of the post-conflict, sexual violence, and forced recruitment
- Written, audio and video narratives were collected as inputs for the CNMH's ongoing research; two additional memory dialogues will be held in future months

Toolbox "Paths to memory: guide for victims' participation in the CNMH's processes"

- "Paths to memory" and its corresponding multimedia page were completed with information on CNMH's objectives, the meaning of memory and its importance, and local memory initiatives
- 3,000 copies were distributed and socialized with 57 Victims Participation Roundtables at the municipal and departmental levels, as well as during the new national roundtable's inauguration

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

Improving the Judicial Branch's ability to assist female victims of GBV

- To address the Judicial Branch's lack of skills and training to attend to female victims of GBV, VISP and the Judicial Branch's Superior Council's Gender Commission designed and validated the document "Guidelines for attention and protection of female victims of sexual violence" through focus groups and interviews with victims, public servants and experts
- The guidelines were socialized with trainers from the Judicial School's "Rodrigo Lara Bonilla" Gender Network who will be responsible for replicating the guidelines in 13 training workshops between July and October 2015 with 800 judges and magistrates in 10 departments

Historical memory report for the LGBT community validated regionally

- Workshops were held in Cartagena, Bogotá (2), and Medellín to validate the memory report being developed with the CNMH and LGBT victims, socialize the report with experts and members of the LGBT community, and collect information for its elaboration
- During the validation activities, the LGBT victims participating in the process were included in the victims attention and reparation route and received collective satisfaction measures in each of the events

Quote



"Regional authorities have a vital role together with the community and victims, who best know the impact that the conflict has had in their regions," stated USAID/Colombia Sub-Director of Vulnerable Populations Christina Davis, in an event in Bogotá launching the guide "Historical memory in the regions."



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Institutional Strengthening of Select GoC Entities

Victims Unit



Unidad para la Atención
y Reparación Integral
a las Víctimas

Institutional capacities:

- “For victims, for peace” received the silver medal in the AMEC Awards in Sweden for best communication campaign for the public sector
- Developed a work plan to strengthen victims participation roundtables
- Communications strategy to prevent fraud implemented in 32 departments and 386 municipalities

Individual competencies:

- Self-care and emotional burnout workshops with public servants from the Victims Unit

National Historical Memory Center



Centro Nacional
de Memoria Histórica

Institutional capacities:

- “Historical Memory in the Regions: Guidance for Regional Authorities” launched in Bogotá
- Conmemora Radio sessions broadcast on university radio stations and online, available here: <http://bit.ly/1wFjzL1>

Individual competencies:

- Self-care and emotional burnout workshops

Ministry of Health



MinSalud
Ministerio de Salud
y Protección Social

Institutional capacities:

- Desk-top application to follow-up on PAPSIVI is being implemented

Individual competencies:

- PAPSIVI Phase 3 trainings at the regional level

Mayor's and Governor's Offices

Institutional capacities:

- Workshops on differential approaches in mayor's and governor's offices (Pasto, Antioquia, Chocó, La Guajira)
- Workshops with mayor's offices in Sucre to socialize the Local Action Plan control mechanism

Public Ministry

Institutional capacities:

- Supported the election of victims participation roundtables, concluding with the National Victims Participation Roundtable

Ombudsperson's Office

Individual capabilities

- Strengthened the Victims Affairs Delegate and its regional liaisons' ability to accompany ethnic collective reparation subjects and take declarations
- Supported psychosocial tools for staff's self-care and emotional stability



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Highlights by Target Municipality

Antioquia: Medellín, Necoclí, Turbo, Apartadó and Chigorodó

R3: Socialization of collective reparation route in Turbo; Offer management for victims with the private sector

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

R4: Socialization of operative and affirmative actions from the project to operationalize the diversity mainstreaming and gender approach model in Cartagena

Chocó: Quibdó, Bojayá, Riosucio

R2: Assessment workshop on care and training needs with SNARIV staff; R4: Follow-up to the Kitek Kiwe indigenous community's collective reparation process

Caquetá: Florencia, La Montañita, Cartagena del Chairá

R1: Training with SNARIV on National Information Network; R4: Training on differential approaches with Cartagena del Chairá's municipal victims participation roundtable

Cauca: Popayán

R4: Socialization of operative and affirmative actions for the diversity mainstreaming and gender approach model in Popayán

Córdoba: Montería, Montelíbano, Tierralta

R2: Workshop on security and mitigating risk with 30 members of the Victims Unit in Montería; Encounter on differential approaches for disability in Montelíbano

La Guajira: Riohacha, Dibulla, San Juan del Cesar

R4: Forum “From an illusion to a nightmare” on violence against women in human trafficking

Magdalena: Santa Marta, Ciénaga, Fundación

R2: Workshop to identify sources of workplace burnout in teams that work with victims in Santa Marta; Ciénaga: encounter to incorporate differential approaches in policies for disability at the municipal level; R3: Workshops with 167 victims who expressed interest in receiving guidance to invest in housing or productive projects

Nariño: Pasto, Samaniego, Tumaco

R4: Socialization of operative and affirmative actions for diversity mainstreaming and gender approach model in Pasto

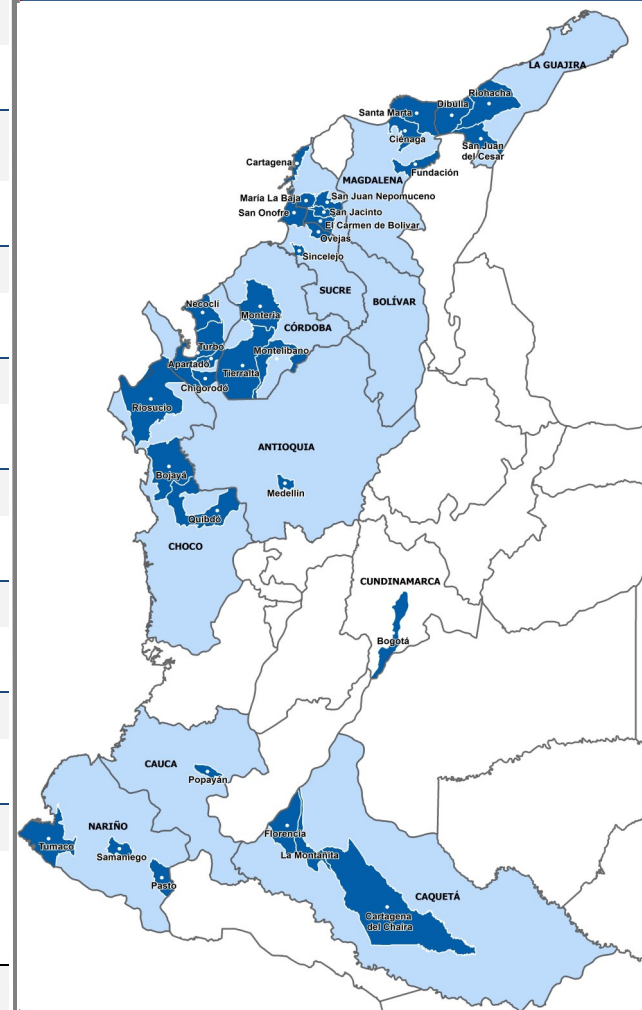
Sucre: Sincelejo, San Onofre, Ovejas

R1: Accompaniment to the municipal victims participation roundtable; R2: Sincelejo: self-care and emotional burnout workshop with the Victims Unit; R3: Screening of the documentary “There was no time for sadness” in San Onofre

Bogotá

R3: Radio memory workshop with the Center for Memory, Peace and Reconciliation and the organization Madres de Soacha; R4: Workshop on training on women's rights

VISP Targeted Regions



Highlighted Products

- “Paths to Memory” toolbox and multimedia page completed
- “Faces of Memory” documentary released with subtitles in English, available here: <http://bit.ly/1gjBuqi>