

MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS REPORT

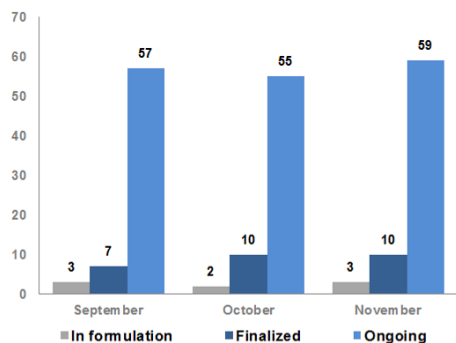
This report provides monthly institutional (Victims Unit, Ministry of Health, National Historical Memory Center and Mayor/Governor's Offices) and Victims Law achievements.

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

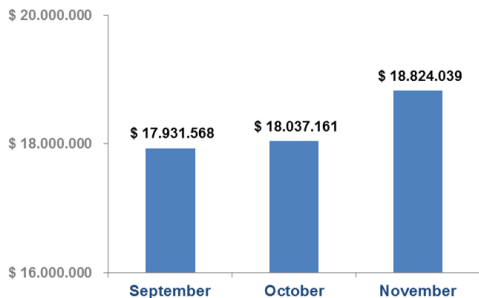
VISP STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE

Select GOC Institutions, Policies and Systems at the National and sub national levels operationalized for effective implementation of the Victims Law.

VISP projects by status and month



Monthly cumulative project budget allocation in USD



R1. Improved GOC Strategic Management for Victims Law

Provision of computer kits to Ombudsperson's offices for online declarations

- Financed and transferred computer kits to 26 Ombudsperson's offices (5 to regional offices and 21 to all VISP prioritized municipalities)
- The kits include: all-in-one computer, scanner, printer, digital pad and uninterruptible power supplies (UPS)
- Equipment provision will speed up the victims' declaration process, allowing digital signatures, online declarations and future online submissions to the Victims' Unit for their assessment

Historical Memory local capacities diagnosis

- Analyzed the historical memory component of all the Local Action Plans (PAT) and Development Plants to identify key regions where the National Historical Memory Center (CNMH) should focus training and technical assistance activities
- Five regions were identified and will be CNMH's focus regions in 2014: Cesar, Magdalena, Huila, Antioquia and Nariño
- Future actions include CNMH methodology design to provide technical assistance to regional authorities

Strengthening of Victims Unit's School of Reparations

Developed training courses with the Victims' Unit's School of Reparations, responsible for providing training sessions to victims and Unit officials

- Courses provided in communications, group management and facilitation skills to strengthen School of Reparations' member role within the Victims Unit
- Provided tools on experiential and cooperative learning and team work to new members of the School of Reparations
- Over 40 officials attended the workshops

R2. Improved GOC Rehabilitation Services that Strengthen Victims Capacity to improve their wellbeing

Psychosocial Emergency Attention Model design

- Designed the Psychosocial Emergency Attention Model to be implemented in Bogotá and Samaniego (Nariño)
- The Model establishes guidelines and protocols on how to respond to complex emergencies within the internal armed conflict and their psychosocial impact
- Next steps include model's assessment, piloting and transfer to the Victims' Unit

Narrative therapy training workshops

- Provided theoretical and practical psychosocial victims services tools to officials from the Victims' Unit, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare Institute (ICBF)
- Conducted 5 workshops in Bogotá, Armenia, Pasto, Santa Marta and Cali, in alliance with IOM's Assistance program for disengaged children or children at risk of recruitment program; 137 participants attended the workshops.

R3. Transitional Justice Processes Advanced

6th Memory Week – "Life lessons to never forget"

- Supported the production of 1,000 posters promoting the 6th Memory Week, from November 18 to 29, to honor victims through various events and activities in different cities, including the historical memory documentary premiere, book presentations and seminars
- Financed and supported production of the historical memory documentary There was no time for sadness, premiered on November 21 in Medellín during the 6th Memory Week hosted by the CNMH
- The documentary was also screened in Bogotá and in local TV channel Tele Medellín; it is also available online via You Tube: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=das2Pipwp2w>
- Financed and supported the production of the radio series based on the CNMH seminal report Enough: Years of War and Dignity, available here: <http://www.centrodehistoriahistorica.gov.co/micrositios/informeGeneral/serieRadial.html>

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

Collective reparation process support

- Supported a meeting with the women's network Living to Tell (Red Narrar para Vivir) from Bolívar to advance in the collective reparation process and solve leadership issues within the organization.
- Provided training on Victims Law's ethnic decree (4635) with 30 afro descendant women of the AFRODES association, who are victims of the Internal armed conflict

First National Meeting with Senior Victims

- Identified actions to improve comprehensive attention and reparation service provision using a differential approach for elderly victims
- Shared regional experiences and received feedback on improving the victims' attention and public policy on reparation
- 23 out of the 33 national representatives attended the meeting with Victims' Unit director Paula Gaviria in attendance

Dissemination of Victims Law ethnic decree (4635)

Disseminated the Victims Law's ethnic decrees with local and ethnic communities in Santa Marta, Riohacha and Chocó

Quote



"There was no time for sadness", the 1 hour historical memory documentary based on the CNMH seminal report Enough: Years of War and Dignity

"We don't want victims to feel alone", filmmaker Patricia Nieto about the historical memory documentary's There was no time for sadness raison d'être








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Institutional Strengthening of Select GOC Entities

Entities	Institutional Capabilities	Individual Competencies
<p>Victims Assistance and Reparations Unit (Victims Unit)</p>  <p>Unidad para la Atención y Reparación Integral a las Víctimas</p>	<p>Conducted the first national meeting with community media and journalists to discuss the role of journalism in repairing victims</p>	<p>Implemented training courses with the Victims' Unit's School of Reparations, responsible for providing training sessions to victims and Unit officials</p>
<p>Historical Memory Center (CNMH)</p>  <p>Centro Nacional de Memoria Histórica</p>	<p>Produced the historical memory documentary <i>There was no time for sadness</i></p> <p>Produced the radio series based on the historical memory report</p>	<p>Concluded the historical memory workshop with local and indigenous high school students in Popayán to produce a comic (graphic novel) version of the report "Our life has been our struggle"</p>
<p>Ministry of Health</p>  <p>MinSalud Ministerio de Salud y Protección Social</p>		<p>Conducted 5 workshops on narrative therapy training, providing theoretical and practical psychosocial victims services tools to the Victims' Unit, Ministry of Health and ICBF officials</p>
<p>Public Ministry Municipal Ombudsperson's offices</p>  <p>Libertad y Orden</p>	<p>Equipment provision to speed up online declarations</p>	
<p>National Planning Department (DNP)</p>  <p>DEPARTAMENTO NACIONAL DE PLANEACIÓN</p>		<p>Provide technical assistance to create and implement investment projects financed through the General Royalties System (Law 1530 of 2012), thereby benefiting victims and vulnerable populations.</p> <p>Conducted trainings to strengthen the organization and decision making processes of afro descendant communities</p>

Highlights by Target Municipality

<p>Antioquia</p> <p>Necoclí, Turbo, Apartadó, Chigorodó and Medellín</p>  <p>Medellín</p> <p>Supported historical memory activities in Necoclí and financed the production of the documentary <i>Memoria Histórica en Necoclí: Huellas indelebles del conflicto armado en Uraba, Colombia</i></p>	<p>Magdalena</p> <p>Santa Marta, Ciénaga and Fundación</p>  <p>Santa Marta</p> <p>Dissemination of Victims Law ethnic decree (4635) in Santa Marta</p>	<p>Bolívar</p> <p>Cartagena, María La Baja and San Juan Nepomuceno</p>  <p>Cartagena</p> <p>María La Baja San Juan Nepomuceno</p> <p>María La Baja Victims Roundtable work plan design and presentation of the Local Action Plan (PAT)</p>
<p>Nariño</p> <p>Samaniego and San Juan de Pasto</p>  <p>Samaniego</p> <p>Pasto</p> <p>Human Rights archive conservation workshop in Pasto to provide tools to assess the use of documentary heritage to create historical memory content</p>	<p>Cauca</p> <p>Popayán</p>  <p>Popayán</p> <p>Community project formulation in the General Royalties System Workshop with Traditional Authorities in Popayán</p>	<p>Chocó</p> <p>Riosucio, Bojayá and Quibdó</p>  <p>Riosucio</p> <p>Bojaya</p> <p>Quibdó</p> <p>Training on Victims Law and ethnic decrees with afro descendant and indigenous communities in Bojayá</p>
<p>La Guajira</p> <p>Riohacha, Dibulla and San Juan del Cesar</p>  <p>Riohacha</p> <p>Riohacha / Supported Riohacha Victims' Roundtable in establishing a worktable with the municipal council to coordinate actions and assess implementation of the Victims Law in the city</p> <p>Bogotá / Workshop on experiential learning with new members of the Victims' Unit's School of Reparations</p>	<p>Bogotá</p>  <p>Bogotá</p>	