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VICTIMS PARTICIPATION AND COLLECTIVE REPARATION (VPCRP)

Supporting Colombian conflict victims' rights to truth, justice, reparation and non-repetition.

OVERVIEW

The Victims Participation and Collective Reparation Program (VPCRP) advocates for armed conflict victims' rights to truth, justice, reparation and non-repetition. VPCRP facilitates victims' participation in Peace Agreement implementation and strengthens victims' organizations' capacities to influence, monitor, and evaluate the System of Truth, Justice, Reparation and Non-repetition. The activity also works with victims' communities and the Government of Colombia (GOC) to develop laws and regulations that guarantee victims' rights. VPCRP works in 17 municipalities and runs from July 2014-January 2024.

Nearly nine million Colombians were victims of Colombia's 52-year conflict between the GOC and the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC). The 2016 Peace Agreement between the GOC and FARC prioritized these victims' needs as part of the post-conflict peace building strategy. VPCRP's work with victims supports the implementation of the Peace Agreement and is key to national peacebuilding.

COMPONENTS

SUPPORTING THE VICTIMS' LAW

VPCRP helps municipal and departmental government actors understand and implement the Victims Law, the 2016 Peace Agreement and other victims related policies.

STRENGTHENING VICTIMS' ORGANIZATIONS

VPCRP provides technical support to victims' organizations so that they can better advocate for victims' needs and rights and encourages victims' participation in public decision making.

IMPLEMENTING THE PEACE AGREEMENT

VPCRP advocates for the development and strengthening of victims' legal processes and jurisprudence. The activity also helps implement the Peace Agreement by guaranteeing victims' rights.

RESULTS

- Trained 3,876 victims in their rights and the 2016 Peace Agreement;
- Fostered dialogue between civil society organizations and the GOC;
- Helped 440 community leaders develop self-protection plans;
- Generated guidelines to advance collective reparation to victims;
- Encouraged the inclusion of a victims' chapter in the 12 municipal development plans;
- Supported five victims' hearings before the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights;
- Strengthened 146 civil society organizations' capacities to execute resources, develop projects, and scale-up knowledge;
- Awarded 115 grants, with a combined value of USD \$3.6 million, to Colombian civil society organizations;
- Encouraged community organizations to help monitor the implementation of Colombia's the Victims Public Policy;
- Disseminated information about the attacks against social leaders and called for community solidarity through the *Lider a La Vida* campaign;
- Supported 14 victims' participation roundtables, 13 victims' networks and 39 victims' community organizations; and
- Advocated for victims' rights inclusion in the development and implementation the 2016 Peace Agreement.