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I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. Implementation Summary

During the third quarter of 2006, the Strengthening Peace Program followed up on civil society and government projects such as the bidding for the construction of citizen coexistence centers, since there are no funds for new programs due to the budget modifications approved on January 2006. Part of these funds were assigned to the new Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration Program (DDR), therefore a SAME progress report is not included in this report, as it will be included in the report of the new program.

The program received a donation from “Caracol Televisión” to implement the “Escuela de Saberes” for the indigenous population of the Sierra Nevada of Santa Marta. It will be implemented at the Integrated Indigenous Center in the city of Valledupar. Further information on this subject is provided in this report.

Implementation

To date, the program has supported 92 initiatives as follows:

- ✓ 24 institutional projects to strengthen government institutions such as: the Office of the High Commissioner for Peace, the Presidential Advisory Council for Special Programs – Office of the First Lady, Ministry of the Interior and Justice, and the Vice presidency of the Republic – Landmines Observatory.
- ✓ 14 projects with municipal administrations, for the construction and launching of Citizen Coexistence Centers
- ✓ 54 civil society initiatives have been implemented through 49 NGOs.

Description of the initiatives being executed.

Colombian Government

- ❖ Two self-determination projects continue to be implemented by the Office of the High Commissioner for Peace, these are: construction of the second tract of the highway in the jurisdiction of Ortega, municipality of Cajibío, Cauca, and the construction of the park in the municipality of Simití, south of Bolívar.
- ❖ An amendment was signed with the Presidential Advisory Group for Special Projects for time extension to use the remaining funds assigned to that office, in order to expand the coverage of the Assistance to Disabled Population program and of the “Pa’To el Mundo” (For Everybody) strategy to at least 20 new municipalities. This strategy was implemented before, under the same agreement, by the Rehabilitation Committee of Antioquia. Additionally, this expansion will strengthen the Presidential Advisory Group both technically and operationally, and will therefore improve their capacity.
- ❖ With regard to the Vice Presidency of the Republic – Landmines Observatory, governors and mayors continue to be trained on the information system. In the month of October, a meeting will be held with civil society organizations, international agencies and with the Ambassador of the Demining Center in Geneva, in order to officially present the decentralized information management model and its implementation strategy.

Likewise, we continue supporting the Landmines Observatory with technical assistance for the establishment of two “kakuras” (sacred places) in the Sierra Nevada of Santa Marta to help sensitize the indigenous communities on landmine prevention.

In conclusion, 24 projects have been supported, 20 projects have concluded and 4 projects are being implemented.

Citizen Coexistence Centers

- ❖ The bidding for the construction of a coexistence center in the municipality of Baranoa, Atlántico was carried out and construction is programmed to begin mid October.
- ❖ The Mayor’s Office of the municipality of la Dorada, Caldas requested changing the project site due to inconveniences with the first one. Therefore, the design had to be modified to fit the new lot.
- ❖ The final design for the Project in Arauquita, Arauca was approved by the Municipal Administration, Acción Social and the Ministry of the Interior and Justice.
- ❖ The final design for the Project in Tibu, Norte de Santander, was approved.
- ❖ The bidding processes for the approved projects will begin in October.

In conclusion, 14 citizen coexistence centers have been supported. Nine of these centers are operating and four are being developed.

Civil Society

- ❖ A total of 54 civil society initiatives have been supported through 49 NGOs. Fifty of these projects have concluded and four are still being implemented.

Financial Report

- ❖ A total of USD 18.994.401 from USAID funds have been allocated for 92 projects, out of which USD\$ 14.563.366 have been disbursed.
- ❖ The program has also received US\$ 9.582.819 in counterpart contributions, or 65% of the Program’s total. In the case of the coexistence centers, counterparts have made in-kind contributions (land), as is the case of the municipalities, and monetary contributions, as is the case of Acción Social, Presidential Council for the construction of citizen coexistence centers. Organizations and private sector businesses have also contributed, as is the case of VallenPaz, Alvaralice, Asocolflores, “El Golombiao”: The Game for peace and Dusakawi.

II. CONTEXT

During this quarter, the most important event for Colombians was that the FARC (Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia) expressed their willingness to arrive to an agreement to “overcome social and armed conflict”, but laid out their conditions for the negotiations. The “new position” of the FARC is stated in an open letter entitled “The Future of Colombia should not be that of Civil War”. Peace and the political resolution of the conflict continue to be the greatest yearning of the collective soul of Colombians. According to the FARC, once the humanitarian exchange of the 58 hostages under their care for the 500 imprisoned guerrilla members, “the search for agreements to overcome the social and armed conflict that flagellates the country, will be on the agenda”. President Alvaro Uribe Vélez authorized the High Commissioner for Peace to look for direct contacts with the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, with a humanitarian agreement in mind.

Another important event was the approval of the new Childhood and Adolescence Code by Congress. The Code is still pending Presidential sanction. The new law seeks to guarantee the rights of boys, girls and adolescents, and strengthens the co responsibility principle (Article 44 of the Political Constitution of the Republic), through which family, society and state are responsible for the well-being of children.

III. SUMMARY CHART -- PROGRAM STATUS

The program status is summarized in two tables. The first one summarizes the on-going projects and the second one does the same with concluded projects (annex 1). Both tables include the project name and number, implementing institution, contribution made by the Strengthening Peace Program, total budget, disbursements through September 30, 2006, direct and indirect beneficiaries, extended impact (sustainability) and project initiation and termination dates.

The total allocated for the 92 projects is US\$ 18.994.401

On Going-Projects

Project #	Name	Implementing Partner	Peace Program contribute	Total Project budget	Beneficiaries		Starting Date	Completion Date
			USD	USD	Direct	Indirect		
PG3-043 F1	Municipality of Cajibío - Department of Cauca	Mayor's Office	77.022	160.781	3.000	25.000 Habitants	Jun-06	Sep-06
PG3-043 F3	Municipality of Simití - Department of Bolívar	Mayor's Office	50.000	53.861	1.180	25.000 Habitants	Jul-06	Sep-06
PG3-065	Program to Promote Rights and Peace Building Networks	First Lady Office	529.729	529.729	2.450	The clients of beneficiary population	Ene-04	Oct-06
PG3-073	Restorative Justice, Coexistence and Peace in Colombia	Vallenpaz - Alvarallice	1.762.000	3.076.171	1.000 Students and 75 professors of Law and Political Science of Javeriana University, 300 youngsters in district 4, in Cali, and 2.600 people who live in rural areas	400 families of Cali and 650 families who live in rural areas in the municipalities targeted by the project	Ago-06	Ago-07
PG3-074	Let's Cultivate Peace in the Family	Asocoflores	900.000	2.331.000	21.000 workers in the 32 municipalities targeted by the Project.	4.200 Families	Oct-04	Sep-07
PG3-085	Anti-personal Mines Observatory	Vice-presidency of the Republic	80.000	80.649	225	500	Mar-05	Nov-06
PG3-086	El Golombio, The Game of the Peace	Presidential Program Colombia Joven	60.000	563.455	26.400 Youngsters	10.000 Beneficiaries	Ene-06	Nov-06
PG3-092	Coexistence Center in Baranoa	Mayor's Office	170.000	340.000	20.000 Habitants		Ene-06	Ene-07
PG3-093	Coexistence Center in La Dorada	Mayor's Office	170.000	340.000	20.000 Habitants		Ene-06	Ene-07
PG3-094	Coexistence Center in Arauquita	Mayor's Office	170.000	340.000	20.000 Habitants		Feb-06	Ene-07
PG3-095	Coexistence Center in Tibú	Mayor's Office	170.000	340.000	20.000 Habitants		Feb-06	Ene-07
Total General (USD)			4.138.751	8.155.646				

IV. PROGRAM STATUS BY COMPONENT

4.1. Support to the Government of Colombia

Objective: Provide assistance and accompaniment to several institutions of the GOC in order to both strengthen their management capacity and draw closer to civil society organizations.

Institutions

- ◊ Office of the High Commissioner for Peace (OACP)
- ◊ Presidential Advisory Council for Special Programs (CPPE) – Office of the First Lady
- ◊ Office of the Vice President – Landmines Observatory

Ongoing Projects

4.1.1 Office of the High Commissioner for Peace - OACP

Implement projects to support the community - “self-determination”
Follow-up and Monitoring System - Support the negotiations for peace.

4.1.2 Presidential Advisory Council for Special Programs – Office of the First Lady

Program for the Promotion of Rights and Peace Building Networks / Strengthen the CPPE.

4.1.3. Office of the Vice President – Landmines Observatory

Decentralization of the Information Management System and Comprehensive Assistance to the Population

4.1.1. Office of the High Commissioner for Peace - OACP

PG3-043 Implement projects to support the community - “Self-determination”

Objective: Promote and/or support initiatives generated by the different municipalities aimed at preventing armed violence and strengthening local governance and coexistence

Goals:

- ⇒ Strengthen interaction between municipal authorities and community.
- ⇒ Strengthen citizen participation in decision making processes associated to public issues.
- ⇒ Strengthen the community to generate projects with an emphasis on coexistence.
- ⇒ Improve peaceful conflict resolution practices.
- ⇒ Provide training on conflict negotiations for stakeholders and organization involved in the process.
- ⇒ Include coexistence issues in municipal work plans.

Project Completion Date: October 2006

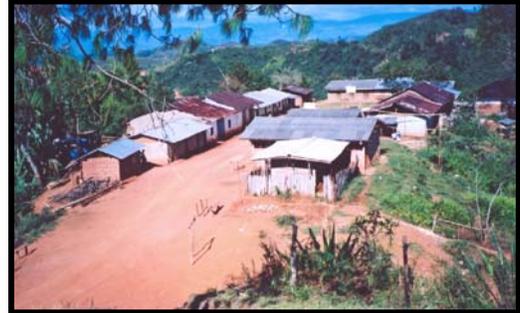
PG3-043A Municipality of Ortega – Department of Cauca

Objective: Complete the Dinde-Ortega highway

Beneficiaries: 3000 inhabitants

The project was on hold for a few days until the community and the contractor arrived to an agreement on the material to be used for the roadbed, since the material proposed by the Mayor's Office was inexpensive, but low quality.

It was agreed to use the same material used for the first section of the highway, which is in perfect shape.



Municipality of Ortega

On August 22, the Project was reinitiated, once the community members accepted the new budget. Regarding the commitments acquired by the Mayor's Office, they have not been satisfactorily fulfilled, due to the following reasons: the mechanic damage of the bulldozer, which has delayed the construction work, and the fact that the elaboration of art work and the repair work to be done on the Rio Ortega bridge have not begun.

By the end of October, the goal of extending the roadbed up to the Ortega bridge is expected to be achieved.

In order to supervise the construction work and to meet with the community to evaluate the demobilization process, a meeting with a delegate from the Office of the High Commissioner for Peace has been organized for October 17, in the municipality of Ortega, which will be attended by representatives from all the governmental institutions that have been part of this process, as well as by representatives of non-governmental organizations that have accompanied the community.

Notes on the Project

These are some of the comments expressed by community members regarding the progress made with the highway and more so now that it is completed.

Juan Pablo Guacheta, 10 years old: It brought many changes because cars can get here and the sick don't die on us anymore.

Dora Carmenza: There has been an improvement in our living standards, more work at the farms, easy access to all the products, health is excellent. We are happy with the health center, and we expect to grow stronger in agriculture and health and in so much more.

Alexis Becoche: I am happy because the horses do not suffer anymore since the bus can come in.

Eduar Yani Guacheta: With the highway we have improved our way of life. Market activities have been resumed, because before we were isolated from the collection centers, and now we can buy or sell more easily. My children are not suffering what I had to go through because there was no highway. I hope that this highway is finished soon and the development process we have started continues in order to benefit the children and so that old people can die in peace.

Alexandar Guacheta I as a girl think that the highway brought us many benefits, such as not having to carry the groceries on a horse or walking, because the people at the market used to suffer a lot, but now we have our own market. Thanks to you, my mother does not suffer so much any more.

Nidia Serna I feel very happy with the Highway to Ortega, because now we do not have to walk from the pond. There are many benefits, if there is a sick person, the ambulance takes him/her from the health center. We have a market here, which we can access anytime, produce can be obtained right here. There are many, many benefits. We just ask God and you to pave it up to here.



PG3- 043 C- Municipality of Simiti- Department of Bolivar

Objective: Construction of the Park

Beneficiaries: 1180 inhabitants

After many negotiations to legalize the land and energy installations, the adjustments to the land were well accepted and the construction work began with the closing of the site.



At present, an average of 15 people are working on the most important activities such as the installation of the paving stones, the construction of sidewalks and borders.

Some inconveniences have risen regarding the land, particularly in the area where the community elaborated the paving stones, because they left a lot of material which did not allow the heavy machinery to compact the land. The interventory manifested in a meeting with the community that they did not have the resources for that, and therefore requested the community to take over the task with technical

assistance from the contractor and the interventor, to which they agreed.

The park is to be handed over to the community by the end of November.

Likewise, the follow up visit of the delegate from the Office of the High Commissioner for Peace will take place at the end of October.



Opinions of the community regarding the project.

Alicia Jaimes: Recreation will improve, as well as the town.

María Helena Jaimes: The landscape will look better.

Cesar Guisa. Our children will have a place to play.

Julia Arcila: Lots of recreation for the community.



PG3- 043 F Municipality of Turbo, El Dos Jurisdiction

On July 26-28, 2006 the visit to the El Dos Educational Institution was made in order to set the computers room in motion. The 16 new computers and a printer were installed, thus fulfilling the commitment made by IOM with the community. Additionally, two training workshops took place: the first one was attended by 22, 10th grade students (11 male – 11 female), and it was structured as follows:

1. Presentation of IOM and the local Self-determination Project implemented with the OACP after the demobilization process
2. The Prisoner's Dilemma – Activity
3. What does “value” mean to the participants?
4. Historical and theoretical overview of values and ethics.
5. Self-diagnose on values.
6. Life project.
7. Values and family



During the afternoon, the same workshop was imparted to parents and the community. 45 people attended, out of which 40 were women and 5 were men. The only part of the program that was omitted was the Self-diagnose, as some parents did not know how to read or write, and it was decided to have a discussion about key issues, instead. Additionally, some of the comments made by the morning students were shared with the parents, to confront them and to listen to their perceptions.

Some of the conclusions arrived at after working with the community are: that the educational level is very low, as are their expectations for the future; adolescents do not have their educational or employment alternatives defined and believe that the possibilities they have of fulfilling their dreams and aspirations are very few. On the other hand, the community is formed by very large families (parents with an average of 7 or 8 children), most of them are unemployed and some of them are over 55 years of age, which is not a good thing in terms of sending their children to study outside the jurisdiction once they finish high school, thus creating a permanent poverty and exclusion cycle.



4.1.2.Presidential Advisory Council for Special Programs (CPPE)-Office of the First Lady

PG3- 065 Program to Promote Rights and Peace Building Networks / Strengthening the CPPE

Objective: Contribute to prevent child and adolescent pregnancies and to promote sexual and reproductive health rights (DSSR in Spanish) at the departmental and municipal level through social awareness activities, institutional strengthening and improvement of living standards.

Completion Date: August 2007

Alliances: National Learning Service – SENA, Mayors’ Offices, departmental Governances, Plan Internacional, Bancolombia, Ministry of Social Protection, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Commerce, Corona Foundation, Universidad Militar Nueva Granada, Restrepo Barco Foundation, Banco Agrario.

Summary

During this quarter, Amendment No. 2 to the Cooperation Agreement established with this presidential office was submitted and approved. The objective of this amendment is to increase funding by USD\$63,000, which will be invested on the coverage expansion for the Support Program for Disabled People and on the “Pa’To el Mundo” strategy in at least 20 new

municipalities. This strategy was implemented before under the same grant through the Rehabilitation Committee of Antioquia. Additionally, this increase in funds will strengthen the Presidential Advisory Council, both technically and operationally thus improving its capacity to respond to pertinent issues. This support allowed hiring technical assistance for the projects' technological and operational needs for proper office operation and the implementation of dissemination and training activities in the programs fostered by this office.

This quarter, two technical advisors were hired for the “Colombia de Sal y Dulce” and “Plan Padrino” (Child Sponsoring) projects, under the Advisory Council Strengthening component.

During this quarter, the “Colombia de Sal & Dulce” project carried out the “Mostradores de Degustación” event, which took place in the city of Cartagena. This event completes the four events programmed for this project (the other three were held in Bogotá, Medellín and Cali). The objective of these events is to establish direct commercial links between the owners of well-know restaurants and the producers of handmade goods, which deserve to be on the menus of such restaurants because of their high gastronomical quality. This aims for the producers to broaden their marketing options without supply-requirement barriers they cannot overcome.

Additionally, this project negotiated with the SENA the training of the producers, in order to improve production and commercialization conditions. Some of the companies that have been contacted to support producers are: Artesanías de Colombia, Casa Viva Magazine, “Fomento de la Pequeña y Mediana Empresa” – FOMIPYME.

Likewise, “Plan Padrino” (*child sponsoring*), which supports the academic and administrative operation of small public schools in different areas of the country, is in its closing state. The consultant that provides technical assistance to the project has been working on the Finalization Documents for the Grants signed with different donors. By the end of the trimester, the program databases were updated, especially the one for the SIGOB system, which is the official information system of the Presidency and all its branches. This updating will help by providing information to the Advisory Council on the actual needs of the municipalities and therefore assistance will be provided to those municipalities that need it the most and that unfortunately have gotten very little support.

The Social Agents Network has further strengthened institutional coordination for public interventions, which contribute to put in perspective the rights of youth to sexual and reproductive health (DSSR). Said institutions are training parents, mothers, adolescents and preadolescents in family and DSSR issues, as well as on psychosocial issues.

During this quarter, the following workshops on DSSR were held:

- ❖ Two in Santander attended by delegates from 14 municipalities: 8 men, 42 women, for a total of 50 participants.
- ❖ Three in Bolivar attended by delegates from 15 municipalities: 30 men, 48 women, for a total of 78 participants.
- ❖ Two in Antioquia attended by delegates from 15 municipalities: 21 men, 29 women, for a total of 50 participants.

Coverage: 56 municipalities.

Beneficiaries: 178 (59 men y 119 women)

The information, education and communication strategy – IEC, has the mass information means to inform on and promote the different activities done by the social support network, which are transmitted by local television channels and broadcasting stations to all the community; Youths are disseminators of the information on Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights, for which they also make use of the radio programs.

One of the local NGOs hired for the “Collective communication Project, “Nueva Granada”, in the municipality of Mahates, Bolival, in addition to the radio programs is recording a video on sexuality and its myths; the script will be written and interpreted by young people.

For the “Improving Life Standards” component, access to educational services has improved mainly because it is free. However, there are still some boys and girls outside the educational system. Likewise, the Access to Health Services component has only been able to reach 50% of the vulnerable population.

Concerning credit access, some of the basic needs of the beneficiaries have been positively met, such as food, this has improved the quality of life of the population.

During this quarter, the Institute for Development of Antioquia – IDEA, one of the implementers of the program in Antioquia, began disbursing credit funds in six municipalities of the department. To date, 41 credits have been granted for a total amount of CP\$29,566,050.

On the other hand, the Presidential Advisory Council for Special Programs (CPPE) implemented a training workshop for the members of the credit committees of ten municipalities of the department of Antioquia. 30 people attended.

To date, we have disbursed a total of 763 credits for a total value of US\$132,528, equivalent to CP\$317,405,624. Because of these initiatives, 2,317 jobs have been generated, as shown in the chart below.

Departament	Municipality	Aproved Projects	Employments	Total Disbursements Col\$
Cesar	Aguachica	20	90	\$ 7.000.000
	Gamarra	18	60	\$ 7.000.000
	La Gloria	28	100	\$ 7.000.000
	San Alberto	24	60	\$ 8.925.000
	Astrea	10	20	\$ 3.500.000
Santander	Barrancabermeja	11	40	\$ 9.634.300
	San Vicente de Chucurí	16	32	\$ 9.000.000
	Puerto Wilches	10	35	\$ 5.971.400
San Andres y Providencia	Providencia	5	8	\$ 10.800.000
Bolívar	Carmen de Bolívar	24	89	\$ 7.000.000
	Calamar	10	52	\$ 7.000.000
	Mahates	12	59	\$ 7.000.000
	San Jacinto	8	56	\$ 7.000.000
	San Juan Nepomuceno	14	40	\$ 7.000.000
	Zambrano	23	36	\$ 7.350.000
	Cerro de la Popa, Cartagena	69	94	\$ 24.240.000
	Regidor	20	40	\$ 10.000.000
	Santa Rosa del Sur	18	36	\$ 7.000.000
	Turbana	13	37	\$ 7.000.000
	Marialabaja	18	30	\$ 5.000.000
	Morales	22	104	\$ 10.300.000
	Arjona	21	50	\$ 5.000.000
	Magangue	12	62	\$ 4.946.950
	Margarita	22	109	\$ 5.000.000
	San Fernando	32	152	\$ 4.520.000
	Achi	18	91	\$ 4.840.000
	Altos del Rosario	15	90	\$ 5.000.000
	Talaigua Nuevo	21	81	\$ 4.913.700
	Turbaco	17	40	\$ 5.000.000
Mompox	19	87	\$ 4.947.824	
Pinillos	27	72	\$ 5.000.000	
Simití	15	54	\$ 8.034.000	
Antioquia	Puerto Berrío	17	22	\$ 7.000.000
	Santuario	6	18	\$ 4.100.000
	Salgar	6	10	\$ 8.355.000
	Dabeiba	8	20	\$ 4.000.000
	Liborina	15		\$ 6.782.000
	Girardota	13		\$ 10.000.000
	Chigorodó	17	95	\$ 10.000.000
	Entrerrios	9	49	\$ 5.484.400
	Donmatías	19		\$ 10.000.000
	San Jerónimo	6	35	\$ 3.500.000
	La Pintada	6	6	\$ 4.616.050
	Betulia	9	20	\$ 4.995.000
	Yondó	20	36	\$ 6.650.000
TOTAL		763	2.317	\$ 317.405.624

4.1.3. Office of the Vice president - Human Rights Office

Objective: Contribute to strengthen the information management system AICM (Integrated Action Against Landmines) at regional level on feedback procedures, training of implementers on the updating and verification systems, as well as on collecting information and reporting to the Landmines Information System (IMSMA) in Colombia.

Geographical Coverage: Arauca, Casanare, Cauca, Cesar, Chocó, Norte de Santander, Santander, Valle del Cauca, Caquetá, Tolima, Magdalena, Boyacá, Putumayo, Guaviare and Vaupés.

Beneficiaries: Direct: 225 government officials from the department and staff from social organizations. Extended Impact: inhabitants of all the benefited departments.

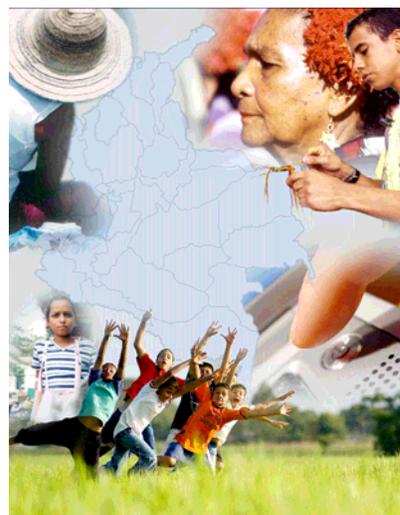
Project Completion Date: November 2006

The Territorial Management Procedures Handbook for the AICM has been completed. This document includes the requirements to initiate the decentralization process of the system, as part of the Strengthening Regional Capacities Strategy, which aims to develop a technical training and support system for the regional governmental and nongovernmental actors.

This document has been completed and edited, and by the end of this quarter it was in the design stage and by next quarter it will be formally introduced to the public in a launching event. The objective of this publication is to facilitate the application of the “National Plan for Integrated Action Against Antipersonnel Mines and Un- detonated, Abandoned ammunitions” at the institutional, territorial, governmental and Civil Society levels, according to territorial management, social participation, integrality, sustainability and cooperation principles.

In addition to this strategy, the new version of the IMSMA is being adjusted in order to address the needs and priorities of each component, keeping in mind that the role of the AICM Observatory is to report on the situation of Colombia at national, regional and departmental levels.

Among the most significant achievements of this quarter is the addition of the Information Management System to the administrative plans of the departments of Meta, Casanare, Tolima, Magdalena, Cesar, Sucre, Bolívar, Cauca and Vaupés. As part of this procedure, the information management component is being implemented by National Natural Parks - Ministry of Housing, Environment and Territorial Development, the Attorney General's Office, Ministry of Social Protection and the National Learning Service (SENA).



4.1.4. Citizen Coexistence Centers

Objective: Design, build, furnish and coordinate initial and short, medium and long term sustainability of the Citizen Coexistence Centers (CCC) in order to strengthen the state's institutional response to the daily problems generated by the armed conflict by providing direct assistance to the community and developing educational strategies to prevent violence and promote peaceful coexistence

What is a Citizen Coexistence Center

The Citizen Coexistence Centers are areas of encounter where the community has access to alternative justice mechanisms through local institutions, and to programs and initiatives that promote and encourage citizen values, coexistence and peaceful conflict resolution.

Municipalities where the program is being implemented

Municipalities	Department
Barrancabermeja	Santander
San Vicente del Caguan	Caqueta
San Gil	Santander
Ocaña	Norte de Santander
Aguachica	Cesar
Cantagallo	Sur de Bolívar
Sonson	Oriente Antioqueño
Leticia	Amazonas
Magangue	Bolívar
Pueblo Bello	Cesar
Baranoa	Atlántico
Dorada	Caldas
Araucuita	Arauca
Tibu	Norte de Santander

4.1.4.1. New Citizen Coexistence Centers

PG3-092 Citizen Coexistence Center In Baranoa - Atlantico

Current Status:

During the Month of August, the bidding process for the construction of this center was initiated, the visit to the construction site at the Barahona municipality was held on the 17th of August to which 21 construction companies from the Caribbean region attended. The contract was granted to Dizgracon Ltda., a company from the city of Barranquilla. Construction should begin by mid October, after the contract is legalized.

The Mayor's Office is providing assistance by initiating the pertinent procedures with the companies that provide public services, as well as by preparing the site to begin construction.



PG3-093 Citizen Coexistence Center in La Dorada-Caldas

Current Status:

In the month of August, the Mayor's Office of la Dorada requested to change the project site for safety reasons, because another project is to be developed in the municipality. This change implied adjustments to the design in order for it to fit the new site, therefore the bidding process was postponed.

During the last week of September, the final drawings were submitted to the Mayor's Office to obtain the construction license. We are also working on the list of conditions and the final budget with the engineers from Accion Social, in order to begin the bidding process.



PG3-094 Citizen Coexistence Center In Arauquita

Current Status:



In the month of August, the final design for the Project was approved by the Municipal Administration, Acción Social and the Ministry of Interior and Justice. Adjustments are being made to the budget and the engineering outlines. The project will be presented during the second week of October and then the bidding process will begin.

The Mayor's Office has already begun to prepare the Project site.

PG3-095 Citizen Coexistence Center In Tibú- Norte de Santander

Current Status:

During the months of June and July, adjustments were made to the design upon request of the Municipal Administration and IOM. On August 4, the final design was approved by the Mayor's Office and as of that day the pending engineering outlines are being developed, as are the budget and the technical specifications for the project.

The bidding process will begin the second week of October, once the construction license is received from the Tibú Mayor's Office. Accion Social will publish the list of conditions on its webpage, and the list will be complemented with the firms registered with IOM after the opening announcement was published on Sunday, August 6 in the El Tiempo newspaper.

4.1.4.2 Summary Chart - beneficiaries per Center for this quarter

MUNICIPIO	BARRANCABERMEJA (Santander)	SAN VICENTE DEL CAGUÁN (Caquetá)	SAN GIL (Santander)	AGUACHICA (Cesar)	CANTAGALLO (Bolívar)	MAGANGUE (Bolívar)	LETICIA (Amazonas)	OCANA (Norte de Santander)	SONSÓN (Antioquia)	Total beneficiarios por oficina Julio - Sept. 2006	
Fecha inicio de Funcionamiento	16 de Junio de 2003	19 de Julio de 2003	14 de Diciembre de	12 de Marzo de 2004	19 de Mayo de 2004	26 de Julio de 2004	26 de Abril de 2004	04 de Diciembre de			
PERIODO REPORTADO	Acumulado	Acumulado	Acumulado	Acumulado	Acumulado	Acumulado	Acumulado	Acumulado	Acumulado		
Nº	SERVICIOS										
1	Inspección de Policía	1.105	1.211	935	1.558	74	1.950	2.132	1.774	814	11.553
2	Comisaría de Familia	330	560	2.497	1.695	383	460	584	965	465	7.939
3	Personería Municipal	56	0	431	0	551	719	0	0	473	2.230
4	Oficina de desarrollo Comunitario	0	163	0	0	198	1.593	231	3.205	0	5.390
5	Coordinación	0	3.650	827	0	47	0	0	790	7.899	13.213
6	Conciliación en Equidad	110	0	99	155	0	89	208	0	0	661
7	Consultorio Jurídico y/o Centro de Conciliación	318	0	472	0	28	0	0	0	0	818
8	Defensoría del Pueblo	0	0	0	332	0	0	0	0	0	332
9	Oficina de la Familia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Oficina de la Primera Dama	0	4.916	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4.916
11	Ministerio de la Protección Social	0	0	0	0	0	1.048	0	0	0	1.048
12	Programa Familias en Acción	0	6.800	0	0	0	6.408	2.500	0	0	15.708
13	Consultorio de Trabajo Social	123	0	0	1.147	517	2.829	241	0	0	4.857
14	Consultorio Psicológico	322	0	106	1.261	23	330	487	140	2.172	4.841
15	Psicología Organizacional	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
16	Biblioteca Virtual y Física	2.753	497	1.676	6.132	1.636	6.203	0	2.300	1.856	23.053
17	Ludoteca	5.016	0	1.308	724	5.372	2.395	0	1.232	5.708	21.755
18	Instituto de Cultura y Turismo	0	598	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	598
19	Instituto de Recreación y Deporte	0	22.440	0	8.832	0	0	0	0	7.469	38.741
20	Juntas Administradoras Locales	0	0	1.368	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.368
21	Auditorio	0	7.700	1.934	0	0	0	1.550	0	5.148	16.332
22	UAO	500	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	500
23	Secretaría de Gobierno	0	0	0	0	0	0	410	0	0	410
24	Profamilia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
25	Oficina Primera Dama	0	5.049	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5.049
26	Derechos Humanos y Paz	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
27	Asuntos Fronterizos	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
28	Inspección de Tránsito	862	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	862
Total Usuarios Atendidos por Centro	11.495	53.584	11.653	21.836	8.829	24.024	8.343	10.406	32.004		
TOTAL BENEFICIARIOS JULIO - SEPTIEMBRE 2006										182.174	

4.2. Support to Civil Society Initiatives

Objective : Develop innovative peace building models to promote leadership and improve the population's attitude.

Support Strategies

- Victims and excluded population
- Children and adolescents
- Dissemination of information and the use of alternative media
- Income improvement

Summary: Support has been provided to 54 projects through 49 NGOs, 50 have been concluded and 5 are still being implemented.

PG3-064 “Escuela de Saberes y enseñanza propia” (Knowledge and Self-instruction School)

Objective: Construction and implementation of the “Escuela de Saberes” for the indigenous communities of the Sierra Nevada of Santa Marta.

Counterpart: Caracol Radio, Dusakawi IPS

Beneficiaries: Directs: 150 indigenous boys and girls
Indirect: 1,500 indigenous living in the Sierra Nevada of Santa Marta region that need to travel to Valledupar for different reasons.

Geographical Coverage: Valledupar (Cesar)

Project Completion Date: June 2007

In order to create a space that allowed the integration of indigenous medical practices and western medicine and to establish a cultural exchange environment, an Integrated Coexistence and Peace Center was built with USAID resources and IOM's technical assistance, as an innovative strategy to promote multiethnic coexistence.

This center assists boys and girls that had to abandon their places of origin and have thus lost the opportunity to learn about their history, customs, sacred places, and everything else about their culture and have found themselves in a strange environment, the city of Valledupar.



The construction and set up of the school will foment women's participation in the handcrafts teaching process and in the development of proposals aimed at supporting their children's education, based on their ancestor's knowledge. The benefited communities are: the Arhuacos, Koqui, Wiwas of the Sierra Nevada and from the Serranía del Perija, the Yukpas.

After discussing it with the leaders of the IPS Dusakawi, it was determined that a maloka was to be built, with its special characteristics, to teach dance, weaving and their traditional dialect (concrete floor reinforced with wooden columns, wooden structure, and palm leaf roof, similar to a Kogui cancura), in order to respond to the preservation needs of the indigenous culture.

The infrastructure work began in September. Construction is 105 m², out of which 12 m² will be used as a deposit, 20 M² as a stage and the remaining 73 M² as an activity room. The Integrated Indigenous Center has a total area of 10.000 m².

A lot of progress has been made on the Project, as recorded on the monitoring actions held on September 28-30 during the visit of Caracol TV; 90% of the floors is completed, as well as 70% of the floor finish and 60% of the deposit. The most critical part of the project are the structure and the roof itself. The wood for the structure is programmed to arrive on October 7 and then work can begin and it can be finished by October 19. The project is now generating eight jobs.

On the other hand, in order to achieve sustainability the project will include support activities such as hiring three indigenous professionals, elaborating a community educational program, selecting the boys and girls to be benefited by the program, as well as the indigenous mothers that are to be the trainers, elaborating a coexistence manual, performing training workshops based on their traditions and culture, elaborating products such as woven pieces and other handcrafts. An event to display the products elaborated by the children will be held, and a video of the whole process will be made.



PG3-073 Restorative Justice, Coexistence and Peace in Colombia

Geographical Coverage: 2 Departments, 12 municipalities¹

Alliances: Javeriana University in Cali, Fundar del Valle, Axis Foundation Valle del Lili Foundation, Ayudemos Foundation Versalles Clinical Foundation, Bosconia (Centro Juvenil) , Semilla de Mostaza School, Center for Education, Culture and Science (Centro para la Educación la Cultura y la Ciencia)

Completion date: September 2007

¹ Buenos Aires, Caloto, Corinto, Miranda, Padilla and Santander de Quilichao (Cauca), Cali, El Cerrito, Palmira, Florida, Jamundí and Pradera (Valle del Cauca)

Components: **Academic:** Implemented by Javeriana University in Cali
Urban: Implemented by Paz y Bien Foundation and by the -AlvarAlice Foundation
Rural. implemented by the Vallenpaz Corporation

Beneficiaries: Direct: **120,000 people**, Indirect: **200,000** inhabitants of the beneficiary municipalities

Objective: To join efforts to carry out the project entitled “Restorative Justice, Coexistence and Peace in Colombia” through three components:

Academic Component, to strengthen the capacity of the academic sector (university) to include and deal with restorative justice concepts and practices;

Urban Component, to reduce violence rates and promote restorative justice principles and practices;

Summary:

Academic Component

Regarding the dissemination and promotion phase of the subject, the academic presentation event will be held in the city of Cali in November.

Currently, the curriculum is being revised and corrected by Director of the Faculty of Political Sciences of Javeriana University, Luz Adriana López, based on the new pedagogical structure of the subject.

Urban Component

Grameen Foundation provided technical assistance on the “Bank of the Poor” model. The Team from the “Semillero de Mostaza” Fund and the women’s association that implements that fund held a 7-day immersion course that addressed the model’s methodology and gave recommendations as to adapting the fund’s operation system to the model.

Regarding the youths from Casas Francisco Esperanza, the training plan on Restorative Justice is being implemented, and the 25 sessions are to be imparted (full program), hoping to create internal resources that would allow them to use nonviolent conflict-resolution strategies.

Rural Component

ADMINISTRATIVE COMPONENT	EXPECTED ACTIVITIES	IMPLEMENTED ACTIVITIES
Project presentation	2	2
Presentation of the Operacional Plan	37	0
Team meetings	23	0
Individual group meetings	39	6
ICV survey	405	0
Diagnosis meetings	6	0
Training on participatory diagnosis	88	5
Training on Project design and management	84	1
Social cartography	0	1
Participation in events and meetings (Governance Citizen	16	1

Encounters)		
Training on Local Democracy	99	0
Counseling (Local Planning Committee, local democracy, Project design and management)	139	0
Meetings (interinstitutional committee)	25	2
Meetings with local organizations' committees	14	1
Parental skills workshops	234	11
Meetings	15	0
Training (Conflict resolution)	10	25
Domiciliary visits	35	0
Counseling(conflict resolution)	52	0
Training (organization forms, action plans, inspectorships and social control)	259	51
Counseling (compliance of existing organizations, functions of inspectorship committees, roles and functions, communication and negotiations	99	31
Community organizations encounters	2	0
Meetings (spaces to answer questions, form inspectorship committees, strengthen committees)	23	9
Domiciliary visits	300	31
Counseling (Accounting and administrative to guide the implementation process of the Revolving Funds)	278	17
Business training (Basic accounts operation, building an organizational structure)	314	19
Board of Directors meetings/assemblies	21	2
Training (planning and accounting in FR)	105	2
Meetings (Boards of directors, organizations and credit committees)	41	4
Collection visits	215	0
Approval of new credits	369	18
Training (productive models, productive lines, predial planning, product inventory workshops, Formulation of food security projects, production costs, workshops on formulation of food security projects, sanitary production systems)	178	12
Gathering predial designs	301	119
Counseling (Productive projects, interests deduction and community process, formation of technical committees, board meetings)	54	1
Plantation of crops	10	0
Technical assistances (improvement of crops, agro-forestry improvements and home produce gardens)	1677	308
Deliveries (seeds, materials for productive projects)	96	10
Assemblies	232	36
Meetings	18	12
Productive assemblies	182	40
Training on commercial production (production costs, agronomical management of crops, management of cattle species)	140	21
Technical assistance	1471	320
Harvest	0	17

Production tours	3	0
Counseling	98	7

COMMERCIALIZATION COMPONENT	EXPECTED ACTIVITIES	IMPLEMENTED ACTIVITIES
Training (commercial procedures and harvest and post harvest management strategies, systematization of commercial procedures)	72	0
Commercial counseling	61	0
Deliveries	75	0
Commercial tours	2	1
Platform visits	150	0
Planning for commercial crop production	9	0
ENVIRONMENTAL COMPONENT	0	0
Delivery of trees	12	2
No. of trees delivered, plantations (Pradera, Florida, Padilla)	16270	0
Visits	77	0
Elaboration of agreements	8	0
Counseling (construction of greenhouses and technical assistance on reforestation and protection of watersheds)	25	1
Training	30	0
Sowing journeys	33	1

INFRASTRUCTURE COMPONENT	EXPECTED ACTIVITIES	IMPLEMENTED ACTIVITIES
Meetings with municipal administration (Jamundi gathering center)	27	0
Training	8	0

An introduction seminar on BPA, BPM and lay out was held and was sponsored by Carvajal Foundation, Coespa and the Autonomous Community of Madrid. The result of this event was a group of farmers, professionals and entities interested in receiving training on this field. This is a complex and time consuming process, but the expectations are high to continue making progress in the country and academic fields.

More than 20,000 people from different associations participated in the rejection march against the installation of the "Subregional Dumpsite" in the jurisdiction of El Libano, in Florida. The population protested before the environmental authorities for their decision to create a regional dumpsite in that jurisdiction.

PG3-074 Let's Cultivate Peace in the Family

Counterpart: Asocolflores

Geographical Coverage: Cundinamarca, Antioquia, Valle del Cauca

Objective: To build a culture of peace within the companies, families and communities linked to Colombian floriculture.

Beneficiaries: Directs: 21.000 people
Indirect:100.000 inhabitants of the benefited municipalities

Project completion date: September 2007

Alliances: 45 Flower exporting companies from the Sabana of Bogotá and 24 from the territories east of Antioquia

The objective of the social development area of Ascolflores, which is enrolled in the Let's Cultivate Peace in the Family Program, is to improve the quality of life of its workers, their families and communities. Based on the principles of gender equity, employee protection, and eradication of child work, the program has designed a workshop called "The Crop of Life" that seeks to reaffirm the importance of respecting human life in all its stages, just like with flowers, identifying the family as the source of wellbeing. This is a hard task, especially now that Colombian floriculture is going through a rough time; the falling of the US Dollar has deeply affected the different social development departments in floriculture companies. However, it is now that the program is most necessary to help the different departments overcome the permanent conflict situations they are experiencing, because it is only through union that Colombian floriculture will survive this difficult period, allowing the thousands of families that live on floriculture to maintain or improve their standards of living.

The Mayors' Offices linked to the Project are: Guasca, Chia, Sopo, Facatativa, Cajicá, in Cundinamarca and San Pedro de los Milagros, Tarso and Rionegro in Antioquia

Quantitative Data of the Project:

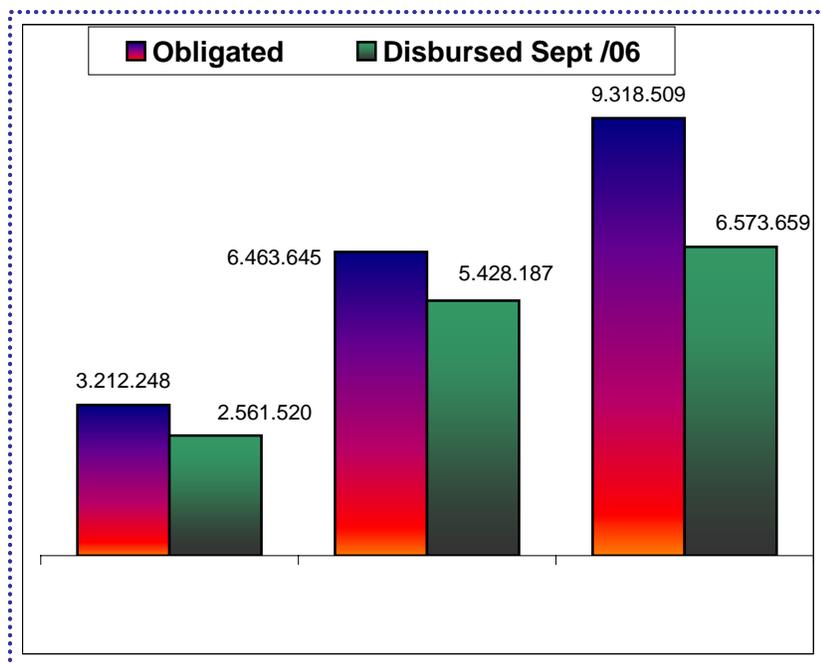
- 16,942 pre-test evaluations have been applied to the beneficiaries that entered the program This information is dully systematized and was presented to the companies for their feedback.
- During the month of August, 17,500 handbooks and 17,500 notebooks, purchased directly by IOM, were sent to Asocolflores for their distribution among the companies. The material is to be used for the training purposes.
- 296 facilitators were trained in 14 training workshops sponsored by Asocolflores. These trainers will in turn perform 1,184 workshops in the beneficiary companies.
- 26.199 people are directly benefited by the Let's Cultivate Peace in the Family Project.

VI. FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Implemented budget by component

The graph shows both disbursed and obligated resources for the last three components of the Program: Support to the Colombian Government, Support to Civil Society Initiatives and Citizen Coexistence Centers.

The Obligated amount by September 30, 2006 is US\$18,994,401, out of which US\$14,563,366 have been disbursed.



- ⇒ USD\$3,212,248 were obligated to the Citizen Coexistence Centers component to build 14 centers. This is 17% of the total resources. US\$2,561,520, or 80%, of the total obligated for this component, had been disbursed by September 2006
- ⇒ USD \$6,463,645 were obligated to the Civil Society component, equivalent to 34% of the total resources. US\$5,428,187, or 84% of the total obligated for this component, was disbursed by September 2006.
- ⇒ Regarding Support to the Government of Colombia USD\$9,318,509 were obligated, which is equivalent to 49% of the Program total; 71% of these funds, or USD\$6,573,659 have already been disbursed.

Percentages disbursed by department

The departments with the highest disbursement percentages are Antioquia with 21.2%, Santander with 8.1% and Valle del Cauca with 8.7%, since the projects being implemented correspond to self-determination, citizen coexistence centers and the follow-up and monitoring system, which provide support the Government of Colombia (Office of the High Commissioner for Peace and the Advisory Council for Special Programs). Likewise, support is provided to civil society institutions, such as the Vallenpaz/Alvarallice Foundation in Valle del Cauca and Northern Cauca.

VII. ACTION PLAN FOR THE NEXT QUARTER -

7.1 Support to the Government of Colombia

7.1.1 Office of the High Commissioner for Peace and Ministry of the Interior and Justice

- Finalization of agreements, service contracts and financial reports for the Program to Promote Rights and Peace Building Networks of the CPPE.
- Performing visits to the Self-determination Project municipalities, for official finalization of Agreement PG3-043.
- Delivery of the Highway to Ortega to the community and municipal administration.
- Liquidation of the Highway Project.
- Elaborate a donation and completion certificate for the highway project.
- Inauguration and delivery of the San Blás park in the municipality of Simiti
- Elaborate a completion and donation certificate for the park Project.

7.1.2 Presidential Advisory Council for Special Programs

- Visit the Institute for the Development of Antioquia – IDEA, and the initiatives supported by this institute in the municipalities covered by the Project.
- Monitoring the revolving funds of the department of Valle, implemented by Vallenpaz
- In the months of November and December, follow up will be given to the SUR de Bolivar Funds.

7.1.3 Landmines Observatory

- Provide technical assistance for the launching of the municipal Administration Guidelines.
- Accompany the delivery of computers to the respective governances and Mayors' Offices.

7.2 Support to Civil Society Initiatives

- Inauguration of the “Escuela de Saberes” in Valledupar, to take place in October.
- Definition of the Project Form for the Golombiao Project, in order to begin implementing the resources assigned to this project.
- Follow-up to the VallenPaz and Asocolflores Projects.

7.3 Citizen Coexistence Centers (CCC)

- Initiate the construction of the CCC of Baranoa.
- Initiate the bidding process for the construction of the Tibú and Arauquita Centers.
- Evaluation, awarding and initiation of the construction of the Tibú and Arauquita Centers.
- Repair the Recreation Room of Aguachica.
- Monitoring visit to the San Gill CCC.