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## SAFE STEPS

Preventing antipersonnel mine accidents through education.

### OVERVIEW

Safe Steps promotes Antipersonnel Mines Risk Education (ERM) through information and communication technologies. This activity is implemented through a public-private partnership between USAID, the Antonio Restrepo Barco Foundation, Discovery and *Computadores para Educar*. Together these organizations are contributing USD \$5.8 million, USD \$1.7 million of which was contributed by USAID directly and USD \$4.1 million of which was contributed by the private sector. Safe Steps is being implemented in 44 municipalities affected by antipersonnel mines accidents and runs from January 2019-January 2024.

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## **COMPONENTS**

### **RAISING PUBLIC AWARENESS**

Safe Steps raises awareness about the risk of antipersonnel mines in Colombia, including the characteristics of these artefacts and risk zones. Safe Steps particularly focuses on educating children.

### **PRIORITIZING INTEGRAL ACTION**

Safe Steps encourages local authorities to identify antipersonnel mine risks in their community and to address these risks through coordinated actions.

### **STRENGTHENING CAPABILITIES**

Safe Steps strengthens community capacities to understand the danger associated with antipersonnel mines and to respond appropriately in the presence of an explosive artefact or possible accident.

## **RESULTS**

- Developed education materials about the history of mines and their associated risks;
- Produced a miniseries promoting safe behavior by children that has over 37,000 views on Youtube;
- Published 56 press releases related to antipersonnel mine risks in local and national media outlets;
- Organized six public policy advocacy workshops to promote the inclusion of civil society mine training in local planning instruments; and
- Encouraged 38 municipal and six departmental government actors to commit to include Comprehensive Action against Antipersonnel Mine Risk (AICMA) in their local management plans.