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# STRENGTHENING PEACE THROUGH CIVIL SOCIETY INITIATIVES AT THE COMMUNITY LEVEL

## Fifth Quarter Status Report

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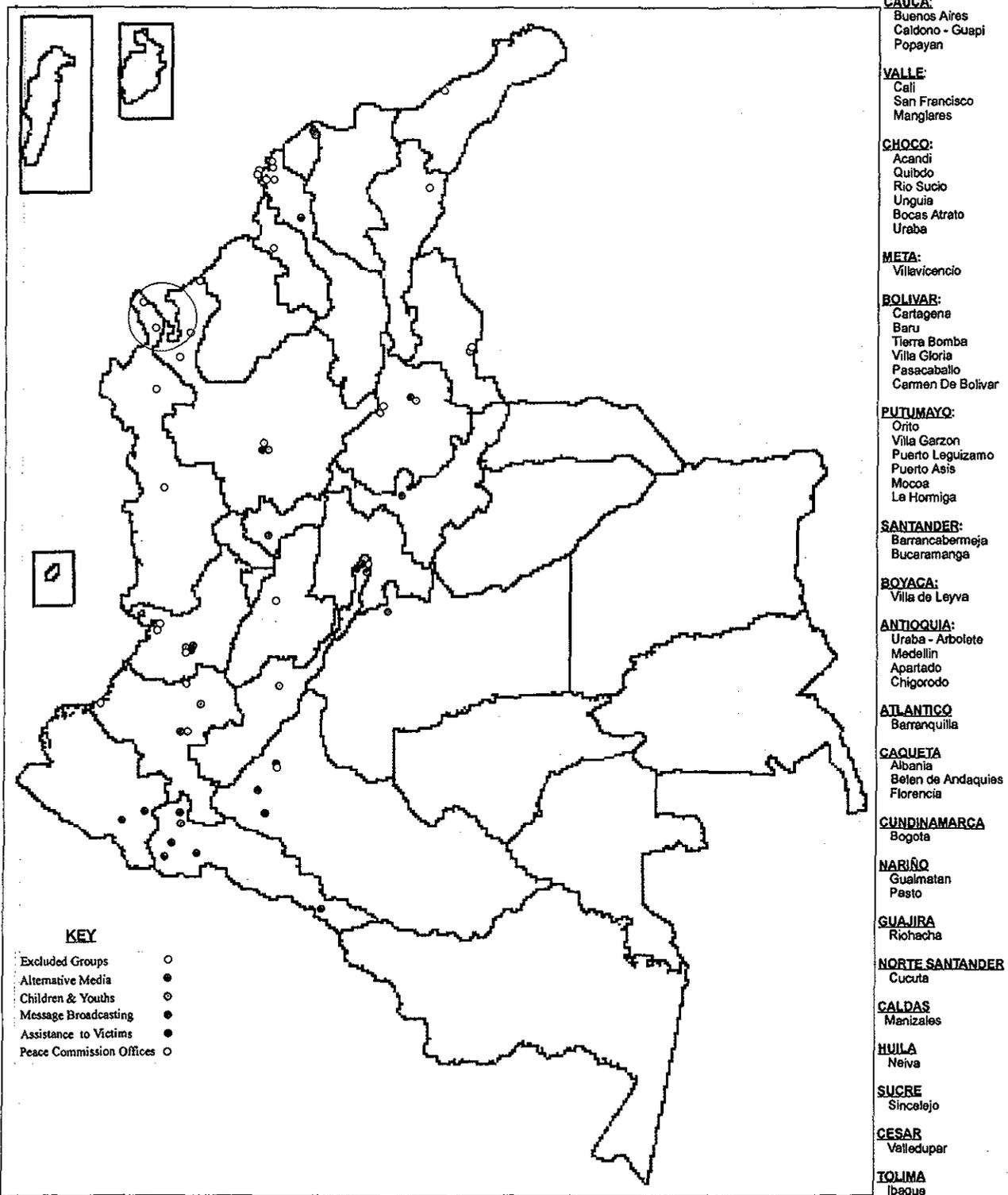


*Photos from the Radio Andaki project in Belén de los Andaquíes, Caquetá in the country's southern area*

# I. SUMMARY

As of the end of the year 2001, the Strengthening Peace through Civil Society Initiatives (hereafter Peace Grants) had approved 25 projects, which are benefiting directly 19,322 persons and indirectly a further 90,851. According to a central goal outlined at the beginning of the program, an effort has been made to ensure that project activities reach isolated and underattended areas and populations; the geographic coverage of the Peace Grants program extends to 20 departments and 48 municipalities (direct impact), as demonstrated below :

Map : Geographic Distribution of Peace Grants Projects



The program has continued to develop activities in 6 broad strategic areas; the three projects approved during this quarter contribute to peace initiatives with groups excluded from development and peace processes, specifically with ex – combatant women and African Colombian communities. The geographic location of different strategy lines is shown in the map on the previous page; financially, the distribution between lines is roughly equal, as indicated in the graph below:

Chart 1: Financial Distribution between Categories

As of the end of the reporting period, financial obligations amounted to US \$1,161,898 to projects or 96% of the budgeted amount for sub-grants (Peace Grants Fund). A single project – one that aims to support to victims and family members of kidnapping and raise awareness in society at large – is on the pipeline for the sixth quarter, with an estimated budget of 25,000 USD.

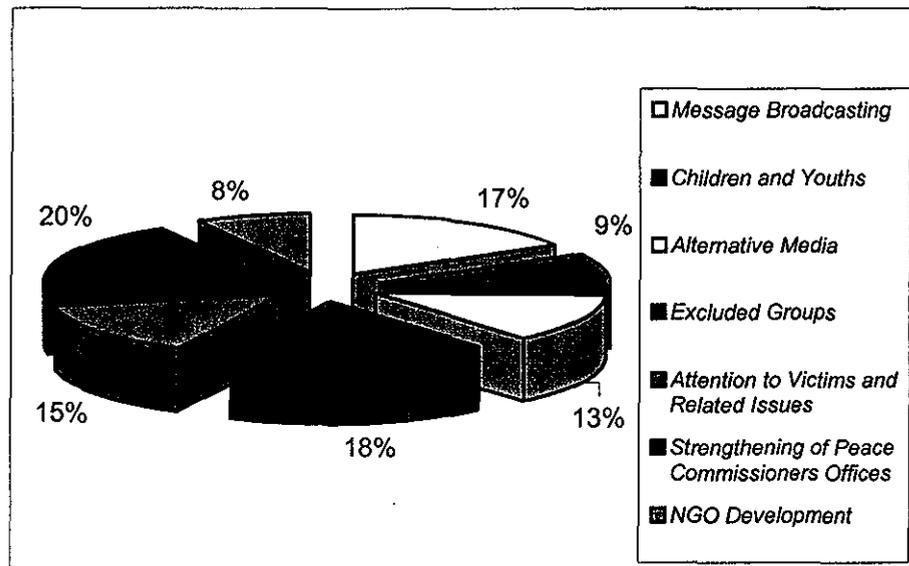


Table 1: Impact Summary – Approved Projects

TITLE	DIRECT BENS	INDIRECT BENS	STRATEGY	THEMES	LONG-TERM IMPACT
<b>Guides on Municipal Development</b>	8,432 Muncipal Authorities, NGOs, and sight-impaired persons	4,300 Secondary Users	Message Broadcasting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Governance</li> <li>✓ Civic Education</li> <li>✓ Decentralization</li> </ul>	174,000 Readers/Listeners of the Popular Format Guide
<b>Conflict Resolution Documentaries</b>	5,028 Directly involved Youth	20,000 Benefited Community Members	Message Broadcasting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Peace Initiatives</li> <li>✓ Conflict Resolution</li> <li>✓ Children-at-risk in Conflict</li> </ul>	1,800,000 Viewers according to ratings
<b>Cultura Callejera para Salir de la Hoguera</b>	35 Child Artists	750 Theater Audience	Children and Youths	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Peace Initiatives</li> <li>✓ Children-at-risk in conflict</li> <li>✓ Community Strengthening</li> </ul>	6000 CD listeners
<b>Support to Community Media Stations</b>	110 Trained Persons	290 Members of benefited Radio Stations	Alternative Media	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Peace Initiatives</li> <li>✓ Media Training</li> <li>✓ Alternative Media</li> </ul>	35,900 Radio Listeners
<b>Web Site for Conflict and Peace News</b>	1,000 Journalist Members	1,000 Regular users	Alternative Media	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Peace Initiatives</li> <li>✓ Alternative Media</li> <li>✓ Media Training</li> </ul>	5,000 Occasional Users

<b>Conflict Information Management Workshops for University Students</b>	165 Students and Professors	Other students benefit from improved teaching	Alternative Media	✓ Peace Initiatives ✓ Alternative Media ✓ Community Strengthening	Improved Journalism in the Future
<b>Community Radio Andaquí</b>	55 Trained Media Workers and Volunteers	54 Members of participating grassroots NGOs	Alternative Media	✓ Peace Initiatives ✓ Alternative Media ✓ Community Strengthening	80,000 Radio Listeners
<b>Youth Leadership Activities</b>	950 Children and Youths	3,370 Members of participating families	Children and Youth	✓ Peace Initiatives ✓ Children-at-risk in conflict ✓ Community Strengthening	Improved relationship between IDP and Resident Families
<b>Pilot Activities to Prevent Recruitment of Child Soldiers</b>	80 Children and youths; 50 NGO representatives	240 Family Members	Children and Youth	✓ Peace Initiatives ✓ Children-at-risk in conflict	1000 Bulletin and/or documentary beneficiaries
<b>Memory and Peace Murals</b>	15 young painters	150 participants in "street workshops"	Children and Youth	✓ Peace Initiatives ✓ Children-at-risk in conflict ✓ Community Strengthening	2000 community members in neighborhoods with murals
<b>The Other Traces Of War: Civil Society Response to Violence Affected Persons</b>	200 leaders in the area of psychosocial assistance	1,200 community members viewers of the exhibitions	Children and Youth	✓ Peace Initiatives ✓ Children-at-risk in conflict	3000 children receiving psychosocial assistance currently
<b>Demobilization and Reintegration Stories: Television Special</b>	50 former combatants	200 former combatants in NGOs, 250 children ex-combatants	Message Broadcasting	✓ Peace Initiatives ✓ Civil Society ✓ NGO Development	1,800,000 television viewers, university and school students
<b>Indigenous Justice &amp; Peace Alternatives</b>	1,250 Indigenous persons	2,250 other indigenous persons from 5 ethnic groups	Excluded Groups	✓ Justice ✓ Interethnic/Faith ✓ Human Rights ✓ NGO Development	6.750 Indigenous persons
<b>Young African-Colombian Peace Builders</b>	100 Young persons and their families (500 total)	500 IDP and inner-city youth	Excluded Groups	✓ Civil Society ✓ Children at-risk in conflict	500 young persons
<b>Awareness Campaign On Disappeared Persons.</b>	80 active members	500 family members expected to join Asfaddes	Assistance to Victims and Related Issues	✓ Civil Society ✓ Interethnic/Faith ✓ Human Rights ✓ NGO Development	2.000 other family members of 400 disappeared persons
<b>Information System on Ethnic Minorities</b>	10 representatives of Hemera Foundation	1,500 estimated users of the Website and Database	Excluded Groups	✓ Civil Society ✓ Interethnic/Faith ✓ Human Rights ✓ NGO Development	General public interested in indigenous affairs
<b>Strengthening Justice to Confront Corruption and Human Rights Abuses</b>	250 participants from legal branch	1,000 Persons who receive the HR report.	Assistance to Victims and Related Issues	✓ Justice ✓ Transparency /anti-corruption ✓ Civic Education	3.000 audience of report (through multi-media diffusion)
<b>Support to National Week for Peace</b>	50 Representatives from NGOs	5,000 viewers	NGO Development	✓ Civil Society ✓ NGO Development ✓ Peace Initiatives	Colombia
<b>Institutional Strengthening of Peace Commission Offices</b>	100 Government and Civil Society Representatives	5,000 beneficiaries of pilot projects	Institutional Strengthening of Peace Commission Offices	✓ Peace Initiatives ✓ Governance ✓ Conflict Resolution	Colombia

<b>Support to Women and Victims of Sexual Violence in the context of armed conflict</b>	100 health and public officials, representatives from NGOs working with women	400 recipients of trainer's manual	Assistance to Victims and Related Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Human Rights</li> <li>✓ Civil Society</li> <li>✓ Peace Initiatives</li> </ul>	1,000 recipients of National Directory
<b>Local Action to Prevent Landmine Accidents and Raise Awareness</b>	150 Municipal officers	10,000 at-risk persons receive information of mines; victims receive improved assistance	Assistance to Victims and Related Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Human Rights</li> <li>✓ Mine Awareness</li> <li>✓ Peace Initiatives</li> <li>✓</li> </ul>	200,000 TV viewers and radio listeners of campaigns
<b>Community Radio Stations in Putumayo La Onda de Paz</b>	125 regular participants in Community Radios	2,500 benefited through sporadic participation	Alternative Media	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Peace Initiatives</li> <li>✓ Alternative Media</li> <li>✓ Community Strengthening</li> </ul>	20,000 listeners
<b>New African Colombian Communities – Organization and Conflict Resolution</b>	120 leaders	30,000 residents in newly-titled lands	Excluded Groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Peace Initiatives</li> <li>✓ Community Strengthening</li> <li>✓ Interethnic/Faith</li> </ul>	--
<b>Strengthening of Network of Ex – Combatant Women</b>	117 active members	397 participants in project activities	Excluded Groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ NGO Strengthening</li> <li>✓ Peace Initiatives</li> <li>✓ Civil Society</li> </ul>	--
<b>African Colombians – Joint Project on Conflict, Ethnicity and Peace</b>	300 NGO workers and project participants	--	Excluded Groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Peace Initiatives</li> <li>✓ NGO Strengthening</li> <li>✓ Interethnic/Faith</li> </ul>	500,000 in audience of visibility campaign
<b>Totals</b>	<b>19,322</b>	<b>90,851</b>			

## II. GENERAL STRATEGY REVISITED: CIVIL SOCIETY BUILDING & MEDIA EFFORTS

The Peace Grants program takes on the dual challenge of sponsoring projects that promise a rapid, innovative and tangible impact as well as longer-term benefits that outlive the USAID/IOM intervention. During the first year of implementation, programmatic focus prioritized the process of identification, favoring those projects that stood on their own; i.e. projects that themselves are valid peace initiatives, which positively influence participants, indirect beneficiaries, host communities and Colombian society – independent of the longer term objectives of institutional strengthening, future changes in attitudes, improvements in the “climate for peace,” etc.

In the second year of implementation, the Program has been able to look more closely at the issue of sustainability, defined in several ways outlined below and explained in more detail in Section III:

- ✓ The continuation of project activities beyond the intervention sponsored by the Peace Grants Program
- ✓ Capacity-building of the sponsored organization, demonstrated through increased geographical or programmatic coverage, access to additional donors, improved networks with other civil society entities and enhanced technical and human resources
- ✓ Development and application of proven and effective models for peace promotion; sistematization and dissemination of lessons learned.

As the program team endeavors to provide assistance for sustaining project activities and impact, it becomes increasingly important to place project activities within a larger framework of the civil society-led peace processes or *Movimiento Ciudadano para la Paz* in Colombia. It is worthwhile to revisit the program strategy in light of selected projects in order to go beyond an analysis of whether the projects obtained the intended results – built capacity, enhanced citizen participation, provided alternative media outlets, etc – to explore how these results contribute to the Program's overall objective of promoting peace. To this end, the expected benefits of civil society strengthening, message broadcasting and alternative media are explored briefly below.

In the area of peace promotion, the goal of strengthening civil society<sup>1</sup> has been approached on two levels. First, through sponsorship of several projects which provide opportunities to already established national NGOs, like Medios para la Paz and REDEPAZ, to explore new areas of activity and/or to expand their reach. Second, at the local level and in more easily delineated contexts, the Peace Grants program works with smaller NGOs and organized groups. In these cases, the expected benefits of civil society strengthening are – in the everyday non-governmental sense – political, but also aim to impact the prevailing mentality among participants and host communities. Here, capacity-building with NGOs aims to "...encourage citizens to respond actively to problems that concern them; and, through such response, to build – or rebuild – a civil society: a society in which ordinary citizens trust each other, organize voluntarily to achieve common ends, expect local government to respond to their needs, and participate generally in the public life of the community."

In the strategic lines that work with excluded groups – including ethnic minorities, women, children and youths – civil society strengthening proves particularly important insofar as it provides minorities with a "...voice which is not otherwise available in the majority-dominated official political process."

Through activities sponsored in the areas of Message Broadcasting and Alternative Media, the Peace Grants program contributes to the development of Peace Media and Media Professionalization, defined by the Conflict Prevention Network as follows:

Peace Media uses radio, television, and print journalism to promote peace, to disseminate truthful information or alternate viewpoints that could turn public sentiment toward a peaceful resolution of conflict, or to counter "hate radio." Reconciliation-oriented radio and television programs support conflict prevention and mitigation and counter abuse of the media to incite violence by presenting issues fairly and making available alternative sources of information.

The community radio and television projects sponsored under the Peace Grants program in nine municipalities of Colombia were designed to provide alternative news and perspectives and promote open dialogue at the local level. The potential demonstrated in these projects of local media to catalyze increased community interaction, information-sharing and inter-municipal networking, however, is an equally important output of these initiatives.

Peace Media also refers to the use of media to disseminate specific messages to raise awareness and dispel rumors on issues closely-linked to the conflict; in the Peace Grants Program, media is used to

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<sup>1</sup> Civil society is defined as "...the political space between the individual and government, expressed by membership in NGOs, social groups, associations, and other organizations which may, among other activities, advocate political positions on behalf of their members." This definition and others in the document related to peace promotion, peace media and media professionalization were taken from the Internet site of the Conflict Prevention Network (CPN) sponsored by Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik on December 13, 2001: [www.caii.net/ghai/toolbox4.htm](http://www.caii.net/ghai/toolbox4.htm)

broadcast messages in some 5 projects, including: Conflict Resolution Documentaries, the Observatorio para la Paz Movie, the project with a NGO of family-members of disappeared persons, the Joint Project with African Colombian NGOs, and the Mine Awareness campaigns.

A related category of peace-promotion is media professionalization, defined as:

[Media] Professionalization makes the media more independent and improves standards in collecting, editing, reporting and disseminating objective and balanced information. Professionalization measures include journalist training, editorial training, sponsoring joint journalist teams, promoting diversification of media sources, and expanding distribution.

In this area, the Peace Grants program has worked closely with the national NGO Medios para la Paz in its efforts to provide training to university students and professors and to support working journalists by providing them with tools, information, reference data and a forum for Q & A through the Internet.

### III. PROGRESS & PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT OF SUSTAINABILITY

#### Message Broadcasting

Three projects that were specifically developed under this category had been completed by the end of the reporting period; including, the Procomún project that was completed prior to the reporting period; the Conflict Resolution Documentaries, which were finalized with the training of youths in moviemaking and the broadcast of a final documentary, produced by the trainees, at the end of last year; the Observatorio para la Paz movie that was broadcast on December 16 nationally and regional and small-audience showings are scheduled for next year, throughout the country.

Concerning follow-up and sustainability for message broadcasting projects, the most direct kind of sustainability is the continued dissemination of the messages developed with OTI financing. In this regard, follow-up actions in the three abovementioned projects include:

*Procomún:* The popular-format guide developed by Procomún has been well received by local governments, NGOs and communities. The organization was awarded a small-grant from the World Bank to broadcast an educational show, based on the information contained in the popular-format guide, on 10 community radio stations.

*Conflict Resolution Documentaries:* These documentaries were presented as a series: Crónicas de Paz and maintained high ratings – often exceeding 2,000,000 viewers – throughout the period of implementation. The television channel, Telecolombia, which originally contributed to the project by providing free air-time has agreed to pay the production costs for Crónicas de Paz. Presently, the series is supporting the initiatives of several NGOs sponsored by OTI and USAID to raise awareness on their activities and/or mission by dedicating shows to projects such as CONFEPAZ, an NGO comprised by war-handicapped former combatants from the insurgent and GOC military forces.



Conflict Resolution Documentaries

*Observatorio para la Paz:* Alongside the projected means of dissemination through television and small-audience viewings in Colombia, the movie will be aired on public television in Spain in the early part of 2002 and will participate in a competition held in Holland for movies with social impact.

Although no new message broadcasting projects per se are likely to be approved under the Peace Grants program, it is worth noting that this component has been incorporated into six other projects: the Cultura



**Demobilization and Reintegration Stories:  
Television Special**

Callejera para Salir de la Hoguera in which the produced CDs have been distributed widely to regional and local radio stations; the Pilot Activities to Prevent Recruitment of Child Soldiers project through the production of bi-monthly bulletins and a documentary; the ASFADDES project in the awareness-raising components; the campaign for Mine Awareness led by Justapaz and the Presidential Office of Human Rights; the book on Women in Combat and Peace to be developed by the Network of Ex – combatant Women; and the Joint Project on Conflict, Ethnicity and Peace,

which includes a visibility campaign on African Colombian society vis-a-vis the conflict and peace processes in Colombia.

### Children and Youth

Children and Youth comprise the target group in five projects, of which two were completed by the end of this year (Cultura Callejera, Youth Leadership Activities in Florencia) and three will be completed in the first quarter of 2002. The ongoing projects include the Coalition Against the Recruitment of Child Soldiers project, which has completed workshops with at-risk youths and with institutions that work with these children and will produce a final edition of the bulletin and a documentary on prevention in the next quarter, and the Memory and Peace Murals project in Cali, Valle del Cauca, which has been extended with a small budgetary addition of 2,000 dollars to paint new murals on a pedestrian bridge in Cali. The illustrated book of the mural project – accompanied by the stories and histories behind each mural – will be produced in the next quarter also. Finally, the Fundación Dos Mundos project on the effects of violence on children and civil society responses has completed all planned activities and will prepare a compilation of psychosocial support experiences, gathered in each city where the project was carried out.



**Pilot Activities to Prevent  
Recruitment of Child Soldiers**

In terms of follow-up and sustainability, the Florencia project, with a budget of some 3,000 US dollars, proved to be a catalyst for strong support to these youths in marginal and under-attended neighborhoods of the city. The Mayors Office, the Colombian Institute for Family Welfare and the international NGO, Diakonia, have each contributed financially to projects for these youths, including the establishment of youth clubs, psychosocial accompaniment, the construction of a small theater and vocational training center and technical training in carpentry. IOM's program for post-emergency assistance to IDPs has also continued to work with these youths and brought them into contact with local NGOs.

The project with CCT has been followed-up with numerous concerts and official presentations of the rap groups, including one in a national conference sponsored by the Ministry of Culture, called: "Culture Declares Peace in Colombia" held in Mompoix in December of last year.

Although the Peace and Memory Murals project is not finished and it is too early to assess the impact, it is worth mentioning the support of the local Club San Fernando, in materials for a 16<sup>th</sup> mural, as a positive reaction from the community to the project.



USAID Visit to  
Memory and Peace Murals

### Alternative Media

The four alternative media projects identified in the first phase of the Peace Grants program had been completed by the end of 2001; based on the positive experiences with community radio, a fifth project was approved in September of this year. The Putumayo Radio project, implemented by the Association for Development of the Amazonian Region (ADA, for its Spanish initials) has contracted and oriented the project team, visited selected municipalities, socialized the project and prepared an inventory of necessary purchases for each radio station.

The Medios para la Paz project is a good example of the second criteria for sustainability: demonstrated capacity-building. Medios has expanded in membership from 400 to 700 journalists and created a student group with 60 further members. The organization has received positive press nationally and internationally. Regarding specific project activities, it is worth noting that the Medios Website has received more than 16,000 visitors and continues to increase its monthly averages as the site becomes better known. For the year 2002, the web site will continue to receive financial assistance from USAID Mission to Colombia. The workshops with university students (which included participants from local media stations) resulted in the creation of the student group mentioned above, but also provided Medios with valuable experience allowing them to obtain a donation from the Belgian Embassy to carry out a series of workshops with community media stations.

The sustainability of the Fundación Multicolor project should result from the new membership of 56 stations to the SIPAZ (Information System for Peace Network). Their continued participation in the network will be reviewed periodically. Fundación Multicolor also benefited from increased networking with other sub-grantees of the Peace Grants Program: Medios para la Paz has contracted with the organization to facilitate workshops for community media agents and the Canadian Government is providing them with funds to systematize the experiences of another Peace Grants project: Radio Andaki. Radio Andaki has exceeded expectations in terms of community participation, trainees and programming: the project has become so popular with local schools that groups of children and youths are now on a waiting list for a timeslot.



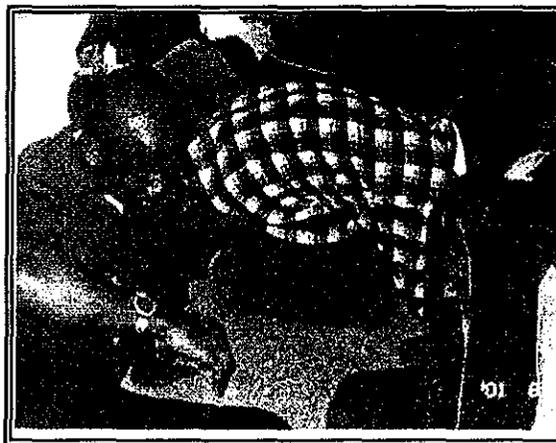
Community Radio Andaquí

## Work with Groups Excluded from Development and Peace Processes



**Indigenous Justice & Peace Alternatives**

In support of a larger ethnic minority, African Colombians, the Program is working with the established NGO, Taller de Vida, to provide psychosocial assistance and community-building support to a group of 100 African Colombian youths and their families in the marginal neighborhoods of Bogotá. The Program also approved a project to build capacity in local leadership in newly-titled collective lands along the Pacific Coast of Colombia. According to the 1991 Constitution, black communities may receive land from the Government of Colombia under collective titles; however, little attention has been paid to consolidating these communities, preventing conflict between ethnic groups, as well as between newcomers and established residents. The last project to be approved in the area of peace promotion among and by African Colombians was designed to bring together several NGOs for a joint project to increase awareness on the effect of conflict on black communities and the peace initiatives originating from these groups. Also approved in the last quarter, the Peace Grants program is working with the Network of Ex-Combatant Women to legalize and consolidate their organization and expand their activities.

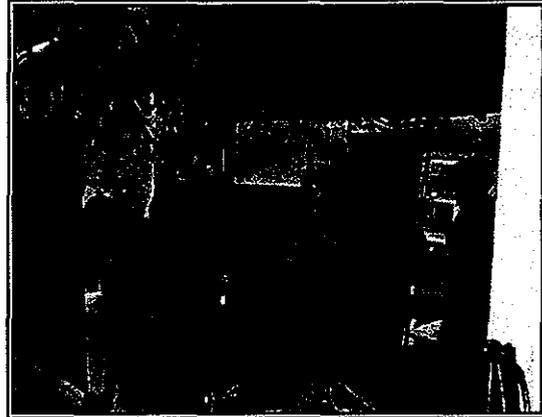


**Young African-Colombian Peace Builders**

The one completed project in this category – Information System on Ethnic Minorities – is receiving financial assistance from USAID Mission to add new databases and expand the existing ones. One anecdote that demonstrates the potential for impact of the project started with a phone call from a woman from Guaviare who had visited the web site. This woman had recently inherited farmland that is located at the entrance to an indigenous reserve in this department. The woman explained that the indigenous communities traveled through the land to get to the Reserve and to get water from a river located within this woman's land. Her family was in the process of selling the land, but the woman was concerned that a new landowner would prohibit use of the land to the indigenous communities. She contacted Hemera to request information on how to protect the rights of these communities in a sale or donation of the land. Also, Hemera reports that they have received several calls from university students and young professionals in the area of anthropology who want to intern, volunteer or work with the organization. A Delegate of Indigenous Affairs in the Amazonian region wrote to Hemera congratulating the organization for devising the means to provide information to ethnic minorities without requiring the usual and expensive trip to Bogotá; she wrote: "Hurray for the decentralization of information."

### Assistance to Victims and Related Issues

Four projects have been approved under this line, of which one was completed prior to the reporting period (Strengthening Justice to Confront Corruption and Human Rights Abuses) two are in advanced implementation (ASFADDES and Mine Action Centers) and a fourth started in the latter part of the last quarter (Support to Women Victims of Sexual Violence).



Awareness Campaign On Disappeared Persons  
(Puppet Stages)

ASFADDES has progressed significantly in terms of the specific activities of the project and has more than 500 new cases of disappearance registered in its database. One of the important early impacts of the project has been to strengthen the regional structure of the organization; in particular the Medellín and Barrancabermeja branches have become actively involved in the information campaign and the registry of disappearance cases. The campaign was divided into two types of activity: first a national campaign was designed for television and radio, in coordination with the local branches; to involve these regional offices directly, a set of puppets – introduced in the television campaign – and a collapsible stage were provided to each regional branch to carry out awareness-raising activities with children and youths. The television campaign has been aired extensively on national tv stations ‘A’ and ‘7’ since the beginning of the holiday season; having been granted official status as public announcements, the costs of broadcast of the ASFADDES campaign are covered by the GOC. The radio campaign is scheduled to begin in early 2002.

The Mine Awareness Program, to which the Peace Grants Program provided gap-filling support aimed to make this large-scale project operational, was presented in Miami Florida in December by the focal point from the Presidential Program for Human Rights. Following this presentation, the Organization of the American States has scheduled a delegation to Colombia and several important public events on January 22 and 23 of 2002. The recognition of the international community of the enormity of the incidence of mines in Colombia is key to generating more financial assistance to address the problem.



Institutional Strengthening of Peace Commission  
Offices (Workshop in Bogotá)

### Support to Peace Commissioners

To date, IOM has signed framework agreements with the Governor’s Offices in the departments selected for this project; later, peace commissioners from Cauca, Antioquia, Santander and Bolivar participated in a workshop in Bogotá (November) to select the technical assistant to be assigned to their departments, share experiences with the other commissioners, discuss criteria for the pilot projects and design the Conflict Prevention and Transformation workshops jointly with the contracted NGO, INDEPAZ. In Huila, the first pilot project has been selected and signed with a local NGO called UNIR, which will develop activities aiming to reduce conflict between IDPs and receptor communities in Neiva.

Finally, the REDEPAZ project, dedicated to increasing visibility and capacity in local peace-promotion NGOs, was completed prior to the start of the reporting period, pending the official presentation of the CD-ROM on local peace initiatives to be carried out in January 2002.

#### IV. STATUS OF BUDGETARY IMPLEMENTATION

Through the end of the fifth quarter of activities, the Peace Grants Program expended 800,052 US Dollars, distributed among the following budget lines:

*Table 2: Program Financial Data*

Budget Line	Expense Description	Total Expenses	Line Balance
<b>Staff and Office Costs</b>	Full-time contracts for field officer; part-time contracts project coordinator and administrative officer; office supplies	73,649	57,151
<b>Operational Costs</b>	Per Diem and air travel	6,629	14,250
<b>Peace Grants Fund</b>	First and subsequent disbursements to 24 projects	647,042	552,301
<b>IOM Overhead</b>	10% over Lines A.B & C	72,732	62,370
<b>Fourth Quarter Cumulative Total</b>		<b>800,052</b>	<b>686,072</b>
<b>Total Budget (Expenses and Balance)</b>		<b>1,500,000</b>	

The following table summarizes the status of budgetary implementation of each project. It is important to note that upon closing a project, the obligated amount is modified to be equal to the total disbursed amount. According to changes in the exchange rate, funds disbursed in US dollars tend to be slightly lower than those budgeted at the time of approval. Also, taxes paid during project implementation are included in the obligated amount, but subtracted from this number as these are reimbursed to the project by the Government of Colombia. Both of these processes have resulted in a lower total obligated amount than foreseen, making available funds for new projects and follow-up with existing ones in the next quarter.

*Financial Summary Approved projects*

Project Code	Title	Organization	PG Budget	Total Budget	Disbursed
001	<b>Guides on Municipal Development</b>	Corporación Promotora de las Comunidades Municipales de Colombia (PROCOMUN)	33,274	41,280	33,274
002	<b>Conflict Resolution Documentaries</b>	Unidad Investigativa	46,280	63,640	38,396
003	<b>Cultura Callejera para Salir de la Hoguera</b>	Corporación Colombiana de Cultura	16,579	25,000	16,579
004	<b>Support to Community Media Stations</b>	Colombia Multicolor Foundation	24,900	48,400	18,455
005	<b>Web Site for Conflict and Peace News</b>	Medios para la Paz	18,386	95,615	18,386
006	<b>Conflict Information Management Workshops for University Students</b>	Medios para la Paz	26,495	23,050	26,495
007	<b>Community Radio Andakí</b>	COMUNARTE	27,234	35,994	27,234
008	<b>Youth Leadership Activities</b>	Florencia Youth Clubs	3,041	9,730	3,041
009	<b>Pilot Activities to Prevent Recruitment of Child Soldiers</b>	Coalition Against the Use of Child Soldiers	40,558	55,143	40,558

010	Memory and Peace Murals	Comisión Vida Justicia y Paz (Catholic Church)	22,351	25,209	20,351
011	The Other Traces of War: Civil Society Response to Violence Affected Persons	Fundación Dos Mundos	26,907	35,143	22,022
012	Demobilization and Reintegration Stories: Television Special	Observatorio para la Paz	58,145	102,490	57,145
013	Indigenous Justice and Peace Alternatives	Fundación Camizba	44,000	49,000	24,158
014	Young African Colombian Peace Builders	Asociación Taller de Vida	39,115	65,156	33,095
015	Awareness Campaign on Disappeared Persons	Asfaddes	52,352	57,995	35,170
016	Information System on Ethnic Minorities	Fundación Hemera	12,000	13,808	12,000
017	Strengthening Justice to Confront Corruption & Human Rights Abuses	Corporación Excelencia en la Justicia	24,013	25,770	24,013
018	Support to National Week for Peace	Redepaz	43,563	46,527	43,563
019	Strengthening of Peace Commissioners' Offices	Peace Commission Offices and local NGOs	251,151	300,000	28,953
020	Support to Women Victims of Sexual Violence in the Context of Armed Conflict	National Nurses Association Antioquia (ANEC)	49,710	52,403	20,151
021	Local Action to Prevent Landmine Accidents and Raise Awareness	Justapaz	56,370	68,553	34,011
022	Community Radio Stations in Putumayo: La Onda de Paz	Association for Development of the Amazon (ADA)	88,067	118,316	28,806
023	New African Colombian Communities – Organization and Conflict Resolution	National Council of Black Communities	31,610	40,814	18,990
024	Strengthening of Network of Ex – Combatant Women	Network of Ex – Combatant Women	30,052	59,019	0
025	African Colombians: Joint Project on Ethnicity, Conflict and Peace	Black Communities Education Committee	73,549	82,173	0
	Assembly for Peace	Asamblea Permanente de la Sociedad Civil por la Paz	22,196	27,335	22,196
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>1,161,898</b>	<b>1,567,563</b>	<b>647,042</b>

**V. SIXTH QUARTER PLAN OF ACTION: January 1 – March 31 2002**

During the sixth quarter a final project, under the strategic line for Assistance to Victims and Related Issues, will be developed; given approval, project identification would close with a total of 26 projects and 1,186,898 USD in obligated funds. The remaining 25,061 will be kept in reserve through the end of the sixth quarter to allow for the program to respond to emerging needs of ongoing projects, small extensions, etc.

Regarding project implementation, the Peace Grants team will focus efforts on the two umbrella projects approved in the last semester of 2001 in which IOM plays a more direct role in ensuring project delivery: Support to Peace Commissioners and African Colombians: Joint Project on Ethnicity, Conflict and Peace.

During the last two quarters of program implementation (April 1 – September) the Peace Grants team will be dedicated to implementing an exit strategy aimed at providing each project with the technical assistance and contacts necessary to continue project activities beyond the intervention sponsored by USAID.

**Annex I: Project Status Summaries**

001

<b>Title:</b>	Guides on Municipal Development	<b>Coverage:</b>	National
<b>Strategy:</b>	Message Broadcasting	<b>Duration:</b>	5 Months (Extended for Distribution)
<b>Direct Beneficiaries:</b>	8432 Municipal Authorities, NGOs & Sight-Impaired Citizens	<b>Indirect Bens:</b>	4300 Secondary Users
<b>Diluted Impact:</b>	174.000 Readers/Listeners of Popular Format Guide	<b>Total Budget:</b>	US \$41,280
<b>Prog. Contribution:</b>	US \$33,226	<b>Disbursement:</b>	US \$33,274
<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	PROCOMUN	<b>Other Partners:</b>	Municipal Governments, Schools for the Blind
<b>Description &amp; Status: (Completed)</b>			
Project completed prior to start of current reporting period.			

<b>Title:</b>	Conflict Resolution Documentaries	<b>Coverage:</b>	Direct impact in Popayán, Villavicencio, Barranquilla, Manizales and Bogotá
<b>Strategy:</b>	Message Broadcasting	<b>Duration:</b>	7 Months
<b>Direct Beneficiaries:</b>	5,028 At-risk persons (mostly youths) directly involved in resolution processes	<b>Indirect Bens:</b>	20,000 Community members benefit from reduced conflict in neighborhoods
<b>Diluted Impact:</b>	Between 1.8 and 2.4 million television viewers watch the documentaries, according to ratings	<b>Total Budget:</b>	US \$63,640
<b>Prog. Contribution:</b>	US \$38,396	<b>Disbursement:</b>	US \$38,396
<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	Unidad Investigativa (Gustavo Bolivar)	<b>Other Partners:</b>	Telecolombia (Public TV station)
<b>Description &amp; Status: (Completed)</b>			
<p>Unidad Investigativa has gained access to some of Colombia's most violent neighborhoods and settlements, made easier on account of the popularity of the "reality" soap opera called, "Guerra, Pandillas y Paz." Upon arriving in a new neighborhood, the creative team behind this show establishes contact with the groups in conflict to start a resolution process, which is filmed and aired on national television.</p> <p>To date, 10 shows have been filmed in 5 cities, including 3 in Popayán, 2 in Villavicencio, 1 in Barranquilla, 1 in Manizales and 3 in Bogotá. According to the research company IPOBE, these shows maintained consistent ratings of 6 - 8 points, representing an audience of 1,800,000 - 2,400,000 Colombians nation-wide. Activities in Popayán led to the disarmament of 16 gangs and the creation of 4 small businesses, the latter effort sponsored by the Mayor's Office. In Villavicencio, the reconciliation process focused on tensions between violent youths and local business-owners. As a result of the series here, 50 youths were employed to work with local businesses and a further 4 were employed by the Mayor's Office. One show in Barranquilla and another in Bogotá focused instead on the reconciliation efforts carried out by guerrilla and paramilitary prisoners in both cities. Finally, a show in Manizales led to the disarmament of 2 gangs and successful negotiations with the Office of Education to re-admit and support returning students from the gangs. As programmed, a training session with 30 youths and other participants in the shows has been completed successfully.</p> <p>The impact of this project and its continued contribution to local peace efforts is evident in two areas: first, the project will be sustained beyond the intervention of the Peace Grants Program, specifically by the Telecolombia Television Company, on account of its immense popularity with viewers; second, Crónicas de Paz is working with other USAID sponsored projects to increase visibility of these initiatives, such as CONFEPAZ (an NGO for war-handicapped ex combatants from the military and guerrilla forces alike).</p>			

003

<b>Title:</b>	Cultura Callejera para Salir de la Hoguera	<b>Coverage</b>	Bogotá & Urabá
<b>Strategy:</b>	At-Risk Children and Youth	<b>Duration</b>	6 Months
<b>Direct Beneficiaries:</b>	35 Children; 50% African Colombian	<b>Indirect Bens:</b>	750 Audience members of theater performances and family members
<b>Diluted Impact:</b>	6000 CD listeners	<b>Total Budget:</b>	US \$25,000
<b>Prog. Contribution:</b>	US \$16,579	<b>Disbursement:</b>	US \$16,579
<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	Corporación Colombiana de Teatro	<b>Other Partners:</b>	Taller de Vida
<b>Description &amp; Status: (Completed)</b>			
Project completed prior to the start of the current reporting period.			

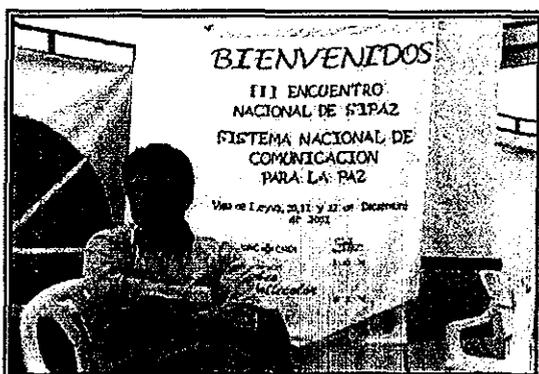
<b>Title:</b>	Support to Community Media Stations	<b>Coverage:</b>	Cacarica, CHOCO; Gualmatán, NARIÑO; Carmen, BOLIVAR; Congua, CUNDINAMARCA
<b>Strategy:</b>	Alternative Media	<b>Duration:</b>	8 Months
<b>Direct Beneficiaries:</b>	110 Members of grassroots stations directly participating	<b>Indirect Bens:</b>	290 Members of stations linked to SIPAZ system
<b>Diluted Impact:</b>	228,000 radio listeners	<b>Total Budget:</b>	US \$48,400
<b>Prog. Contribution:</b>	US \$ 24,900	<b>Disbursement:</b>	US \$18,455
<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	Fundación Multicolor de Colombia	<b>Other Partners:</b>	Local radio stations

**Description & Status: (Completed)**

This project was designed to sponsor four local radio and television stations in isolated, war-torn communities throughout the country. The Colombian Multicolor Foundation strengthens and provides training to the most established (or most promising) stations in four municipalities to catalyze the creation of a regional network of grassroots media stations. This network is linked to a national system of news-sharing and peace promotion called SIPAZ (Information System for Peace) connected to one another by internet.

Three regional workshops have been carried out in TV and Radio in the cities of Guamaltán – Nariño, Carmen de Bolivar and Villa de Leiva – Boyacá. As informed in the last report, security considerations in Cacarica made impossible the programmed activities in this municipality; funds were applied to invest in equipment for the TV station in Carmen de Bolivar and to sponsor a fourth workshop, which included the participation from all three regions, as well as from another Peace Grants project (Radio Andakí) located in Caquetá.

The results of this project include training and support to 56 community radio stations and 2 television stations; each of these is a new member of SIPAZ, organized in three regional networks created under this project. In the three selected "leader" stations, much needed equipment was provided to improve the quality and coverage of the stations. The number of direct beneficiaries exceeded the original estimates with some than 424 children and youths and 187 adults, participating in project activities. As a result of the technical improvements to these stations and the involvement of a large number of surrounding stations, 19 municipalities benefit from the project and transmissions reach 228,000 persons.

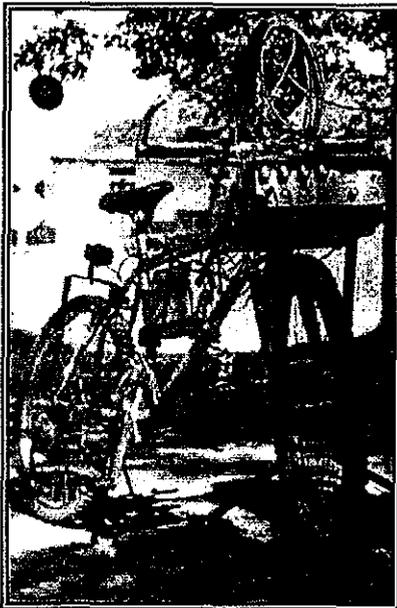


*National SIPAZ workshop with project beneficiaries from other departments*

<b>005</b>			
<b>Title:</b>	Web Site for Conflict and Peace News	<b>Coverage:</b>	National and International
<b>Strategy:</b>	Alternative Media	<b>Duration:</b>	12 Months
<b>Direct Beneficiaries:</b>	1000 Journalists, members of Medios para la Paz	<b>Indirect Bens:</b>	1000 Regular Web Site users
<b>Diluted Impact:</b>	5000 occasional users	<b>Total Budget:</b>	US \$95,615
<b>Prog. Contribution:</b>	US \$18,386	<b>Disbursement:</b>	US \$18,386
<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	Medios para la Paz	<b>Other Partners:</b>	--
<b>Description &amp; Status: (Completed)</b>			
Project completed prior to the start of the current reporting period; one-year extension granted by USAID Mission to Colombia.			

<b>006</b>			
<b>Title:</b>	Conflict Information Management Workshops for University Students	<b>Coverage:</b>	Bogotá, Barranquilla, Cali, Bucaramanga, Pasto and Cartagena
<b>Strategy:</b>	Alternative Media	<b>Duration:</b>	6 Months
<b>Direct Beneficiaries:</b>	165 Students and professors	<b>Indirect Bens:</b>	Other students benefited from improved teaching of journalism
<b>Diluted Impact:</b>	Improved journalism in the future; new students join the Electronic Student Paper (on above mentioned Web Site)	<b>Total Budget:</b>	US \$23,050
<b>Prog. Contribution:</b>	US \$26,495	<b>Disbursement:</b>	US \$26,495
<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	Medios para la Paz	<b>Other Partners:</b>	National Association of Universities
<b>Description &amp; Status: (Completed)</b>			
Project completed prior to the start of the current reporting period.			

<b>Title:</b>	Community Radio Andakí	<b>Coverage:</b>	Various municipalities in the Department of Caquetá
<b>Strategy:</b>	Alternative Media	<b>Duration:</b>	4 Months
<b>Direct Beneficiaries:</b>	55 Local media workers and volunteers	<b>Indirect Bens:</b>	54 Members of NGOs with special programs with Radio Andakí
<b>Diluted Impact:</b>	80,000 Radio listeners	<b>Total Budget:</b>	US \$35,994
<b>Prog. Contribution:</b>	US \$27,234	<b>Disbursement:</b>	US \$27,234
<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	COMUNARTE	<b>Other Partners:</b>	18 Grassroots NGOs
<b>Description &amp; Status: (Completed)</b>			
Project completed prior to the start of the current reporting period.			



*Bicycle-bound programming unit takes radio to small and isolated villages*

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<b>Title:</b>	Youth Leadership Activities	<b>Coverage:</b>	Florencia, Caquetá
<b>Strategy:</b>	At-Risk Children and Youth	<b>Duration:</b>	24 Days
<b>Direct Beneficiaries:</b>	950 Children and Youth	<b>Indirect Bens:</b>	3370 participating family members
<b>Diluted Impact:</b>	Improved relationship between IDP and receptor families in marginal Florencia neighborhoods	<b>Total Budget:</b>	US \$9,730
<b>Prog. Contribution:</b>	US \$3,041	<b>Disbursement:</b>	US \$3,041
<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	Youth Clubs Association of Florencia	<b>Other Partners:</b>	Mayor's Office of Florencia, Colombian Welfare Institute
<b>Description &amp; Status:</b>			
Project completed prior to start of reporting period.			

<b>Title:</b>	Pilot Activities to Prevent Recruitment of Child Soldiers	<b>Coverage:</b>	National
<b>Strategy:</b>	At-Risk Children and Youth	<b>Duration:</b>	8 Months
<b>Direct Beneficiaries:</b>	80 At-risk children, 50 NGO representatives	<b>Indirect Bens:</b>	240 Family members
<b>Diluted Impact:</b>	1000 readers/viewers of bulletin or documentary; improved NGO network toward prevention of recruitment	<b>Total Budget:</b>	US \$55,143
<b>Prog. Contribution:</b>	US \$40,558	<b>Disbursement:</b>	US \$40,558
<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	Coalition Against the Use of Child Combatants	<b>Other Partners:</b>	10 national and international agencies that comprise the Coalition

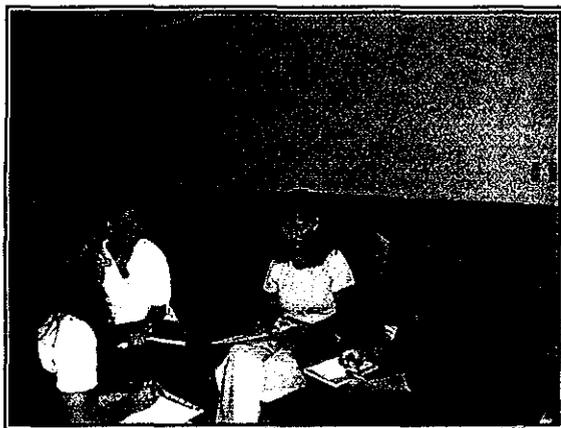
**Description & Status: (Ongoing; two month no-cost extension granted)**

The Peace Grants Program is working with the Coalition Against the Use of Child Combatants (Colombia branch) to carry out pilot recruitment-prevention workshops with at-risk youths, build networks, publish a bi-monthly bulletin and produce a documentary.

Having completed the four workshops with youths in the previous quarter, the Coalition finalized the institutional network-building activities during the current reporting period with the participation of 120 representatives from local organizations. The Coalition also published the third edition of the Bulletin during this quarter.

Institutional interest was perhaps strongest in the City of Medellín, where participants requested continued presence of the Coalition and agreed to create a semi-permanent Task Force with the assistance of Save the Children – UK, linking this pilot project to the larger USAID/OTI program for support to former child combatants.

During the extension granted to the Coalition, two further editions of the Bulletin will be published and the documentary will be completed; at present, the Coalition is negotiating with two member agencies, Terre des Hommes Germany and Save the Children – UK, for financial assistance to continue the project.



*Institutional workshop on prevention held in Medellín during last quarter*

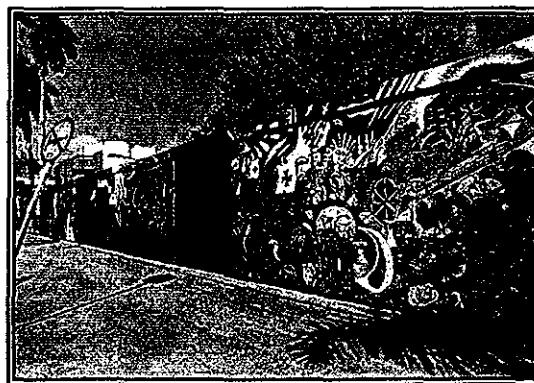
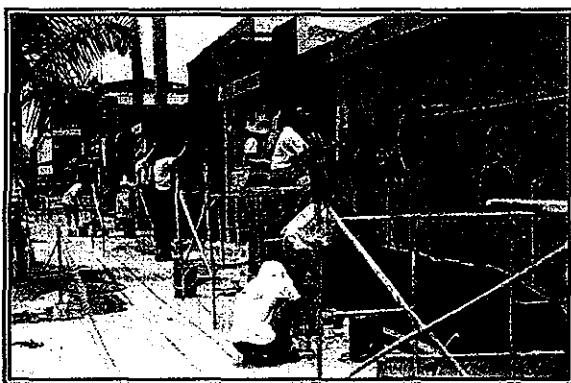
<b>Title:</b>	Memory and Peace Murals	<b>Coverage:</b>	Cali, Valle del Cauca
<b>Strategy:</b>	At-Risk Children and Youth	<b>Duration:</b>	6 Months
<b>Direct Beneficiaries:</b>	15 Young Painters	<b>Indirect Bens:</b>	150 participants in School-based and street workshops
<b>Diluted Impact:</b>	2000 Community members in neighborhoods with murals	<b>Total Budget:</b>	US \$17,638
<b>Prog. Contribution:</b>	US \$22,351	<b>Disbursement:</b>	US \$20,351
<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	Comisión Vida, Justicia y Paz	<b>Other Partners:</b>	Mayor's Office of Cali

**Description & Status: (Ongoing)**

The Life, Justice and Peace Commission of the Catholic Church in Cali has a history of work with inner-city youths in community organization, formal and vocational education and psychosocial assistance. This project was designed to provide an opportunity to 15 young artists from Cali to paint city murals that reflect the history of Colombia, Cali or the neighborhood which hosts the mural, according to stories and memories gathered from the neighborhood's elderly. An important objective of the project is to recover the "street" as a public and positive space for social activities.

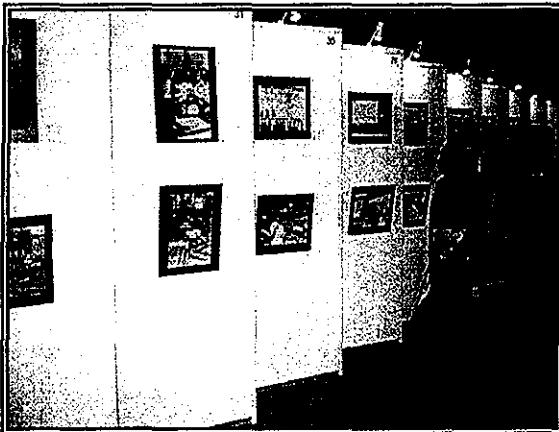
To select the fifteen artists, the implementing agency publicized a sketch contest by visiting schools, distributing pamphlets and announcing the contest in the newspapers. The three themes of the contest were: Historical Memory (cross-generational recovery of urban history and memory), Cultural Identity and Human Dignity. A team of professional artists and community workers visited schools and neighborhoods to carry out informal workshops with potential contestants and residents to generate a process of local historical recovery.

In fact, the number of submissions and the interest of students and even professional artist far exceeded original expectations, such that some of the murals were painted by professionals and other by groups of adolescents rather than single artists. The neighborhoods supported the projects in many ways; before the painting began, residents cleaned up the surrounding grounds and have taken on the commitment to keep these areas clean. Through a budgetary extension provided toward the end of the first phase of this project, the mural project will be extended to include a pedestrian bridge and for the publication of an illustrated book with the stories told and the mural painted in this project (completed in December).



*Cali "Peace and Memory" Murals*

<b>Title:</b>	The Other Traces of War: Civil Society Response to Violence-Affected Persons	<b>Coverage:</b>	Bogotá, Cali, Popayán, Medellín
<b>Strategy:</b>	At-Risk Children and Youth	<b>Duration:</b>	7 Months
<b>Direct Beneficiaries:</b>	200 civil society leaders in the area of psychosocial assistance	<b>Indirect Bens:</b>	1,200 community members who view the exhibitions
<b>Diluted Impact:</b>	3000 children who receive improved psychosocial assistance as a result of the discussion forums	<b>Total Budget:</b>	US \$35,143
<b>Prog. Contribution:</b>	US \$26,907	<b>Disbursement:</b>	US \$22,022
<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	Fundación Dos Mundos	<b>Other Partners:</b>	Various universities
<b>Description &amp; Status: (Completed)</b>			
<p>Fundación Dos Mundos is a national NGO dedicated to building models of psychosocial assistance to Colombia's victims and witnesses of violence, especially children. This project aims to catalyze discussion in main and intermediary cities of Colombia on the need for a civil society response to the psychological problems affecting these children and to bring visibility to locally-successful models of psychosocial assistance. To this end the project includes the exhibition of war photographs focusing on children ("Las Otras Huellas de la Guerra") and a discussion forum in each participating city.</p> <p>To date, all project activities (workshops and exhibitions) have been completed; Fundación Dos Mundos will present a final report, including a systematization of lessons learned regionally on existing programs and proposals for psychosocial support to war-affected children.</p>			



*National University Exhibition*



*Exhibition in Ciudad Bolivar*

<b>Title:</b>	Demobilization and Reintegration Stories: Television Special	<b>Coverage:</b>	National
<b>Strategy:</b>	Message Broadcasting	<b>Duration:</b>	5 Months
<b>Direct Beneficiaries:</b>	40 former combatants who participate directly	<b>Indirect Bens:</b>	200 former combatants in NGOs; 250 children excombatants
<b>Diluted Impact:</b>	1.8 – 2.4 million television viewers, university and school students	<b>Total Budget:</b>	US \$102,490
<b>Prog. Contribution:</b>	US \$57,145	<b>Disbursement:</b>	US \$57,145
<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	Observatorio para la Paz	<b>Other Partners:</b>	Fundación Arco Iris, Ministry of the Interior (Reinsertion Unit)
<b>Description &amp; Status: (Completed)</b>			
Project completed prior to the start of the current reporting period; aired nationally on December 16 <sup>th</sup> and scheduled for regional broadcasts in the next quarter.			

<b>Title:</b>	Indigenous Justice and Peace Alternatives	<b>Coverage:</b>	Bajo Atrato y Darien Chocoano
<b>Strategy:</b>	Work with Excluded Groups	<b>Duration:</b>	10 Months
<b>Direct Beneficiaries:</b>	1250 Indigenous persons participate directly in training sessions	<b>Indirect Bens:</b>	2250 family members, readers of Book of Community Norms
<b>Diluted Impact:</b>	6750 Indigenous persons who reside in participating villages	<b>Total Budget:</b>	US \$49,000
<b>Prog. Contribution:</b>	US \$44,000	<b>Disbursement:</b>	US \$24,158
<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	Camizba	<b>Other Partners:</b>	

**Description & Status: (Ongoing)**

Camizba is an indigenous organization founded in 1986, which comprises 25 communities from 5 ethnic groups living in Bajo Atrato, Darien Chocoano along the Panamá border. In response to the killing of some 20 indigenous leaders in the last five years and the continuous displacement of the tribes members to escape the ongoing violence, this project aims to strengthen indigenous communities and reinforce cultural identity to guaranty the survival of their culture and people. To this end, Camizba will conduct a census of the ethnic groups living in the Darien Chocoano (estimated at 3,500 persons) and will visit each community to conduct a training workshop on customary norms and conflict resolution mechanisms. Camizba will also produce a written record of these customary norms with key concepts translated into the five languages used in the region.

In the month of September, a first meeting was held with leaders from the 25 Cabildos involved in the project so that Camizba could present its objectives, activities and schedule and the leaders could commit to specific responsibilities necessary for project success and create "operational committees" to coordinate project activities. In this quarter, community training activities began in 11 municipalities and 12 traditional stories have been selected from throughout to illustrate the Book of Norms that will be developed under this project.

It is important to note that security conditions in this area have deteriorated dramatically in the last few months; according to most sources, combat in Riosucio has left more than 150 persons dead, among them, civilian population. At present, no movement between villages or municipalities is allowed by local "authorities" and the community training on "Indigenous Law on Education" has been postponed until January.

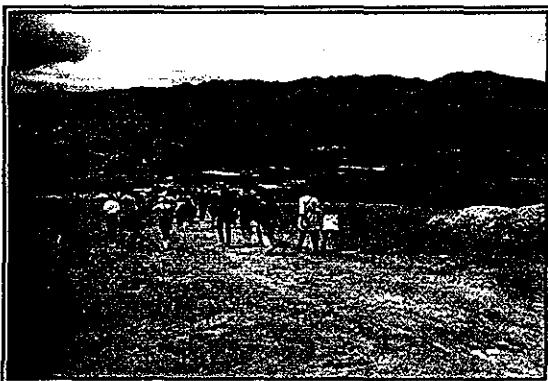


*Community workshops in Acandi*

<b>Title:</b>	Young African Colombian Peace-Builders	<b>Coverage:</b>	Bogotá
<b>Strategy:</b>	Work with Excluded Groups	<b>Duration:</b>	12 months
<b>Direct Beneficiaries:</b>	100 Young persons and their families (500 persons total)	<b>Indirect Bens:</b>	500 Other youths, through "multiplier" effect of psychosocial assistance
<b>Diluted Impact:</b>	Families gradually integrated into "networks" led by young persons; improved participation of Colombian youth at International Youth Conference	<b>Total Budget:</b>	US \$65,156
<b>Prog. Contribution:</b>	US \$39,115	<b>Disbursement:</b>	US \$33,095
<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	Taller de Vida	<b>Other Partners:</b>	
<b>Description &amp; Status: (Ongoing)</b>			

Taller de Vida, an NGO founded in 1992 by a group of professional women displaced by violence, works in the urban areas of Bogotá and the surrounding municipalities to provide psychosocial, community organization and income-generation assistance to displaced families. The project has two components aiming to improve the quality of life to 100 young, mostly black, young persons, their families and other at-risk youths in their neighborhoods. The first component is psychosocial assistance to the 100 young persons and their families and will be provided throughout the 10 months of the program. These youths are trained as "multipliers" and assisted in the set-up of support networks in their neighborhoods to assist other children and adolescents. The second component works with these same 100 young persons to build their leadership capacity through a neighborhood research project that will be written up and presented by them at an International Youth Conference in 2002.

During this quarter, 25 youths joined the project for a total of 75 young people, of whom approximately three-quarters are African Colombian. Under the first component, the young people have participated in two psychosocial workshops and several community integration events, including a Festival de Vida in the neighborhood of Usme. The youths participated in a national seminar held in Cartagena on the "Past, Present and Future of African Descendants," another seminar, sponsored by the National Museum, on the abolition of slavery (150<sup>th</sup> anniversary) and a third seminar sponsored by the National University on Childhood and Conflict. Following their participation as a group in these events, the Andean Committee requested that the group organize youth participation to the Latin American "encuentro," scheduled for 2002. Under the second component, the groups has received training in research techniques, field work and interviewing/surveying. The group tasked with preparing and presenting the document in the International Conference (now to be held in Cambodia rather than Bosnia) is receiving special tutoring. Another group of youths is receiving training in video filming and have developed two short films: "Impact of Armed Conflict on Young African Colombians" and "The History of Usme," a marginal neighborhood of Bogotá in which many of the project participants reside.



*Youths from urban Usme on a field trip*

<b>Title:</b>	Institutional Strengthening and Awareness Campaign on Disappeared Persons	<b>Coverage</b>	National
<b>Strategy:</b>	Assistance to Victims and Related Issues	<b>Duration</b>	12 Months
<b>Direct Beneficiaries:</b>	80 current, active members of ASFADDES	<b>Indirect Bens:</b>	500 new members of ASFADDES to receive support from the organization
<b>Diluted Impact:</b>	Awareness campaign to reach society-at-large; some 2000 relatives of disappeared persons positively impacted	<b>Total Budget:</b>	US \$57,995
<b>Prog. Contribution:</b>	US \$52,352	<b>Disbursement:</b>	US \$35,169
<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	Asociación de Familiares de Desaparecidos y Detenidos (ASFADDES)	<b>Other Partners:</b>	

**Description & Status: (Ongoing)**

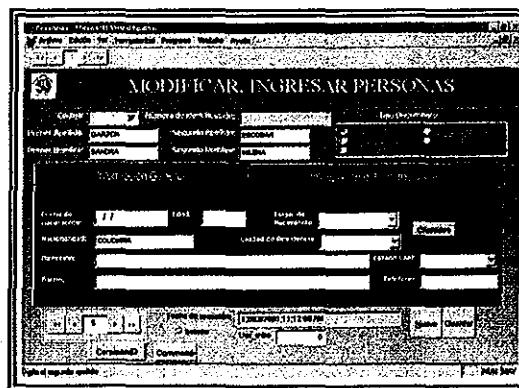
ASFADDES was established in 1982 in response to the disappearance of 12 students from two national universities, and currently receives some 20 families each year seeking support in finding or recovering emotionally from the disappearance of a family member. Medios para la Paz reports that 15 persons *each month* are disappeared in Colombia – the potential demand for the kind of support provided by ASFADDES clearly overwhelms in current response capacity. ASFADDES believes that this is in part because people are unaware of their services and afraid of reporting the crime, as well as because ASFADDES lacks the installed capacity to respond to a larger number of requests for assistance than it receives at present. The project aims to address both issues – first by building the capacity of ASFADDES and second by raising awareness nationwide on disappearances in the context of civil conflict in Colombia.

Through the end of last year, the organization had completed design on the database of disappeared persons and has distributed the formats to their regional branches; it is expected that the database will be complete and updated in the month of February. Regarding the information campaign, three media have been employed: radio, television and oral presentation (personal). Both the radio and television campaigns have been completed and the television shorts have been aired continuously on national television since the end of December; these spots are sponsored by the Government of Colombia and therefore free of charge to the project. Three separate radio spots have been designed and produced; each tells the story of disappearance from a different perspective (women and men, mothers, brothers, wives, etc.) At the regional level, ASFADDES volunteers have been provided with a set of puppets and a mobile stage, which is used to present ASFADDES to schools and other community meetings.

During the quarter, the organization registered some 546 cases of disappearance from 11 ASFADDES branches (Manizales, Cali, Barrancabermeja, Barranquilla, Riosucio, Ocaña, Bucaramanga, Cundinamarca, Medellín, Neiva, Popayán).



*Mobile puppet stages for regional awareness campaign with children and youths*



*Database of Cases of Disappeared Persons*

<b>016</b>			
<b>Title:</b>	Information Systems on Ethnic Minorities	<b>Coverage:</b>	National and International
<b>Strategy:</b>	Work with Excluded Groups	<b>Duration:</b>	2 Months
<b>Direct Beneficiaries:</b>	10 Representatives of NGO, Hemera Foundation	<b>Indirect Bens:</b>	1500 estimated users of Web Site and Database
<b>Diluted Impact:</b>	Improved information on ethnic groups will help direct funds provided by national and international donors to work with ethnic minorities	<b>Total Budget:</b>	US \$13,808
<b>Prog. Contribution:</b>	US \$12,000	<b>Disbursement:</b>	US \$12,000
<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	Fundación Hemera	<b>Other Partners:</b>	
<b>Description &amp; Status: (Completed, extension approved by USAID Mission to Colombia)</b>			
<p>The scarcity of reliable statistical information on ethnic minorities in Colombia represents an obstacle to designing appropriate assistance projects and policy-making. Fundación Hemera proposed a nationwide census of ethnic minorities and a dissemination strategy based around the construction of an Internet Web Site. The site will include results of the census, but also a forum mechanism to promote dialogue on issues affecting ethnic minorities, including the conflict, and a link to news on human rights violations to ethnic minorities.</p> <p>The project was completed during the last quarter, the Web Site is operational at <a href="http://www.etniasdecolombia.org">www.etniasdecolombia.org</a>. Additional costs for maintenance and other information services have been assumed by the USAID Mission peace program.</p>			

<b>017</b>			
<b>Title:</b>	Strengthening Justice to Confront Corruption and Human Rights Abuses	<b>Coverage:</b>	Bogotá -- National
<b>Strategy:</b>	Assistance to Victims and Related Issues	<b>Duration:</b>	2 Months
<b>Direct Beneficiaries:</b>	250 seminar and workshop participants from legal branch, NGOs and academia	<b>Indirect Bens:</b>	1000 Readers of report through massive dissemination
<b>Diluted Impact:</b>	Enhanced interest and commitment on behalf of legal workers and Colombian society to address corruption and human rights violations	<b>Total Budget:</b>	US \$25,770
<b>Prog. Contribution:</b>	US \$24,013	<b>Disbursement:</b>	US \$24,013
<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	Corporación Excelencia en Justicia	<b>Other Partners:</b>	UNHCHR, Office of the Presidency
<b>Description &amp; Status: (Completed)</b>			
Project completed prior to start of the current reporting period.			

<b>Title:</b>	Support to National Week for Peace	<b>Coverage:</b>	Bogotá – National
<b>Strategy:</b>	Support to NGOs working in peace promotion	<b>Duration:</b>	2 Months
<b>Direct Beneficiaries:</b>	50 Representatives from NGOs	<b>Indirect Bens:</b>	1,000 recipients/users of CD Roms
<b>Diluted Impact:</b>	5,000 persons visiting the REDEPAZ events	<b>Total Budget:</b>	US \$46,527
<b>Prog. Contribution:</b>	US \$43,562	<b>Disbursement:</b>	US \$43,563
<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	Red Nacional de Paz, REDEPAZ	<b>Other Partners:</b>	

**Description & Status: (Ongoing)**

The National Network for Peace (REDEPAZ, for its Spanish initials) was created in 1993; since then this organization has been committed to increasing and consolidating the social movement for peace, through political and cultural efforts. As an instrument for generating awareness in the public-at-large, as well as for increasing the know-how and commitment of civil society with regards to peace processes, REDEPAZ started in 1994 a national "Week for Peace," which has become a well-recognized period for peace-oriented academic, cultural, political and civil-society led peace initiatives. REDEPAZ requested financial assistance in order to make this event possible this year and specifically to bring local NGOs from outside of Bogotá to present successful peace initiatives at an "NGO fair," as well as to provide training to these NGOs in project formulation, communications (internet, media, NGO visibility). In fact, the support provided to REDEPAZ for the National Peace Week

The Week for Peace and the training workshops were completed prior to the start of the current reporting period; the presentation of the CD-Rom, completed in the month of December, is pending for the next quarter.

<b>Title:</b>	Institutional Strengthening of Peace Commission Offices	<b>Coverage:</b>	Antioquia, Bolivar, Santander, Cauca & Huila
<b>Strategy:</b>	Peace Commission Offices	<b>Duration:</b>	9 months
<b>Direct Beneficiaries:</b>	100 local authorities and civil society representatives, 5,000 beneficiaries of peace project pilots	<b>Indirect Bens:</b>	5,000 indirect beneficiaries of peace promotion projects
<b>Diluted Impact:</b>	Strengthening of Peace Commissions is intended to improve the environment for peace in each department by improving the relationship between government and civil society at this level	<b>Total Budget:</b>	US \$300,000
<b>Prog. Contribution:</b>	US \$251,151	<b>Disbursement:</b>	US\$28,953
<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	IOM	<b>Other Partners:</b>	Governor's Offices

**Description & Status: (Ongoing)**

The Departmental Peace Commission Offices were created in 1998, tasked with identifying and developing initiatives to overcome obstacles to peace at the local level, promoting respect and awareness on human rights, facilitating the reintegration of ex-combatant groups and fostering increased dialogue between civil society and the national government regarding the Peace Process. Upon visiting these offices, it is clear that most Peace Commissioners lack the financial and human resources to fulfill this mandate and have few success stories which might validate the importance of an active Peace Commissioner. This project aims to provide the Peace Commission offices with the necessary training, equipment, information technology and seed money for pilot projects to take an active role in peace promotion – in coordination with civil society – at the local level.

The status of this umbrella project is outlined below:

- Memoranda of Understanding signed with Governor and Peace Commissioners in all five departments
- All IT and communications equipment delivered
- First workshop with Peace Commissioners carried out on November 15 – to present project, share experiences and fine-tune design of regional workshops on Conflict Prevention and Transformation
- Contract signed with NGO selected to carry out the above mentioned workshops, INDEPAZ, and workshops scheduled for January and February
- Workshop design and production of materials completed by INDEPAZ
- Selection and contracting of technical assistants; contracts after the Christmas holidays on January 8, 2002
- First pilot project selected, contract signed and first disbursement provided to UNIR in Huila for project aiming to reduce conflict between IDPs in Neiva (Chicalá neighborhood)



*Meeting of the Peace Commissioners and IOM team in Bogotá (November 2001)*

<b>Title:</b>	Support to Women Victims of Sexual Violence in the Context of Armed Conflict	<b>Coverage:</b>	Valle del Cauca, Nariño, Putumayo, Bogotá, Huila, Meta, Santander, Antioquia, Córdoba, Bolivar
<b>Strategy:</b>	Assistance to Victims and Related Issues	<b>Duration:</b>	6 months
<b>Direct Beneficiaries:</b>	100 participants	<b>Indirect Bens:</b>	1,000 recipients of National Directory and Trainer's Manual
<b>Diluted Impact:</b>	Improved assistance to victims of sexual violence, particularly in rural areas	<b>Total Budget:</b>	US \$52,403
<b>Prog. Contribution:</b>	US \$49,710	<b>Disbursement:</b>	US \$20,151
<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	National Nurses Association – Antioquia Branch	<b>Other Partners:</b>	NGO Humanizar
<b>Description &amp; Status: (Approved)</b>			
<p>The National Association of Nurses, Antioquia Chapter, requested the assistance of the Peace Grants Program to improve the response capacity of civil society and government organizations to assist victims of sexual violence. The project aims to provide orientation and training to 90 persons working in different institutions, tasked with addressing, reporting and attending to said cases in 10 departments of the country.</p> <p>Several of the above organizations offered support to the project; the most important commitment was from the Defensoría del Pueblo, which offered to manage the "hot-line" for victims who seek anonymous support and information. Humanizar offered to provide accompaniment to the project. Profamilia offered to help in the identification of participants in each department, including previous victims.</p> <p>During this quarter, the project was modified (no budgetary changes) according to recommendations provided during ANEC's visit to Bogotá: the project will be directed toward women victims and not girls since the latter group requires a substantially different approach, and fewer municipalities will be included in the workshops to ensure that each municipality has an interinstitutional group of at least three persons to create small, local response networks.</p> <p>Contractual negotiations were not completed until the end of the current reporting period; project activities are scheduled to begin in the second week of January.</p>			

<b>Title:</b>	Local Action to Prevent Landmine Accidents and Raise Awareness	<b>Coverage:</b>	Cauca, Valle del Cauca, Antioquia, Norte de Santander and Bolivar
<b>Strategy:</b>	Assistance to Victims and Related Issues	<b>Duration:</b>	10 months
<b>Direct Beneficiaries:</b>	150 Municipal workers, 300 land-mine victims	<b>Indirect Bens:</b>	3,000 recipients of information to avoid accidents
<b>Diluted Impact:</b>	30,000 audience in Mine-Awareness campaign	<b>Total Budget:</b>	US \$68,533
<b>Prog. Contribution:</b>	US \$56,370	<b>Disbursement:</b>	US \$34,011
<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	Justapaz	<b>Other Partners:</b>	Presidential Program for Human Rights

**Description & Status: (Approved)**

Although this project was approved prior to the end of the reporting period, a change in the implementing agency caused a delay in getting the project started. Once approved, IOM proceeded to negotiate the a contract with the Colombian Red Cross, which was blocked by their legal department on account of "activities outside of their mandate." Specifically, the Colombian Red Cross was not able to implement the information-gathering and analysis tasks associated with this project.

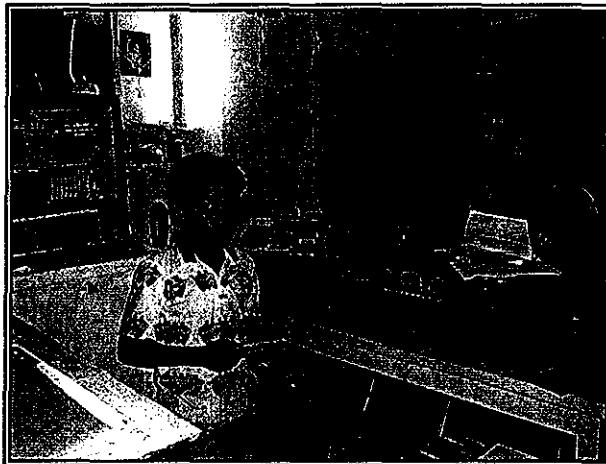
During the reporting period, the technical team (IT) was selected and contracted for the project and the program was presented nationally and internationally (OEA event in Miami). The first edition of the bulletin was published ahead of schedule with updated information on mines and a description of the program. Likewise, significant progress has been made in the design of the campaign, which will be presented to organizations working in mine awareness in Colombia in January for fine-tuning and production.

<b>Title:</b>	Community Radio Stations in Putumayo: La Onda de Paz	<b>Coverage:</b>	5 Municipalities of Putumayo
<b>Strategy:</b>	Alternative Media	<b>Duration:</b>	9 months
<b>Direct Beneficiaries:</b>	125 direct participants in community radio stations	<b>Indirect Bens:</b>	2,500 persons through sporadic participation
<b>Diluted Impact:</b>	20,000 listeners of community radio transmissions	<b>Total Budget:</b>	US \$118,316
<b>Prog. Contribution:</b>	US \$88,067	<b>Disbursement:</b>	US \$28,806
<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	Asociación de Desarrollo de la Amazonia, ADA	<b>Other Partners:</b>	Pastoral Social of Putumayo

**Description & Status: (Ongoing)**

The Agency for Development of the Amazon, ADA, requested the assistance of the Peace Grants program to work in five municipalities of Putumayo to strengthen incipient organizational processes around community radio stations. This NGO has developed a community-led methodology to establish and strengthen radio stations in the department of Caquetá and Putumayo. The Peace Grants program has gained valuable experience in alternative media projects, which have demonstrated the potential for community media not only to provide a public forum for information-sharing and dialogue at the local level, but also for strengthening grassroots organizations, promoting education and development and generating wide-reaching networks of grassroots organizations from different municipalities, linked through their media stations.

To date, the ADA has contracted and oriented the technical team tasked with implementation in Putumayo, selected the five municipalities (Santiago, Orito, Mocoa, Puerto Asís and Valle del Guamuez) and carried out an inventory of existing and needed equipment in each one.



*Community Radio station in Orito to be supported by ADA project*

<b>Title:</b>	New African Colombian Communities – Organization and Conflict Resolution	<b>Coverage:</b>	Pacific Coast (mostly northern)
<b>Strategy:</b>	Excluded Groups	<b>Duration:</b>	6 months
<b>Direct Beneficiaries:</b>	120 leaders	<b>Indirect Bens:</b>	30,000 residents in newly titled communities
<b>Diluted Impact:</b>	--	<b>Total Budget:</b>	US \$40,814
<b>Prog. Contribution:</b>	US \$31,610	<b>Disbursement:</b>	US \$18,990
<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	National Council of Black Communities	<b>Other Partners:</b>	Ministry of the Interior
<b>Description &amp; Status: (Ongoing)</b>			
<p>The 1991 Constitution provides minority groups with special rights regarding territory and specifically mandate the provision of collectively-titled land to black communities. As part of a negotiated return of a large number of families displaced from the Pacific Coast in 1996, the Government provided collective titled to 62 communities on some 2.7 million hectares. The law also mandates a local governance structure for these communities with democratically elected community councils.</p> <p>The proponent organization is a national council representing local and regional African Colombian leadership structures throughout the country; the National Council of Black Communities requested the assistance of the Peace Grants program to work with these new communities along the Pacific Coast toward stronger organization, better leadership and conflict resolution. Their concern is that the titling process does not guarantee the construction of <i>community</i> and that the limited experience of these families in collectively-titled land may lead to conflict, disorderly migration back to the cities and further deterioration in the social fabric.</p> <p>The project has visited the communities in which activities will be developed (Cauca, Bolivar and Urabá) to present project goals and methodology to local authorities and community members. Workshop materials have been partly designed. The subjects to be covered in the workshops are the following: Territorial Management (guidelines for internal codes) Conflict Resolution and Common Agenda (ethnic development issues, productive projects).</p>			

<b>Title:</b>	Strengthening of Network of Ex – Combatant Women	<b>Coverage:</b>	Bogotá/National
<b>Strategy:</b>	Excluded Groups	<b>Duration:</b>	8 months
<b>Direct Beneficiaries:</b>	117 members	<b>Indirect Bens:</b>	397 participants in group
<b>Diluted Impact:</b>	--	<b>Total Budget:</b>	US \$59,019
<b>Prog. Contribution:</b>	30,052	<b>Disbursement:</b>	US \$10,888
<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	Network of Ex – Combatant Women	<b>Other Partners:</b>	Ex – combatant women from other Latin American countries

**Description & Status: (Approved)**

Beginning in March 1990 a series of successful peace negotiations between the Government of Colombia and nine insurgent groups resulted in the demobilization of 5,742 combatants, of which 23% were women. Last year, several leaders among these women received a grant from the World Bank to establish contact with other demobilized women and create an informal "collective" of ex – combatant women. The collective requests the assistance of the Peace Grants Program to consolidate this organization by obtaining legal status as an NGO, expanding membership in Bogotá and elsewhere and becoming operational through concrete project activities.

The project includes several components geared toward meeting each of these needs: institutional strengthening is accompanied by financial support for small-scale activities: an international gathering of ex – combatant women, networking through regional branches, a "big sister" project with ex – combatant girls and the publication of a book of testimony from ex – combatant women on their experiences in combat and in peace.

As contractual negotiations were completed at the end of the last quarter, project activities are scheduled to begin in the middle of January.

<b>Title:</b>	African Colombians: Joint Project on Ethnicity, Conflict and Peace	<b>Coverage:</b>	National
<b>Strategy:</b>	Excluded Groups	<b>Duration:</b>	
<b>Direct Beneficiaries:</b>	300	<b>Indirect Bens:</b>	--
<b>Diluted Impact:</b>	500,000 campaign audience	<b>Total Budget:</b>	US \$82,173
<b>Prog. Contribution:</b>	73,549	<b>Disbursement:</b>	--
<b>Implementing Agency:</b>	Black Communities' Educational Committee	<b>Other Partners:</b>	
<b>Description &amp; Status: (Approved)</b>			
<p>Several figures on conflict and displacement in Colombia support the notion that ethnic minorities, specifically African Colombians and indigenous groups, are hit un-proportionately hard by the violence and poverty in this country. The reasons, of course, are many and most of these deeply embedded in the history and racial structure of this country. However, the proponent of this project, formulated in close coordination with IOM, feel that several steps can be taken to begin to address the issues, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Building capacity among NGOs and organized groups that represent African Colombian communities</li> <li>✓ Fostering increased coordination between NGOs working with African Colombians</li> <li>✓ Engaging communities, regional NGOs and organized groups, in gathering information to better understand the situation of black communities vis-a-vis the Colombian conflict and peace processes</li> <li>✓ Increasing awareness in decision-makers and Colombian society at large on the situation faced by African Colombians with regard to territory issues, democratic participation, conflict in peace.</li> </ul> <p>In order to accomplish these purposes, the project will invite interested NGOs to submit a concept paper on a grassroots research project on any of the above issues – although the end result should be information and perspectives on one or several of these issues, NGOs will be encouraged to be creative in the community processes necessary to conduct this research. Two to four proposals will be selected and the corresponding NGOs will be provided technical and financial support to carry out the proposal. All participating NGOs will be invited to a workshop in Bogotá to jointly create a visibility campaign on the selected issues – this workshop is designed to be a practical way of encouraging coordination between NGOs in the joint implementation of a project.</p> <p>As contractual negotiations were concluded at the end of the last quarter, disbursement of the first tranche and project activities are scheduled to start in the month of January.</p>			