

Quarterly Report¹

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	Beneficiaries for Reporting Period				Beneficiaries for Cumulative (to date) Period			
	Targeted		Reached		Targeted		Reached	
	Total	IDP	Total	IDP	Total	IDP	Total	IDP
All	5,630	0	700	0	5,630	0	700	0
Sector 1 SS 1	1,000	0	500	0	1,000	0	500	0
Sector 2	4,430	0	0	0	4,430	0	0	0
Sector 3	200	0	200	0	200	0	200	0

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SECTOR: All sectors

Indicator 1: OFDA7 % of the neighborhood that benefit from results of the disaster risk reduction (DRR) program	Target this quarter: 9%	Progress this quarter: 1%	Cumulative Target: 10%	Cumulative progress to date: 1.2%	Target for the life of the project: 10%	% of progress towards target: 12%
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SECTOR 1: Risk Management Policy and Practices - SUB-SECTORS: Policy and Planning

Indicator 1: OFDA1 % of community members involved in project design and implementation	Target this quarter: 9%	Progress this quarter: 1%	Cumulative Target: 10%	Cumulative progress to date: 1.2%	Target for the life of the project: 10%	% of progress towards target: 12%
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¹ This report includes all the indicators detailed with quarterly frequency in the Monitoring and Evaluation Plan. The other indicators will be reported at the end of the Program.

Indicator 2: OFDA2 Score of involvement by community-based organizations in the design and implementation of the DRR project	Target this quarter: 3	Progress this quarter: 3	Cumulative Target: 3	Cumulative progress to date: 3	Target for life of project: 5	% of progress towards target: N/A
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Notes: This indicator is on a scale, as described in the OFDA Urban Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) Custom Indicators, and is not an absolute number. Representatives from 50 CBOs have participated in the training on fundamental knowledge of DRR and are now working on the participatory mapping workshops.

Indicator 3: OFDA3 Scale of local government involvement in the DRR project	Target this quarter: 5	Progress this quarter: 3	Cumulative Target: 5	Cumulative progress to date: 3	Target for life of project: 5	% of progress towards target: N/A
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Notes: This indicator is on a scale, as described in the OFDA Urban DRR Custom Indicators, and is not an absolute number. Last quarter, the Departamento Administrativo de Gestión del Riesgo de Desastres (DAGR) and Medellín Solidaria actively participated in the program by helping to develop the content of the program's brochures. Because they had participated more in the planning phase from last quarter than in the application phase from this quarter, the score for this period is lower. This quarter, we started working with more than 1,000 volunteers of DAGRD to replicate My Home is a Safe Space with all the CBEs (Neighborhood Emergency committees) of the city.

Indicator 4: OFDA4 Ratio of vulnerable people (youth, elderly, women , and persons with disabilities) involved in project design and implementation to number of community members involved in these processes.	Target this quarter: 70%	Progress this quarter: 64%	Cumulative Target: 70%	Cumulative progress to date: 64%	Target for life of project: 70%	% of progress towards target: 91%
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Notes: 64% of the people participating in the Program's activities are women (73% in participatory planning and 49% in Economic Recovery Market System (ERMS)).

Indicator 5: CRRP 1.2 Number of people participating in discussions regarding national risk reduction strategies as a result of the program, disaggregated by gender	Target this quarter: 525	Progress this quarter: 59	Cumulative Target: 1000	Cumulative progress to date: 500	Target for life of project: 1,000	% of progress towards target: 50%
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Notes: 73% of the people participating in workshops of participatory planning are women. Since the idea of sharing knowledge about risk management as a community issue is still very new in Colombia, the number of participants in the program has been lower than expected. Many people are more interested in physical improvements to their houses than receiving information and learning about risk management. As a way to overcome to this challenge, we have now included a sociologist as a part of our team. The sociologist is helping to motivate new community groups to get involved in the participatory sessions for designing the risk management plans.

Indicator 6: CRRP 1.3 Number of communities and stakeholders involved in the development of plans, policies, and strategies.	Target this quarter: 48	Progress this quarter: 50	Cumulative Target: 48	Cumulative progress to date: 50	Target for life of project: 48	% of progress towards target: 104%
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Notes: Two new organizations, a women's group and a youth organization, have become involved in the program through the process of reviewing and validating the results of the participatory mapping workshops. The participation of these groups further diversifies the types of organizations involved in the program.

SECTOR 1: Risk Management Policy and Practices

SUB-SECTOR: Public-Private Partnerships

Indicator 1: CRRP5 Number of private sector partners supporting DRR activities in Medellín	Target this quarter: 5	Progress this quarter: 2	Cumulative Target: 20	Cumulative progress to date: 6	Target for life of project: 20	% of progress towards target: 30%
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Notes: Public-Private Partnerships (PPP) have been strengthened with some national Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) and local NGOs from the city of Medellín. These NGOs link the objectives of the PPPs to sectors and subsectors of the program. Additionally, the PPPs will help the NGOs respond to the specific needs identified in the participatory mapping results, train the partner members in the methodology "My Home as a Safe Space," and assist the local business owners working in the sector of economic recovery of market systems. Thus, the PPPs provide a wide range of products that will provide the population with access to trainings on: general processes; social support; technical topics (e.g.: training for better business bookkeeping); infrastructure topics (e.g.: public lighting with Litro de Luz Foundation); and how to use micro- and small loans for enterprises, structural repairs or housing improvements. Last quarter, four PPPs were reported. Three of these agreements are still in the process of being signed or revised by the partners of Fenalco due to delays in complying with the "Ley de Garantías Electorales." This Colombian law prevents candidates and municipalities from conducting business during the months leading up to the municipal elections. We expect these last three agreements to be signed this quarter.

Indicator 2: CRRP 2.1 Number of private sector businesses engaged in response or DRR-related activities as a result of this program	Target this quarter: 220	Progress this quarter: 206	Cumulative Target: 220	Cumulative progress to date: 206	Target for life of project: 220	% of progress towards target: 94%
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Notes: We are continuing to review the methodology of the program and develop plans for working with businesspeople in innovative ways. We began this initiative in the last quarter.

Indicator 3: CRRP 2.3 Percentage of businesses in the target business category in the program area incorporated into project activities.	Target this quarter: 33%	Progress this quarter: 33%	Cumulative Target: 33%	Cumulative progress to date: 100%	Target for life of project: 33%	% of progress towards target: 100%
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Notes: 100% of the local businesses working with the program are in the target business category, critical markets, as identified through Emergency Market Mapping and Analysis (EMMA) Methodology.

Brief Sector Narrative:

During this phase of the process, we proposed measures to reduce risks with structural and non-structural responses and endeavors. These specific responses are the direct intervention of the program in: the mitigation of risks and housing improvements, educational workshops, the identification of the actors who could participate within PPP that may contribute in the implementation of the DRR responses, and the activities that the community itself may lead and undertake. In this quarter, all of the implementing partners (UPB, Ayuda Humanitaria Corporation, and Fenalco) participated in field trips that established and coordinated specific actions for the projects that were identified in the last quarter. A few community members also visited the SIATA (Early Warning System of Valle de Aburrá) office, and in turn, officials from SIATA visited the communities. Through this collaboration with SIATA, we identified strategic places to implement projects that were based on the results of the participatory mapping.

SECTOR 2: Shelter and Settlements

SUB-SECTORS: Shelter and Settlements Hazards Mitigation

Indicator 1: OFDA9 Percentage of trained people that retain DRR knowledge 3 and 6 months after training	Target this quarter: 0	Progress this quarter: 0	Cumulative Target: 90%	Cumulative progress to date: 0	Target for life of project: 90%	% of progress towards target: 0
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Notes: The activities for this indicator correspond to the "My Home as a Safe Space" training sessions, which just began in September 2015; the field team in charge of these training sessions is 100% composed of neighborhood residents.

Indicator 2: CRRP 3.1 Number of shelters incorporating DRR measures	Target this quarter: 0	Progress this quarter: 0	Cumulative Target: 50	Cumulative progress to date: 0	Target for life of project: 50	% of progress towards target: 0
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Notes: The activities for this indicator correspond to improvements and structural measures that were recently selected in September. Therefore, the results will be shown in the next quarterly report.

Brief Sector Narrative:

As we reported in the last quarter, Ayuda Humanitaria Corporation, our implementing partner in this sector, collected information on the public investment projects from the main public entities such as the Urban Development Enterprise of the Municipality (EDU - Empresa de Desarrollo Urbano), the Institute of Social Housing and Habitat of Medellín (ISVIMED - Instituto Social de Vivienda y Hábitat de Medellín) and Medellín Public Enterprises (EPM - Empresas Públicas de Medellín). Ayuda Humanitaria Corporation visited the neighborhoods with UPB and the participants in the workshops; this was done so that they can work with a technical specialist to validate the data that was collected and also prioritize the construction projects that the community requested. After several roundtables with community members, the neighborhoods agreed to develop five construction projects. A team of residents from the different neighborhoods, who are also workers at Ayuda Humanitaria Corporation, were contracted and trained by the program to begin the campaign “My Home as a Safe Place.” The team is composed of 16 women and 1 man.

SECTOR 3: Economic recovery and market systems

SUB-SECTOR: Market System Rehabilitation

Indicator 2: CRRP 4.4 Total USD amount channeled into the program area through sub-sector activities	Target this quarter:	Progress this quarter:	Cumulative Target:	Cumulative progress to date:	Target for life of project:	% of progress towards target:
	\$1,000	\$1,516	\$2,000	\$2,599	\$8,000	33%

Notes: All snacks offered during the workshops were purchased from suppliers in each of the neighborhoods.

Brief Sector Narrative:

In the month of September, Fenalco carried out a survey of the supply chain actors in the three economic sectors identified by the program as critical: grocery stores, supplies, and food providers; drug stores, and pharmacies; and warehouses and hardware stores. Three surveys were carried out in order to establish and identify the provisioning of the supply chains in each neighborhood of interest. Then, the necessary guidelines were provided to the merchants in order to strengthen the supply chain. These surveys has been carried out with 32 merchants from communes 1 and 8 in the Santo Domingo Savio, Llanaditas and El Pinal neighborhoods.

Key Outputs:

- 50 community based organizations and 500 people participated in discussions about DRR.
- The field team in charge of “My Home as a Safe Space” is 100% composed of neighborhood residents.
- The PPP with Fundación Litro de Luz helped the community of El Compromiso to have safer spaces in the neighborhood, also the community is more involved with the Program.
- 5 mitigations works were designed in agreement with the neighborhood’s participants.

Analysis of Progress:

The recruitment process and other necessary implementation activities necessary for Ayuda Humanitaria Corporation (CAH) were originally scheduled to begin in March, when we anticipated having the first results of the participatory mapping. These results are required to initiate a discussion on the potential risk mitigation activities that will be implemented. However, as some neighborhoods require three times the estimated amount of sessions to complete the participatory mapping, CAH’s activities have been postponed until June. The methodology proposed by the program states that the work should be done in agreement with the community and based on the results of the community participatory mapping exercises. Thus, we need to first complete the participatory mapping of all of the neighborhoods before we can continue with the program implementation.

Collaboration/Coordination:

In this period, the relationship between DAGRD and Medellín Solidaria Program has been strengthened. Both institutions hope to have major impacts on the city of Medellín. The DAGRD officials have been promoting the methodology of “My Home as a Safe Space” in all the CBEs in the city. The officials are actively involved with the planning and development of trainings; they participated in the process to design and create the supporting material for My Home as a Safe Space. Medellín Solidaria is reaching their population, the most vulnerable of the city. This vulnerable population is families living below the poverty line, and Medellín Solidaria is working to recruit them to participate in our Program. Medellín Solidaria also joined in order to coordinate and actively work with its network of *cogestores*. The *cogestores* are community members who accompany the Medellín Solidaria facilitators on field visits in order to monitor and assist the Program and Medellín Solidaria in selecting the household beneficiaries of My Home as a Safe Place.

New Developments:

During this period, the Program received support to systematize the program processes. Because the UPB did not have the internal capacity to carry out the needed work required to systematize the program, it contracted an anthropologist and a social researcher to create conceptual and methodological tools. These tools will identify the lessons learned of the program, disseminate the DRR information, and replicate the experience. The first phase of the systematization incorporates the experiences and opinions of the participant communities, the coordinators and the professionals in the field. This will help us to compile all the lessons learned from the first year of the Program. We conducted interviews with four focus groups from the communities, one group for each neighborhood. We conducted eight in-depth interviews: four with neighborhood merchants, and four with professionals and sector coordinators of the Program.

Challenges:

- Because we have involved more public entities in the program, we must consider the chance that there may be changes in personnel or administrations after the October municipal elections. The new officials or administrations may or may not be familiar with the program and we may experience setbacks in program implementation.
- Make contact with the new government and promote the program to give continuity to what has been developed in accordance with their predecessors.
- To select the potential beneficiaries of 50 house improvements (ceilings and rainwater management). The beneficiaries will be selected from the 4 neighborhoods; the selection pool contains more than 13,000 houses, most of them living below the poverty. The improvement projects were chosen according to the results of the community mapping process.

Key activities for the upcoming quarter:

SS1: Link youth groups in the workshops of policy and planning.

SS2: Finalize the PPPs that are in the process of being signed, revised or reviewed.

SS3: Start the mitigation works, especially the selection of the homes for the improvements of rooves and roof coverings.

SS4: Visit all critical market businesses to design the business continuity plans and aggregate the plans by sector.

Systematization: Based on the matrix provided (Systematization-questions), answer the questions that correspond to the current phase of the project implementation.

Cross-Cutting Issues	Implementation
Participation	In addition to the CBEs, other neighborhood organizations have joined the Program in the working groups and workshops. These are groups such as women's groups, groups of elderly people, one youth organization and people with disabilities. Because we have realized that it is more effective to meet with the businesses individually, instead of as a group, Fenalco adjusted the format of the ERMS activities to accommodate the schedules and availability of the target population.
Governance	Building consensus among participants to select mitigation works in their neighborhoods demonstrates a degree of progress regarding the ways in which they can jointly organize themselves and accomplish projects in their neighborhood. The results of participatory mapping allowed them to have new tools for the dialogue and mobilization of community proposals with the competent authorities. Local authorities are participating in the program planning activities and engaging more deeply into the development of My Home as a Safe Space.
Social Inclusion	There has been increased participation of women, especially in the area of policy and planning. In the Economic Recovery Systems Market sector, despite the fact that the productive vocation has been traditionally focused on men, almost half the population who attended the productive units were women. In every neighborhood, there has been a clear involvement of some elderly people, people with disabilities, and displaced people (victims of the Colombian armed conflict). However, even though we adopted strategies to increase youth involvement and expected a greater involvement, this population group does not seem to be interested in participating in the program. We are currently looking for youth organizations that we can collaborate with in order to further involve this population.
Sustainability	We have established regular schedules and meeting spaces with the UPB. This has empowered community leaders, especially those of the CBE, on Disaster Risk Mitigation (DRM) issues in the community. As referenced in the First Year Report, there has been urban insecurity detected in some areas where we are working with ERMS; this has required us to make special efforts to ensure the environment in the neighborhoods is safe. The spaces where the program works with the community are safe public locations. With local businesses, the individual approach that we have adopted has enabled them to gain confidence in the program, without forcing them to participate. Additionally, as a strategy to overcome this challenge, we attempt to avoid any involvement in internal, neighborhood issues, as that may generate risks to the program team.