

**INTER-AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF HUMAN RIGHTS  
USAID COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT EDG-A-00-02-00030-00  
PROJECT: SUPPORT FOR VICTIMS OF TORTURE (AMENDMENT)**

**WORK PLAN  
1 JANUARY 2008 - 31 DECEMBER 2008**

**1. GENERAL FRAMEWORK**

With the amendment having been extended through June 2009, in 2008 the IIHR **will give continuity** to the processes initiated in 2006 that have had a major impact: the national and subregional training processes, the support for psycho-legal strategies in cases brought before the Inter-American System, and the dissemination of information and specialized knowledge.

This year, advantage will also be taken of the opportunity to carry out activities that, for various reasons, were not concluded in 2007:

- The **film forums**. The package of audiovisual materials and the manual are already available but it took longer than anticipated to obtain permission from the owners of the copyright to use their works. As a result, the forums could not be held in 2007, as originally programmed at the beginning of the year.
- The **presentation of the books** produced under the project related to the Inter-American System. The books could not be presented during the sessions of the Inter-American Commission held in October 2007 because the commission only held hearings for three days. As a result, fewer civil society and international organizations (the target audience for the presentation of the publications) took part.
- **Publications**. USAID's approval of the continuation of the project in 2008 included training activities. Therefore, the publication on those processes, entitled "*Capacitaciones nacionales and subregionales*," will be produced in 2008 so as to include the workshops due to take place in March and May. Similarly, publication of the manual on the *Propuesta psicojurídica* was also postponed until the psycho-legal activities have been completed, so all the inputs generated can be incorporated. Also pending for the first half of 2008 is the IIHR-CEJIL joint final publication. Processing the data has taken longer than planned because the incorporation of new analyses made the task more complex.

The array of activities proposed for 2008 will make it possible to further develop and consolidate the conceptual and methodological material produced by the project, and disseminate it widely among the sectors that work directly with victims of torture and other serious human rights violations.

## II. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROJECT

**Final Goal:** To promote a process of comprehensive support for torture victims by providing timely and effective psycho-legal assistance during litigation processes.

**Performance indicator:** With US\$282,101.00 of the budget approved for the period 01-01-08 through 30-09-09, the IIHR will promote training processes for at least 50 psychology and law professionals from both state-run institutions and civil society organizations (CSOs) in two Latin American countries, with a view to expanding and strengthening the scope of the comprehensive support provided to torture victims who seek legal redress through national justice systems and the Inter-American Human Rights Protection System.

### NON-FLEXIBLE USAID INDICATORS:

1. Number of people benefiting from USG-supported social services (if possible, state # men & # women)

*Achieved in FY-2007 (Oct '06–Sep '07): 50*

*Target for FY-2008 (Oct '07–Sep '08): 15*

In financial year 2008, the project plans to work with three cases, using the psycho-legal methodology. The projected number of beneficiaries is at least 15 (5 people per case, including victims and family members).

2. Number of service providers trained who serve vulnerable persons (if possible, state # men & # women)

*Achieved in FY-2007 (Oct '06–Sep '07): 198 (127 women & 71 men)*

*Target for FY-2008 (Oct '07–Sep '08): 82*

National workshops: Ecuador and Venezuela (2008): 50 people (approximately 40 organizations)

Subregional workshops: southern region (November 2007): 32 people (approximately 25 organizations)

3. Number of USG assisted organizations and/or service delivery systems strengthened who serve vulnerable persons.

*Achieved in FY-2007 (Oct '06–Sep '07): 112*

*Target for FY-2008 (Oct '07–Sep '08): 71*

Approximately 65 organizations participating in the training activities

Approximately 6 NGOs supported by the IIHR using the psycho-legal methodology

**INTER-AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF HUMAN RIGHTS  
 USAID COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT EDG-A-00-02-00030-00  
 COMPREHENSIVE SUPPORT FOR VICTIMS OF TORTURE  
 2008-2009**

<b>PERFORMANCE INDICATOR REFERENCE SHEET</b>
<p><b>Strategic Objective / Final Goal:</b> To promote a process of comprehensive support for torture victims by means of timely and effective psycho-legal support during litigation processes</p> <p><b>Intermediate results:</b> the legal and psychological interdisciplinary work involved in handling torture cases that are being processed by the protection bodies of the Inter-American System is better integrated; more knowledge is available to enhance the quality of the comprehensive psychological support provided to torture victims and family members; organizations better equipped to provide comprehensive support to torture victims involved in litigation, using an interdisciplinary approach; institutions better equipped to propose and implement psycho-legal strategies in support of torture victims whose cases are the object of litigation; increased capacity for interdisciplinary coordination of comprehensive support for torture victims during the litigation of their cases; more specialized information disseminated about torture prevention and support for victims.</p> <p><b>Performance indicator:</b> With US\$282,101.00 of the budget approved for the period 01-01-08 through 30-09-09, the IIHR will promote training processes for at least 50 psychology and law professionals from both state-run institutions and civil society organizations (CSO) in two Latin American countries, with a view to expanding and strengthening the scope of the comprehensive support provided to torture victims who seek legal redress through national justice systems and the Inter-American Human Rights Protection System.</p>
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>
<p><b>Precise definition:</b> Strengthening the capabilities and knowledge of civil society organizations and public institutions, and disseminating information and documentation, will not only foster comprehensive support for torture victims but also help prevent acts of torture in the future.</p> <p><b>Unit of measurement:</b> Professionals, civil society organizations and public institutions involved</p> <p><b>Disaggregated by:</b> Country / Professional / Organization / Institution / Year</p> <p><b>Mechanism:</b> Evaluation of the quality of the training processes by participants and the IIHR team of specialists</p>
<b>IIHR PLAN FOR DATA COLLECTION</b>
<p><b>Data collection method:</b> Collection, processing and analysis of information about training processes</p> <p><b>IIHR's data collection method:</b> Mechanisms for monitoring and evaluation by the IIHR</p> <p><b>Source:</b> Professionals, civil society organizations and public institutions involved; IIHR</p> <p><b>Timing / frequency of data collection:</b> annual</p> <p><b>Estimated cost of data collection:</b> included in other activities programmed; no additional expenses involved</p> <p><b>Responsible individuals:</b> Team of specialists of the project COMPREHENSIVE SUPPORT FOR VICTIMS OF TORTURE, IIHR.</p>

### POINTS REGARDING DATA QUALITY

**Date of evaluation of data quality:** 31 August 2008

**Known data limitations and significance:** So far, no limitations have been identified with regard to the data to be compiled, systematized and analyzed.

**Actions taken or planned to address data's limitations:** Efforts will be made to construct qualitative and quantitative indicators by analyzing evaluations of the training processes by the professionals, civil society organizations and public institutions involved, etc.

**Procedures for future evaluation of data quality:** Qualitative and quantitative analysis of effective methodologies for supporting torture victims

### PLAN FOR THE ANALYSIS, REVIEW AND REPORT

**Data analysis:** 31 August 2008

**Data presentation:** 28 September 2008

**Data review:** 15 October 2008

**Data report:** 31 October 2008

### OTHER POINTS

**Notes on Starting Points:** The aim is to give continuity to, and expand the scope of, the project that began in 2002 (Psychological support for victims of torture in the Inter-American System). During this new phase the project, in addition to disseminating the outputs that already exist, the staff will carry out actions in two countries of the hemisphere: Ecuador and Venezuela.

**Goals:** Promotion of psychological support actions in cases involving torture victims brought before the inter-American system. Implementation of institution building actions and promotion of coordinated national networks for providing comprehensive support to torture victims. Implementation of actions to sensitize sectors involved with torture victims (both civil society and public institutions), to prevent the repetition of acts of torture and raise awareness of the plight of survivors.

**Place where data is stored:** IIHR.

**Other notes:** none

**Last updated:** 31/12/ 07

**Annual goal 1: To promote and implement the psycho-legal methodology in cases involving torture victims brought before the Inter-American System**

ACTIVITIES	EXPECTED RESULTS	IMPACT INDICATORS
<p><b>Implementation of the legal-psycho-legal methodology for providing support to victims and expert testimony</b></p> <p><b>Objective:</b> Working with organizations representing victims in cases brought before the Inter-American System, to provide victims with comprehensive support by means of a legal-psycho-legal methodology</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Throughout 2008, the IIHR will provide technical assistance and financial resources to three cases selected during the first quarter (January - March 2008) for the implementation of the psycho-legal methodology. The criteria for selecting the cases are: the complaints lodged allege violations of the victims' physical or psychological integrity; the litigation process is being handled by project counterparts; the victims are willing to have their case being included in the project and to take part in the collection of information for the presentation of expert psychological testimony and to receive psychosocial support. Implementation of the psycho-legal methodology will be based on the IIHR's guidelines, according to the proposal developed by the project.</li> <li>The IIHR will monitor the implementation of the psycho-legal methodology in these cases and coordinate with the counterparts the presentation of the respective reports.</li> </ul>	<p>The legal and psychological interdisciplinary work involved in handling the cases of torture victims being considered by the protection bodies of the Inter-American System is better integrated</p> <p>More knowledge is available to enhance the quality of the comprehensive psychological support provided to torture victims and family members whose cases are being considered by the protection bodies of the Inter-American System</p>

**Annual Goal 2: To implement institution-building actions and promote coordinated national networks for providing comprehensive support to torture victims**

ACTIVITIES	EXPECTED RESULTS	IMPACT INDICATORS
<p><b>National training workshops</b></p> <p><b>Objective:</b> To train civil society and public organizations that provide psychosocial support, medical care and legal assistance in the use of the psycho-legal methodology for supporting torture victims, to promote the victims' recovery and reintegration into society</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Implementation of two national training workshops in March 2008, in Ecuador and Venezuela, to disseminate the proposed psycho-legal methodology developed under the project. The participants will receive didactic materials, in particular a compact disk containing specialized documents, international instruments and other documents that are useful for work with torture victims. The goal is to equip the participants to disseminate the knowledge they acquire and replicate the training received with other professionals whose work involves torture victims. The participants will be familiarized with the specialized section the IIHR's Web page and instructed in its used to coordinate efforts and share information.</li> <li>• At least 50 representatives of state-run institutions and CSOs in the two countries trained in the psycho-legal methodology for providing support to torture victims involved in litigation. The participants will include equal numbers of legal and mental health professionals from public and academic institutions and CSOs that provide psychosocial support, medical care and legal assistance, linked to human rights.</li> <li>• At least 50 representatives of organizations equipped to replicate the training received in their respective organizations.</li> </ul>	<p>Organizations better equipped to provide comprehensive support to torture victims involved in litigation, using an interdisciplinary approach</p>

ACTIVITIES	EXPECTED RESULTS	IMPACT INDICATORS
<p><b>Subregional workshop on method of providing comprehensive support to torture victims involved in litigation</b></p> <p><b>Objective:</b> To foster the coordination of psycho-legal strategies for litigating cases at the national level involving serious human rights violations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Implementation of a subregional workshop in Ecuador, in May 2008, to train interdisciplinary teams in the provision of comprehensive support to torture victims who have cases pending before the courts. The instructors will provide technical assistance for the implementation of the psycho-legal methodology to ten interdisciplinary teams (comprised of one legal professional and one mental health professional) that previously attended the national training workshops in Ecuador and Venezuela.</li> <li>• At least ten interdisciplinary teams (20 people) will be equipped with the skills needed to implement a psycho-legal methodology, evaluated and improved by a team of experts, for providing support to torture victims involved in litigation.</li> <li>• The results of this workshop will be included in the final project publication on the results of the training processes.</li> </ul>	<p>Institutions better equipped to propose and implement psycho-legal strategies in support of torture victims involved in litigation</p> <p>Increased capacity for interdisciplinary coordination of comprehensive support for torture victims during litigation processes</p>

Annual goal 3: To produce and disseminate specialized information about the prevention of torture and comprehensive support for victims		
ACTIVITIES	EXPECTED RESULTS	IMPACT INDICATORS
<p><b>Dissemination of publications and specialized information</b></p> <p><b>Objective:</b> To use the IIHR's institutional mechanisms to disseminate specialized information about the prevention of torture and methodologies for providing support to victims, and the project's publications</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Specialized information about the prevention of torture and psychosocial support for victims is being widely disseminated and constantly updated via the specialized section of the IIHR website called <i>Por una vida sin tortura</i>. The section affords stakeholders access to information about torture prevention mechanisms and methodologies for providing psychosocial support to victims, plus useful tools for the networks and organizations involved in this issue.</li> <li>• Preparation of the final version of book "<i>Capacitaciones nacionales y subregionales</i>," part of the <b>series Atención Integral a víctimas de tortura en procesos de litigio</b>, which summarizes the most important findings and progress vis-à-vis the training processes implemented throughout the project. The aim is for this publication to be ready for printing in June 2008.</li> <li>• First draft of the publication that is part of the same series entitled <i>Propuesta psicojurídica</i>, related to the process of providing support to victims of torture and other serious human rights violations. This manual will reflect the lessons learned from all the psycho-legal activities carried out by the project. Therefore, it can only be completed once the activities have concluded. The inputs will be incorporated over the course of the year.</li> <li>• Completion of the joint IIHR-CEJIL publication <i>Impacto en el Sistema Interamericano</i>, containing the results of the first phase of the project executed by the two institutions between 2002 and 2006.</li> <li>• These publications, plus the two produced during 2007 (<i>Aportes psicosociales and Jurisprudencia en el Sistema Interamericano</i>) will be disseminated throughout 2008, at the request of the organizations that work with torture victims. To maximize their impact and dissemination, three main activities (public presentations of this series of publications) will be carried out: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The book <i>Aportes psicosociales</i>, whose content focuses on the Inter-American System, will be presented during the 78th Regular Session of the Inter-American Court, in February 2008.</li> <li>○ As part of the activities to commemorate International Day of Support for the Victims of the Torture (26 June 2008), all the publications in the series available as of that date will be presented simultaneously in at least 12 countries: Guatemala, Mexico, Peru, Chile, Argentina, El Salvador, Uruguay, Paraguay, Colombia, Ecuador, Venezuela and Brazil.</li> <li>○ In October 2008, during the session of the Inter-American Commission,</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Increased dissemination of specialized information about the prevention of torture and support for victims</p>

the publications of the project related to the Inter-American System (the books *Aportes psicosociales and Jurisprudencia en el Sistema Interamericano* and the final IIHR-CEJIL publication) will be presented in Washington DC.

- Implementation of the film forum *Por una vida sin tortura* in the following countries: Guatemala, Mexico, Peru, Chile, Argentina, El Salvador, Uruguay, Paraguay, Colombia, Ecuador, Venezuela and Brazil. The activity will also be held in Costa Rica, where the IIHR has its headquarters. The package of 20 documentaries was prepared in 2007. They address issues related to torture and other serious human rights violations in Latin America and are accompanied by a manual explaining how to use them. The film forums will be held as part of the activities to commemorate the International Day of Support for the Victims of Torture (26 June 2008).
- 25 people, assisted by a tutor, will take the online course “The protection of the right to personal integrity and the prohibition of torture in the inter-American and universal human rights protection systems.” A self-taught version of this course already exists. In June 2008, selected participants will take the course with the assistance of a tutor. The invitation to take part will be sent out three months in advance and the academic and logistical preparations will be made.
- The staff will take advantage of IIHR activities related to the subject (forums, meetings, workshops) to distribute material related to the project and the IIHR’s information mechanisms (electronic networks, fortnightly news items, bimonthly bulletin) will be used to disseminate information about the project and the activities carried out

**PROJECT: SUPPORT FOR VICTIMS OF TORTURE (AMENDMENT)**

**SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES (1 January 2008-31 December 2008)**

<b>ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>JAN</b>	<b>FEB</b>	<b>MAR</b>	<b>APR</b>	<b>MAY</b>	<b>JUN</b>	<b>JUL</b>	<b>AUG</b>	<b>SEP</b>	<b>OCT</b>	<b>NOV</b>	<b>DEC</b>
<b>Application of psycho-legal methodology for providing support to victims and expert testimony</b>												
Contact with NGOs representing victims and identification of cases												
Application of psycho-legal strategy in three torture cases												
<b>National training workshops</b>												
Dissemination of proposal and identification of NGOs to take part in national workshops in Ecuador and Venezuela												
Issuing of invitations to NGOs to take part in national workshops in Ecuador and Venezuela												
Logistical and academic preparations for national workshops in Ecuador and Venezuela												
<b>National workshops in Ecuador and Venezuela</b>												
<b>Subregional workshop on comprehensive support for torture victims during the litigation of cases</b>												
Contact and coordination with logistical counterpart and academic counterparts for the subregional workshop												
Selection of the psycho-legal teams to take part in the subregional workshop												
Subregional workshop in Ecuador												
<b>Dissemination of publications and specialized information</b>												

<b>ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>JAN</b>	<b>FEB</b>	<b>MAR</b>	<b>APR</b>	<b>MAY</b>	<b>JUN</b>	<b>JUL</b>	<b>AUG</b>	<b>SEP</b>	<b>OCT</b>	<b>NOV</b>	<b>DEC</b>
Research and incorporation of specialized materials into the section of the website												
Preparation of publication on <i>national and subregional training activities</i>												
Printing of publication on <i>national and subregional training activities</i>												
Final preparation of IIHR-CEJIL joint publication												
Printing of IIHR-CEJIL joint final publication												
Systematization of contributions for the book <i>Propuesta psicojurídica (manual)</i>												
Dissemination of publications												
Presentation of the book <i>Aportes psicosociales</i> to the Inter-American Court												
Simultaneous launch of publications during International Day of Support for Victims of Torture												
Presentation of publications to the Inter-American Commission												
Preparation of the film forums												
Film forums												
Publicizing, selection of participants and academic and logistical preparations for the online tutored course “The protection of the right to personal integrity and the prohibition of torture in the inter-American and universal human rights protection systems”												
Online tutored course “The protection of the right to personal integrity and the prohibition of torture in the inter-American and universal human rights protection systems”												