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

**I. GENERAL FRAMEWORK**

The substantive activities implemented during the reporting period (April-June 2008) were related to the large-scale dissemination of the project's publications and the implementation of the *Por una vida sin tortura* film forums, as well as the constant systematization of information and the uploading of new materials to the project's Web page. Project staff also continued to work on the *Capacitaciones nacionales y subregionales* publication, which will contain the results of the training processes undertaken throughout the project, and the IIHR-CEJIL joint final publication. In addition, the project continued to systematize the contributions to the psycho-legal manual.

The Project Counselling Service (PCS), an international cooperation agency that is implementing projects in Peru, Guatemala and Colombia, invited the IIHR to hold an *International seminar on comprehensive support for victims of serious human rights violations*. The activity took place 12-15 July in Lima. The seminar was a replication of the national workshops that the IIHR carried out in 10 countries in the hemisphere, with financial support from USAID. The impact of those training processes and the psycho-legal methodology that the IIHR has been disseminating since 2006 prompted the PCS to invite the IIHR to hold a seminar for judges and prosecutors from Colombia, Peru and Guatemala, with the PCS covering all the costs. The project made the academic preparations for the seminar between April and June 2008. The results will be included in the next quarterly report (July-September 2008).

To make the preparations for the national workshops programmed for Venezuela (22-24) September and Ecuador (1-3 October) this year, under "Goal 2: To implement institution building actions and promote national networks for providing comprehensive support to torture victims," the project contacted the counterpart organizations (COFAVIC in Venezuela and the Ecumenical Human Rights Commission - CEDHU - in Ecuador) and identified and drew up preliminary lists of participants.

**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 (five 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): 84**

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

Subregional workshops: southern region (November 2007): 34 people (22 women, 12 men, 24 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): 70**

Approximately 64 organizations participating in the training activities

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

## II. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROJECT

Annual Goal 1: To promote and implement the psycho-legal methodology in cases involving torture victims brought before the Inter-American System		
ACTIVITIES	RESULTS	IMPACT INDICATORS
<p><b>Implementation of the 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 psycho-legal methodology</p>	<p>The IIHR coordinated the arrangements for the implementation of the psycho-legal strategy in two cases of serious human rights violations that are being litigated within the Inter-American System:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Case of the Army Log (“diario military” v. Guatemala</b>, litigated by the Myrna Mack Foundation. This is a collective case involving the forced disappearance of 27 people and the rape of a minor during the illegal arrest of her mother, during the internal armed conflict.</li> <li>• <b>Case of Sétimo Garibaldi v. Brazil</b>, litigated by the Global Justice organization. The case is related to the extrajudicial execution of a campesino on an estate in the State of Paraná.</li> </ul> <p>In these cases, the IIHR will provide technical and financial support for the implementation of a psycho-legal strategy to assist the victims during the judicial proceedings before the Inter-American Court. Both organizations presented the work plans, schedules of activities and budgets to the IIHR and project staff began work on the respective contracts. A case from the Andean region has yet to be identified.</p>	<p><b>“The legal and psychological interdisciplinary work involved in the cases of torture victims being considered by the protection bodies of the Inter-American System is better integrated”</b></p> <p><b>“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”</b></p> <p>Once the psycho-legal methodology is applied in the selected cases, the victims will benefit from the integrated interdisciplinary approach. This new approach has been well received by the organizations that litigate cases within the Inter-American System, having proven to be a useful tool.</p> <p><b>Means of verification</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work plans, schedules and budgets for the implementation of the psycho-legal strategy in the cases of Army Log v. Guatemala and Sétimo Garibaldi v. Brazil</li> <li>• Contracts for the implementation of the psycho-legal strategy in the cases of Army Log v. Guatemala and Sétimo Garibaldi v. Brazil</li> </ul>

Annual Goal 3: To produce and disseminate specialized information about the prevention of torture and comprehensive support for victims		
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<p><b>Dissemination of the project 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 information about the project and its achievements</p>	<p>The specialized section <i>Por una vida sin tortura</i> was updated continuously. It contains information related to truth, justice and reparation processes, the campaign to achieve ratification of the Optional Protocol to the Convention Against Torture, and comprehensive support for torture victims involved in litigation processes. It currently contains <b>397 news items, details of 160 organizations involved in the prevention of torture and support for victims, 232 digital documents and 458 documents on rights protection.</b> It also has a mailing list of <b>2351</b> people who receive the fortnightly e-bulletin <i>Por una vida sin tortura</i>. Between April and June, the specialized section was visited 1511 times.</p> <p>The project continued to disseminate the publication <i>Atención integral a víctimas de tortura en procesos de litigio. Aportes psicosociales</i>. A total of <b>2250</b> books were distributed during the quarter under review (April-June), after a further 5000 copies were printed in response to the big demand for the publication. No copies of the first print run (produced at the end of 2007) are left. The books were distributed in response to requests from organizations and institutions throughout the hemisphere.</p> <p>The book was presented for the first time in <b>San Jose, Costa Rica</b> on 8 May, with a simultaneous launch scheduled for 26 June. Some 100 people took part in the activity. The speakers included Cecilia Medina, the President of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights; Manuel Martínez, Director of the Psychology School of the University of Costa Rica; Rafael González, Dean of the Law School of the University of Costa Rica; and Sonia Picado, President of the Inter-American Institute of Human Rights and Chairperson of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for the Victims of Torture. IIHR Director Roberto Cuéllar M. opened and closed the activity and explained the publication's merits.</p> <p>The most important activity with regard to the dissemination of the publication was its <b>simultaneous launch</b>, on 26 June, scheduled to coincide with International Day in Support of Victims of Torture. The book was presented in <b>14 countries: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Mexico, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Uruguay, and Venezuela</b>, in coordination with human right organizations of those countries. The presentations took place in the following cities: Asunción, Caracas, Guatemala City, La Paz, La Plata, Managua, Mar del Plata, Mexico City, Montevideo, Quito, Rio de Janeiro, San Cristóbal (Chiapas), San</p>	<p><b>“Increased dissemination of specialized information about the prevention of torture and support for victims”</b></p> <p>The specialized section of the website, <i>Por una vida sin tortura</i>, is making it possible to disseminate more widely specialized information about torture prevention and support for victims.</p> <p>The dissemination of publications is a conceptual and methodological contribution to which the organizations involved in providing support to and defending victims of serious human rights violations have reacted very positively. The IIHR has received numerous requests for the <i>Aportes psicosociales</i> publication and communications remarking on its usefulness.</p> <p>The simultaneous launch of this book in 14 countries, with presentations scheduled for at least five more cities, has placed the issue of support for victims in litigation processes firmly on the agenda of the countries, along with the continued validity of truth, memory and justice processes and comprehensive reparations for the victims of serious human rights violations.</p> <p><b>Means of verification</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• List of documents uploaded to the specialized section</li> <li>• Up-to-date directory of organizations</li> <li>• Fortnightly e-bulletins</li> <li>• Mailing-list of the e-bulletin</li> <li>• Statistics obtained using the Webtrends software</li> <li>• Receipts for the reprinting of the books</li> <li>• Receipts for the shipments of books to the countries</li> </ul>

Salvador and Santiago. All the presentations involved important human rights advocates from the region, who spoke about the problems that exist, current challenges and the book's contribution. The presentations that, for various reasons, could not be held on 26 June will take place during July - in Buenos Aires and Rosario, Cochabamba, Lima, Bogotá and Tegucigalpa. By 28 July, the project expects to receive reports from the counterparts, with photographs, lists of participants and a description of the activity in each country.

The **film forums** took place between 26 June and 2 July, using audiovisual materials compiled by the project, in different cities of **Peru** (in coordination with the Center for Psychosocial Care - CAPS), **Guatemala** (the IIHR's counterpart was the Community Studies and Psychosocial Action Team - ECAP, which, in turn, coordinated the effort with Guatemala's Institute for Comparative Studies in the Criminal Sciences, the Master's Degree Program in Mental Health and Political Violence and the Mental Health Network) and **Ecuador** (in coordination with the Foundation for the Comprehensive Rehabilitation of Victims of Violence - PRIVA). The report containing detailed information about the presentations will be sent in July. There are also agreements with counterparts to hold film forums in the following countries: Mexico (Mexican Commission for the Defense and Promotion of Human Rights), Chile (Latin American Institute of Mental Health and Human Rights), Uruguay (Human Rights Directorate of the Ministry of Education) and Paraguay (Center for Mental Health Alternatives). All these organizations will soon be deciding the dates for their activities.

Information about the project's activities was disseminated via "IIHR in the Americas," the fortnightly bulletin of the Inter-American Institute of Human Rights and through the Web page of the *Por una vida sin tortura* project.

- Contracts with counterpart organizations for the presentation of the *Aportes psicosociales* book
- Reports from the counterpart organizations concerning the presentation of the *Aportes psicosociales* book
- Lists of participants in the presentations of the book, and photographs
- Contracts with counterpart organizations for the implementation of the film forums
- Reports from the counterpart organizations on the implementation of the film forums
- Institutional information about project activities

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**SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES FOR JANUARY - DECEMBER 2008. UPDATED IN JUNE 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 of support for victims and expertise</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												
National workshops in <b>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 sub-regional workshop												
Selection of the psycho-legal teams to take part in the sub-regional workshop												
Subregional workshop in Ecuador												
<b>Dissemination of publications and specialized information</b>												
Research and uploading of specialized materials to the section of the website												
Preparation of the <i>Capacitaciones nacionales y subregionales</i> publication												
Final work on the IIHR-CEJIL joint publication												
Printing of IIHR-CEJIL joint final publication												
Systematization of contributions for the book <i>Propuesta psicojurídica</i> (manual)												

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Dissemination of publications												
Presentation of the <i>Aportes psicosociales</i> book 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 film forums												
Film forums												
Publicizing of the event, 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"												
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