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2. Summary Table – This Quarter

Organization: International Organization for Migration – Colombia

Reporting Period:	July 1 st to September 30 th , 2008
New Projects Approved:	10
New Project IOM Financial Obligations:	USD 2,511,742
Total Expenses for Reporting Period:	USD 3,848,223

Table 3. Projects Approved this Quarter - by Component, Beneficiaries

Component		Projects Approved	Number of Beneficiaries*	Obligated in USD** Total	Obligated in USD** IOM
A.	Tracking and Monitoring	-	-	-	-
B.	Support to GOC Reintegration Program	1	-	6.406	6.406
C.	Oversight Ombudsman/IG	-	-	-	-
D.	Support to the Demobilized Population	8	710	618.153	591.237
E.	Verification to the process (OAS)	1	-	1.914.099	1.914.099
F.	Reparation and Reconciliation***	-	-	-	-
G.	Support to the Attorney General's Office	-	-	-	-
TOTAL		10	710	2.538.658	2.511.742

*The total refers to all program beneficiaries. (For beneficiary breakdown by type, see Annex 4).

**US dollar amount calculated at USD 1 = COP 1,780 for projects approved in July, USD 1 = COP 1,771 for projects approved in August and USD 1 = COP 1,770 for September.

3. Summary Table – Year to Date

Organization: International Organization for Migration – Colombia

Total Projects Approved:	125
Total Project IOM Financial Obligations:	USD 28,412,992
Total Expenses Year to Date (YTD):	USD 27,291,425

Table 4. Projects Approved Year-to-Date (YTD) - by Component, Beneficiaries

Component		Projects Approved	Number of Beneficiaries*	YTD Obligated in USD** Total	YTD Obligated in USD** IOM
A.	Tracking and Monitoring	4	351	\$5.364.055	\$5.028.906
B.	Support to GOC Reintegration Program	9	3.791	\$753.911	\$539.811
C.	Oversight Ombudsman/IG	2	86	\$783	\$783.126
D.	Support to the Demobilized Population	72	23.367	\$25.051.215	\$12.497.063
E.	Verification to the process (OAS)	3	0	\$5.202.500	\$5.202.500
F.	Reparation and Reconciliation	31	30.318	\$3.578.912	\$3.425.309
G.	Support to the Attorney General's Office	4	184	\$936.277	\$936.277
TOTAL		125	58.097	\$40.887.653	\$28.412.992

*The total refers to all program beneficiaries. (For beneficiary breakdown by type, see Annex 4).

**US dollar amount calculated at exchange rates indicated in Annex 6.

4. Executive Summary

1.1 General Analysis

During the past quarter ten (10) new projects were approved, for a total of USD \$2.511.742. To date, 125 total projects have provided 58,097 services to beneficiaries². Additionally, as shown on table 2, a total of USD 28,412,992 has been obligated by IOM to date. The year-to-date breakdown of projects per component is: Tracking and Monitoring, 3%; Support to GOC Reintegration Program, 7%; Oversight Ombudsman/IG, 2%; Support to the Demobilized Population, 58%; Verification to the Process, 2%; National Commission for Reparation and Reconciliation, 25%; and Support to the Attorney General's office, 3%.

1.2 Component Summary

Tracking and Monitoring

The discussions with the ACR about the role of IOM and the TMES teams continued. The information regarding individual ex combatants is currently being systematized in the TMES.

Support to GOC Reintegration Program

The Judicial Strengthening Project led by the Medellín Mayorality concluded.

Oversight Ombudsman/IG

N.O.: The National Ombudsman, through the National Attention and Petitions Office and the Delegate for the Evaluation and Prevention of the Risk for the Civil Population Due to the Armed Conflict, has worked in complying with all the project activities. The activities that created delays were identified in order to implement the necessary measures and processes to solve them. The institution did a great effort to develop the compatibility between the SIG and the technological platform of the NO.

I.G.: IOM has been working with both the Delegate for Public and Penal Matters and the Delegate for the Prevention regarding Human Rights and Ethnic Issues, in order to build instruments to track public policies, programs and projects devoted to the attention of the demobilized population and the process of reintegration.

Support to the Demobilized Population

A total of two new projects and an upgrade for an existing one were signed, for a value of \$464,365 (IOM contribution) with the objective of assisting 551 beneficiaries. The projects

² Attention can be provided to repeated individual beneficiaries and therefore the total number of services can surpass the total number of demobilized individuals. Additionally, this number includes not only ex-combatants, but also related family members, victims, staff members, institutions, and other types of beneficiaries.

will focus on providing human development attention, training on agricultural techniques, and support on chili pepper production and cacao plantations.

Verification to the Process

The MAPP/OEA has regional presence through the work done with the communities in the processes, initiatives and projects.

National Commission for Reparation and Reconciliation (CNRR)

On the third quarter of 2008 the technical assistance program to the CNRR strengthened its focus on the implementation of technical and administrative support activities of the Commission, as follows: i) assistance on the agreement processes carried out with authorities and communities in the Collective Reparation Pilot Plan framework; ii) communication and media strategies to encourage access of the victims of the illegal armed groups to administrative reparation; iii) support to the reparation and reconciliation process; iv) strengthening and advisory to victims and organizations and; v) promotion of the judicial route in order to achieve the victims rights to truth, justice and reparation.

Support to the Attorney General's Office

This component was created during the quarter. The first achievement was the signing of two (2) projects with the National Attorney General's office focusing on strengthening the Unit of National Attorney General for Justice and Peace in order to conclude the judicial proceedings and attention of victims.

1.3 National Context

El Tiempo, “More than 7.000 Victims Registered to Receive Compensation” August 19th, 2008. Victims of violence committed by illegal armed groups in Colombia can present their requests for compensation, through economic settlements, until April 22nd, 2010. The budget available reaches 7 billion pesos, and must be executed in the next ten years. 7.031 Colombians registered to receive compensation on the first day of the process (August 15th). The main causes stated to demand compensation are crimes such as homicide, forced displacement, forced disappearance, kidnapping, personal injuries, torture, illegal recruitment of minors, and violations of freedom and sexual integrity committed by illegal armed groups. Victims who presented requests said they were victims of FARC, more than AUC or other groups. According to Eduardo Pizarro, President of the National Commission for Reparation and Reconciliation, at least 200.000 people in Colombia are victims of violence, without including IDP's. He explained that the participation and registration of victims is a consequence of their desire to inscribe as soon as possible, in order to be the first-ones on the list. This type of reparation (administrative) is the most expeditious way to compensate victims of armed conflicts. The compensation process begins in a crucial moment for the government.

MAPP/OEA Demobilization of Guevarist Revolutionary Army (Ejército Revolucionario Guevarista -ERG-) August 25th, 2008. The High Commissioner for Peace, Luis Carlos Restrepo, presided, on August 21st, the ceremony where the members of the Guevarist Revolutionary Army gave a first step towards reintegration with the disarmament of their troops in Carmen de Atrato, Chocó. The act was the result of a process led by the High Commissioner for Peace Office, the Carmen de Atrato Mayor's Office, the Quibdó Diócesis, the Ombudsman's Office and the Colombian Army, with the support of the MAPP/OEA. 36 combatants demobilized during the ceremony; 17 of them were women, 9 were children, who are now under the custody of the Colombian Institute of Family Welfare. 6 commanders and other high members of the ERG demobilized too and joined the Justice and Peace Process. The Guevarist Revolutionary Army emerged in the 90's as a dissidence of the ELN guerrilla. Since then, it operated in the departments of Antioquia, Chocó and Risaralda.

6. Program Components

1.4 Tracking and Monitoring

ADVANCES THIS QUARTER

OBJECTIVE

The Monitoring and Evaluation System provides technical support to the Reintegration Process through different activities:

- Service Centers (Centros de Servicio –CS-)
- The Tracking, Monitoring, and Evaluation System (TMES)
- The TMES database
- The Call Center

To date, there are twenty two (22) TMES in fixed Service Centers –CS- and nine (9) TMSE Satellite Centers.

ADVANCES

- Negotiation of the psychosocial activities that the TMES teams will perform once the new ACR's date base is online.
- Development and registration by the ACR's psychologists of a pilot trial to determine the monthly percentage of home visits.
- Verification and systematization of 13.808 registers of individual ex combatants³ in the TMES database.
- An agreement between the ACR – CROJ⁴ - TMES was achieved for the TMES to collect information regarding the assistance to educational programs of the people attended by the CROJ. Additionally, a monthly meeting will be held by the three institutions in order to verify the information.
- The TMES continued to gather, systematize and report the information about formal education and vocational training received by demobilized population.
- Quantitative reports about the reintegration qualifications that ex combatants must have in areas such as psychological, economical and social were designed. The TMES teams will produce these reports in the following months.
- 36.814 registries were updated in the national database.
- The regional TMES teams were visited by the national team to evaluate the influx and quality of the information.

The following reports were produced during this period:

³ Individual ex combatants are the persons who dessert from the active armed groups e.g. FARC.

⁴ CROJ are the Reference and Opportunity Centres that serve ex combatants who demobilized as children.
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- ❖ Characterization of the individual ex combatants.
- ❖ Report on the program's achievements and access to the benefits received by the people attended in the CS.
- ❖ 3 monthly reports on issues that should raise alert in the CSs.
- ❖ 3 monthly reports submitted to the ACR
- ❖ 3 consolidated education registration formats
- ❖ Weekly and monthly reports

These reports were prepared with the purpose of determining the evolution of the beneficiaries within the program and the service provision by the Reintegration Program. The information was organized both by service center and by blocs.

1.5 Support to GOC Reintegration Program

ADVANCES THIS QUARTER

A. In September, IOM signed an agreement with Medellin Mayorality's **Programa Paz y Reconciliación** for the production of five short television shows with stories by beneficiaries of the Program, intended to promote reconciliation in Medellín.

- As part of the **Communications strategy project with the ACR** a workshop with journalists in Montería took place on September 18th. The aim of the workshop was to inform the journalists of the region about the reintegration process and its objectives.

BUDGET

Table 3. Support to GOC Reintegration Program Budget

Component	Number of Beneficiaries	YTD Obligated in USD* Total	YTD Obligated in USD* IOM
A. Paz y Reconciliación	0	\$ 6.406	\$ 6.406
Total	0	\$ 6.406	\$ 6.406

* US dollar amount calculated at USD 1 = COP 1,780 for projects approved in July; USD 1 = COP 1,771 for projects approved in August and; USD 1 = COP 1,770 for September.

1.6 Oversight Ombudsman/IG

ADVANCES THIS QUARTER

Defensoría del Pueblo or National Ombudsman

The SIG information system is one of the cornerstones of the project; the information it provides allows an analysis of the status of the demobilized population in the regions. Up to date the NO have presented compatibility problems with the institution's information system that has not allowed the SIG to be properly implemented. In a meeting held on September, the NO agreed to begin the training of the project's consultants in October in order to start the data entry process between November and December. In order to optimize this process IOM agreed on the hiring for two months of a group of seven data entry assistants. The hiring of these people will be done on October.

During this period field visits, reception of claims and petitions in the regional offices continued. The observers received 254 petitions and 83 claims; while 65 cases were successfully advised. The following table discriminates these advancements by region.

Table 4. Transactions completed by region

Region	Petitions	Cases Advised	Claims
Antioquia – Urabá	14	8	3
Cesar and Magdalena	75	31	67
Norte de Santander – Santander	99	13	13
Córdoba and Sucre	66	13	0
TOTAL	254	65	83

Based on the work done by the observers, the NO established that 88% of the ex combatants in Magdalena have jobs in non formal sectors of the economy such as motor cycle cabs. The other 12% have jobs in formal sectors of the economy, such as sales. In Cesar 36.49% have jobs in non formal sectors of the economy. Some companies stigmatise demobilized population. Other ex combatants are in the process of acquiring the necessary skills to be hired by these companies.

The NO decided to present a resolution and not a report, basically because in the first case the recommendations must be monitored. This document will be presented on the first months of 2009.

Procuraduría or the Inspector General

Within the judicial benefits component the monitoring of the implementation of Law 975/05 continued by systematizing facts of eight (8) public hearings which had the participation of representatives of the Public Minister. Twenty three (23) reparation incidents were

registered in the data base as well as seven (7) procedures done by the judicial prosecutors in the Supreme Court of Justice.

The information regarding the intervention of the judicial prosecutors was registered. Currently there is information about 72.760 violent acts, presumed perpetrators who were part of illegal armed groups, victims, goods, among others.

Information related with procedures of the Public Ministry in audiences with guarantee control judges, reparation incidents and Supreme Court of Justice rulings was also registered in the data base. During this period the team also tracked the processes which provide alternative sentences through the application of Law 975/05. By June 30th 2008, out of the 1522 persons who gave *versión libre*, 854 did not ratify their interest of being judged through the Justice and Peace Law.

In the administrative benefits component a visit to Montería took place in order to apply the indicators of the tracking model. The information about the indicators will help the team of consultants to track the recommendations made by the Prosecutor in its report. The last visit to the field was coordinated for the months of October and November.

1.7 Support to the Demobilized Population

ADVANCES THIS QUARTER

- B. During this period IOM signed three (3) agreements to provide psychosocial attention to beneficiaries of three productive projects. **AP&P** will assist ex combatants and other people participating in the pepper and rubber productive project in Cimitarra Santander. AP&P will also assist beneficiaries of the project to manufacture uniforms for GM in Bogotá. The other psychosocial project was an extension of the agreement with **FUNDEBAN** to assist the participants of the project in El Retén Magdalena.
- C. Another two (2) agreements were signed for the formulation of a new project and the monitoring of another. **CCI** (Corporación Colombia Internacional) will formulate the project for the cultivation of pepper while **Fundación Codesarrollo** will monitor the implementation of the cacao project in Urabá.
- D. Finally, three (3) agreements to provide vocational training in Medellín were signed during this period. The institutions that will provide this service are: **FORMAMOS**, **IME** (Instituto Metropolitano de Educación) and **Comfenalco**.

The following are events that occurred during the quarter related to agreements and projects signed in previous quarters.

- The project with **Fundación Ideas para la Paz** ended on July 31st.
- The **Fundación para el Desarrollo Intercultural** project in Urabá ended on August 15th. The communities expressed their satisfaction with the work done.

Human Development

- **COMFACESAR**: Human development activities began with beneficiaries and their families in the productive projects in Valledupar and Bosconia.

- **VENTAJAS KOMPETITIVAS:** The human development activities with the cacao project beneficiaries' are being implemented with emphasis on communication and the development of a sense of ownership towards the project.

Productive Projects – Rural

- **Chilli pepper cultivation:** These projects were evaluated and it was found the need to implement some technical adjustments such as: water analysis, land analysis, fertilization plan, a topographic analysis and the payment of wages. These adjustments require additional resources which have to be funded through credit. Comexa ratified its interest in buying the production of these projects.
- **Goats:** In the project to raise goats the technical adjustments were done in order to include the labour cost and the total cost of the daily wages based on the project's demand. Additional daily wages will be created through the production of humus.
- **Cacao project:** Currently 70 hectares of plantains and 23 hectares of cacao are being planted. Up to date there are 85 ex combatants working in the project.
- **The Cooperativa Humanitas:** Up to date there are 143 persons participating in the project.
- **ARGOS:** The training in environmental activities in Puerto Triunfo ended during this period, while it is still going on in Puerto Nare and San Onofre. The training in entrepreneurship in Puerto Triunfo and Puerto Nare was finalized as well during this period. During this quarter the training process in tailoring for 32 women in Puerto Nare took place.
 - The implementation of the four pilot hectares in San Onofre finalized and is undergoing the maintenance phase and its close to production.
 - The Stock up Centre in Puerto Triunfo was built and is currently in use.
 - The chilli peppers are being planted in the second plot in Hacienda Nápoles in Puerto Triunfo.
 - In the community component of the project the diagnosis of the schools in the area of influence of the project took place. Thirteen schools were selected.
 - The plantations in the three municipalities have people participating in activities such as cultivation or land preparation.
 - The boards of the associations in Puerto Triunfo were trained in issues related with business.

Productive Projects – Urban

- **BIPRO:** Up to date the Santa Marta module is in operation and other four modules are in the pre operative phase (Medellín, Valledupar, Villavicencio and Pereira). In Montería and Sincelejo the land for the modules was identified and the construction phase is about to begin. The localization of the three remaining modules is being determined.
- **ECOTURES:** The marketing strategy is being reformulated in order to solve some difficulties encountered throughout the process.
- **INVER C.I:** The agreement was extended until the 30th of May of 2009 to complete the activities planned.
- **MOVER:** By September CHF had identified and formulated 260 productive initiatives, of which 136 received the technical approval and 124 initiatives will be analyzed by the technical committee during the first weeks of October.

- During this period the projects to elaborate **10.000 labor profiles**, and with **AP&P** to advise projects with desertion problems finalized. While the project with the **Bogotá Chamber of Commerce** is in its final phase, the following activities have been advanced: entrepreneurial perception survey, entrepreneurial network and bank of opportunities.

BUDGET

Table 5. Support to the Demobilized Population Budget

Component	Number of Beneficiaries*	Obligated in USD** Total	Obligated in USD** IOM
FUNDEBAN	0	60.482	44.325
CCI	0	67.752	67.752
AP&P	215	69.340	58.581
Fundación Codesarrollo	0	30.359	30.359
Formamos	181	142.055	142.055
IME	124	96.270	96.270
Comfenalco	100	98.653	98.653
AP&P	90	53.242	53.242
Total	710	618.153	591.237

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1.8 Verification to the Process

ADVANCES THIS QUARTER

The initiatives component has become the cornerstone of the project as a result of the new policies implemented by the MAPP/OEA. Up to date there are 27 initiatives, 1 project and 16 processes.

From the total of the initiatives six (6) of them have been executed and twenty one (21) are still ongoing. The participants are victims, demobilized population, community leaders, students, teachers, peasants, journalists, rural communities, indigenous communities and civil organizations.

Some results are:

- 160 leaders trained in the municipalities of Ríosucio, Carepa, Chigorodó y San Pedro de Urabá.
- 19 *personeros* in Urabá trained on the implementation of the Law 975.
- More than 12 Victims' Committees constituted and 360 leaders trained in Valle del Cauca.
- 180 people trained to recover and strengthen the peasant culture in Pradera Valle.
- Design and manufacture of a tools kit related to human rights, International Humanitarian Law, as a way to promote the culture of peace in zones affected by violence.

- Research about the reintegration process in the Comuna 4; the community was informed about the changes that are taking place due to the peace process; promotion of the rights and duties of the demobilized population as well as the community.
- Training of 40 women in Valledupar to lead the formulation and implementation of productive projects with gender perspective.
- Creation of an public information system with that contains information about civil organizations in the Caribbean Region.

One of the ongoing projects has as objective the training and strengthening of 130 victims' leaders in Norte de Santander. Finally, 16 processes are being implemented to provide information regarding issues such as family violence, recruitment prevention, dissemination of the Law 975 and the administrative reparation decree, and forced disappearance. In order to articulate the departmental committees working on the Justice and Peace Law and the municipal reintegration tables, nine meetings have taken place. Events such as recuperation and cleaning of parks, integration events to analyze the peace and reintegration processes, as well as establishing social links with the community and to facilitate the reintegration process have been developed.

Some difficulties have been encountered throughout the development of the initiatives: the different interests of the participating actors, the ruptures of the communication channels between the regional and national levels, and the lack of regional autonomy to administer the budget and make decisions.

The MAPP/OEA is still monitoring and analyzing the public order and verifying the disarticulation of the armed structures. Up to date the Mission has subscribed two contracts, with *Fundación Seguridad y Democracia* and *Fundación Ideas para la Paz*. These contracts have as main objective to provide the MAPP/OEA with information about the security status in the country as an input for country security reports, the analysis of the dynamics of the confrontation between the State, the FARC and the ELN, and the negotiation process. Information related to the government's strategy against the *Bandas emergentes* will also be analyzed.

The MAPP/OEA is still participating in the meetings with the Vice-president of the Republic, the Defence Minister and the Army to monitor the public order. The verification of the reintegration process has been affected by some difficulties encountered by the ACR.

BUDGET

Table 6. Verification to the Process Budget

Component	Number of Beneficiaries	YTD Obligated in USD* Total	YTD Obligated in USD* IOM
A. MAPP / OEA	0	\$ 1.914.099	\$ 1.914.099
Total	0	\$ 1.914.099	\$ 1.914.099

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1.9 National Commission for Reparation and Reconciliation (CNRR)

ADVANCES THIS QUARTER

Reparation:

Objective: To support the Collective Reparation Pilot Projects process, as preliminary experiences for the elaboration of the National Collective Reparation Plan.

Activities:

- The Collective Reparation Pilot Projects diagnosis: **i)** design of a methodology to apply and validate the diagnosis of the cases chosen for the Collective Reparation Pilot Plan. There is information for 6 of the 8 approved cases; **ii)** technical support and active participation in the workshops organized by the CNRR.
- Political Dialogues: through the coordination processes established with the CNRR **i)** advance in the political agreement process with the communities to reconcile their minimum vital needs (most basic needs); **ii)** negotiate with the authorities to supply the former needs.
- Field work carried out at La Libertad and El Salado municipalities, with the following products as a result: **i)** agreement with La Libertad's community on the execution of projects such as: water treatment and purification, adaptation and endowment of the health center, a food for training strategy, building of educational, sport and recreational sites, and the design and implementation of productive projects. This agreement process was carried out with an active participation of the victims and their representatives; **ii)** diagnosis on infrastructure needs and recommendations to El Salado community of the benefits of implementing projects as the ones programmed for La Libertad as follows: adaptation of the health centre and improvement of the school infrastructure. The former recommendations are based on the high impact these projects will have on the entire community; particularly on the elderly and infant population.
- Programming of field work on la India, Madres de la Candelaria, la Gabarra and Buenos Aires pilot projects for October and November. The Diagnosis for el Tigre and Sindicalistas cases has posed some difficulties, but we expect to finalize the documents by the end of November of the current year.

Reconciliation

Objective: To gather different reconciliation initiatives implemented at the national level in order to establish guidelines, and carry them out with a high participation of the community.

Activities and advances:

- Presentation of the preliminary findings on the research on reconciliation models: the final results of this study will allow us to identify successful reconciliation models, lessons learned and current failures on the national reconciliation process. This project has been extended to November 2008 and its results will be published and

handed in to the CNRR as input for the design and implementation of specific regional projects. In addition, these results will be useful for the CNRR on the discussion of the reparation and victims' attention law that is being held at the Colombian Congress.

- Completion of the Reconciliation project with the Secretaría de Gobierno de Bogotá: Santa Cecilia library was inaugurated on August 31st and the constructions on Ciudad Bolívar's Caracolí park were finalized on September 15th. In addition, there has been progress in the planning of the second phase of the project, which will focus on the design of a reconciliation educational training methodology. In agreement with the Secretaría de Gobierno, this new phase will be executed by Fundación Social, which will be in charge of designing a reconciliation guideline based upon successful reconciliation experiences in Bogotá.

Gender and specific populations

Objective: To include gender, childhood and ethnic minorities as cross-cutting issues in all CNRR projects and activities.

Activities:

- Continuation of the training process of 45 CNRR employees at the national and local levels, in topics such as the identification of specific problematic issues for the Afro-Colombian and Indigenous-Colombian populations.
- Socialization of the former project results' on 9 CNRR regional offices and the CICR.

Regional CNRR branches and offices

Objective: To continue the support of the CNRR's decentralization process through: **i)** the implementation of its strategic decisions; **ii)** strengthening of the lobbying process among the victims' organizations and the local level institutions, and **iii)** attention to victims at the regional level.

Activities:

- Continuation of the financial support to the Valledupar office and financing of minor expenditures for the Bogotá, Medellín and Bucaramanga regional offices.

Victims' registry and data base

Objective: To develop a strategy for victims' registry that includes the design of mechanisms for information gathering of the population that contributes to the beginning of the reparation process.

Activities:

- Technical and administrative support for the coordination among institutions that make part of the Justice and Peace registry system.

Advisory and attention to victims

Objective: To support information strategies and activities, as well as to provide advice and orientation to victims in the Justice and Peace Law processes.

Activities:

- Counseling and training to victims, victims' organizations and lawyers representing victims and human rights organizations. The main goal is to assure that people and institutions which advocate for the reinstatement of the victims' rights can have the necessary information to do their job. The conclusions and recommendations resulting from this process will soon be published in a legal advisory handbook. The final product will be published and promoted at the end of October, in order for the organizations to use this methodological guideline as input to accomplish their mandates.
- Completion of the "Strengthening and legal representation and defense of the victims for their access to their truth, justice and reparation rights" project on October the 2nd. This project: **i)** provided psychological and legal advise to victims' organizations in Nariño, Valle and Bolivar; **ii)** guided victims' participation throughout the claiming process of their rights to truth, justice and reparation; **iii)** created a training process denominated "Escuela de Formación", or "Formation School", which offers the beneficiary population tools to improve their organization skills. A total number of **610** direct beneficiaries were attended through this project:

Nariño:	160
Valle:	200
Bolivar:	250

1.10 Support to the Attorney General's Office

ADVANCES THIS QUARTER

National Attorney General –Support to Victims: During this quarter support to the Attorney General Office continued by registering the victims' formats received in Medellín, Barranquilla and Bogota, as well as the formats collected by other institutions such as the regional offices of the NO, IG, CNRR and public prosecutors, among others.

The 26 victims' assistants hired attended more than 14,810 victims at the three regional offices (Barranquilla, Medellin and Bogota) and typed victims' formats. It is important to note that Bogotá is receiving an additional load of formats coming from other regional offices, with the resulting work overload. The following numbers of formats were typed during this quarter: Medellin: 2,630; Barranquilla: 1,421; Bogotá: 10,149 for a total of 14,542 formats. The accumulated number of typed formats in the Unit of Justice and Peace temporary Database at the end of September is 150,151. Additionally, the group of 3 engineers and 4 typists are scanning the *versiones libres* hearings held so far. The database was updated with 3,045 new facts.

The hired psychologists supported the District Attorney's Office with attention to victims during 162 *versiones libres*. Right now we only have one person in charge of the website and the updating to the Justice and Peace Unit website, giving special attention to the exhumation Subunit. The website is fed with news, hearings notices and lists of personal belongings found in mass graves in order to help the identification of bodies by relatives. The historical of *versiones libres* and handing of human remains were also updated.

The *Sistema Interinstitucional de Información de Justicia y Paz* code's terms of reference were approved by the Inter-Institutional Committee on Justice and Peace. Terms of Reference for

the System were finished and IOM is working on the legal terms for a public bid. Additionally, 3 matrixes were produced (July, August and September 2.008) with indicators of the implementation of the Law 975/05.

The support to the victim's call centre continued. During this quarter **14.831** calls were received and attended. In June 25th the Coordinator of the Justice and Peace Unit of the Attorney General's Office approved the use of the toll-free line to attend calls regarding administrative reparation (Decree 1290/08). This decision was largely responsible for the increment of the calls received.

7. Next Quarter Priorities

In the upcoming quarter, the project intends to focus on the following actions and strategies within each component:

1.11 Tracking and Monitoring

- Strengthening of existing TMES
- Consolidation of the TMES individual database
- The base line for individually demobilized persons was designed and included in the TMES data base.
- Support to the ACR technology area in the partial transfer of the TMES information to the Information System for Reintegration developed by Microsoft for the ACR.
- Development of strategies to verify the information once the new information system of the ACR begins.
- The following reports will be produced the next quarter:
 - ❖ 3 monthly reports to the ACR
 - ❖ 3 consolidated reports on academic and vocational training
 - ❖ 1 report on education.
 - ❖ 1 report on deaths and detainees
 - ❖ Weekly and monthly reports

1.12 Support to GOC Reintegration Program

- Organize a workshop with journalists from Cali and Buenaventura.

1.13 Oversight Ombudsman/IG

National Ombudsman (NO)

- The NO has to sign the contract to donate the SIG.
- Select and hire the 7 data entry assistants responsible of systematizing the information in the SIG.
- Initiate the training process of the project consultants in the SIG.
- Systematize the information of the project in the SIG.

- Follow up on the process of the claims.
- Continue with the field visits to monitor the claims and petitions received, as well as verify the situation of the receptor communities.
- Continue working on the *Resolución Defensorial*.

Inspector General (IG)

- The administrative benefits team will do the scheduled field visits to implement the tracking model designed for the first year of the project.
- Continue building Inter-Institutional relations in order to improve the model to track public policy.
- Continue the work done by the Judicial Prosecutors through the systematization of the technological tools built in the project.
- Hold a planning meeting to discuss the third year activities.

1.14 Support to the Demobilized Population

Human Development

- **AP&P:** Begin the implementation of human development activities in the framework of the rubber and pepper projects in Cimitarra Santander.

Rural Productive Projects

- Advance the chilli peppers and goat raising projects, and begin the legal paper work to create the associations of demobilized individuals.
- Start at least one project in Atlántico with the aim to incentive new beneficiaries to enrol in other productive projects.
- Identify and hire the feasibility and viability analysis of at least one productive project in Córdoba and Sucre.
- Execute a technical and legal inspection of the land in the region of Guachaca – Santa Marta and analyze the project to produce plantain presented by CI Frusierra S.A. to install 150 hectares.
- In the cacao project 130 new hectares of plantains will be cultivated and the remaining cacao will be planted.
- The priorities regarding the ARGOS project will be:
 - The implementation of the chilli pepper pilot hectares in Puerto Nare, and the harvest of the fruit in San Onofre.
 - The construction of the Stock up Centre in Puerto Triunfo and San Onofre.
 - The selection and training of the group of women who will work in the tailoring workshop in Puerto Nare.
 - The development of the project's information system.

Urban Productive Projects

- Consolidate the operations of BIPRO and ECOTURES
- Start the operation of the projects to recycle plastic in Montería and Montelíbano and to manufacture giant bags.
- Establish the possibility of implementing additional modules for the recycle of plastics with Comexa S.A.
- Decide if an agreement with Fundación San Isidro can be achieved to operate projects with different components and begin the implementation of at least one of the projects already evaluated.

- Conclude the MOVER project and start the tracking process of the projects implemented by providing technical assistance to the Montería and Valledupar Service Centres that enables them to encounter this task.

1.15 Verification to the Process

- Receive the financial report of the second year in order to approve the third disbursement.
- Follow up on the regional activities and actions of the MAPP/OEA.
- Get the final financial report of the first year funds.

1.16 National Commission for Reparation and Reconciliation

- Make progress in the technical support to the eight (8) collective reparation pilot projects in regions and municipalities specially affected by the armed conflict. One of the main priorities is the diagnosis of the “mínimos vitales”, in order to guarantee the coverage of the basic needs of the population and the victims. Subsequently there will be an agreement with the victims and their organizations on: reparation initiatives, productive projects and building of infrastructure that contributes to the satisfaction of the victims’ needs and rights.
- Technical assistance for the political dialogues in the selected communities.
- Technical assistance and follow-up on the formulation of collective reparation proposals.
- Publication and promotion of the reconciliation models research document.
- Dissemination of the legal advisory handbook among the victims.
- Improvement of the victims’ access and participation on their rights’ claiming processes, through the promotion of the legal advisory handbook, as well as legal and psychological advice to the affected population.
- Execution of the reparation projects in la Libertad y el Salado.
- Implementation of the second phase of the Reconciliation project for Bogotá with Fundación Social, Secretaría de Gobierno, CNRR and IOM.

1.17 Support to the Attorney General’s Office

- Strengthen the team that works providing direct attention to and tracking the victims.
- Continue with typing of the victims’ formats.
- Continue typing facts confessed in *Versiones Libres*
- Continue typing the **17.000** pending formats, sent by the various institutions
- Continue the psychological support to victims during the *versiones libres*.
- Continue the development of the Justice and Peace matrixes.
- Choose and hire a firm to begin the coding of the SIJUS.

9. Annex 2. Services Summary Table

1.18 SERVICES SUMMARY TABLE

Table 7. Services Provided to Demobilized Individuals, Family Members, and Victims by Department and Type

Department		Labor Training	Human Development & Psychological Attention	Formal Education	Profiles & Vocational Orientation	Employability & Productive Projects	TOTAL * DEPARTMENT
National Coverage	Projected	79	0	198	0	0	277
	Actual	0	0	138	0	0	138
Antioquia	Projected	2.026	1.324	100	4.150	1.283	8.883
	Actual	75	150	51	383	300	959
Bogotá	Projected	382	420	0	1.000	232	2.034
	Actual	37	32	0	202	40	311
Bolívar	Projected	150	410	0	200	150	910
	Actual	95	122	0	211	33	461
Boyacá	Projected	0	0	0	500	0	500
	Actual	0	0	0	52	0	52
Cesar	Projected	656	355	0	1.825	375	3.211
	Actual	118	209	0	23	203	553
Córdoba	Projected	389	369	0	2.025	389	3.172
	Actual	132	184	0	658	219	1.193
Magdalena	Projected	145	505	0	1.000	145	1.795
	Actual	24	86	0	282	24	416
Meta	Projected	30	30	0	500	30	590
	Actual	30	30	0	0	30	90
Norte de Santander	Projected	50	0	0	500	200	750
	Actual	0	0	0	148	141	289
Risaralda	Projected	430	430	0	150	430	1.440
	Actual	143	202	0	327	115	787
Santander	Projected	20	211	0	400	135	766
	Actual	0	0	0	165	83	248
Sucre	Projected	230	251	100	500	251	1.332
	Actual	64	90	68	0	80	302
Tolima	Projected	0	0	0	400	0	400
	Actual	0	0	0	351	0	351
Valle de Cauca	Projected	0	0	0	1.000	0	1.000
	Actual	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL PROJECTED		4.587	4.305	398	14.150	3.620	27.060
TOTAL ACTUAL		718	1.105	257	2.802	1.268	6.150
TOTAL CONCLUDED		1.635	842	27	12.648	273	15.425

Note: Total Concluded refers to all beneficiaries, regardless of type, who have finished receiving the service indicated.

10. Annex 3. Services Summary Table – Demobilized Individuals

1.19 SERVICES SUMMARY TABLE – DEMOBILIZED INDIVIDUALS

Table 8. Services Provided to Demobilized Individuals by Department and Type

Department		Labor Training	Human Development & Psychological Attention	Formal Education	Profiles & Vocational Orientation	Employability & Productive Projects	TOTAL PER DEPARTMENT
National Coverage	Population	0	0	138	0	0	138
	Demobilized	0	0	138	0	0	138
Antioquia	Population	75	150	51	383	300	959
	Demobilized	75	150	51	383	165	824
Bogotá	Population	37	32	0	202	40	311
	Demobilized	37	32	0	202	40	311
Bolívar	Population	95	122	0	211	33	461
	Demobilized	95	122	0	211	33	461
Boyacá	Population	0	0	0	52	0	52
	Demobilized	0	0	0	52	0	52
Cesar	Population	118	209	0	23	203	553
	Demobilized	118	209	0	23	154	504
Córdoba	Population	132	184	0	658	219	1.193
	Demobilized	132	184	0	658	173	1.147
Magdalena	Population	24	86	0	282	24	416
	Demobilized	24	70	0	282	24	400
Meta	Population	30	30	0	0	30	90
	Demobilized	30	30	0	0	30	90
Norte de Santander	Population	0	0	0	148	141	289
	Demobilized	0	0	0	148	14	162
Risaralda	Population	143	202	0	327	115	787
	Demobilized	143	202	0	327	115	787
Santander	Population	0	0	0	165	83	248
	Demobilized	0	0	0	165	28	193
Sucre	Population	64	90	68	0	80	302
	Demobilized	64	90	68	0	80	302
Tolima	Population	0	0	0	351	0	351
	Demobilized	0	0	0	351	0	351
Valle del Cauca	Population	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Demobilized	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL POPULATION		718	1.105	257	2.802	1.268	6.150
TOTAL DEMOBILIZED		718	1.089	257	2.802	856	5.722

Note: Only departments with services currently provided to demobilized individuals are detailed in this table. Additionally, the row “Total Population” represents the same “Total Actual” reported in Annex 2.

11. Annex 4. Glossary

ACR	<i>Alta Consejería para la Reintegración</i> High Commission for Reintegration
AG	<i>Fiscalía General de la Nación</i> Attorney General
AUC	<i>Autodefensas Unidas de Colombia</i> United Self-Defense Forces of Colombia
<i>Auto-inhíbitorios</i> (AI)	Judicial decision to not prosecute an individual on the basis of proceedings and hearings related to crimes different from those committed against humanity.
CNRR	<i>Comisión Nacional de Reparación y Reconciliación</i> National Commission for Reparation and Reconciliation
CORE	Community-Oriented Reintegration of Ex-combatants
DAS	<i>Departamento Administrativo de Seguridad</i> Security Administration Department
Dis	Demobilized Individuals
DDR	Disarmament, Demobilization, and Reintegration
GOC	Government of Colombia
IG	Inspector General
MAPP/OEA	<i>Misión de Apoyo al Proceso de Paz de la OEA</i> Mission to Support the Peace Process by the OAS
NO	<i>Defensoría del Pueblo</i> National Ombudsman
OAS	Organization of American States
ICFES PREICFES	/ A standardized test given by the Colombian Institute for the Encouragement of Higher Education, similar to the American SAT that all high school students must take before graduating. The grade helps universities rank the students for admissions. Its preparatory course is known as PREICFES.
SENA	<i>Servicio Nacional de Aprendizaje</i> National Learning Service
SIG	<i>Sistema de Información Georeferenciada</i>

Geo-referenced Information System

SIJUF Inter-institutional Information System of the Justice and Peace Unit of the AG's Office

SIR *Sistema de Información de Reintegración*
Reintegration Information System

TMES Tracking, Monitoring, and Evaluation System

Versión Libre Process of individuals registered and heard by prosecutors

12. Annex 5. Exchange Rates

1.20 Exchange Rates

Table 9. Exchange Rates

Month	Year	Exchange Rate
August	2006	2,520
September		2,240
October		2,214
November		2,169
December		2,121
January		2007
February	2,240	
March	2,214	
April	2,169	
May	2,121	
June	1,990	
July	1,935	
August	1,976	
September	2,133	
October	2,038	
November	2,008	
December	2,075	
January	2008	1,990
February		1,990
March		1,892
April		1,834
May		1,770
June		1,772
July		1,780
August		1,771
September		1,873

In-Country Training Data

Name of Implementing Partner: International Organization for Migration

Prepared By: Ricardo Amado

Date Prepared: October 15/2008

Please complete the following fields for each training event and forward to your SO Representative at the Mission. NOTE: THIS IS MANDATORY UNDER USAID REGULATIONS.

Name of Training Program: Job training

Project / Activity Name: Job training program for demobilized persons in process of social and economic reintegration

Technical Office: _____

Start Date: 03/25/2008 End Date: 06/25/2008 (MM/DD/YYYY Format)

Method of Training (circle the one that applies): • Traditional •

Training Type (circle the one that applies):

• Seminar • Workshop • Conference • On-the-job Training • Study Tour • Short Course

Training Provider Name: Universidad de Córdoba

Address: Carrera 6 No.76-103

City: Montería

Country: Colombia

Field of Study (enter a general subject area): BASIC SKILLS

USAID Funding (in US Dollars):

Instruction: USD 8.899

Trainee: _____

Travel: _____

Non-USAID Funding (in US Dollars):

Host Country Instruction: _____

Host Country Trainee: _____

Host Country Travel: _____

Private Instruction: _____

Private Trainee: _____

Private Travel: _____
Other Instruction: _____
Other Trainee: _____
Other Travel: _____

Group Name: Ex-combatants

Males: 7 **# Females:** 7

Afro Colombian:	Females	_____	Males	_____
Indigenous:	Females	_____	Males	_____
Disabled:	Females	_____	Males	_____
Other:	Females	<u>7</u>	Males	<u>7</u>

Residence Country: Colombia