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RESPONSIVE GOVERNANCE (RG)

Responding to citizen needs, advancing peace implementation, and fostering greater citizen engagement in governance processes.

OVERVIEW

The Responsive Governance (RG) activity enhances good governance, public financial management, and effective public service delivery in conflict-affected municipalities. To increase citizen trust in the Colombian Government, RG strengthens Colombian public officials and institutions' capacity to effectively plan, finance, and deliver vital public services, like health and education. RG also empowers citizens to participate in their communities and promote government accountability and responsiveness to citizen interests. RG is implemented in 27 municipalities, and it runs from October 2020 to October 2024.

COMPONENTS

STRENGTHENING DECENTRALIZATION

RG strengthens national Colombian Government policies, systems, mechanisms, and institutions to improve public service delivery in targeted municipalities.

IMPROVING MUNICIPAL PERFORMANCE

RG strengthens municipal public financial management systems to comply with national standards, increase revenue generation, and advance peace implementation in targeted municipalities.

INCREASING CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

RG promotes media, academia, civil society, and the private sector's engagement in local governance processes and peace implementation.

STRENGTHENING OVERSIGHT INSTITUTIONS

RG enhances oversight institutions' capacity to monitor public resources in the health, education, and infrastructure sectors. RG works with the Controller General's Office, the Inspector General's Office, Local Controllers, and municipal representatives or ombudsmen called *Personerías*.

PROVIDING RAPID RESPONSE

RG uses a rapid response component to adapt to the changing context. To this end, RG works closely with strategic local partners to identify context-specific emerging dynamics, opportunities, and challenges.

RESULTS

- Mobilized USD \$21 million through the approval of 61 public projects;
- Worked with local health institutions to provide medical services to 1,927 people in rural areas;
- Facilitated health insurance registration fairs that enabled rural citizens to access health services;
- Strengthened Local Councils for Peace, Reconciliation, and Coexistence in 27 municipalities by boosting their advocacy and project monitoring skills;
- Transferred tools to community, public, and private sector stakeholders to improve structuring and management of tertiary roads infrastructure projects;
- Collaborated with the Inspector General's Office and the Public Ministry's Institute of Studies to offer tailored capacity building to 27 municipal *personerías*;
- Helped the Office of the Presidential Adviser on Equality for Women develop a tool to monitor the 51 gender indicators laid out in the Peace Agreement;
- Launched the Youth and Dialogue strategy to strengthen 250 newly elected Youth Councils through training, planning, management, dialogue, monitoring, and exchange experiences; and
- Provided technical assistance to municipal administrations in drafting, submitting, and obtaining approval for 2022 budgets and to allocate funds to local priorities, including peace initiatives.