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I. INTRODUCTION

During the first quarter of 2009 (January to March), MSI continued to provide support to departmental and municipal administrations to improve governance and legitimacy while increasing citizen participation. It is worth mentioning that RGCP, in furthering its "Colombianization" operational strategy, has increased its resources, staffing levels and investments made through local partners at the regional level, strengthening local partner teams with experts in public administration and health, to ensure technical assistance is provided on a permanent basis, in a timely manner, and to enable CIMIENTOS to respond adequately to technical assistance demands.

MSI supported local administrations in the elaboration and submission of 2009 planning tools required by the Department of National Planning (DNP), such as Action Plans, Annual Operative Investment Plans (POAI), Indicative Plans and reporting budget implementation through the Information Collection System for Budget Execution (SICEP). Follow-up and technical assistance was provided on the Standard Internal Control Model (Modelo Estándar de Control Interno – MECI). Additionally, in the Catatumbo region, training was provided to help develop tools and strategies for improved tax collection. Also, technical assistance was provided in political control, on the *Bancadas* or Caucus law, and on the legal and normative functions of the municipal councils, in both the Catatumbo and Medio and Bajo Atrato regions.

With the objective of strengthening Citizen Participation, MSI continued to provide technical assistance to citizens and officials in the development of skills and abilities to implement and exercise citizen oversight and control. Four workshops of "Hagamos Control Ciudadano" (Let's Exercise Citizen Control) were carried out with civil society and one with public officials. A total of 148 civil society members and 31 public officials benefitted from these workshops. Also, three roundtables to prioritize BASES projects were implemented, with participation of 94 citizens, including 37 indigenous people.

In Citizen Security, Prevention and Co-existence actors and strategic allies were identified in 22 municipalities and 2 departments. Awareness was raised with the actors of 17 municipalities and 2 departments in the citizen security methodology designed by CIMIENTOS, which incorporates the criteria of the *Programa Departamentos y Municipios Seguros* (Safe Departments and Municipalities Program – DMS) from the Interior and Justice Ministry, the directives of the National Police (PN) and the DNP. Aiming to produce a minimum of 12 *Planes Integrales de Convivencia y Seguridad Ciudadana* (Integral Plans for Co-existence and Security – PICS) in 2009, nine (9) municipalities were identified and prioritized for CIMIENTOS technical assistance to produce, implement and evaluate PICS; and a further five (5) municipalities were identified to receive assistance to adjust their existing PICS to local conditions and realities.

Regarding health, MSI was able to establish a strategic alliance with the National Registry (*Registraduría Nacional del Estado Civil*) to carry out identification brigades in municipalities of Catatumbo starting in June this year. MSI also achieved the prioritization of the Program's target municipalities by the DNP to begin the implementation of SISBEN III (Sistema de Identificación y Clasificación de Potenciales Beneficiarios para los Programas Sociales – Identification and Classification System of Potential Beneficiaries for Government Social Programs).

Together with the Cámara de Comercio de Quibdó (Quibdó's Chamber of Commerce) MSI was able to produce 6 diagnoses in six municipalities of Chocó, which will allow them to formulate Rural Education Plans, as per the requirements of the National Ministry of Education (MEN). With Rural Education Plans municipal and departmental governments can access available resources for rural education centers. RGCP also funded a Diploma in Local and Public Administration run by the Universidad Tecnológica del Chocó (Technological University of Chocó). This is a post-graduate Diploma to train government

officials working in the Governorship of Chocó and in 7 local governments of the Bajo and Medio Atrato region.

A total of 3746 citizens and 998 public officials (2332 women, 789 Afro-Colombians, 639 from indigenous groups and 46 youth) benefited from Program activities this quarter.

The report is divided in six sections, including the introduction. The second section describes the activities under the program components. The third section details activities undertaken at the national level and in each of the three CIMIENTOS regions. The fourth section shows the Program's progress according to USAID, Acción Social and contract indicators. The fifth section is the success story of a grant for a BASES project in the municipality of Pueblo Bello. Annex 1 includes a list of projects under the Rapid Response Fund, including grants. Finally, the sixth section is a table of expenditures for the reporting period.

II. ACTIVITIES BY COMPONENT AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL

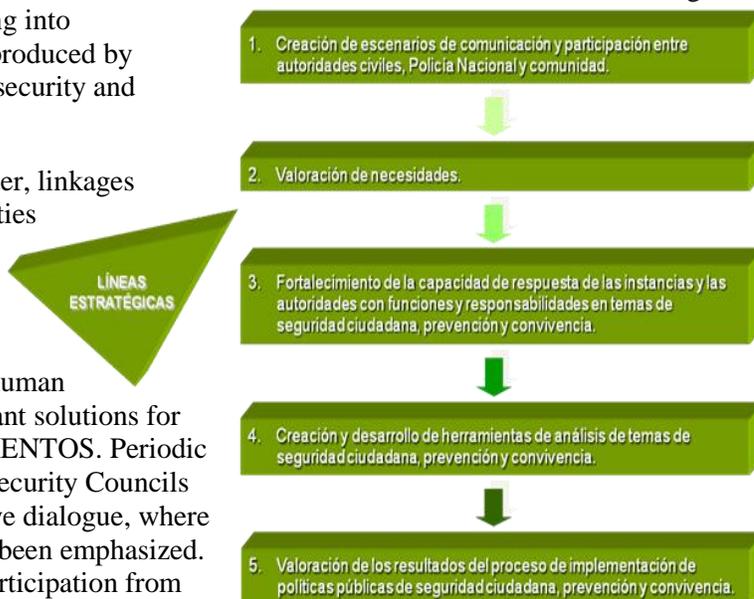
A. Component I. Improving Citizen Security and the Effective Presence of the State in Health and Education

Subcomponent I.1: Citizen Security/Prevention and Co-existence

Strengthening Citizen Security

In order to strengthen citizen security in target areas, CIMIENTOS has designed and is implementing technical assistance and institutional strengthening activities geared towards bringing together the National Police (PN), the political-administrative authorities, and citizens. These activities were designed to create effective public policies by taking into consideration legal and procedural tools produced by Colombian authorities to manage citizen security and implement public order initiatives.

Through the work implemented this quarter, linkages between different crime prevention activities have been articulated. In order to produce PICS, local actors had to use tools, such as statistics, analysis of the criminal situation, capacity to design appropriate strategies, using specialized human and financial resources, identifying relevant solutions for local problems, etc, as promoted by CIMIENTOS. Periodic sessions of municipal and departmental Security Councils have also resulted in open and constructive dialogue, where civilian leadership of citizen security has been emphasized. And RGCP has promoted broad active participation from wide-ranging actors, to ensure local capacity is built to develop new approaches to citizen security and coexistence culture.



Activities implemented in this quarter have focused on: i) identification of strategic allies and actors; ii) raising awareness among these actors and allies on citizen security, prevention and co-existence issues;

iii) promotion of periodic security council sessions; iv) assistance in the elaboration, implementation and evaluation of PICS; v) assistance in the development and implementation of a community policing approach; vi) support the implementation of co-existence and citizen security observatories; and vii) identify additional resources to fund prevention, co-existence and citizen security activities by local governments.

Progress made during the first quarter of 2009 includes:

Identification of Strategic Actors

MSI requested that Governors and mayors appoint a key official to lead the management of co-existence and citizen security efforts in each territorial entity. To date, 22 municipal officials and 2 departmental ones have been appointed as counterparts for RGCIP in coexistence and citizen security activities. The municipalities of Convención, El Tarra, Hacarí and Valledupar, and the Governorships of Norte de Santander, La Guajira and Magdalena, have yet to appoint their respective official.

Raising Awareness and Training Actors on Citizen Security, Prevention and Co-existence Issues

Once delegates were identified, the Component started the task of raising awareness and training actors on issues related to citizen security, prevention and co-existence, beginning with the legal and normative framework, procedures for the creation and functioning of Security Councils, and on RGCP methodology for elaboration of PICS. Materials were prepared based on the legal instruments and on inputs from the National Police, called “Metodología de la Gestión Local de Seguridad” (Methodology for Local Security Management).

Tasks	1. Identify strategic allies 2. Raise awareness among actors					
	Subtasks	Identification of links	Identification of strategic allies	Delivery of awareness raising material	Awareness raising	Training
Governorship of Chocó		x		x	x	
Acandí		x				
Bojayá		x		x	x	
Carmen de Atrato		x		x	x	
Carmen del Darién		x				
Murindó		x		x	x	
Riosucio		x				
Ungía		x				
Governorship of Norte de Santander			x	x	x	
Ábrego		x		x	x	
Convención						
El Carmen		x		x	x	
El Tarra						
Hacarí						
La Playa		x		x	x	
Ocaña		x	x	x	x	x
San Calixto		x			x	
Teorama		x	x	x	x	x
Tibú		x	x	x	x	x
Governorship of Cesar		x	x			
El Copey		x		x	x	
Pueblo Bello		x		x		
Valledupar				x	x	

Governorship of La Guajira					
Dibulla	x		x	x	
San Juan	x		x	x	x
Governorship of Magdalena					
Aracataca	x			x	
Ciénaga	x		x	x	
Fundación	x		x	x	

Performed activities	x
Prioritized municipalities	
Activity does not cover marked territorial entity	

The awareness raising and training exercises were implemented as part of the regular sessions held by the Security Councils. In keeping with the targets set in the CIMIENTOS 2009 Annual Work Plan, the municipalities which are due to receive intensive technical assistance and training were identified, using the criteria of interest and commitment by local authorities, availability of qualified staff, and availability of resources to implement activities. These are: Carmen del Atrato, Murindó, Ábrego, El Carmen, La Playa, Ocaña, Teorama, Tibú, El Copey, Pueblo Bello, Dibulla, San Juan, Ciénaga and Fundación.

Periodic Municipal Security Councils

MSI awareness raising and training was implemented in the context of periodic Security Council sessions¹. RGCP has opted to provide training as part of these Council meetings to ensure:

- Security Councils are convened and held regularly,
- They meet to define security policies and not only as a reaction mechanism when a particular security threat arises;
- In order to ensure that the elaboration and review of PICS takes place as part of Council meetings; to ensure an inter-disciplinary approach in their formulation; to guarantee that PICS respond to the needs of their communities, that they are formulated within the existing legal framework, and that respect for human rights is incorporated in their elaboration.

¹ As per Decree 2615 of 1991 the Security Council is attended by the following authorities:

- Mayor
- The Commandant of the Military Garrison
- The Commandant of the district's Police
- The Sectional Sub-director or the Chief of the operational post of the Security Administrative Department (DAS)
- The Sectional Public Order Director
- The Secretary of Municipal Government, who will exercise the secretariat of the Council.

Tasks		3. Periodic Municipal Security Councils		
Subtasks	Awareness raising and training on the functioning of the Council	Presentation and Validation of a diagnosis and prioritization of problems for PICS	Presentation and validation of PICS methodology	Evaluation of PICS
Acandí				
Bojayá				
Carmen de Atrato				
Carmen del Darién				
Murindó				
Riosucio				
Ungía				
Ábrego	x			
Convención				
El Carmen	x			
El Tarra				
Hacarí				
La Playa	x			
Ocaña	x			
San Calixto				
Teorama	x			
Tibú	x			
El Copey				
Pueblo Bello				
Valledupar				
Dibulla	x			
San Juan	x	x	x	
Aracataca				
Ciénaga	x			
Fundación	x			

Performed activities	x
Prioritized municipality	

Formulation, Implementation and Evaluation of PICS

Once 12 municipalities had been identified for the elaboration and implementation of PICS, technical assistance was provided by RGCP for their formulation. CIMIENTOS has begun drafting of PICS in Acandí, Bojayá, Carmen del Atrato, Murindó, El Carmen, La Playa, Ocaña, El Copey and Pueblo Bello. MSI will provide technical assistance for review and adjustment of PICS in municipalities that already have one, but need to update it: Ábrego, Teorama, Tibú, Dibulla, Ciénaga and Fundación

The articulation of municipal PICS with the departmental government level also began, with collaboration established with the Departmental Police forces so they can link municipal plans with their own policies and prevention strategies.

Tasks 4. Integral Plans for Co-existence and Citizen Security (PICS)								
Subtasks	Delivery of materials to carry out institutional surveys	Institutional surveys	Perception and victimization survey	Systematization of surveys	Elaboration/adjustment of surveys	Elaboration/Adjustment of PICS	Design of Institutional Action Plan	Socialization
Acandí								
Bojayá	x							
Carmen de Atrato	x							
Carmen del Darién								
Murindó	x							
Riosucio								
Ungía								
Ábrego	x	x						
Convención								
El Carmen	x							
El Tarra								
Hacarí								
La Playa	x							
Ocaña	x							
San Calixto								
Teorama	x							
Tibú	x	x						
El Copey	x							
Pueblo Bello	x							
Valledupar								
Dibulla								
San Juan	x	x	x	x	x	x		
Aracataca								
Ciénaga	x							
Fundación	x							

Performed activities	x
Prioritized municipality	
Activity does not cover marked territorial entity	

With RGCP's support, diagnostics for PICS have already been started, to define specific strategies that each municipality and adopt to respond to their security situations, and to this end, institutional and community surveys are underway.

Develop and Implement a Community Policing Approach

In this quarter, MSI made significant progress with the National Police (PN) towards this goal. CIMIENTOS is promoting coordination between the Office for Citizen Security and the Office of the *Carabineros* (Mounted Police), both within the National Police, so that a joint policy regarding community policing can be produced. RGCP and the National Police are collaborating on the final aspects of the policy document, which is expected to be published in July this year. The policy document will be

accompanied by a methodology that includes practical exercises for police officers deployed in both rural and urban areas.

Support the Implementation of Co-existence and Security Observatories

This quarter the Security Component worked with the Government Secretary for Norte de Santander to adjust RGCP's methodology for observatories to the needs and priorities of the department. RGCP also provided the Governorship of Cesar and the *Universidad Popular* (Popular University) technical input required for the implementation of their observatory.

CIMIENTOS also worked with the National Planning Department this quarter. RGCP's methodology for the implementation of citizen security and coexistence observatories is being reviewed by DNP, with a view to becoming the official national GOC methodology for Citizen Security Observatories. This work to influence policy change is being carried out with the Office for Security and Justice within DNP.

Grants

Corporación Infancia y Desarrollo Grant

Field activities from the La Paz Empieza por Casa grant to Corporación Infancia y Desarrollo finished during this quarter. This grant is funding the design of an inter-institutional approach to prevent intrafamily violence and promote peaceful coexistence behavior in family members.

Coexistence Centers in the municipalities of Ocaña and Tibú have implemented family violence prevention workshops with local government officials, with police officers, the private sector, and community members. Training modules and prevention strategies will be published in the next quarter, so that they can be replicated and used in Coexistence Centers all over the country.



Grant awarded to *Corporación Infancia y Desarrollo-CID* to implement the project "Peace Begins at Home"

Planned Activities for April – June 2009



"Peace Begins at Home" program beneficiaries

- April: diagnostics for the formulation of PICS.
- April through June: continue identifying and working with key strategic actors and allies.
- April through June: review and publication of the Community Policing Manual by the National Police.
- May: continue raising awareness and training on RGCP methodology for Local Security Management in the Sierra Nevada and the Bajo and Medio Atrato regions.
- May through June: formulation and adjustment of 12 municipal PICS.
- June: begin activities of the Cesar Observatory, provide training, and purchase technology RGCP will donate for its functioning.
- June: publication of training modules for prevention and response to intrafamily violence, Corporación Infancia y Desarrollo.

General Observations

During this quarter, the security situation of the Catatumbo region deteriorated significantly, affecting the work of this Component in particular, as many municipalities that are working on PICS have had to contend with public order emergencies. In particular, a guerrilla attack in Tibú set four trucks on fire. In a separate incident in the same municipality, a guerrilla attack in the community of Campo Dos occurred, blowing up the bridge that connects Tibú with Cúcuta. In Ocaña and Abrego anonymous pamphlets circulated widely, threatening local elected officials, and generally producing an unsettling sense of foreboding throughout the community.

Also affecting RGCP activities, at the departmental level, was the resignation of the Government Secretary from Norte de Santander, which meant implementation of the Departmental Citizen Security and Coexistence Observatory was delayed.

Coordination and information-sharing meetings were also held with the *Departamento y Municipios Seguros* Program of the National Police, as well as with the Ministry of Interior and Justice Ministry, and the National Planning Department.

Subcomponent 1.2: Health

During this quarter the Health Component lobbied the National Planning Department (DNP) to ensure CIMIENTOS municipalities could be prioritized in the application of SISBEN III – an instrument used by GOC to identify potential beneficiaries for Government subsidized programs. The Component also lobbied the National Registry (RNEC) to plan joint citizen identification drives in 10 target municipalities of the Catatumbo region. Additionally, the Component started work to strengthen management of the subsidized health regimen through a new contract proposal for Health Service Providers at the local government level, to guarantee a more efficient investment of health funds.

Department of National Planning (DNP) – SISBEN III

During this quarter, MSI achieved:

- a) DNP prioritization of CIMIENTOS target areas for implementation of SISBEN III and its benefits for low income population (access to subsidized government social programs).
- b) Identification of CIMIENTOS target municipalities that had not concluded all tasks related to SISBEN II, and were thus excluded from implementation of SISBEN III (See table below).

DEPARTAMENT	MUNICIPALITY
Chocó	Bojayá
Chocó	Carmen del Darién
Chocó	Riosucio
Norte de Santander	Abrego
Norte de Santander	El Tarra
Norte de Santander	Hacarí
Norte de Santander	San Calixto
Cesar	El Copey

Source: National Planning Department, 2009.

- c) Support was given to the above mentioned CIMIENTOS municipalities to expedite the process of SISBEN II, so they could benefit from the DNP survey SISBEN III.
- d) Support was given to all CIMIENTOS target municipalities to sign agreements with DNP for the new survey.
- e) CIMIENTOS assisted target municipalities in defining the potential survey population and the costs of running SISBEN III in their territories (see table below).

Departamento	Municipio	Número de hogares a encuestar				Costos				Nación (70%)	Municipio (30%)	Año barrido
		Cabecera	Centro poblado	Rural disperso	Total	Costo Cabecera	Costo Centro poblado	Costo Rural disperso	Costo total			
La Guajira	Dibulla	818	2.897	460	4.175	5.106.774	18.085.971	3.710.949	26.903.694	18.832.586	8.071.108	2009
La Guajira	San Juan del Cesar	4.515	2.155	181	6.851	28.187.145	13.453.665	1.460.178	43.100.988	30.170.691	12.930.296	2009
Cesar	El Copey	4.040	708	771	5.519	25.221.720	4.420.044	6.219.873	35.861.637	25.103.146	10.758.491	2009
Cesar	Pueblo Bello	1.225	207	2.709	4.141	7.647.675	1.292.301	21.854.262	30.794.238	21.555.966	9.238.271	2009
Cesar	Valledupar	48.496	4.765	1.256	54.517	302.760.528	29.747.895	10.132.504	342.640.927	239.848.649	102.792.278	2009
Magdalena	Aracataca	4.869	1.215	1.336	7.420	30.397.167	7.585.245	10.777.886	48.760.298	34.132.209	14.628.089	2009
Magdalena	Ciénaga	16.699	1.286	5.634	23.619	104.251.857	8.028.498	45.451.056	157.731.411	110.411.987	47.319.423	2009
Magdalena	Fundación	10.857	279	780	11.916	67.780.251	1.741.797	6.292.478	75.814.526	53.070.168	22.744.358	2009
Antioquia	Murindo	205	31	265	501	1.279.815	193.533	2.137.829	3.611.177	2.527.824	1.083.353	2009
N. Santander	Abrego	2.557	421	3.898	6.876	15.963.351	2.628.303	31.446.257	50.037.911	35.026.538	15.011.373	2009
N. Santander	Convención	1.477	311	2.016	3.804	9.220.911	1.941.573	16.263.636	27.426.120	19.198.284	8.227.836	2009
N. Santander	El Carmen	674	707	2.216	3.597	4.207.782	4.413.801	17.877.092	26.498.675	18.549.073	7.949.603	2009
N. Santander	El Tarra	945	186	1.459	2.590	5.899.635	1.161.198	11.770.162	18.830.995	13.181.696	5.649.298	2009
N. Santander	Hacari	157	98	1.627	1.882	980.151	611.814	13.125.465	14.717.430	10.302.201	4.415.229	2009
N. Santander	La Playa	187	153	1.513	1.853	1.167.441	955.179	12.205.795	14.328.415	10.029.890	4.298.524	2009
N. Santander	Ocaña	17.568	820	2.820	21.208	109.677.024	5.119.260	22.749.730	137.546.014	96.282.210	41.263.804	2009
N. Santander	San Calixto	318	127	1.689	2.134	1.985.274	792.861	13.625.636	16.403.771	11.482.640	4.921.131	2009
N. Santander	Teorama	495	610	2.118	3.223	3.090.285	3.808.230	17.086.499	23.985.014	16.789.510	7.195.504	2009
N. Santander	Tibú	3.284	2.469	3.845	9.598	20.502.012	15.413.967	31.018.692	66.934.671	46.854.269	20.080.401	2009
Chocó	Acandí	1.271	714	364	2.349	7.934.853	4.457.502	2.936.490	15.328.845	10.730.191	4.598.653	2009
Chocó	Bojayá	223	198	837	1.258	1.392.189	1.236.114	6.752.313	9.380.616	6.566.431	2.814.185	2009
Chocó	Carmen del Darien	277	1.035	56	1.368	1.729.311	6.461.505	451.768	8.642.584	6.049.809	2.592.775	2009
Chocó	El Carmen de Atrato	502	125	513	1.140	3.133.986	780.375	4.138.515	8.052.876	5.637.013	2.415.863	2009
Chocó	Riosucio	3.588	1.011	672	5.271	22.399.884	6.311.673	5.421.212	34.132.769	23.892.938	10.239.831	2009
Chocó	Unguía	857	766	857	2.480	5.350.251	4.782.138	6.913.659	17.046.048	11.932.234	5.113.814	2009

Source: Departamento Nacional de Planeación 2009.
Amounts are in Colombian Pesos.

Thanks to MSI's efforts, all CIMIENTOS target municipalities are now prioritized by the DNP (out of the total number of municipalities in Colombia) to begin SISBEN III's implementation.

National Registry – Registraduría Nacional del Estado Civil (RNEC)

During this trimester MSI continued its strategic Alliance with the RNEC to move forward the citizen identification process in the 10 target municipalities of Catatumbo (Abrego, Convención, El Carmen, El Tarra, Hacari, La Playa, Ocaña, San Calixto, Teorama and Tibú).

This alliance is the continuation of MSI's initiative to help municipalities update and refine their SISBEN databases to increase coverage in subsidized health services and social programs. MSI is working in the identification of citizens, so that Colombians can obtain a legal identification document, and at the same time, be included (if they qualify) in the SISBEN database so they can benefit from subsidized health, education, housing and justice services, amongst other GOC programs. This also facilitates the conditions necessary for these citizens to vote on the upcoming elections.

The identification brigades will begin in June of 2009. During this trimester, RGCP supported the pre-census work in each target municipality, as well as discussion of the co-financing for this activity.

Strengthening the Subsidized Health Regimen

In this quarter, MSI began strengthening local government management of the subsidized health regimen. The very public shortcomings of this regimen in Colombia have made this issue a priority for national level health authorities and local users and beneficiaries. Particularly worrying is the quality of health care services provided, compliance with public health targets, and existing legal gaps on contracting schemes.

MSI analyzed current contracting mechanisms and schemes for health care provision under the subsidized health regimen to identify improvements that could be made, within the current legal framework, and then coordinated with the Ministry of Social Protection (MPS) to propose such changes and improvements to contracts. The CIMIENTOS proposal, which harmonizes current legal dispositions with an improved contracting scheme, will give Mayors and Governors the opportunity to improve health care provision for low income population.

The reformed proposal was submitted to the MPS for its review. If adopted, MSI would have achieved national level impact with an improved contracting scheme for health care providers under the subsidized health regimen.

Planned Activities for April – June, 2009

- April through May: under public health preventive campaigns, MSI will support vaccination brigades to increase immunization coverage in Carmen del Darién, El Carmen de Atrato, Riosucio, San Calixto and Teorama.
- May through June: RGCP will strengthen local government management of the subsidized health regimen through provision of software and relevant licenses that help refine, validate, prioritize, upgrade, affiliate and vacate spots or "*cupos*" in 17 municipalities and 5 departments for citizens wishing to access the subsidized health care system.

Subcomponent I.3: Education

Throughout this quarter, MSI continued the process of providing technical assistance and training for teachers, students and parents from educational institutions in 18 municipalities to improve the quality of education through donations for the following projects: *Aulas en Paz* (Classrooms in Peace), with the NGO Convivencia Productiva; *Primeros Pasos a la Excelencia* (First Steps towards Excellence), with private sector company Promigas; and *Formulacion de los Planes de Educacion Rural* (Formulation of Rural Education Plans – PER) with the Comité de Cafeteros del Magdalena and the Cámara de Comercio de Quibdó. CIMIENTOS also provided technical assistance to strengthen Municipal and Departmental Education offices in the elaboration of rural education plans and sectoral education projects.

Grants

Convivencia Productiva – Aulas en Paz (Classrooms in Peace)

In this trimester, situational diagnostics were carried out in 22 educational institutions, in 14 CIMIENTOS municipalities. A strategy to improve peaceful co-existence behavior and attitudes in schools and homes was produced, and the strategy will be implemented with the support of *Escuelas Normales* (Teacher Training Schools) and the education faculties in the universities found in each target area.

Peaceful, coexistence citizen skills and abilities for students were identified, as well as strategies for teachers to work with families of children with disruptive behavior. The approach of having positive role models coach “disruptive” peers to change their attitudes and behaviors started, as well as student

participation on prevention of violence measures and actions that can be introduced to modify and produce positive change.

This project is a collaborative effort between the Ministry of Education (MEN), the IOM (International Organization for Migration), the Andes University, and the Convivencia Productiva Corporation.

No. of Municipalities	14 (Acandí, Unguía, Convención, El Carmen, El Tarra, Hacarí, Ocaña, Teorama, El Copey, Pueblo Bello, Valledupar, Aracataca, Ciénaga, Fundación)
No. of Educational Institutions	22
No. of Teachers Participating on Exercise	44
No. of Students	1936

Cámara de Comercio de Quibdó – Formulación de los Planes de Educación Rural

In this quarter, the Cámara de Comercio de Quibdó (Quibdo’s Chamber of Commerce) carried out a participatory appraisal and diagnostic on the situation of rural education in Acandí, Bojayá, El Carmen de Atrato, Carmen del Darién, Riosucio and Unguía. Thanks to the grant awarded by CIMIENTOS, data was compiled on the actual situation of rural education, an inventory of needs for each municipality was created, and there is an updated appraisal of the provision of services by each educational institution. This information compiled is the first step towards the formulation of rural education plans that respond to the needs of the local population and is a requirement by the National Ministry of Education (MEN) in order to facilitate access to funding for education projects and rural education plans.

Department	Magdalena
Workshops	45 (7 Acandí, 5 Bojayá, 11 Carmen del Darién, 4 El Carmen de Atrato, 9 Riosucio, 7 Unguía, 1 Quibdó and 1 Belén de Bajirá)
Teachers	177
Public Officials	20
Rural civil society	208

Other Activities

Diploma in Public Administration – Universidad Tecnológica del Chocó (Technological University of Chocó)

In this reporting period, MSI provided support for teaching a Diploma in Public Administration, to generate local leadership for institutional change and the improvement of local and regional public administration and public management. MSI has funded the teaching of five modules for regional and local government officials in two campuses, simultaneously: the campus in Quibdó is for the public officials of Bojayá and the Governorship of Chocó, and the campus in Turbo is teaching officials of

El Carmen de Atrato, Acandí, Carmen del Darién, Riosucio, Unguía and Murindó. A total of 39 municipal officials and 10 departmental ones are benefitting from this effort.

Thanks to RGCP support these public officials will improve their capacity to lead regional development, be more effective public administrators, improve their management of public resources, and promote citizen participation.

Technical Assistance to Education Secretariats

In this quarter, MSI continued to provide technical assistance and advice to departmental and municipal education secretariats to improve educational services. The following was achieved:

- Training was provided to the Departmental Education Secretariat (SED) of Chocó on recent Ministry of Education policies on school evaluations, and teacher and academic performance. As a result, MSI will now work with this Departmental office to tackle these issues at the field level in the 6 target municipalities of Chocó where we work.
- A working agenda was designed with the Education Office of the Governorship of Norte de Santander to carry out workshops in the 10 target municipalities of Catatumbo, on the responsibilities of non-certified municipalities in education.
- Schools in Riosucio and Carmen del Darién were identified to qualify as beneficiaries of the GOC program "Computadores para Educar" (Computers for Education Program - CEP). These schools will receive free computer equipment from the GOC, with CIMIENTOS funding the upgrade of classroom conditions necessary for the computer equipment.
- Technical assistance was given to the Education office of the Department of Cesar in the identification of projects in the municipal development plans of Valledupar, Copey, and Pueblo Bello and the Departmental Development Plan, for co-funding of local educational projects.
- Technical assistance was given to three Cesar municipalities (Valledupar, El Copey and Pueblo Bello) on the current guidelines issued by the National Ministry of Education for the legalization of properties where official schools operate, but whose land titles are in the hands of private individuals. MSI will work on this issue throughout 2009 so that schools can access to resources earmarked under Law 21 from 1982, destined for improving school infrastructure and the provision of school supplies.
- With RGCP technical assistance, the municipal Education offices of Aracataca and Fundación produced their respective Municipal Educational Plans, using as a guideline their respective Municipal Development Plan. With this education plans, the education offices should be able to improve their capacity to target resources more efficiently towards existing needs.

Planned Activities for April – June 2009

- April 2: Municipal Forum in Carmen del Atrato, Chocó, to inform the community regarding the Rural Education Plans (PERs) and the diagnostic with the local education community.
- April 3: Discussions with Florida International University (FIU), the implementer of the USAID Rule of Law Project, for possible joint initiatives promoting peaceful co-existence and conflict resolution in schools.
- April 14: Meeting with the Cámara de Comercio de Quibdó and the Departmental Education Secretariat of Chocó to socialize Rural Education Plans.
- April 15: meeting with the Departmental Education Secretariat of Chocó to define training contents and schedule for school principals and teachers from CIMIENTOS municipalities.
- April 16 – 18: Public launch of the Diploma in Public Administration in Chocó.

- April 23 – 25: Public Administration Diploma classes begin in Turbo with participating officials from Acandí, Unguía, Riosucio, Carmen del Darién, Carmen de Atrato and Murindó.
- June 2: Training week for school principals and teachers from Convención, Abrego, La Playa and Hacarí with the Education Office of the Governorship of Norte de Santander.
- June 9: Training week for school principals and teachers from Teorama, El Tarra, and San Calixto with the Education Office of the Governorship of Norte de Santander.
- June 16: Training week for school principals and teachers from Tibú and Ocaña (rural areas) with the Education Office of the Governorship of Norte de Santander.

B. Component 2: Building Governance Capacity in Target Regions

Subcomponent 2.1: Transparency and Accountability of Regional and Local Governments

Promote Transparency

In this quarter, MSI continued to provide technical assistance to the Presidential Program Against Corruption (PPLCC) in the elaboration and signing of Transparency and Good Government Pacts. Signature of these Pacts is being promoted with our target municipal and departmental administrations by CIMIENTOS and throughout the rest of the country by the PPLCC.

In compliance with CIMIENTOS 2009 Work Plan and in fulfillment of agreements with the National Planning Department, MSI has trained and advised local and departmental governments in methodologies for holding public accountability hearings.

RGCP's methodology and guide for public accountability hearings is based on inputs and guidelines issued by the DNP, the Civil Service Administrative Department (DAFP), the PPLCC, and was reviewed and approved by the Anti-corruption Tsar.

Subcomponent 2.2: Improve Public Administration and Local Governance

Technical Assistance for the Implementation and Follow-up of Development Plans

Territorial development plans were approved and adopted in June 2008, and it is now the responsibility of Governors and Mayors that their administrations comply with these plans. MSI has focused its technical assistance on helping them comply with legally required tools: Indicative Plans, the Action Plans by each local and regional government dependency, Annual Operational Plans, Annual Investment Plans, and Annual Budgets.

In this quarter MSI analyzed progress made in the execution of development plans. It helped review set targets, assisted the definition of 2009 indicators, aided the prioritization of resource allocation for planned objectives, assisted the elaboration of action plans by dependencies (to enable each sectoral unit to set its own targets, with resource allocation, and an implementing timeframe).

These activities ensure a high level of compliance with set targets in the plans, implementation of government actions, and adequate public resource allocation.

No. of supported Governorships	1 (Guajira)
No. of supported Municipalities	13 (Convención, El Carmen, Hacarí, Ocaña, Teorama, El Copey, Pueblo Bello, Valledupar, Dibulla, San Juan del Cesar, Aracataca, Ciénaga y Fundación)

Technical Assistance to Strengthen Budget Management

One of the fundamental aspects of budget management is the preparation and submission of reports to different budget monitoring and control departments from National Government. Standard budget reporting helps ensure the flow of available resources for territorial entities. It also helps national government monitor if transparency and efficiency is taking place in the allocation of resources and in fiscal management reporting.

Amongst the available tools for budget reporting is the System for the Collection of Information on Budget Execution (Sistema para la Captura de la Ejecución Presupuestal – SICEP), through which the DNP measures efficiency of budget execution, monitors local and regional government operational expenses, monitors debt repayments, investment expenses from 2008, and the use of the General Transfer System funds (Sistema General de Participaciones – SGP).

During the first trimester of 2009 MSI provided technical assistance and training to officials from 25 municipalities and 5 governorships to guarantee timely and proper reporting, so as not to incur in future fines that would affect their income.

MSI also assisted CIMIENTOS Mayors and Governors offices submit timely and accurate reports to the National Comptroller’s Office (CGN), specifically the Final Accountability Report for 2008, and the Single Territorial Form (Formulario Único Territorial – FUT). Timely and accurate submissions prevent governors and mayors from being subject to future fiscal and disciplinary sanctions.

Finally, RGCP has also provided specific training and assistance to municipal and departmental offices for the management and allocation of public resources with specific destinations: this is the case of resources for drinking water and basic sanitation.

Technical Assistance for Improved Tax Management

Increasing income for departments and municipalities is a key priority for public officials. To this end, since 2008, MSI has been working to strengthen the fiscal capacity of local administrations in the Atrato and Catatumbo regions. Using diagnostics MSI elaborated in 2008, MSI trained and provided technical assistance to public official and municipal councilors on tax norms, processes for efficient tax management, and fiscal proceedings in 9 municipalities in the Catatumbo region. A similar activity took place in 2008 in the Sierra Nevada region.

RGCP also assisted mayors and governors' offices to conduct an analysis and review of the fiscal situation in their administrations, with recommendations provided for reform of taxation statutes, both in terms of content and procedures. This document constitutes the first step towards the technical assistance MSI will provide for the elaboration of new taxation statutes, serving as a basis for the discussions that need to take place with citizen groups, Municipal Councils and Departmental Assemblies, and for the outreach regarding the new tax dispositions with the community to generate greater acceptance of taxation.

RGCP supported Valledupar to provide public outreach on its new taxation statute with interest groups, to explain changes made, as well as future benefits in financing local development. RGCP supported Ocaña in a public relations exercise to help mitigate the fallout from sharp increases to the property tax.

Support the Implementation of Management and Control Systems

The implementation of the Standard Internal Control Model – Quality Management System (MECI-SGC) is an on-going process. Supporting departmental and municipal administrations in the implementation of this tool is one of the priorities for the Public Administration Component for the first semester of 2009, since the deadline for implementation of MECI is set for 30th of June.

During this reporting period MSI provided technical assistance to governors and mayors' office in the elaboration of products that make up the Quality Management System.

To complement this assistance, and with the aim of creating a culture of internal controls and self-regulation, practical workshops were held with directors and public officials to share information on what constitutes the MECI-SCG system. Awareness was raised on the importance of putting into practice the tools from the Quality Management System for improving public management and individual performance.

Besides helping Governors and Mayors implement the Quality Management System in accordance with the legal deadlines set by National Government, the other goal is to help improve the quality of public service provision to citizens and to establish uniform and standard procedures for public administration.

TASKS					
QUALITY MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL SYSTEM					
SUBTASKS	Diagnostic of Progress Made	Awareness Raising with Public Managers	Monitoring and Implementation Plan	Assistance in Adjusting MECI Components	Supporting Material*
Governorship of Chocó					x
Acandí					x
Bojayá	x		x	x	x
Carmen de Atrato	x		x	x	x
Carmen del Darién					x
Murindó	x		x	x	x
Riosucio					x
Unguía					x
Governorship of Norte de Santander	x		x	x	x
Abrego					x
Convención					x
El Carmen	x	x	x	x	x
El Tarra					
Hacarí					x
La Playa	x	x	x	x	x
Ocaña	x		x	x	x

TASKS	QUALITY MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL SYSTEM				
San Calixto					x
Teorama					x
Tibú	x		x	x	x
Governorship of Cesar					x
El Copey					x
Pueblo Bello					x
Valledupar					x
Governorship of La Guajira		x	x	x	x
Dibulla					x

* Supporting material:
 -Internal audit procedure
 -Internal audit formats
 -29 Formats for processes municipalities must comply with as part of MECI implementation.

Technical Assistance to Strengthen Management of Public Contracting

In this quarter, MSI continued its provision of technical assistance to CIMIENTOS territorial entities on the subject of public contracting, taking into consideration the reforms introduced by Law 1150 of 2007 and its procedural implications.

RGCP provided technical assistance in the application of new norms, and reviewed contracting processes. MSI has also promoted the adoption and implementation of Contracting Manuals within each local and regional government, product of RGCP 2008 assistance.

Strengthening Municipal Councils and Departmental Assemblies

During the first trimester, MSI worked with the National Democratic Institute in the preparation of materials to train councilors and deputies on the subject of political control and Bancadas or Caucus Law. A booklet will be published during the second trimester of 2009 for this purpose, and training will be provided in the Sierra Nevada region.

Building on MSI work began in 2008 in the Atrato and Catatumbo regions, Municipal Councils and the Departmental Assembly of Chocó received a proposal to modify their internal regulations in conformity with current dispositions, including issues raised in the Bancadas Law and the vote of no confidence for local and departmental government Secretaries.

Planned Activities for April – June 2009

- April 15: signature of Transparency and Good Government Pacts with the PPLCC, Governorship of Chocó and CIMIENTOS municipalities from the Atrato Region
- May 26: Public Accountability hearing held by Governorship of Norte de Santander.
- Technical assistance provision on execution, monitoring and evaluation of development plans.
- Analysis and review of targets set in municipal and departmental development plans.
- Support the municipalities of Valledupar, El Copey and Pueblo Bello in updating their Territorial Development Plans. Technical assistance for the Governorship of Cesar in the definition of guidelines for land use that must be given to the municipalities to define the use and exploitation of productive areas for extractive industries, agriculture and protected areas.
- Technical assistance to adjust and adopt budget statutes.

- Assistance for organizing participatory budget exercises.
- Technical assistance to review medium term fiscal frameworks.
- Technical assistance to submit reports required by monitoring bodies from National Government.
- Assist with the elaboration of rent codes.
- Provide technical assistance in the implementation of MECI.
- Provide training on public accountability hearings.
- Promote signature of Transparency and Good Government Pacts in other CIMIENTOS target areas.
- Provide technical assistance in public contracting.

Planned Activities from April – June 2009 with Other Components

Health Component

- Provide technical assistance to elaborate models, flowcharts and oversight proceedings in the contracting of health sector provision.

Citizen Participation Component

- Provide technical assistance to Governors and Mayors offices in the contracting of resources for the implementation of BASES projects and resources.
- Support the process of financing BASES projects with public resources.

Subcomponent 2.3: Increase Institutional Coordination Between Different Levels of Government

During this quarter, MSI promoted institutional coordination between the central government and the subnational levels through the following actions:

- The elaboration of Rural Education Plans (PERs) in 6 municipalities in Chocó was coordinated with the Departmental Education Office and local authorities in Acandí, Bojayá, El Carmen de Atrato, Carmen del Darien, Riosucio and Unguía, to ensure compatibility of these Rural Education Plans with those being done in the other 25 municipalities in the Department by the Governorship. With RGCP assistance, the Governorship of Chocó will achieve the elaboration of a consolidated departmental Rural Education Plan, with which it can leverage resources available from the Ministry of Education for improving education provision.
- With local officials from Valledupar, Pueblo Bello, El Copey and staff from the Education office of the Governorship of Cesar, RGCP identified education projects eligible for departmental co-funding.
- With the GOC Program *Computadores Para Educar* (Computers to Educate – CPE), the Chocó Departmental Education office and municipal authorities from Riosucio and Carmen del Darién, RGCP facilitated the identification of 4 schools that meet the criteria to benefit from computer donations, as per CPE standards.
- MSI, through its coordination with the National Planning Department, lobbied to have DNP prioritize its 25 target municipalities for the implementation of SISBEN III. RGCP has created direct and efficient communications to ensure local authorities bring the SISBEN II process to a close, so that the new survey can be carried out in 2009, benefiting the poorest sectors of the population in CIMIENTOS target areas.
- MSI has been building on its working alliance with the National Registry and local authorities to ensure planning takes place for new citizen identification drives in the Catatumbo region in 2009.

C. Cross-cutting Component: Civil Society

During this quarter, the Citizen Participation Component centered its efforts on four fundamental tasks:

- Training in citizen control and oversight civil society members and public officials
- Providing technical and financial support to citizen oversight projects (*Veedurías*)
- Prioritization and execution of BASES projects
- Technical support for youth participation initiatives in local policy-making.

Additionally, the grant to Escuela Galan for the development of a youth leadership school in Tibú continued its implementation, and approval was received to strengthen the Citizen Radios of Riosucio and Carmen del Atrato in Chocó.

Training in Citizen Control for Citizens, Public Officials and “Trainer of Trainers”

Complying with the objective of promoting citizen control in target municipalities, RGCP continued training leaders of civil society organizations in the USAID methodology "*Hagamos Control Ciudadano*".

The following table provides more detailed information:

Date	Location	Beneficiaries
Feb. 19-20	San Calixto	TOTAL 14 (4 women)
Nov. 27-28	Valledupar	TOTAL 53 (32 women)
Mar. 13-14	Tibú	TOTAL 27 (8 women)
Mar. 26-27	Aracataca	TOTAL 56 (35 women)

A total of 150 people benefitted from these workshops, including 79 women and 2 public officials.

The training workshops focus on providing participants with knowledge and tools for carrying out citizen control over public services, and providing a constructive approach for recommending changes and improvements to local officials. With this approach to social oversight, RGCP is contributing to improving service provision and governance, encouraging dialogue, respect and citizen input into public service delivery.

It's worth noting that RGCP is acting as a multiplier of the *Hagamos Control Ciudadano* methodology with public bodies beyond its target area. The Departmental Comptroller's Office of Cundinamarca attended the training organized with Valledupar's municipal Comptroller's Office. Cundinamarca is now in the process of replicating at their departmental level the methodology. Likewise, the Municipal Comptroller's office of Valledupar will train citizens using this USAID approach to undertake fiscal oversight.

Training was also provided for public officials in Tibú, Norte de Santander, on citizen control. This workshop was a significant opportunity for municipal officials to get to know the scope of RGCP's citizen oversight approach given that two workshops have already taken place with citizens, who are currently formulating oversight projects that require the municipal government's support. Anecdotally, Tibú public officials started the workshop with a disdainful view of citizen oversight, and perceived it as an obstacle

to governance. By the end of the workshop, the perspective had changed, and officials were able to identify and commit to the importance of RGCP's approach and facilitation of information for *Hagamos Control* initiatives.

Date	Location	Beneficiaries
March 12	Tibú	TOTAL 29 (22 women)

Overall, 179 people benefitted from the *Hagamos Control* training, including 31 public officials.

Technical and Financial Support for Citizen Oversight (Veedurías) Projects

In this reporting period, the citizens that participated in citizen control workshops received technical support for the formulation of five citizen oversight projects in health and education. These projects, detailed below, were submitted and approved by USAID and are currently being implemented.

Project	Location	Direct Beneficiaries
Veeduría to the school transportation service of the southern zone of Fray José María Arevalo school, during the first semester of 2009.	La Playa	4
Veeduría to medical remission services by EMISALUD in Curvaradó.	Carmen del Darién	9
Veeduría to the provision of Emergency Medical Services by the CDV Attention Center, from the Eduardo Arredondo Hospital in Valledupar.	Valledupar	4
Veeduría to the use of resources from the General System of Transfers destined for the school "Cesar Conto", by the municipality of Bojayá.	Bojayá	5
Veeduría to the Outpatients Clinic for SISBEN beneficiaries, level I and II, in the Eduardo Arrendondo Daza Hospital, from Valledupar.	Valledupar	4

With the approval of these projects in this quarter, there are 19 groups implementing citizen oversight projects, with the direct participation of 122 citizens. These citizens are often first time users of this participation mechanism. The technical assistance provided by MSI includes guidance on data collection, data analysis, drafting appropriate recommendations and suggestions, and channeling formal accusations, where necessary.

Prioritization and Execution of BASES Projects

The Citizen Participation Component continued its strategy of bringing together citizens and municipal governments through prioritization and implementation of BASES projects.



Roundtable for Bases Project in Pueblo Bello

Prioritization of BASES Projects in Roundtables

During this trimester, three prioritization roundtables with the participation of civil society organizations (including women's groups, youth groups, Communal Action Boards, etc.) were implemented, resulting in three education projects:

Date	Location	Beneficiaries
March 6	Convención	TOTAL: 24 (13 women)
March 9	Pueblo Bello	TOTAL: 41 (9 women, 37 indigenous)
March 27	Teorama	TOTAL: 29 (19 women)

These roundtables allowed municipal governments and local civil society to take joint decisions on education matters that affect them, enabling them to prioritize together, and generate concerted solutions to common problems.

The total participation in this quarter at Bases prioritization roundtables was of 94 people, including 33 women and 37 indigenous people.

Implementation of BASES Projects

Throughout this quarter, USAID approved four BASES projects, and another four were fully implemented and finished, and delivered to the community.

To date, a total of 12 BASES projects have been delivered to community groups, 14 are being implemented, and 3 more in the formulation stage. The following are the approved BASES projects:

Project	Location	Beneficiaries
Replacement of T.A.B. ambulance	Carmen del Atrato	TOTAL: 11.893
Construction of school cafeteria, improvement of sanitary infrastructure and protection wall built for the principal campus of the educational center "Llano de los Alcaldes".	Ocaña	TOTAL: 55
Construction of classroom and sanitary infrastructure in Orejero's education site.	El Carmen	TOTAL: 18
Construction of school cafeteria on the elementary education campus, at the educational institution "Gilberto Claro Lozano".	La Playa	TOTAL: 235

Of the four BASES projects approved in this reporting period, three are infrastructure improvement initiatives, implemented by civil society organization. The other one is a grant directly administered by the Program.

The four BASES projects finished and delivered to the respective communities during this quarter are:

Project	Location	Beneficiaries
Construction and revamping of the sanitary units from the Eleventh School for Girls site and the Ninth School for Boys site from the "Manuel J. del Castillo" Institution.	Ciénaga	701
Construction of classrooms in the Arhuaca of Gunchukwa indigenous community, Pueblo Bello, Cesar.	Pueblo Bello	48
Revamping and supplying equipment for the computer classroom, principal campus of the educational institution "La Presentación".	Riosucio	648
Revamping and donation for the health post of the Isla de los Rojas, Murindó.	Murindó	143

Three of the projects improved the conditions in which students receive education services, and one improved the provision of health services. The commitment and participation levels shown by the Arhuaca indigenous community is worth recognizing in the implementation of the Bases project in Pueblo Bello. It is also worth noting the impact the project will have in the provision of ethnically sensitive quality education for Arhuaco children, in the classrooms built, and the working relationship created between the Gunchukwa indigenous reserve with the Mayor of Pueblo Bello and the Governor of Cesar. The inauguration of this project was attended by the USAID Deputy Director; the Director of the Democracy Office, representatives from Acción Social, the Governor of Cesar, the local Arhuaca Authorities and the Mayor.



Bases Project delivery in Pueblo Bello, Cesar

In the case of the municipality of Murindó, the revamping and grant to acquire medical inputs for the Isla de los Rojas health post allowed the community to have access to basic health care, and to have the presence of a permanent nurse to assist citizens.

Grants

Escuela Galán – Escuela de Líderes Locales Gestores de Paz

During this quarter, the project "Escuela de Líderes Locales Gestores de Paz del Municipio de Tibú, con Impacto al Corregimiento de la Gabarra" (School for Peace Leaders in the Municipality of Tibú with Impact in La Gabarra Community),

implemented by Escuela Galan, continued.

The initiative benefits 50 youths, and aims to strengthen social cohesion amongst young people from conflict ridden communities in Tibú and La Gabarra. With this project, youth have access to training to become social and political actors, so that they can influence the course of local development and local policies.

A Municipal Youth Summit was held March 13-14, to close the project, and participating youths submitted to municipal



Bases Project delivery in Murindó, Chocó

and departmental officials their proposal to create the Municipal Youth Council. The purpose of the Council would be to have a democratic and participatory opportunity for youths to construct public policies for their age group. They also submitted recommendations for local government interventions in improving access to higher education, addressing drug abuse, increasing respect for human rights, promoting cultural events, safeguarding the environment, and income generation initiatives for young people.

Citizen Radios: Opportunities for Democracy Building



Community radio station *Asociación por un Riosucio Mejor (PORIME)*. Riosucio, Chocó

In this quarter, RGCP supported the functioning of community radio stations in Riosucio and Carmen de Atrato, both of which are part of a larger Ministry of Culture program to strengthen the cultural identity and community-based journalism amongst Afro-Colombians.

Other Activities

Strengthening of Women Networks

During this trimester, MSI, in coordination with NDI, supported Chocó's Women's Network and its first Departmental Meeting for Female Councilors, Social Managers and Female Politicians, held March 6-8, in Quibdó. The meeting allowed women politicians to exchange experiences and work on an agenda for the construction of gender policies for the region, as well as the promotion of a gender perspective for women's political participation in Chocó. The meeting was attended by 47 women, of which 39 are Afro-Colombians.

Support Youth Municipal Councils

During this quarter, the Citizen Participation Component, through its regional teams, has begun the preliminary process to elect Municipal Youth Councils (CMJ) in the municipalities of Tibú and Cienaga.

Activities for next Quarter:

- Continue training leaders of social organization in citizen oversight through *Hagamos Control* methodology.
- Support the election processes of Youth Municipal Councils in El Carmen and Tibú, Norte de Santander, and in the municipality of Cienaga, in the Department of Magdalena. Also support the construction of a participatory youth public policy in the department of Cesar.
- Implement BASES projects at the municipal and regional level.
- Support organizational strengthening initiatives from women networks.
- Strengthen Health Users Associations, Communal Action Board Associations, and school governments.

III. ACTIVITIES AND CONTEXT AT THE REGIONAL LEVEL

A. National Level

During the reporting period MSI worked with the Presidential Program Against Corruption (PPLCC), with the National Registry (RNEC) and the Department of National Planning (DNP). MSI continued to support the Attorney General's Office (PGN), the Public Prosecutor's Office (FGN) and the National Comptroller's Office (CGR), as part of the Tripartite Agreement. RGCP also continued its strengthening of the National Health Superintendent's office (SNS).

The following are activities carried out during this period with these institutions:

- Support the PPLCC in the dissemination and promotion of Transparency and Good Government Pacts with municipal and departmental administrations, especially amongst Program target areas.
- Coordination with DNP in the prioritization of CIMIENTOS target municipalities for the implementation of SISBEN III.
- Technical assistance provision to the SNS in the elaboration of a guide for Mayors to inspect health care providers and services in all municipalities of Colombia.
- Coordination with the RNEC for identification brigades in 10 target municipalities of Catatumbo.
- Coordination between the CGR, FGN and PGN to establish priorities and resource allocation as part of the Tripartite Agreement. Specifically, RGCP worked to produce evidence collection mechanisms that can be used by all 3 agencies in preliminary investigations and in the prosecution process under the new penal accusatory system.

B. Bajo and Medio Atrato

ACTIVITIES IN BAJO AND MEDIO ATRATO

Date	Activity	Location	Beneficiaries
Jan. 10	Veeduría on the use of national transfer funds (<i>Sistema General de Participaciones – SGP</i>) assigned to the <i>Cesar Conto</i> school during the second semester of 2008	Bojayá	TOTAL 5 (3 women, 5 afro-Colombians): 5 citizens
Jan. 13 – 14	Training on Rural Education Plans for Quibdó Chamber of Commerce	Quibdó	TOTAL 9 (4 women, 6 afro-Colombians): 9 citizens
Jan. 19	Bojayá Rural Education Plan presented to municipal authorities and citizens	Bojayá	TOTAL 8 (6 afro-Colombians, 2 indigenous): 1 municipal public official, 1 departmental public official, 6 citizens
Jan. 20	Workshop on Rural Education Plans in Acandí for <i>Diego Luis Córdoba</i> school	Acandí	TOTAL 8 (2 women, 8 afro-Colombians): 7 departmental public officials, 1 citizen
Jan. 20	Workshop on Rural Education Plans in Carmen de Atrato	El Carmen de Atrato	TOTAL 4 (3 women, 1 afro-Colombian, 1 indigenous): 1 municipal public official, 2 departmental public officials, 1 mayor
Jan. 21	Rural Education Plan presentation to the community in Bojayá	Bojayá	TOTAL 23 (8 women, 23 afro-Colombians): 1 departmental public official, 22 citizens
Jan. 21	Workshop on Rural Education Plans in Riosucio	Riosucio	TOTAL 11 (2 women, 9 afro-Colombians, 2 indigenous): 1 municipal public official, 5 departmental public officials, 5 citizens
Jan. 22	Dissemination of Rural Education Plan in Carmen del Darién (<i>Vigia de Curbarado</i>)	Carmen del Darién	TOTAL 7 citizens (7 afro-Colombians)
Jan. 22	Meeting with teachers in Bojayá (<i>Napipi</i>)	Bojayá	TOTAL: 3 departmental public officials (3 afro-Colombians)

Date	Activity	Location	Beneficiaries
Jan. 23	Dissemination of Rural Education Plan in Carmen del Darién (<i>Montaño</i>)	Carmen del Darién	TOTAL 11 (5 women, 11 afro-Colombians): 6 departmental public officials, 1 council member, 4 citizens
Jan. 23	Workshop on Rural Education Plans with teachers	Acandí	TOTAL: 11 departmental public officials (6 women, 11 afro-Colombians)
Jan. 24	Workshop on Rural Education Plans in Riosucio (<i>La Loma</i>)	Riosucio	TOTAL: 4 citizens (4 afro-Colombians)
Jan. 24	Workshop on Rural Education Plans with teachers in Acandí (<i>Peñaloza</i>)	Acandí	TOTAL 19 (5 women, 12 afro-Colombians, 1 indigenous): 3 national governmental public officials, 16 citizens
Jan. 25	Workshop on Rural Education Plans in Riosucio (<i>Playa Bonita</i>)	Riosucio	TOTAL: 19 departmental public officials (6 women, 4 afro-Colombians, 5 indigenous)
Jan. 25	Workshop on Rural Education Plans to collect information in Unguía – Departmental school	Unguía	TOTAL 17 (6 women, 9 afro-Colombians, 8 indigenous): 9 departmental public officials, 8 citizens
Jan. 25 – 26	Workshop on Rural Education Plans to collect information in Unguía – IEICRAFT	Unguía	TOTAL 15 departmental public officials (8 women, 4 afro-Colombians)
Jan. 26	Dissemination of Rural Education Plan in Carmen del Darién (<i>La grande</i>)	Carmen del Darién	TOTAL 5 (2 women, 2 afro-Colombians): 1 departmental public official, 4 citizens
Jan. 27	Dissemination of Rural Education Plan in Carmen del Darién (<i>El Guamo</i>)	Carmen del Darién	TOTAL 11 (8 women, 2 afro-Colombians): 2 departmental public officials, 9 citizens
Jan. 27	Workshop on Rural Education Plans to collect information in Unguía - IEASNDA	Unguía	TOTAL 13 (10 women, 6 afro-Colombians): 10 departmental public officials, 3 citizens
Jan. 27	Workshop on Rural Education Plans	Riosucio	TOTAL 9 (2 women, 9 afro-Colombians): 8 departmental public official, 1 mayor

Date	Activity	Location	Beneficiaries
Jan. 27	Technical assistance to the <i>veeduría</i> project in <i>Isla de los Rojas</i> health center in Murindó	Murindó	TOTAL 7 citizens (4 women, 7 afro-Colombians)
Jan. 28	Technical assistance to the <i>veeduría</i> project in <i>San Bartolomé</i> health center in Murindó	Murindó	TOTAL 4 citizens (2 women, 4 afro-Colombians, 1 youth)
Jan. 28	Dissemination of Rural Education Plan in Carmen del Darién (<i>Domingodú</i>)	Carmen del Darién	TOTAL 8 (5 women, 8 afro-Colombians): 6 departmental public officials, 2 citizens
Jan. 28	Workshop on Rural Education Plans to teachers (<i>Bernardo Moreno- Tanela</i>)	Unguía	TOTAL 7 departmental public officials (4 women, 7 afro-Colombians)
Jan. 28	Workshop on Rural Education Plans	Riosucio	TOTAL 2 (1 woman, 2 afro-Colombians): 1 departmental public official, 1 citizen
Jan. 29	Dissemination of Rural Education Plan in Carmen del Darién (<i>Curbaradó</i>)	Carmen del Darién	TOTAL 6 (1 woman, 1 afro-Colombian, 5 indigenous): 2 departmental public officials, 4 citizens
Jan. 29	Workshop on Rural Education Plans in Unguía (<i>IEDR Balboa</i>)	Unguía	TOTAL 19 (13 women, 13 afro-Colombians, 1 indigenous, 4 IDPs): 14 departmental public officials, 5 citizens
Jan. 29	Workshop on Rural Education Plans in Riosucio (<i>Villa Hermosa</i>)	Riosucio	TOTAL: 6 citizens (3 women, 1 afro-Colombian, 6 IDPs)
Jan. 29	Technical assistance and dissemination of the <i>veeduría</i> project on the use of national transfer funds (<i>Sistema General de Participaciones – SGP</i>) assigned to the <i>Robinson Palacios</i> school during the second semester of 2008	Bojayá	TOTAL: 5 citizens (2 women, 5 afro-Colombians)
Jan. 30	Dissemination of Rural Education Plan in Carmen del Darién (<i>Caracoli</i>)	Carmen del Darién	TOTAL 6 (3 women, 1 afro-Colombian): 1 departmental public official, 5 citizens

Date	Activity	Location	Beneficiaries
Jan. 30	Dissemination of Rural Education Plan in Carmen del Darién (<i>Brisas</i>)	Carmen del Darién	TOTAL: 3 departmental public officials (2 women, 3 afro-Colombians)
Jan. 31	Meeting with teachers to work on the Rural Education Plan in Bojayá (<i>Bella Vista</i>)	Bojayá	TOTAL 4 (2 women, 3 afro-Colombians, 1 indigenous): 2 departmental public officials, 2 citizens
Feb. 1	Dissemination of Rural Education Plan forms in Acandí	Acandí	TOTAL: 2 departmental public officials (2 afro-Colombians)
Feb. 2	Training on education system in Acandí (<i>Capurgana</i>)	Acandí	TOTAL: 7 departmental public officials (5 women, 7 afro-Colombians)
Feb. 2	Workshop on Rural Education Plans in Riosucio, <i>Vereda Teguerre Medio</i> , with parents and children from 6 to 13 years old	Riosucio	TOTAL: 12 citizens (5 women)
Feb. 3	Workshop, dissemination and management of the Rural Education Plans in Carmen de Atrato	El Carmen de Atrato	TOTAL 10 (6 women, 3 afro-Colombians): 9 departmental public officials, 1 citizen
Feb. 5	Training workshop on Citizen Radio Station Project in El Carmen de Atrato	El Carmen de Atrato	TOTAL: 8 citizens (1 woman, 1 afro-Colombian, 3 youths)
Feb. 8	First workshop and planning session of Citizen Radio Station Project in Riosucio	Riosucio	TOTAL 14 (3 women, 12 afro-Colombians, 2 indigenous, 3 youths, 1 IDP): 3 municipal public officials, 1 council member, 10 citizens
Feb. 16	Training and technical assistance in municipal budgeting	Acandí	TOTAL 26 (18 women, 21 afro-Colombians): 17 municipal public officials, 9 council members
Feb. 16	Technical assistance on the Municipal Council regulations	Acandí	TOTAL 4 (3 women, 4 afro-Colombians): 1 municipal public official, 3 council members
Feb. 17	Technical assistance on Municipal Council regulations	Unguía	TOTAL: 1 council member (1 woman)

Date	Activity	Location	Beneficiaries
Feb. 17	Training and technical assistance on municipal budgeting.	Unguía	TOTAL 9 (3 women, 9 afro-Colombians): 3 municipal public officials, 6 council members
Feb. 18	Training and technical assistance on municipal budgeting	Riosucio	TOTAL 6 (1 woman, 6 afro-Colombians): 1 municipal public official, 5 council members
Feb. 18	Technical assistance on Municipal Council regulations	Riosucio	TOTAL 5 (4 women, 5 afro-Colombians): 3 municipal public officials, 2 council members
Feb. 19	Training and technical assistance on municipal budgeting	Carmen del Darién	TOTAL 13 (1 woman, 13 afro-Colombians): 7 municipal public officials, 6 council members
Feb. 20	Training and technical assistance on municipal budgeting.	Murindó	TOTAL 16 (5 women, 12 afro-Colombians, 1 indigenous): 9 municipal public officials, 7 council members
Feb. 20	Technical assistance on Municipal Council regulations	Murindó	TOTAL: 5 municipal public officials (1 afro-Colombian)
Feb. 20	Workshop on Rural Education Plans for teachers at the <i>Santamaría</i> school	Belén de Bajirá	TOTAL 10 (3 women, 1 indigenous): 3 municipal public officials, 7 council members
Feb. 23	Training and technical assistance on municipal budgeting	Bojayá	TOTAL 9 council members (1 woman, 2 afro-Colombians):
Feb. 23	Dissemination of Rural Education Plan in Carmen del Darién (<i>Despensa media</i>)	Carmen del Darién	TOTAL 26 (11 women, 25 afro-Colombians, 9 youths, 1 IDP): 3 departmental public officials, 23 citizens
Feb. 24	Dissemination of Rural Education Plan in Carmen del Darién (<i>Corobazal</i>)	Carmen del Darién	TOTAL: 10 council members (10 afro-Colombians)

Date	Activity	Location	Beneficiaries
Feb. 24	Support and dissemination of the <i>veeduría</i> project on the use of national transfer funds (<i>Sistema General de Participaciones – SGP</i>) assigned to the <i>Cesar Conto</i> school during the second semester of 2008	Bojayá	TOTAL: 6 council members (5 afro-Colombians)
Feb. 25	Training and technical assistance on municipal budgeting.	El Carmen de Atrato	TOTAL: 8 council members (1 woman, 7 afro-Colombians, 1 indigenous)
Mar. 1	Workshop on Rural Education Plans in Carmen de Atrato with indigenous teachers of the <i>Tobias Queragama</i> school	El Carmen de Atrato	TOTAL 4 (2 women, 4 afro-Colombians): 2 departmental public officials, 2 citizens
Mar. 5	Workshop for Chamber of Commerce staff to work on Rural Education Plans in CIMIENTOS municipalities, in Chocó	Quibdó	TOTAL: 5 council members (2 women, 5 afro-Colombians)
Mar. 6	Training and technical assistance to Departmental Education Office team on Ministry of Education policies for 2009	Quibdó	TOTAL: 8 citizens (2 women, 7 afro-Colombians)
Mar. 6 – 8	First meeting for council members and social workers of Chocó	Quibdó	TOTAL: 6 council members
Mar. 9	Meeting on Rural Education Plans in <i>Cuchillo Blanco</i> , Riosucio	Riosucio	TOTAL: 4 teachers (4 women)
Mar. 14	Rural Education Plans diagnosis with the <i>Chidima</i> indigenous community	Acandí	TOTAL: 10 citizens (2 women, 10 indigenous)
Mar. 15	Meeting on Rural Education Plans in Bajirá, Riosucio	Riosucio	TOTAL: 12 council members (10 women)

Date	Activity	Location	Beneficiaries
Mar. 16 – 17	Technical assistance on security for CIMIENTOS municipalities, to discuss initiatives and determine the state of security funds.	Quibdó	TOTAL: 1 municipal public official
Mar. 18	Technical assistance for the formulation of Integral Coexistence and Citizen Security Municipal Plans	Bojayá	TOTAL: 2 municipal public officials
Mar. 18	Technical assistance to the Security Municipal Council	Bojayá	TOTAL: 8 council members (3 women, 8 afro-Colombians)
Mar. 19	Technical assistance for the formulation of the Integral Coexistence and Citizen Security Municipal Plan	Murindó	TOTAL: 7 departmental public officials (3 women, 6 afro-Colombians)
Mar. 19	Technical assistance to the Municipal Security Council	Murindó	TOTAL: 1 municipal public official (1 afro-Colombians)
Mar. 20	Technical assistance for the formulation of the Integral Coexistence and Citizen Security Municipal Plan	El Carmen de Atrato	TOTAL: 7 (3 women, 7 afro-Colombians): 4 municipal public officials, 3 citizens
Mar. 20	Technical assistance to the Municipal Security Council	El Carmen de Atrato	TOTAL: 7 citizens (1 woman, 7 afro-Colombians, 2 youths)
Mar. 20	Dissemination of Rural Education Plan	Acandí	TOTAL: 8 municipal public officials (3 woman, 8 afro-Colombians)
Mar. 22	Forum on the Diagnostic of the Rural Education Plan	Unguía	TOTAL 10 (2 women, 7 afro-Colombians): 2 municipal public officials, 1 departmental public official, 7 citizens
Mar. 24	Dissemination of Rural Education Plan	Unguía	TOTAL 21 (8 women, 13 afro-Colombians, 1 indigenous, 12 youths, 7 IDPs): 1 departmental public official, 1 council member, 5 teachers, 14 citizens

Date	Activity	Location	Beneficiaries
Mar. 25	Forum on the Diagnostic of the Rural Education Plan	Carmen del Darién	TOTAL 12 (4 women, 12 afro-Colombians): 1 municipal public official, 9 teachers, 2 citizens
Mar. 25	Technical assistance for MECI implementation	Quibdó	TOTAL: 4 departmental public officials (2 women, 4 afro-Colombians)
Mar. 27	Dissemination of Rural Education Plan	Bojayá	TOTAL 13 (3 women, 11 afro-Colombians, 2 indigenous, 2 youths): 1 municipal public official, 3 departmental public officials, 5 teachers, 4 citizens
Mar. 30	Technical assistance for MECI implementation	Acandí	TOTAL 6 (2 woman, 3 afro-Colombians): 5 municipal public officials, 1 mayor
Mar. 31	Training in Quality Management and Control System (MECI)	Acandí	TOTAL: 5 municipal public officials (2 women, 5 afro-Colombians)

Public Order and Security Conditions

In Quibdó, during the first 20 days of January 2009, 11 people were murdered. The community believes this was the result of a quarrel between different trafficking bands. On January 29 2009 the brother of a former mayor was kidnapped while he travelled by boat on the Quibo – Turbo route, around Riosucio. Three armed men approached the boat and kidnapped him.

On March 27, on the route that leads from Carmen del Atrato to Quibdó, the FARC's front 34 set a bus on fire. The route covered Quibdó – Medellin. On March 28 a grenade exploded in a public establishment of Quibdó. According to information from El Tiempo newspaper, 12 people were hurt, amongst them the Mayor of the Municipality of Medio Atrato.

Another major event in the region was the bus accident that occurred on February 2, between Quibdó and Carmen del Atrato, due to the poor state of repair of the road. The accident killed 30 people and brought the Department of Chocó to a standstill, as street protests held on February 19 2009 resulted in a civic strike to demand proper road access to Quibdó.

Activities – Table of Beneficiaries

During this quarter MSI continued training on budgets and provided technical assistance and training on municipal taxes in all municipalities and at the departmental level of Chocó. A total of 7 technical assistance sessions were held, and 45 municipal public officials and 44 councilors trained. Technical assistance was also provided to the Departmental Assembly of Chocó in the modification of its internal regulations.

In citizen participation, the BASES project to replace an ambulance for Carmen del Atrato was approved. Additionally, two new citizen oversight (veedurías) projects were approved in health and education. These will benefit 14 citizens directly. Technical assistance was provided to 4 veedurías (social audit) projects that benefit 20 Afro-Colombian citizens directly. Two training workshops for implementing

citizen radios in Carmen de Atrato and Riosucio were held, benefiting 4 public officials and 18 citizens. Also, MSI, NDI and the Women's Network of Chocó organized the first Departmental Meeting to bring together female councilors, social managers and female politicians from the department of Chocó together.

Regarding education, with the Cámara de Comercio de Quibdó, 45 workshops took place to raise awareness, collect data and socialize Rural Education Plans in 6 municipalities, benefiting 208 citizens, 177 teachers and 17 public officials.

C. Catatumbo

ACTIVITIES IN CATATUMBO

Date	Activity	Location	Beneficiaries
Jan. 29	Meeting for "La paz comienza por casa" project	Ocaña	TOTAL 42 (22 women): 40 departmental public officials, 2 representatives
Feb. 1	Workshop on Youth Law - "Ley de Juventud"	Tibú	TOTAL: 780 citizens (383 women)
Feb. 3	Meeting to follow up the "La paz comienza por casa" project	Tibú	TOTAL: 76 departmental public officials (42 women)
Feb. 7	Construction of cafeteria and sanitary facilities in the Centro Educativo Rural Llano De Los Alcaldes, Vereda La Rinconada, in Ocaña, Norte De Santander	Ocaña	TOTAL: 43 departmental public officials (24 women, 1 afro-Colombian)
Feb. 8	Workshop of public agendas - "Agendas públicas"	Tibú	TOTAL: 7 municipal public officials, (5 women)
Feb. 10	Technical assistance for Municipal Security Council	Tibú	TOTAL: 7 municipal public officials, (5 women)
Feb. 10	Technical assistance for the formulation of the Integral Coexistence and Citizen Security Municipal Plan	Tibú	TOTAL: 80 departmental public officials (49 women)
Feb. 11	Technical assistance for Municipal Security Council	Ocaña	TOTAL 7 (2 women): 6 municipal public officials, 1 mayor
Feb. 11	Technical assistance for the formulation of the Integral Coexistence and Citizen Security Municipal Plan	Ocaña	TOTAL: 5 council members (1 woman)
Feb. 11	Technical assistance for Municipal Security Council	Abrego	TOTAL: 4 departmental public officials (1 woman)

Date	Activity	Location	Beneficiaries
Feb. 11	Technical assistance for the formulation of the Integral Coexistence and Citizen Security Municipal Plan	Abrego	TOTAL: 9 municipal public officials
Feb. 12	Technical assistance for Municipal Security Council	Teorama	TOTAL: 1 departmental public official
Feb. 12	Technical assistance for the formulation of the Integral Coexistence and Citizen Security Municipal Plan	Teorama	TOTAL: 9 departmental public officials (8 women)
Feb. 12	Technical assistance for Municipal Security Council	San Calixto	TOTAL: 2 departmental public officials (1 woman)
Feb. 12	Technical assistance for the formulation of the Integral Coexistence and Citizen Security Municipal Plan	San Calixto	TOTAL 14 (7 women): 13 municipal public officials, 1 council member
Feb. 12	Technical assistance on Municipal Council regulations	Teorama	TOTAL 4: 1 municipal public officials, 2 council members, 1 citizen
Feb. 13	Technical assistance for Municipal Security Council	La Playa	TOTAL 13 (4 women): 9 municipal public officials, 4 citizens
Feb. 13	Technical assistance for the formulation of the Integral Coexistence and Citizen Security Municipal Plan	La Playa	TOTAL: 9 municipal public officials (7 women)
Feb. 13	Technical assistance on Municipal Council regulations	Ocaña	TOTAL 8 (3 women): 5 municipal public officials, 3 citizens
Feb. 13	Workshop with Campo-Dos Youth Association - "Petrolea"	Tibú	TOTAL 9: 2 municipal public officials, 7 council members
Feb. 15	Workshop for a youth meeting	Tibú	TOTAL: 8 municipal public officials (4 women)
Feb. 16	Technical assistance for Municipal Security Council	El Carmen	TOTAL 56 (35 women, 18 youths): 1 departmental public official, 2 council members, 53 citizens
Feb. 16	Technical assistance for the formulation of the Integral Coexistence and Citizen Security Municipal Plan	El Carmen	TOTAL 14 (7 women, 1 afro-Colombian): 13 municipal public officials, 1 mayor
Feb. 23	Technical assistance on the Information System to record Budget Execution – SICEP and training on the formulation of <i>Plan Indicativo</i>	San Calixto	TOTAL: 1 departmental public official

Date	Activity	Location	Beneficiaries
Feb. 23	Technical assistance on the Information System to record Budget Execution – SICEP and training on the formulation of <i>Plan Indicativo</i>	Teorama	TOTAL: 5 citizens (1 woman)
Feb. 24	Technical assistance on the Information System to record Budget Execution – SICEP and training on the formulation of <i>Plan Indicativo</i>	Ocaña	TOTAL: 4 municipal public officials (1 woman)
Feb. 24	Technical assistance on the Information System to record Budget Execution – SICEP and training on the formulation of <i>Plan Indicativo</i>	El Carmen	TOTAL: 33 departmental public officials (19 women)
Feb. 25	Technical assistance on the Information System to record Budget Execution – SICEP and training on the formulation of <i>Plan Indicativo</i>	La Playa	TOTAL: 5 municipal public officials (4 women)
Feb. 25	Technical assistance on the Information System to record Budget Execution – SICEP and training on the formulation of <i>Plan Indicativo</i>	Hacarí	TOTAL 12 (2women): 3 municipal public officials, 9 citizens
Feb. 26	Technical assistance on the Information System to record Budget Execution – SICEP and training on the formulation of <i>Plan Indicativo</i>	Convención	TOTAL: 19 citizens (17 women, 19 youths)
Feb. 26	Workshop on law for prevention and sanctioning of domestic violence	Ocaña	TOTAL: 11 citizens (4 women, 4 youths)
Mar. 4	Dissemination of Bases Project B031, in <i>Sede educativa el Orejero</i>	El Carmen	TOTAL: 45 citizens (23 women, 45 youths)
Mar. 5	Dissemination of Bases Project B031, in <i>Gilberto Claro Lozano</i> school	La Playa	TOTAL: 111 citizens (59 women, 111 youths)
Mar. 5	Final evaluation process of the <i>Ruta Metodológica</i> project, family violence prevention	Ocaña	TOTAL: 9 municipal public officials (3 women)

Date	Activity	Location	Beneficiaries
Mar. 5	Meeting between institutions and mayor's offices to disseminate prevention of intrafamily violence approach	Ocaña	TOTAL: 9 council members (2women)
Mar. 6	Bases Project discussion in the <i>Sede Educativa el Trópico</i>	Convención	TOTAL 20: 11 municipal public officials, 8 council members, 1 citizen
Mar. 9	Technical assistance for the formulation of the Integral Coexistence and Citizen Security Municipal Plan	Tibú	TOTAL 11 citizens (3 women, 11 youths)
Mar. 9	Technical assistance for Municipal Security Council	Tibú	TOTAL 6 municipal public officials, (3 women)
Mar. 11	Dissemination of MECI	Cúcuta	TOTAL: 86 citizens
Mar. 12	Training in municipal budgeting	Cúcuta	TOTAL 14 (10 women): 13 municipal public officials, 1 mayor
Mar. 12	Technical assistance on the Information System to record Budget Execution – SICEP	Cúcuta	TOTAL 3 municipal public officials (1 woman)
Mar. 13	Training in municipal budgeting	Tibú	TOTAL 23 citizens (8 women, 23 youths)
Mar. 13	Technical assistance on accountability, internal control system, quality office and projects	Cúcuta	TOTAL 6 municipal public officials (3 women)
Mar. 13 – 14	Training in SICEP	Ocaña	TOTAL 54 citizens (39 women, 54 youths)
Mar. 16	Technical assistance to Ocaña Municipal Council to update the property tax system	Ocaña	TOTAL: 2 departmental public officials (2 women)
Mar. 17	Training in municipal budgeting	Abrego	TOTAL 26 (20 women): 8 municipal public officials, 9 departmental public officials, 6 national governmental public officials, 1 mayor, 2 citizens
Mar. 17	Training in municipal budgeting	La Playa	TOTAL 11 (6 women): 2 national governmental public officials, 1 mayor, 8 citizens
Mar. 17	Technical assistance in implementation of MECI	Ocaña	TOTAL 52 citizens (20 women, 52 youths)
Mar. 18	Training and technical assistance in municipal budgeting	Teorama	TOTAL 38 citizens (26 women, 38 youths)
Mar. 18	Training in municipal budgeting	Hacarí	TOTAL 56 citizens (35 women, 56 youths)

Date	Activity	Location	Beneficiaries
Mar. 19	Event closure of the <i>El Buen Trato: una Ruta Hacia la Paz</i> Project, Corporación Infancia y Desarrollo	Ocaña	TOTAL: 88 citizens (87 women, 88 youths)
Mar. 19	Training in municipal budgeting	San Calixto	TOTAL: 78 citizens (37 women, 78 youths)
Mar. 19	Technical assistance on the Information System to record Budget Execution – SICEP and training on the formulation of <i>Plan Indicativo</i>	Ocaña	TOTAL 54 (39 women, 1 youth): 27 departmental public officials, 27 citizens
Mar. 20	Training and technical assistance on municipal budgeting	EL Carmen	TOTAL: 2 departmental public officials (1 woman)
Mar. 20	Training and technical assistance on municipal budgeting	Convención	TOTAL: 2 municipal public officials (1 woman)
Mar. 23	Training and technical assistance on municipal budgeting	Ocaña	TOTAL 3 (1 woman): 2 municipal public officials, 1 departmental public official
Mar. 24	Technical assistance for public contracting	EL Carmen	TOTAL: 8 departmental public officials (4 women)
Mar. 24	Workshop to raise awareness among public managers of MECI and Quality Control Systems	El Carmen	TOTAL 23 (18 women): 6 departmental public officials, 17 citizens
Mar. 25	Awareness workshop with Municipal Council on MECI implementation	El Carmen	TOTAL: 8 departmental public officials (4 women)
Mar. 25	Technical assistance for MECI implementation	La Playa	TOTAL: 10 departmental public officials (5 women)
Mar. 26	Technical support to the <i>veeduría V019</i>	La Playa	TOTAL: 9 municipal public officials (5 women)

Public Order and Security Conditions

Various public order incidents occurred in the region in the reporting period. On February 12, a bomb exploded 200 meters from the urban center of Convención, killing three policemen, 1 civilian and injuring 15 more people. The dead civilian was the driver from the Municipal Government of Convención. On February 17 2009 guerrilla forces held a checkpoint on the road between Cucuta and Ocaña, where a truck was held up, and all traffic stopped.

On March 4, on the road between Teorama and San Calixto, the FARC group held a checkpoint and announced their prohibition of the use of use cell phones with cameras in the area. On March 13, ELN guerrillas attacked a police station in San Calixto; a female civilian was injured. On March 19, FARC guerrillas blew up with dynamite the Tablazo Bridge, which connects Cucuta and Tibú, some 40 minutes from the urban area of Tibú. The same week, FARC guerrillas attacked the police station of Campo Dos, injuring a policeman and a civilian, blowing out the energy tower supplying the area.

El Tarra has been hit hard by the rainy season, with roads damaged, preventing cars from entering the area for two weeks.

On March 20 2009 the Municipal Association of the Province of Ocaña Assembly was held. During the meeting, a new Board of Directors was elected, made up by the Mayors of La Playa (President of the Junta), El Carmen, Teorama and Hacarí.

Activities – Table of Beneficiaries

The Public Administration Component provided technical assistance for submission of reports to DNP, through SICEP, which is compulsory and incurs fines if not done on time. Assistance was also provided for budget reviews, and a total of 109 public officials were trained, including 51 women and 10 municipal councilors.

MSI provided technical assistance to Ocaña's public administration for improved tax management, including a public relations exercise that led to the temporary suspension of new rates for the property tax, given the anomalies detected in the procedure used for fixing the tax rates by the Agustín Codazzi Geographical Institute (IGAC)². The anomalies and procedural deficiencies resulted in extensive protests by civil society and business groups in Ocaña, and MSI facilitated negotiations between these groups and local authorities to suspend, temporarily, the *new* rates until a new review took place by the Institute. Despite the protests, the Institute added ten thousand (10,000) new properties to the property tax base of Ocaña, which will improve the municipality's tax revenue base.

RGCP provided assistance on the implementation of the compulsory Quality Management and Control System (MECI) in 9 municipalities in the Catatumbo region. A total of 33 public officials benefitted, and technical assistance was also provided to the municipal councils of Teorama, San Calixto and Ocaña on the modification of their internal regulations.

Two BASES projects and one Veeduría project were approved. With the support of Escuela Galan, 11 workshops on public management, public agendas, citizen participation and on the youth law were implemented, benefiting 41 citizens from Tibú. Two *Hagamos Control Ciudadano* workshops took place with community members and one with public officials, also in Tibú, benefiting 44 citizens and 26 public officials.

This quarter, MSI supported the Corporación Infancia y Desarrollo, who developed *La Paz Empieza Por Casa* Program, to prevent intrafamily violence, and promote peaceful and respectful coexistence mechanisms within families. Between January and March three training workshops were held with public safety authorities, elected officials, and community members to disseminate the approach. Officials from the Ministry of the Interior and Justice, from Co-existence Centers and from the municipalities of Ocaña and Tibú took part. Furthermore, RGCP provided technical assistance to municipal security councils and began work with Abrego, El Carmen, La playa, Ocaña, Teorama and Tibú to formulate and adjust PICS.

²This is the national level body for producing official maps and cartography of Colombia, as well as elaborating the nation's property tax base.

D. Sierra Nevada

ACTIVITIES IN SIERRA NEVADA

Date	Activity	Location	Beneficiaries
Jan. 10	Citizen control on health service provision for people of Sisben levels I and II by the <i>Eduardo Arredondo Daza</i> hospital, in Valledupar	Valledupar	TOTAL 5 (4 women): 4 municipal public officials, 1 citizen
Jan. 20	Training and technical assistance in SICE Purchase Plan formulation	Pueblo Bello	TOTAL: 11 (5 women, 1 afro-Colombian): 9 municipal public officials, 1 mayor, 1 citizen
Jan. 20	Technical assistance to <i>veeduría</i> on waste management and disposal from <i>Hospital San Roque</i>	El Copey	TOTAL: 1 municipal public official
Jan. 20	Technical assistance to <i>veeduría</i> group on remodelling of <i>San Roque</i> hospital	El Copey	TOTAL (2 women): 2 municipal public officials
Jan. 20	Technical assistance to the <i>veeduría</i> Project on the quality of meals provided to senior citizens	El Copey	TOTAL 8 (4 women): 4 municipal public officials, 4 citizens
Jan. 21	Technical assistance for the formulation of <i>veeduría</i> project on medicine provision by <i>EPSSS Asmed-Salud</i>	Fundación	TOTAL 11 (2 women): 10 municipal public officials, 1 mayor
Jan. 21	Technical assistance for the formulation of <i>veeduría</i> project on the cafeteria service in the <i>Maria Ema Mendoza</i> school	San Juan del Cesar	TOTAL 18 (11 women): 17 municipal public officials, 1 mayor
Jan. 26	Technical assistance for the implementation of the Integral Coexistence and Citizen Security Municipal Plan	San Juan del Cesar	TOTAL (1 woman): 1 municipal public official

Date	Activity	Location	Beneficiaries
Jan. 26	Technical assistance to the Security Municipal Council	San Juan del Cesar	TOTAL 41 (39 women, 15 youths): 25 municipal public officials, 1 national governmental public official, 15 citizens
Jan. 27	Technical assistance for the formulation of the Integral Coexistence and Citizen Security Municipal Plan	Valledupar	TOTAL 3 (2 women): 2 municipal public officials, 1 mayor
Jan. 27	Technical assistance to the Security Municipal Council	Valledupar	TOTAL: 11 municipal public officials, (4 women, 2 afro-Colombians)
Jan. 27	Technical assistance for the formulation of the Integral Coexistence and Citizen Security Municipal Plan	El Copey	TOTAL: 4 municipal public officials, (1 woman)
Jan. 27	Technical assistance to the Security Municipal Council	El Copey	TOTAL: 10 departmental public officials, (1 woman)
Jan. 27	Technical assistance on the Information System to record Budget Execution – SICEP and training on the formulation of <i>Plan Indicativo</i>	Pueblo Bello	TOTAL: 2 municipal public officials, (1 woman)
Jan. 27	Technical assistance to municipal public officials in the financial liquidation decree	Pueblo Bello	TOTAL: 2 municipal public officials, (2 women)
Jan. 27	Technical assistance for the formulation of <i>veeduría</i> project on emergency health service provision by <i>Eduardo Arredondo Daza</i> hospital - <i>Sede Leonardo Maya</i>	Valledupar	TOTAL: 10 municipal public officials
Jan. 28	Technical assistance to the <i>veeduría</i> project on meal provision for senior citizens of <i>La Placita</i>	Ciénaga	TOTAL 11 (5 women): 3 municipal public officials, 2 council members, 6 citizens

Date	Activity	Location	Beneficiaries
Jan. 28	Technical assistance for the formulation of the Integral Coexistence and Citizen Security Municipal Plan	Fundación	TOTAL: 3 citizens (1 woman)
Jan. 28	Technical assistance to the Security Municipal Council	Fundación	TOTAL: 5 departmental public officials, (2 women)
Jan. 28	Technical assistance for the formulation of the Integral Coexistence and Citizen Security Municipal Plan	Aracataca	TOTAL 38 (21 women): 15 municipal public officials, 18 departmental public officials, 5 citizens
Jan. 28	Technical assistance to the Security Municipal Council	Aracataca	TOTAL: 11 departmental public officials, (7 women)
Jan. 28	Technical assistance on the Information System to record Budget Execution – SICEP and training on the formulation of <i>Plan Indicativo</i>	El Copey	TOTAL: 11 departmental public officials, (9 women)
Jan. 29	Technical assistance on the Information System to record Budget Execution – SICEP and training on the formulation of <i>Plan Indicativo</i>	Aracataca	TOTAL: 6 municipal public officials, (4 women)
Jan. 29	Technical assistance for the formulation of the Integral Coexistence and Citizen Security Municipal Plan	Dibulla	TOTAL 5 (5 women): 4 municipal public officials, 1 citizen
Jan. 29	Technical assistance to the Security Municipal Council	Dibulla	TOTAL 6 (3 women): 5 municipal public officials, 1 citizen
Jan. 29	Technical assistance for the formulation of the Integral Coexistence and Citizen Security Municipal Plan	Ciénaga	TOTAL: 6 municipal public officials (1 woman)

Date	Activity	Location	Beneficiaries
Jan. 29	Technical assistance to the Security Municipal Council	Ciénaga	TOTAL: 11 municipal public officials (6 women)
Jan. 30	Technical assistance on the Information System to record Budget Execution – SICEP and training on the formulation of <i>Plan Indicativo</i>	San Juan del Cesar	TOTAL: 8 departmental public officials (5 women)
Jan. 31	Team building exercise with Governor of Cesar senior staff	Dibulla	TOTAL: 6 municipal public officials (1 woman)
Feb. 4	Technical assistance on the Information System to record Budget Execution – SICEP and training on the formulation of <i>Plan Indicativo</i>	San Juan del Cesar	TOTAL: 3 departmental public officials (3 women)
Feb. 6	Technical assistance to the <i>veeduría</i> project on EMDISALUD medicine provision.	Fundación	TOTAL: 22 departmental public officials (16 women)
Feb. 6	Technical assistance to the <i>veeduría</i> project on meals provided to senior citizens of <i>Comedor San Carlos</i>	Fundación	TOTAL 9 municipal public officials (6 women)
Feb. 6 – 16	Technical assistance on the Information System to record Budget Execution – SICEP and training on the formulation of <i>Plan Indicativo</i>	Fundación	TOTAL 27 (13 women): 1 municipal public official, 23 departmental public officials, 3 citizens
Feb. 10	<i>Veeduría</i> project on the use of national transfer funds (<i>Sistema General de Participaciones – SGP</i>) assigned to the <i>Rio Ancho</i> school	Dibulla	TOTAL 13 (4 women): 9 municipal public officials, 1 departmental public official, 3 citizens

Date	Activity	Location	Beneficiaries
Feb. 10	Technical assistance on the Information System to record Budget Execution – SICEP and training on the formulation of <i>Plan Indicativo</i>	Dibulla	TOTAL 39 (33 women, 10 afro-Colombians): 31 departmental public officials, 8 citizens
Feb. 11	Technical assistance to <i>veeduría</i> checking the provision of medicines by EPS MUTUALSER	Ciénaga	TOTAL 17 (10 women): 4 departmental public officials, 13 citizens
Feb. 11 – 20	Technical assistance on the Information System to record Budget Execution – SICEP and training on the formulation of <i>Plan Indicativo</i>	Ciénaga	TOTAL: 2 citizens (2 women, 1 afro-Colombian)
Feb. 11	Technical assistance to the <i>veeduría</i> project on the Food program for senior citizens of <i>La Placita</i>	Ciénaga	TOTAL 15 (6 women): 5 municipal public officials, 10 departmental public officials
Feb. 12	Technical assistance to the <i>veeduría</i> project on the Food program for senior citizens of <i>Barrio el Bosque</i>	El Copey	TOTAL 15 (6 women): 5 municipal public officials, 10 departmental public officials
Feb. 12	Technical assistance to the <i>veeduría</i> project on senior citizens' attention in <i>Hospital San Roque</i>	El Copey	TOTAL 14 municipal public officials (4 women, 1 afro-Colombian)
Feb. 13	Technical assistance to the <i>veeduría</i> project on health service provision for Sisben levels I and II beneficiaries, by the <i>Eduardo Arredondo Daza</i> hospital	Valledupar	TOTAL 22 (14 women, 1 afro-Colombian): 16 departmental public officials, 6 citizens
Feb. 13	Technical assistance to the <i>veeduría</i> project on the food service for senior citizens of <i>Comedor San Carlos</i>	Fundación	TOTAL: 2 municipal public officials (2 women)

Date	Activity	Location	Beneficiaries
Feb. 16	Technical assistance on the Information System to record Budget Execution – SICEP and training on the formulation of <i>Plan Indicativo</i>	Riohacha	TOTAL: 3 departmental public officials (1 woman)
Feb. 16	Technical assistance for Indicative plans and annual Investment Operational Plans	Riohacha	TOTAL: 2 citizens
Feb. 16	Technical assistance to <i>veeduría</i> on the quality of the Breakfast Program in the <i>Nelson Pérez</i> school	Ciénaga	TOTAL: 5 citizens (4 women)
Feb. 16 – 18	Technical assistance for MECI implementation and for external audit	Riohacha	TOTAL: 3 departmental public officials (1 afro-Colombian)
Feb. 17	Technical assistance on the implementation of the Follow up System and Investment Projects Evaluation -SSEPI-	Riohacha	TOTAL: 14 departmental public officials (12 women)
Feb. 17	Technical assistance to the <i>veeduría</i> project on the E.D.A. (Acute Diarrheal Disease) and I.R.A (Acute Respiratory Infection). Promotion and Prevention Programs, among minors under-5 in the <i>Camilo Villazón</i> hospital	Pueblo Bello	TOTAL: 5 departmental public officials (3 women)
Feb. 17	Technical assistance to the <i>veeduría</i> project on the food service in the cafeteria of the <i>Institución educativa Escuela Ariguaní sede Instituto Agrícola</i>	Pueblo Bello	TOTAL 12 (1 woman, 1 afro-Colombian, 1 indigenous): 2 municipal public officials, 10 council members
Feb. 18	Technical assistance to the <i>veeduría</i> project on emergency services provided by CDV health center	Valledupar	TOTAL: 4 municipal public officials (1 woman)

Date	Activity	Location	Beneficiaries
Feb. 18	Technical assistance for reporting to the Comptroller General's office	Riohacha	TOTAL: 3 departmental public officials (2 women)
Feb. 19	Workshop to review compliance with MECI implementation	Santa Marta	TOTAL: 8 departmental public officials (6 women)
Feb. 20	Technical assistance in MECI implementation	Ciénaga	TOTAL 19 (7 women): 10 municipal public officials, 9 citizens
Feb. 24	<i>Veeduría</i> project on the use of national transfer funds (<i>Sistema General de Participaciones – SGP</i>) assigned to the <i>Rio Ancho</i> school	Dibulla	TOTAL: 10 municipal public officials (4 women)
Feb. 25	Technical assistance to the <i>veeduría</i> project on the food service for the senior citizens of <i>La Placita</i>	Ciénaga	TOTAL: 10 citizens (10 women, 1 afro-Colombian, 1 youth, 1IDP)
Feb. 25	Technical assistance to the <i>veeduría</i> project on the delivery of medicines of the EPS MUTUALSER	Ciénaga	TOTAL: 2 municipal public officials
Feb. 26	Technical assistance to the <i>veeduría</i> project on the food service for the senior citizens of <i>Comedor San Carlos</i>	Fundación	TOTAL 12 (6 women, 3 afro-Colombians): 10 municipal public officials, 2 departmental public officials
Feb. 26	Technical assistance for compliance with MECI	Ciénaga	TOTAL: 2 municipal public officials
Feb. 26	Technical assistance to the <i>veeduría</i> project on medicine provision by EMDISALUD	Fundación	TOTAL: 4 citizens (1 woman)
Mar. 9	Roundtable to with the indigenous community of <i>Simunurwa</i>	Pueblo Bello	Total: 41 (37 indigenous, 9 women).
Mar. 10	Technical assistance for MECI implementation	Riohacha	TOTAL: 1 citizen (1 afro-Colombian, 1 youth)

Date	Activity	Location	Beneficiaries
Mar. 11	Assistance to the caucus of the Liberal political party " <i>Partido Liberal</i> " to modify Departmental Assembly policy on internal regulations	Valledupar	TOTAL: 4 citizens (1 woman)
Mar. 12	Technical assistance for compliance with MECI	Valledupar	TOTAL: 2 municipal public officials (2 women)
Mar. 16	Technical assistance on the implementation of the Follow up System and Investment Projects Evaluation -SSEPI-	Governorship of Cesar	TOTAL: 9 citizens (3 women, 2 IDPs, 4 indigenous)
Mar. 17	Technical assistance on the Information System to record Budget Execution – SICEP and training on the formulation of <i>Plan Indicativo</i>	Dibulla	TOTAL: 17 departmental public officials (10 women)
Mar. 19	Technical assistance to the <i>veeduría</i> project on the food service in the cafeteria of the <i>Institución Educativa Ariguani</i>	Pueblo Bello	TOTAL: 13 municipal public officials (9 women)
Mar. 19	Technical assistance for reporting on SICEP	Ciénaga	TOTAL: 1 departmental public official (1 woman)
Mar. 25	Technical assistance to the <i>veeduría</i> project on the emergency service in <i>Hospital Leonar Maya Burgues</i>	Valledupar	TOTAL: 4 departmental public officials (4 women)
Mar. 25	Technical assistance to the <i>veeduría</i> project on the health service of <i>Hospital Eduardo Arredond Daza</i>	Valledupar	TOTAL 7 (2 women): 1 municipal public official, 6 council members
Mar. 25	Technical assistance for reporting on SICEP	Fundación	TOTAL: 6 departmental public officials (3 women, 1 afro-Colombian)
Mar. 26	Technical assistance for reporting on SICEP	Aracataca	TOTAL 6 (1 woman): 4 departmental public officials, 1 national governmental public official, 1 citizen

Date	Activity	Location	Beneficiaries
Mar. 27	Technical assistance to the <i>veeduría</i> project on medicine supplies by EPS MUTUALSER	Ciénaga	TOTAL 40 (27 women, 5 afro-Colombians, 12 youths, 1 IDP, 1 indigenous); 2 municipal public officials, 38 citizens
Mar. 27	Technical assistance for reporting on SICEP	El Copey	TOTAL: 6 council members
Mar. 31	Technical assistance to the <i>veeduría</i> project on the food service for the senior citizens of <i>Hospital San Roque</i>	El Copey	TOTAL 14 (1 women, 6 afro-Colombians, 1 indigenous); 1 municipal public official, 13 council members

Public Order and Security Conditions

In January, the municipalities of Dibulla, Aracataca and Fundación saw increases in their homicide rates. This was attributed to new insurgent armed groups. In February, the Gaitanistas, a paramilitary group, distributed leaflets threatening families in a village of Valledupar, which led to internal displacement of many families to the urban area of Valledupar and neighboring municipalities. In March, illegal “social cleansing” groups created insecurity in Valledupar, Fundación and Aracataca by distributing lists containing death threats to certain groups of people.

Indicator	Progress FY08 – FY09
Citizen confidence in democratic institutions in the consolidation zones	NA
Government agencies strengthened in zones undergoing consolidation	NA
Number of trained public officials from zones undergoing consolidation with resources from the United States Government	3.440
Citizen participation initiatives supported in governance consolidation zones	63

Activities – Table of Beneficiaries

During this quarter MSI provided training and technical assistance for the formulation of planning indicators, submission of SICEP mandatory reports to the National Planning Department, for budget reviews, and for the mandatory implementation of MECI. A total of 226 public officials benefited from these activities, including 91 women.

MSI also finished two BASES projects in education in Ciénaga and Pueblo Bello, benefiting 749 citizens. Two *Veedurias* projects in health were approved, which will directly benefit 10 citizens. Two *Hagamos Control Ciudadano workshops* were implemented in Aracataca and Valledupar, benefiting 104 citizens and 5 public officials.

In citizen security and co-existence RGCP provided technical assistance to municipal security councils in Dibulla, San Juan del Cesar, EL Copey, Valledupar, Aracataca, Ciénaga and Fundación, and provided training in El Copey, Pueblo Bello, Dibulla, San Juan del Cesar, Ciénaga and Fundación to support the formulation or adjustment of PICS.

IV. INDICATORS MATRIX

CONTRACT INDICATORS

Indicator	Progress FY08 – FY09
# Anchor CSO and CSO initiative grants awarded to promote civil society engagement	12
# Small project/oversight grants awarded to promote citizen/government cooperation	51
# Targeted municipalities with functioning veedurias	13
# Targeted municipalities with approved Municipal Development Plans that contain M&E plans, and are properly discussed and distributed within communities.	24
Dollar amount managed effectively to support logistical costs related to execution of priority aspects of the Interagency Control Agreement (ICA).	\$ 45.852

V. SUCCESS STORY

Indigenous community and Administration improve relations through Bases project: Construction of two classrooms

On March 13 CIMIENTOS inaugurated Two (2) Classrooms built for the Arhuaca Indigenous Community of Gunchukwa, in Pueblo Bello. This event was attended by the local Mayor, the Governor of Cesar, representatives from USAID, Acción Social and CIMIENTOS. The project was able to strengthen the relationships between this indigenous community and local authorities during the project prioritization and execution stage. The project has improved the quality of culturally sensitive education provided for Arhuaca school children, with a total of 118 students benefiting directly from this initiative.



Bases project delivery to the Indigenous Community of Gunchukwa



Bases Project beneficiaries. Indigenous Community of Gunchukwa in Pueblo Bello, Cesar

The project began on June 11, 2008 with a prioritization roundtable where 1 municipal official, 2 teachers, 21 women and 63 men from the local community, participated. The majority were indigenous people. At the meeting, the need to construct 2 classrooms to educate the students from the Arhuaca indigenous group was identified. Through this, CIMIENTOS was able to design a BASES project with the support of the local authorities and members of the indigenous community to respond to this need. This project was then shared with the wider community on October 17, 2008, and construction work began towards the end of the year.

“The unity of the communities must contribute to institutional cohesion, since institutions must agree on things for their execution and functioning”

*– Gelper Zapata, Institutional Management Coordinator,
Tayrona Indigenous Confederation (CIT)*

ANNEX 1: RAPID RESPONSE FUND TABLE

Organization Name	Title	Total: US\$3	Total: COP\$	Period	% Implemented
1. Investigation Fund (in support of Interagency Control Agreement-ICA)					
FGN-PGN-CGR	Interagency Control Agreement	\$300,000	\$540,000,000	November 7, 2007 – November 6, 2010	15.84%
2. Grants Fund					
Transparencia Por Colombia	Transparency in Municipal Management: analysis and dissemination of corruption risks for strengthening municipalities	\$34,000	\$68,306,000	September 18, 2007 - October 31, 2008	99.17% ⁴
Ocasa	Youths Conversing and Implementing	\$55,000	\$100,000,000	April 15, 2008 – December 14, 2008	96.14% ⁵
Promigas Foundation	First steps towards educational excellence	\$13,165	\$23,354,000	June 23, 2008 – December 22, 2008	92.21% ⁶
Corporación Infancia y Desarrollo	Peace Begins at Home	\$85,380	\$151,465,500	July 1, 2008 – February 25, 2009	90%
Convivencia Productiva	Developing Citizen Skills in Regions Affected by the Violence—part of the Peaceful Classroom Program	\$34,166	\$60,612,100	July 1, 2008 – December 15, 2008	65.58%
Fundación DIS	Design and Formulate the Implementation of Strategy for Matching Funds	\$37,867	\$65,510,000	July 1, 2008 – October 31, 2008	100%

³ The exchange rate used is the official rate on the sub-agreement award date.

⁴ Grant was fully executed; however total grant value was not expended.

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Organization Name	Title	Total: US\$3	Total: COP\$	Period	% Implemented
Escuela Galán	Local Leaders School, promoters of peace, Tibú municipality with impact in the La Gabarra rural area	\$67,265	\$121,885,500	August 13, 2008 –April 29, 2009	85%
Dominican Charity Sister's Community of Presentation of the Holy Virgin	Rural Education Institutional Project-PIERC- with 4 municipalities in Catatumbo	\$23,529	\$48,894,000	September 8, 2008 – December 30, 2008	100%
Comité de Cafeteros del Magdalena	Elaboration Rural Education Plans in Ciénaga, Fundación and Aracataca, in the Department of Magdalena	\$45,678	\$94,920,000	September 11, 2008 – January 15, 2009	100%
Universidad Tecnológica del Chocó	Diploma in Public Administration for public officials of Chocó	\$32,911	\$69,112,647	January 26, 2009 – June 15, 2009	20%
Cámara de Comercio de Quibdó	Development of Rural Education Plans	\$60,192.86	\$126,465,000	November 27, 2008 – May 15, 2009	55%
Asociación por un Riosucio Mejor – PORIME	Citizen Radios: Opportunities for Democracy	\$19,304.76	\$40,540,000	November 13, 2008 - August 29, 2009	20%
Corporación Emisora Cultural 2001	Citizen Radios: Opportunities for Democracy	\$19,304.76	\$40,540,000	November 13, 2008 - August 29, 2009	20%
Bases Projects	Multiple locations	\$187,345.31	\$393,425,160	Ongoing	65%
Veedurías Projects	Multiple locations	\$21,318.23	\$44,768,290	Ongoing	20%

Organization Name	Title	Total: US\$3	Total: COP\$	Period	% Implemented
3. Misión de Observación Electoral (MOE)					
Misión de Observación Electoral	Colombian Civil Society Electoral Observation Mission for Departmental and Municipal Elections	\$300,000	\$540,000,000	July 18, 2007 – February 25, 2008	77 ⁷ %

⁷ Grant was fully executed; however total grant value was not expended.

ANNEX 2: FINANCIAL REPORT:

Management Systems International
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 Building Recovery and Democratic Governance (BRDG)
 Colombia Regional Governance & Consolodation Program

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April 29, 2009

Summary

Line Item	Contract Budget (Base period and option year 1)	JAN-MAR 07	APR-JUN 07	JUL-SEPT 07	OCT-DEC 07	JAN-MAR 08	APR-JUN 08	JUL-SEPT 08	OCT-DEC 08	JAN-MAR 09	Grand Total
	Total	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	
I. Labor	3,357,157	28,608	222,918	264,677	271,878	268,072	353,347	248,487	303,179	264,224	2,225,390
IV. Other Direct Costs	3,429,722	26,880	142,708	195,640	209,176	259,337	384,894	397,658	512,296	179,190	2,307,779
VI. Subcontractors	1,852,440		13,245	5,470	113,740	159,855	145,535	276,014	8,859	235,407	958,126
VII. Rapid Response Fund	2,175,000			127,345	55,155	76,254	27,878	130,516	382,579	77,869	877,596
VIII. Overhead	592,002	3,441	19,046	40,734	37,183	45,347	55,820	39,183	82,117	31,596	354,466
Total	11,406,321	58,929	397,917	633,867	687,131	808,866	967,474	1,091,858	1,289,030	788,286	6,723,357

Note: This financial report reflects MSI's billing to USAID by the end of the period. Expenses incurred, but not yet billed do not appear.

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