

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	0	0	257	0	10,000		10,154	2,891
Sector 1 SS 1	0	0	257	0	1,000		1,280	
Sector 2	0	0	0	0	8,800		8,854	
Sector 3	0	0	0	0	200		237	

***Note:** 216 persons participated in more than one sector. This table also includes participants in additional neighborhoods: *replica* and Community & Institutional Response Protocol to early warning system.

SECTOR: All sectors

Indicator 1: OFDA7 % of the neighborhood that benefit from results of the disaster risk reduction (DRR) program	Target this quarter: 10%	Progress this quarter: 17%	Cumulative Target: 10%	Cumulative progress to date: 17%	Target for the life of the project: 10%	% of progress towards target: 170%
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Notes: The result includes 910 participants from the baseline neighborhoods that have participated in different activities with the Universidad Pontificia Bolivariana (UPB), 237 representatives of productive units or small businesses that have participated in the activities for the recovery of market systems, and 8,854 people of houses visited with the campaign of “My House as a Safe Space”.

Indicator 1: OFDA1 % of community members involved in project design and implementation	Target this quarter: 10%	Progress this quarter: 17%	Cumulative Target: 10%	Cumulative progress to date: 17%	Target for the life of the project: 10%	% of progress towards target: 170%
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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.

SECTOR 1: Risk Management Policy and Practices

Indicator 2: OFDA2 Score of involvement by community-based organizations in the design and implementation of 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: 60%
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Notes: This indicator responds to a scale described in the OFDA Urban Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) Custom Indicators and is not an absolute number. This indicator is the average of criteria (established in the scale) that the CBOs fulfill, according to the evaluation made by our implementing partner (Universidad Pontificia Bolivariana).

Indicator 3: OFDA3 Scale of local government involvement in the DRR project	Target this quarter: 5	Progress this quarter: 5	Cumulative Target: 5	Cumulative progress to date: 5	Target for life of project: 5	% of progress towards target: 100%
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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: 77%	Cumulative Target: 70%	Cumulative progress to date: 77%	Target for life of project: 70%	% of progress towards target: 77%
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Notes: 56% of the people are women (73% in Policy and Planning, 54% in “My House as a Safe Space”, and 49% in Economic Recovery Market System (ERMS)), 6% are persons with disabilities, 20% are young people and 13% approximately are elderly people.

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: 0	Progress this quarter: 257	Cumulative Target: 1,000	Cumulative progress to date: 1,280	Target for life of project: 1,000	% of progress towards target: 128%
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Notes: Having already met the target, the Program expected to work solely with previous participants. This quarter’s progress refers to participants in the two *replica* neighborhoods.

Indicator 6: CRRP 1.3 Number of communities and stakeholders involved in the development of plans, policies, and strategies.	Target this quarter: 0	Progress this quarter: 16	Cumulative Target: 48	Cumulative progress to date: 86	Target for life of project: 48	% of progress towards target: 179%
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Notes: Having already met the goal, the Program did not set a quarterly target. The progress refers to the involvement of representatives or members of 16 new organizations that participated in the Community Response Protocol, Evacuation Routes and Neighborhoods’ Risk Reduction Plans.

Indicator 1: CRRP5 Number of private sector partners supporting DRR activities in Medellin	Target this quarter: 0	Progress this quarter: 6	Cumulative Target: 20	Cumulative progress to date: 27	Target for life of project: 20	% of progress towards target: 135%
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Notes: As the previous quarter completed the set target, progress this quarter highlights new partnerships including donations of housing and construction materials for *communas* 1 and 8, gardening materials for workshops around the hazard mitigation construction works, and a partnership with a microfinance organization that is promoting savings and credit for the commercial sector of these neighborhoods.

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: 0	Progress this quarter: 6	Cumulative Target: 220	Cumulative progress to date: 227	Target for life of project: 220	% of progress towards target: 114%
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Notes: This result includes 200 small business of the neighborhoods and 27 private sector organizations.

Indicator 3: CRRP 2.3 Percentage of businesses in the target business category in the program area incorporated into project activities.	Target this quarter: 0%	Progress this quarter: 0%	Cumulative Target: 33%	Cumulative progress to date: 100%	Target for life of project: 33%	% of progress towards target: 100%
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Notes: Activities under this indicator were completed the previous quarter.

Brief Sector Narrative:

During this quarter, two neighborhood fairs were held in the *communas* 1 and 8 in which the neighbors and public and private institutions actively participated. The *replica* neighborhoods finished prioritizing activities through participatory mapping that identified risks and analyzed their causes. All four target neighborhoods continued editing their knowledge and risk reduction plans; introduced them to different municipal entities; and participated in two courses about project design based on the priorities identified on the neighborhoods plans. As the program enters the systematization and dissemination phase, we have conducted different workshops share experience with DAGRD, Municipal Council, Municipal Secretariats, national organizations and other municipalities.

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: 90%	Progress this quarter: 99%	Cumulative Target: 90%	Cumulative progress to date: 99%	Target for life of project: 90%	% of progress towards target: 99%
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Notes: The Program has continued testing the households on principles that were explained in the “My House as a Safe Space” booklet through a 10-question game. If the correct answers were more than 50%, the final result was positive. The participants earned an average score of nine correct answers out of 10. 99% of the households answered more than 50% of the questions correctly.

Indicator 2: CRRP 3.1 Number of shelters incorporating DRR measures	Target this quarter: 50	Progress this quarter: 52	Cumulative Target: 50	Cumulative progress to date: 52	Target for life of project: 50	% of progress towards target: 104%
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Notes:

Ayuda Humanitaria Corporation completed housing improvements in 50 houses (roofs, gutters, and structural reinforcement) and two commercial establishments (electrical systems). The Social Institute for Housing and Habitat (ISVIMED) contributed to further improvements for five of the household works for families who were evacuated earlier. The partnership between the Program and the municipality demonstrated the benefits of the Program’s work as its involvement led to improvements in the conditions of overcrowded homes, as the town had originally planned to construct smaller households.

Brief Sector Narrative:

The 52 interventions in housing were distributed as follows: Santo Domingo Savio No. 1 (17), Commitment (9), Llanaditas (12), El Pinal (14). Additionally, 20 workshops promoting good building practices, and the proper use, care, and ownership of mitigation works were completed. Moreover, with the support of the UPB, “My House as a Safe Space” was evaluated to explore whether families retain knowledge three months after the visit. 342 participating households in January, February, and March were evaluated, with 99% of the households correctly answering more than five of 10 questions about the contents of the booklet. Two videos were also produced with programmatic funds to disseminate the strategy of “My House as Safe Space”: the first showing the experience of the

facilitators, while the second was an animation of the booklet, used to invite participants to review the booklet “My House as a Safe Space”, which will be available on the websites of organizations supported by the program. Currently, the Program is working to upload the “My Home as a Safe Space” booklet onto the DAGRD website and the videos onto the mayoral office’s official site.

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: 0	Progress this quarter: \$18,432	Cumulative Target: \$8,000	Cumulative progress to date: \$55,160	Target for life of project: \$8,000	% of progress towards target: 690%
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Notes: The total amount channeled directly into the neighborhoods corresponds to: snacks offered during the workshops, salaries of 16 community agents contracted for the campaign “My House as a Safe Space”, materials used in the workshops to promote better building practices, materials used in the hazard mitigation works, and publications in the neighborhood’s local media outlets.

Brief Sector Narrative:

During the previous quarter, FENALCO finished the intervention process with all of the businesses selected in the neighborhoods to strengthen skills in DRR and business continuity.

Key Outputs:

- 104% of the targeted of house improvements achieved.
- Two neighborhood fairs with about 1,000 visitors.

Analysis of Progress:

The program has made great advances in most of the proposed activities. During this quarter, 234 participants of "My House as Safe Space" were visited and asked about their satisfaction with Program’s activities:

- 96% Compliance agreements with community
- 97% Perception around Preparation
- 95% Apprenticeships for risk management
- 90% Reduction of risks at houses and in business
- 95% Overall satisfaction

All activities planned for the quarter were accomplished. Adjustments will be made in the work plan to include activities to be developed in the framework of the six-month extension of the program.

Collaboration/Coordination:

The program is entering its final phase, which requires strengthening relations with implementing partners and participating entities, focusing on issues of governance and sustainability with organizations and participants of the four neighborhoods, as well as defining contract extensions to implementing partners.

New Developments:

- Communications strategy for the promotion of neighborhood plans, training leaders of “My Home as a Safe Space” program and other strategies.
- Support and advocacy for projects formulation by the community, focusing on priorities defined in the neighborhood plans.
- Adoption and implementation of the methodology developed with FENALCO with business continuity plans in the programs funded by the municipality (Economic Development Office) that are being developed FENALCO.

Challenges:

- Strengthen community ownership of the products developed by the program.

- Generate greater commitment of leaders and organizations representing neighborhoods.
- Strengthen public-private partnership agreed in the program and increase its actions in the territory.

Key activities for the upcoming quarter:

Continue the contracts with implementing partners, the UPB and Ayuda Humanitaria Corporation, during the second half of 2016. Through a consulting contract, strengthen the empowerment of business continuity methodology in different programs operated by FENALCO.

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	The community actively participated throughout all phases of the program including risk identification and the analysis of the definition of mitigation works conducted in the neighborhoods. Particularly, the program promoted the premise under Law 1523 (Colombian Disaster Risk Management System Law) that sets forth that "risk management is everyone's responsibility in the territory". Likewise, besides risk management community committees (formerly known as Emergency Neighborhood Committees), different kinds of community organizations have participated favoring collective and inter-sectoral collaboration, and community recognition of different risk management factors and actors (senior citizens, youth, and women groups, as well as healthcare, environmental, social inclusion, human rights, community action, and local management committees, among others). The participation of the commercial sector may be seen as a risk-management non-traditional actor within the neighborhood context. The program included a strategy based on behavioral changes on the three sectors: involving nontraditional o CBOs on DRR policies and practices (including business sector) and through the campaign My Home as a Safe Space.
Governability	Local government entities, community action boards and management committees have, to varying degrees, all participated in processes under the policy and planning component. ISVIMED was particularly active in co-financing projects (five housing improvements and three eco-gardens). Another government program, Solidarity Medellin, contributed in the implementation of "My Home as a Safe Space" by identifying beneficiary families located in the most vulnerable sectors. DAGRD promoted dialogue between business owners to design plans mutually benefitting each other. It is important to generate more spaces for participation and transferring experience from municipal offices to the city bureaus working on those issues directly, such as the Economic Development Secretariat.
Social Inclusion	The program has been able to include the vulnerable population in its activities particularly in the policy and planning sector, where female participation has been overwhelming, as well as the participation of senior citizen and youth, which has favored intergenerational dialogue that recognizes risk conditions in the neighborhoods. It is important to highlight the effort of the technical team to adjust work methodologies to allow the participation of larger parts of the communities, regardless of their educational backgrounds, particularly taking into account the conditions of these popular sectors and the conditions of citizens with disabilities. The incorporation of the commercial sector has contributed to its recognition as integral part of the community with an important risk management role.
Sustainability	Neighborhood plans have been built with the community, and the UPB has initiated trainings to teach neighborhood leaders how to design projects based on priorities identified in previous neighborhood plans. Also, the Protocol Response drills within the early-alert framework in the city generated a direct dialogue between local authorities and the community to identify each one's risk management responsibilities. Although there is merchant recognition in the neighborhoods from risk management community committees, the articulation of these work spaces is still in its early stages, particularly due to the low associativity levels of the commercial sector in the neighborhoods and their low participation in community planning and dialogue spaces. Mitigation works and "My Home as a Safe Space" are based on community regular and day-to-day needs. The participation of the City Neighborhood Committees in "My Home as a Safe Space" workshops raises awareness and interest from communities in other neighborhoods. Family participation in the improvement of their housing units (contributing labor) particularly favors the appropriation of construction best practices and serves as an example to neighbors. Finally, the promotion of public-private alliances around RRD has contributed to raising awareness and encouraging the private sector to actively participate in these issues.