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**Program Summary**

**Grant Amount:** \$3,799,935

**Program Period:** Aug. 28, 2008 – Aug. 27, 2011

**Geographic Coverage:** 22 departments total of which six priority departments include Antioquia, Norte Santander, Nariño, Caquetá, Cauca, Meta

**Number of Beneficiaries:** 600 landmine survivors, 60,890 total including PWDs

**Partner Organizations:** Main Partner - Campaña Colombiana Contra Minas (CCCM); Other Partners and Cooperation Organizations - International Committee of the Red Cross; Corporación Paz y Democracia; Hospital Universitario de Nariño; Hospital Maria Inmaculada; Servicio Nacional de Aprendizaje (SENA); Universidad Don Bosco (El Salvador)

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## Acronyms

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Acción Social	Social Action Program of the Presidency of the Republic of Colombia
ACIN	Asociación de Cabildos Indígenas del Norte del Cauca
CCCM	Colombian Campaign Against Mines (Campaña Colombiana Contra Minas)
COP	Colombian Pesos
ERW	Explosive Remnants of War
FARC	Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia
FOSYGA	Social Solidarity Guarantee Fund
GOC	Government of Colombia
HUDN	University Hospital of Nariño
ICBF	Colombian Family Welfare Institute
ICRC	International Committee of the Red Cross
IDP	Internally Displaced Person
INGO	International Non-Governmental Organization
ISPO	International Society for Prosthetics and Orthotics
MC	Mercy Corps
NGO	Non-Governmental Organization
OAS	Organization for American States
PAICMA	Presidential Program for Integrated Action Against Antipersonnel Mines
P&O	Prosthetic and Orthotic
PWD	Persons With Disabilities
SENA	National Learning Service
UN	United Nations
USAID	United States Agency for International Development
UXO	Unexploded Ordinance

## **Executive Summary & Key Achievements**

During this quarter, Mercy Corps, together with its partners, the Colombian Campaign Against Landmines, the Corporación Paz y Democracia, Universidad Don Bosco and the Departmental Hospitals of Nariño and Caquetá, among others, served over 10,000 beneficiaries and strengthened nearly 60 organizations in the departments of Antioquia, Cauca, Caquetá, Meta, Nariño and Norte de Santander.

Regarding Health and Rehabilitation activities, More than 100 landmine survivors were evaluated in their physical and occupational capacity through medical, psychological and rehabilitation assessments in Antioquia, Cauca, Meta, Nariño and Caquetá. One hundred and 10 community members from the departments of Meta and Norte de Santander improved their capacity to respond to emergencies through Community First Aid Training workshops. More than 2,000 persons with disabilities accessed health care and rehabilitation assistance in the Rehabilitation Centers in Nariño and Florencia.

The Socio-Economic Integration component provided 189 beneficiaries access to training in entrepreneurship, of which 20 received seed capital to start or strengthen their socio-economic initiatives.

Finally, Mercy Corps supported the implementation of public policy for the assistance of landmine survivors and other vulnerable populations, through specially-tailored workshops for health care providers in Norte de Santander and Caquetá.

1. Indicators

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1.1. Leahy Fund Indicators for this quarter

Table 1: Key Q9FY\_11 and Cumulative Indicator Leahy Fund Achievements

<b>Indicator</b>	<b>2009-2010 Cumm.</b>	<b>Achievements Q1Y'10</b>	<b>Cumulative 2011</b>	<b>2009-2011 Cumm.</b>
Number of persons trained	712	248	248	960
Number of persons served	10.177	0	0	10.177
Number of institutions strengthened	58	20	20	78

## 1.2. Mission Indicators for this Quarter

Table 2: Achievements October to December 2010

Performance Indicators	LoP Goal	2011 (AWP target)	2009-2010 Cumm.	Q1FY'11	Q1(AWP Target)	Q1/AWP Goal %	Cumm. 2011	2009-2011 Cumm.	% Cumm./LoP Adj
<b>1. Vulnerable persons benefitted</b>	<b>17.160</b>	<b>5.259</b>	<b>11.901</b>	<b>14.273</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>n.a</b>	<b>14.273</b>	<b>26.174</b>	<b>152,5%</b>
IDPs benefitted	-	-	303	98	0	n.a	98	401	n.a
Landmine survivors benefitted	600	0	904	0	0	n.a	0	904	150,7%
Other persons with disabilities	16.560	5.563	10.997	14.273	0	n.a	14.273	25.270	152,6%
Afro-Colombians assisted	18	0	60	12	0	n.a	12	72	400,0%
Indigenous assisted	18	0	74	6	0	n.a	6	80	444,4%
<b>2. Socio-Economic reintegration</b>	<b>370</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>n.a</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>71,4%</b>
Jobs created	175	45	130	68	0	n.a	68	198	113,2%
Jobs strengthened	195	129	66	0	0	n.a	0	66	33,8%
Beneficiaries graduating from vocational training	33	27	6	2	0	n.a	2	8	24,2%
Beneficiaries with access to education	85	64	21	135	0	n.a	135	156	183,5%
<b>3. Health</b>	<b>38.209</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>50.684</b>	<b>50.396</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>n.a</b>	<b>50.396</b>	<b>101.080</b>	<b>264,5%</b>
Beneficiaries with access to health care	534	0	541	60	0	n.a	60	601	112,5%
Beneficiaries with access to rehabilitation services (survivors + family members+ other persons with disabilities)**	38.209	0	50.684	50.396	0	n.a	50.396	101.080	264,5%
<b>4. Public Policy</b>	<b>720</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>455</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>n.a</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>455</b>	<b>63,2%</b>
Persons benefitted from institutional strengthening	720	265	455	0	0	n.a	0	455	63,2%
<b>5. Other Indicators</b>		<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>			<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>n.a</b>
Private sector funds leveraged (US \$000) *(1)	-	-	\$ 108,0	\$ 0,0	\$ 0,0	n.a	\$ 0,0	\$ 108,0	n.a
Public Sector funds leveraged (US \$000)	-	-	\$ 14,8	\$ 223,6	\$ 0,0	n.a	\$ 223,6	\$ 238,4	n.a
Women beneficiaries	2.768	564	2.204	484	0	n.a	484	2.688	97,1%
Men beneficiaries	10.397	0	14.379	0	0	n.a	0	14.379	138,3%
Children beneficiaries	2.768	1.654	1.114	0	0	n.a	0	1.114	40,2%
People trained	1.890	1.178	712	248	0	n.a	248	960	50,8%

\*(1) TRM: 1,810

\*\*The calculation of this indicator is the projection of direct beneficiaries (Rehabilitation Center), multiplied by the average family (4 people)

### 1.3. Program Indicators for this Quarter

Table 3: Achievements October to December 2010

Indicator	Description of Indicator	LoP Goal	Achievements Q4FY'10	Cumulative 2008-2010	% of Adjusted LoP
1	Number of persons from mine/armed conflict affected communities that increase their capacity as first responders to mines/UXO and other ERW related emergencies.	630	185	483	77%
2	Number of landmine survivors, people with disabilities, and other victims of armed conflict who access rehabilitation services at the two new rehabilitation centers established in Caquetá and Nariño.	38.209	50.396	101.080	265%
3	Number of health care staff employed by the Hospital Maria Inmaculada and Hospital Universitario de Nariño rehabilitation centers that have been trained in specific needs of beneficiaries and that provide assistance.	30	0	39	130%
4	Number of Colombian P&O technicians trained and certified as Cat II technicians by ISPO.	30	0	30	100%
5	SENA has the technical capacity and suitable methodologies to train new P&O technicians that comply with International quality standards by ISPO.	3	0	3	100%
6	Number of socioeconomic working groups established and coordinating activities in order to strengthen socioeconomic initiatives with landmine survivors.	6	0	4	67%
7	Number of landmine survivors and their families that access income generation initiatives that improve their quality of life.	200	20	63	31.5%
8	Number of Departmental Committees for Integrated Mine Action that have defined work plans and information flowcharts for integrated assistance to landmine survivors and advocacy related to mine action public policies.	6	0	5	83%
9	Number of health care providers that improve management practices thereby increasing access to health care and rehabilitation services to landmine survivors, victims of armed conflict and other people with disabilities.	6	21	27	450%

## 2. Progress Towards Objectives

Program Objectives are outlined below with progress made between October 1<sup>st</sup> and December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010 by Result and Activity.

**Objective 1:** Landmine survivors, victims of armed conflict and other persons with disabilities in the departments of Antioquia, Caquetá, Cauca, Meta, Nariño and Norte de Santander have better quality and access to rehabilitation services by the end of the Program (Sept. 2011)

**Result 1.1.** 332 leaders from mine-affected and conflict communities in Antioquia, Caquetá and Nariño, have an increased capacity as first responders to emergencies.

**Activity 1.1.1.** Improve the capacity to respond to emergencies caused by mines, IED (Improvised Explosive Devices), UXO (Un-Exploded Ordinance) and other explosive remnants of war, through first-aid participatory workshops with mine/armed conflict affected communities in the departments of Nariño and Norte de Santander.

During this reporting period, Mercy Corps and its partners, the Corporación Paz y Democracia and the Colombian Campaign against Landmines (CCCM) completed Community First Aid Workshops in the departments of Norte de Santander and Meta. A total of 185 participants from 59 communities and 64 organizations were trained in basic management of explosive related emergencies in October and November, 2010.

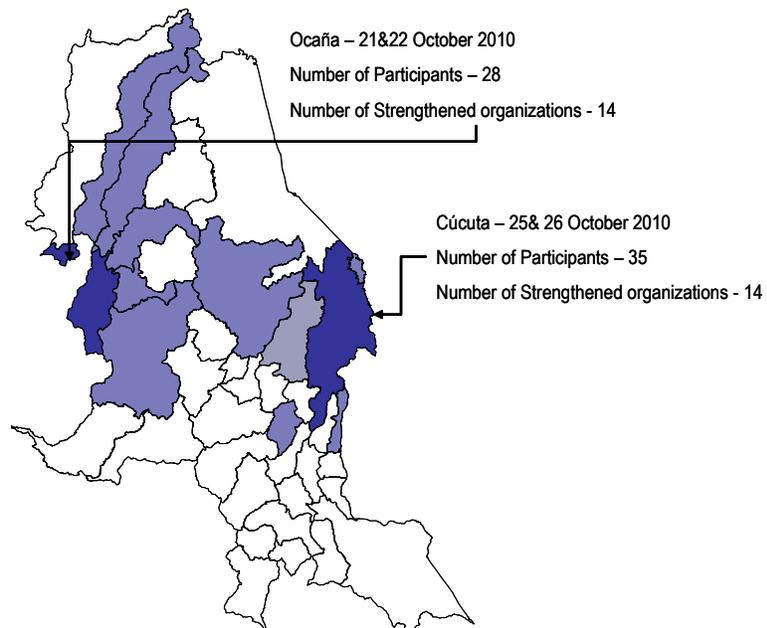
### Norte de Santander

Two Community First Aid Workshops were implemented in the cities of Ocaña and Cúcuta, with the participation of 75 beneficiaries, from 12 municipalities and no less than 36 organizations.

#### ✓ Workshop No. 3 – Ocaña

Mercy Corps, together with the Departmental Institute of Health of Norte de Santander and the CCCM convened community members and organizations from the most affected areas due to landmines and other explosive remnants of war. It is important to highlight the role of local authorities in all benefited municipalities, especially in Ocaña, where the Mayor's Office provided food for all participants during the workshop.

Seven participants were unable to attend the workshop as a result of blocked access to roads caused by the rainy season's severe impact on Norte de Santander, .



Map 1. Municipalities benefited by First Aid Workshops in Norte de Santander.

The workshop was held on October 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> 2010, on the premises of the Ocaña Community Hall with the attendance of 28 community members from 6 municipalities (for a complete list of beneficiary municipalities, see Annex 1).

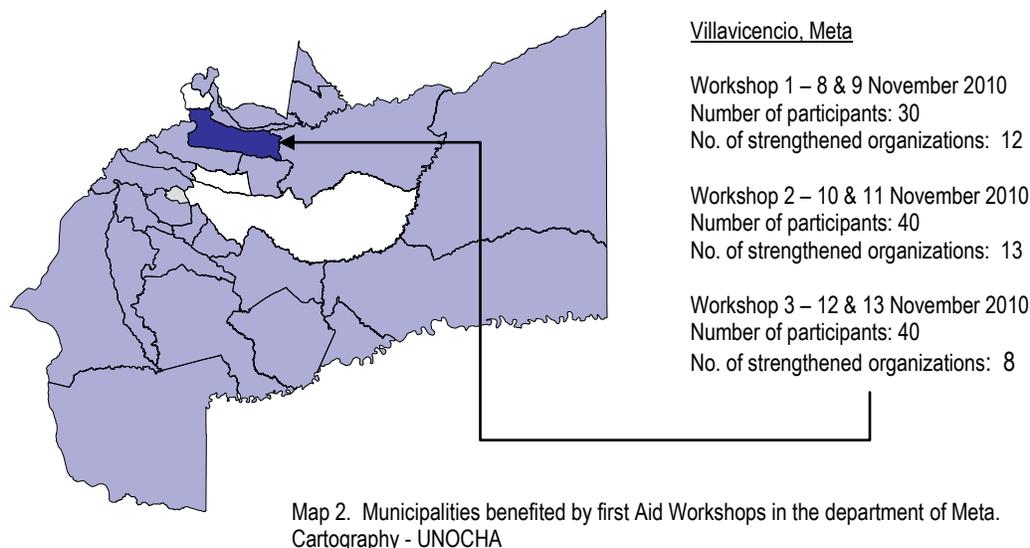
The agenda for both workshops included the following themes:

1. Mine action basic concepts
2. Local routes for evacuation and assistance of landmine victims
3. First Aid basic knowledge
4. Landmine Accident simulations – evaluation practices, attitudes and knowledge.
5. Simulation results evaluation
6. Design of local evacuation and assistance routes
7. Action Plan proposals

#### ✓ **Workshop No. 4 – Cúcuta**

Following the same coordination procedure described for the Workshop No.3 in Ocaña, Mercy Corps and its partners, the Colombian Campaign Against Landmines and the Corporación Paz y Democracia developed the fourth and final workshop for Norte de Santander, in the municipality of Cúcuta, capital of the department. The workshop was held the 25 - 26 of October on the premises of the Erasmo Meoz Departmental Hospital, with participation of 35 community members from 7 municipalities and 22 organizations (for a complete list of beneficiary municipalities, see Annex 1).

#### **Meta**



Mercy Corps has been liaising with local authorities in the department of Meta since the beginning of the Program to strengthen coordination of program activities and to guarantee sustainability. Additionally, in August and September 2010, Mercy Corps and its partners, the CCCM and the Corporación Paz y Democracia together with the Departmental Health Institute of Meta, designed an action plan intended to guarantee First Aid Community training to all mine-affected municipalities in the department. As a result of this effort, three Community First Aid Workshops were implemented in Villavicencio, capital of Meta department, in which 110 beneficiaries from 28 organizations

participated. Participants and organizations who benefited came from 26 of the 29 municipalities of Meta department.

After defining participant profiles and logistics, it was decided that the Health Institute was the organization most fit to disseminate the announcement for participants, with special emphasis on inviting community health facilitators and accompanying community members.

All of the workshops had to be implemented in Villavicencio due to security reasons. After evaluating the appropriateness of the workshop content and format utilized in other departments, it was decided to proceed without making changes to content or session times.

### **Workshop 1 – Villavicencio**

Workshop 1 took place at the Villavicencio Vacation Center where participants had lodging and could attend the workshop. Thirty community members from 9 municipalities attended the two-day workshop utilizing the same agenda and content as previous trainings.

### **Workshop 2 – Villavicencio**

Workshop 2 took place November 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, 2010, at the same venue with the participation of 40 community members from 12 municipalities.

### **Workshop 3 – Villavicencio**

Workshop 3 took place from 12 – 13 of November, 2010, at the same venue, with participation of 40 community members from 8 municipalities.

**Result 1.2.** Departments of Nariño and Caquetá have Rehabilitation Centers that provide integrated, efficient and high quality services to landmine survivors, victims of armed conflict and other persons with disabilities.

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**Activity 1.2.1.** Strengthen the social work staff capacity at Hospital Maria Inmaculada and Hospital Universitario de Nariño to improve their integrated support to landmine survivors.

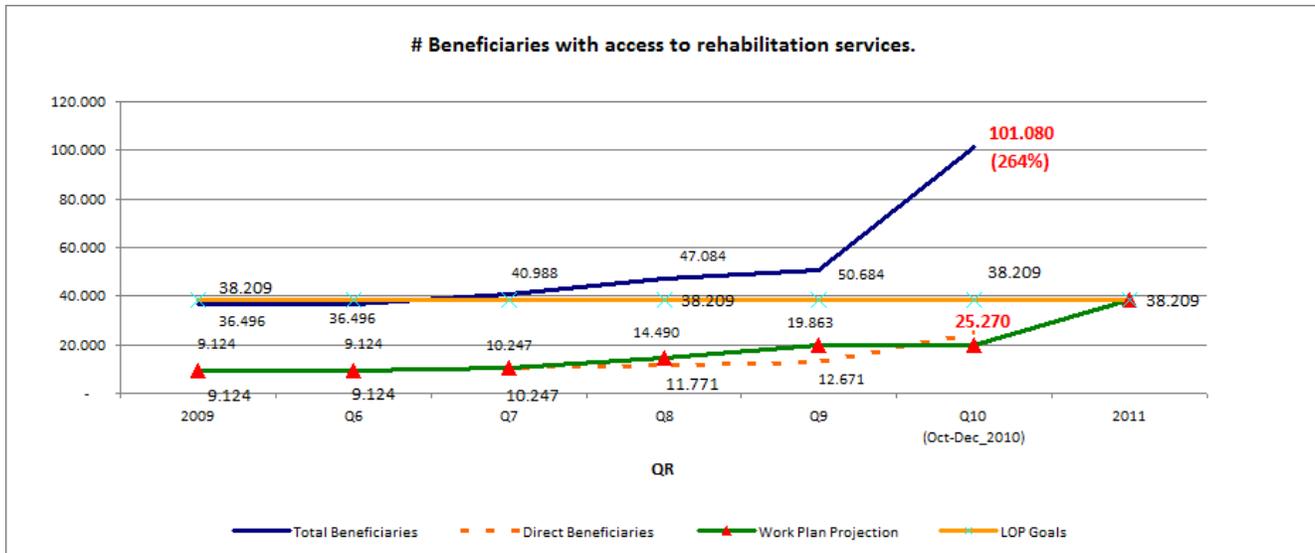
During the reporting period, Mercy Corps and the CCCM have continued monitoring the performance of Rehabilitation Centers in Nariño and Caquetá. The remarkable success of the Nariño Rehabilitation Center in terms of service provision and level of attention has quickly positioned this Public Health Institution among the best care centers of the country. As an example, the Hospital Universitario de Nariño received the following recognitions during 2010:

1. Accredited by UNICEF as Friendly Institution of Women and Children (IAMI)
2. Awarded by the National Ministry of Social Protection with the Health Accreditation 2010 (<http://www.minproteccionsocial.gov.co/comunicadosPrensa/Paginas/ESEHospitalUniversitarioDepartamentaldeNari%C3%B1o,primeraenseracreditadaenelsuroccidentedelpa%C3%ADs.aspx>).

The Hospital recognizes the tremendous support provided by USAID through the financial and technical accompaniment of Mercy Corps and CCCM.

During this reporting period, the Nariño Hospital has provided medical and rehabilitation services to 1,185 persons from the departments of Nariño, Cauca, Putumayo and Amazonas.

The newly-opened Caquetá Rehabilitation Center staff has continued its efforts to promote their rehabilitation services, especially among nearby municipalities and departments of the Amazonia Region. Moreover, the Center has increased the provision of services by 392%, growing from 200 patients between June and August 2010, to 985 during this quarter.



**Result 1.3.** Increased national capacity to provide quality prosthetic and orthotic services, according to international standards.

**Activity 1.3.1.** Training of 30 P&O technicians from the departments of Antioquia, Caquetá, Cauca, Meta, Nariño and Norte de Santander through on-line distance learning courses.

After the start of the first module of the On-line Distance Course and the completion of the introductory seminar, the 30 P&O technicians started distance learning courses. Overall, students have quickly adapted to this distance learning methodology and have acquired the required discipline for this type of learning.

In December 2010, students took part in their first set of exams. Twelve of the students had very good performance; 10 students had satisfactory marks; and five did not pass. Mercy Corps will follow up with the non-passing students in the coming quarter with additional support. If they improve their marks for the second exam and pass the final exam for the module they will be able to continue.

Three students had technical problems that prevented them from participating in the evaluations. Mercy Corps has closely followed up with these students and has coordinated a strategy with them and University Don Bosco to overcome the problems (See Annex 2 for grades report). One solution has been for the Mercy Corps team to conduct monthly Skype sessions with three groups of 10 students each.

Regarding the implementation of quality assurance measures for the adaptation of prosthetics and orthotic devices, the Colombian Government implemented resolution 1319, known as the “Good Practices Manual for Prosthetic and Orthotics Devices”. The Resolution has been considered by ISPO as a groundbreaking set of mechanisms to guarantee the professionalization of this activity, however, P&O technicians in Colombia, and especially those from outside Bogotá, have no clear knowledge of the requirements in this resolution and consider it as an instrument that favors large laboratories, while threatening their stay in the market. Moreover, the Ministry of Social Protection

has recognized that this institution has a very little knowledge of the how the P&O market evolves in the country. In this sense, and in the interest of strengthening highly qualified services for people with disabilities, Mercy Corps has led information and analytical sessions in the departments of Norte de Santander, Cauca, Antioquia, Meta, Nariño, Caquetá and Bolívar where P&O technicians can share their questions and concerns to the Health Institutes at their departments as well as to representatives of the Ministry of Social Protection. Mercy Corps has met with Ministry of Social Protection representatives twice this reporting period to seek clarifications regarding different aspects of the resolution 1319 and then inform P&O technicians.

**Activity 1.3.2.** Support the SENA Program “P&O Technology” through the training of three ISPO certified teachers (one Category II and two Category I).

3 students successfully finished their study cycle for the second semester of 2010. The Universidad Don Bosco reported satisfactory performance with all of their assignments graded above average. Final reports are not yet available. An update on their grades will be provided in the following report.

**Objective 2:** Landmine survivors and their families in the departments of Antioquia, Caquetá, Cauca, Meta, Nariño and Norte de Santander have Socio-Economic Integration alternatives according to their community context and capacities by the end of the Program (September 2011).

**Result 2.1.** Departmental Committees for Integrated Mine Action in Antioquia, Caquetá, Cauca, Meta, Nariño and Norte de Santander have increased capacity to coordinate and manage Socio-Economic Integration initiatives with landmine survivors.

**Activity 2.1.1** Strengthen Socio-Economic Integration working groups within the six Departmental Mine Action Committees. The following sub-activities were implemented:

Mercy Corps and the CCCM participated in three meetings of the Socio-Economic Integration Committees in the Department of Antioquia. The main result of the meetings was the definition of key geographic areas for intervention, coordination and training opportunities for survivors in the department.

In Cauca, Mercy Corps presented Socio-Economic Integration component results for 2010 and shared its methodologies with seven organizations working with landmine survivors in the department.

**Result 2.2.** 200 landmine survivors and their families access income generation initiatives that improve their quality of life.

**Activity 2.2.1.** Promote the access of 157 landmine survivors and their families to income generation initiatives.

Following the model developed by Mercy Corps, based on the experience gained through the evaluation of Socio-Economic Initiatives implemented by the CCCM, landmine survivors from the six priority departments continue their processes for Socio.-Economic Integration, as described below:

- ✓ **Assess basic aptitudes and abilities of survivors and their families.**

In order to assess the current capacity of each beneficiary to establish, run and manage a business or access a formal job, Mercy Corps continued the evaluation process in three of the six priority departments including Meta, Caquetá and Antioquia. A total of 113 beneficiaries participated in the physical, psychological and occupational evaluations.

The process was organized taking into consideration local health capacity and facilities, as well as the needs of survivors and their families.

## **Meta**

Forty-four survivors from the municipalities of San Juan de Arama, Villavicencio, Granada and Vistahermosa were evaluated on October 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

The activity was coordinated with the Departmental Health Secretariat of Meta, which facilitated the participation of health professionals, and the Departmental Hospital. The Hospital had agreed to provide use of its premises, but three days before the activity, representatives informed Mercy Corps and CCCM that they could not honor their commitment due to undisclosed administrative reasons.

The problem was solved with the help of Integramos, an Orthotics and Prosthetics laboratory, owned by Jairo Baquero, one of the beneficiaries of the P&O trainings. Psychological evaluations were performed with the cooperation of the Social Pastorate, whose professionals provided support for this activity. The lack of a physiatrist from the public health sector forced Mercy Corps to contract the services of a private practitioner, who charged COP \$20,000 per evaluation (less than 15% of the average price for these kinds of services provided by private practices). Beneficiaries were evaluated by the following specialists:

- ✓ Physiatrist
- ✓ Occupational Therapist
- ✓ Speech Therapist
- ✓ Social Worker
- ✓ Psychologist
- ✓ Nutritionist
- ✓ Prosthetic and Orthotics

The activity was supported by 12 professionals from the Departmental Health Secretariat of Meta, the Colombian Institute of Welfare Meta Sectional Office, Social Pastorate, Integramos Orthotic and Prosthetics Laboratory, Mercy Corps and the Colombian Campaign against Landmines. (For a full list of evaluated beneficiaries, please refer to Annex 3).

## **Caquetá**

Between November 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, 2010, 28 landmine survivors and their family members accessed health services and were evaluated in their occupational and functional capacities. Beneficiaries came from the municipalities of Florencia, San Vicente, La Montañita, El Paujil and Puerto Rico. Mercy Corps and the Colombian Campaign against Landmines coordinated activities with the María Inmaculada Departmental Hospital and the Departmental Institute of Health of Caquetá – IDESAC. Specialist evaluations included:

- ✓ General Medicine
- ✓ Occupational Therapist
- ✓ Speech Therapist
- ✓ Social Worker
- ✓ Psychologist
- ✓ Prosthetic and Orthotics
- ✓ Physiotherapist
- ✓ Ophthalmologist

## **Antioquia**

Between December 10<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, 2010, 41 survivors from the municipalities of Medellín, Apartadó, Turbo, San Carlos, Carmen de Viboral and Montebello accessed medical care, and their physical and occupational health was assessed by a group of professionals from the Hospital San Vicente de Paul, Comité de Rehabilitación de Antioquia, Kino Ophthalmic Clinic and Tao Orthopedics. Specialist evaluations included:

- ✓ Physiology
- ✓ Occupational Therapy
- ✓ Speech Therapy
- ✓ Social Work
- ✓ Psychology
- ✓ Prosthetic and Orthotics
- ✓ Physiotherapy
- ✓ Ophthalmology

The activity was supported by the organizations listed above, as well as by the Antioquia’s sectional Health Service and the Government Secretariat of Antioquia.

✓ **Provide training on entrepreneurship and productive practices.**

Mercy Corps developed strategic alliances with the National Learning Service – SENA in the departments of Caquetá, Cauca, Meta, Nariño and Antioquia, to provide basic training in entrepreneurship, in order to strengthen the capacity of survivors in business planning and management. As a result, 189 persons between landmine survivors and other community members from five priority departments were trained in the following:

- ✓ Concepts of Entrepreneurship
- ✓ Cash Flow
- ✓ Pricing
- ✓ Publicity
- ✓ Competency
- ✓ Basic Business Management
- ✓ Budgets
- ✓ Products
- ✓ Merchandizing
- ✓ Added value

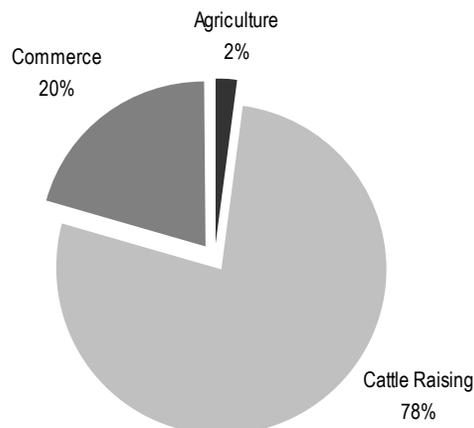
✓ **Design and elaborate small business and investment plans with survivors and their families**

Following the entrepreneurship trainings, selected beneficiaries developed their business plans, which were reviewed together with Mercy Corps and CCCM. After a careful revision, survivors and their families proceeded to find quotes from potential providers of input for their businesses. The business plans that were not approved will be reformulated and improved during the next quarter.

DEPARTMENT	APPROVED BUSINESS PLANS
Antioquia (Medellín)	3
Caquetá	12
Meta (San Juan de Arama)	44
Nariño (Samaniego)	17

✓ **Distribution of seed capital**

After the submission and review of business plans, Mercy Corps proceeded with the distribution of seed capital in the department of Meta. Beneficiaries are located in four municipalities (Villavicencio, Vistahermosa, San Juan de Arama and Granada); 36% of them are women. Given the cultural and economic



traditions of the department, there was a clear tendency for selection of cattle-raising projects.

Due to the commercial environment and the wide variety of quality of offers and prices in the area, an intensive search for high quality cattle took place from December 4<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Mercy Corps enlisted the technical assistance of a veterinarian with more than 8 years of experience in raising and selling cattle. He assisted beneficiaries select the most appropriate cattle and related goods such as feed, aluminum buckets and containers for milk.

Between December 16<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, Mercy Corps and CCCM distributed seed capital to 20 survivors. The total value of distributed seed capital is US \$25,880. Coordination activities were executed with the mayors' offices of Vistahermosa, San Juan de Arama, Granada and Villavicencio, as well as with AGANAR, the Cattle Raising Association for the Ariari sub-region. (For a list of beneficiaries see Annex 4).

**Result 3.1.** Department Committees for Integrated Mine Action information management mechanisms are strengthened and support decision-making and planning processes for integrated assistance to landmine survivors.

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**Activity 3.1.1** Support the formulation of Departmental Committees for Mine Action work plans and information management flowcharts.

During this reporting period, Mercy Corps supported the Mine Action Departmental Committee of Norte de Santander, in order to evaluate their regional response to landmine survivors and to elaborate an action plan for assistance. This technical support was provided through one departmental workshop held the 18<sup>th</sup> of November with the participation of Social Solidarity Guarantee Fund (FOSYGA) delegates from Bogotá, the Ministry of Social Protection and hospitals from the municipalities of Sardinata, Ocaña, El Carmen, Cúcuta, Villa Caro, Villa del Rosario, Tibú and La Playa.

In Caquetá, a workshop to evaluate the department level response to landmine accidents and assistance to landmine victims took place on November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2010. Representatives of FOSYGA and the Ministry of Social Protection facilitated the workshop with health care personnel from the municipalities of Florencia, San Vicente del Caguán, Montañita, Cartagena del Chairá, El Paujil, Puerto Rico and Belén de los Andaquies.

### **3. Monitoring and Evaluation**

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During the reporting period, monitoring activities were carried out as an integrated process as part of, and in support of the Program. In order to appropriately organize Program documentation, the Mercy Corps M&E Specialist coordinated with all partners, including the regional coordinators from the Colombian Campaign against Landmines. The following outputs supported the monitoring of the Program, thereby facilitating progress towards objectives and outputs through the measurement of key indicators:

- ✓ 22 departmental monthly reports, including indicators, reported by department
- ✓ 12 weekly reports per department
- ✓ 2,062 photographs illustrating activities and advances of the Program
- ✓ Fully updated information system available for on-line updates by authorized users

Indicator charts are presented at the beginning of this Report.