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# JUSTICE FOR A SUSTAINABLE PEACE (JSP)

Fostering justice, rule of law and victims' rights.

## OVERVIEW

The Justice for a Sustainable Peace Activity (JSP) increases citizen support for the rule of law and strengthens the effectiveness of the Colombian justice system. JSP partners with civil society, governmental actors, and academic and private sector stakeholders to extend justice services to violence-affected regions of Colombia. JSP also improves institutional capacities to deliver justice at the local level and promotes civic engagement in the justice sector. By expanding effective state presence and bringing truth and justice to conflict victims, JSP is supporting the implementation of the 2016 Peace Agreement. The activity is implemented in 45 municipalities and runs from April 2017 to September 2021.

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## **COMPONENTS**

### **INCREASING ACCESS TO JUSTICE SERVICES**

JSP works with municipal and department administrations to allocate resources to justice sector institutions and to establish rural justice services. The activity also encourages coordination between justice sector actors, and strengthens justice houses, local justice systems, mobile justice brigades, and alternative dispute resolution mechanisms.

### **ENCOURAGING CITIZEN SUPPORT FOR RULE OF LAW**

JSP promotes rule of law by improving citizen awareness of justice sector institutions and services; encouraging civil engagement on justice issues; increasing citizen use of justice services; and strengthening ethnic justice and community conflict resolution mechanisms.

### **STRENGTHENING JUDICIAL RESPONSES FOR ARMED CONFLICT VICTIMS**

JSP works with government entities to develop effective and transparent land restitution judicial processes and to address impunity for crimes like kidnapping, gender-based violence, forced displacement, child recruitment and social leader homicides.

## **RESULTS**

- Strengthened 43 civil society organizations' capacities to engage in policy advocacy, decision-making, and government oversight on justice-related issues;
- Helped 20,260 citizens access justice services through mobile justice brigades and local justice service providers;
- Improved court system transparency and accountability, including land restitution courts; and
- Facilitated prosecutor training which allowed the Attorney General's Office to review 8,740 gender-based-violence cases, 1,137 of which were prioritized and 404 which were advanced procedurally.