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Capacity building, developing community policing, and promoting healthy habits for life



Children in Aracataca learn healthy habits with Elmo from Sesame Street

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Colombian Defense Minister Rodrigo Rivera launches the Community Policing event

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### Promoting Healthy Habits for Life with Sesame Street •

On November 2, in the municipality of Aracataca (the birthplace of Nobel Prize winner Gabriel García Márquez), CIMIENTOS launched an initiative aimed at promoting healthy hygiene, exercise, and dietary habits among preschool children. In total, 300 people attended this event, including preschool and primary school children, parents, teachers, and public officials.

Funded by CIMIENTOS and implemented in collaboration with Sesame Street, this activity will reach municipalities in the Sierra Nevada and Catatumbo regions. Part of this effort involves distributing 7,305 backpack kits with reading materials that illustrate the activities and habits children should adopt to have a healthier lifestyle. The aim of this activity is to ensure that parents, teachers, schools, and local governments promote and foster healthy livelihoods for the most vulnerable sectors of the population.

**Promoting Community Policing in Colombia** • On November 16 and 17, CIMIENTOS supported the National Police and the Center of Coordination and Integral Action (CCAI) in staging a forum in Bogota that was attended by mayors and police station commanders from municipalities prioritized by the National Consolidation Plan. During the event, launched by Defense Minister Rodrigo Rivera, the National Police trained approximately 125 policemen and 80 mayors in the community policing approach developed by the Safe Departments and Municipalities (DMS) program. This approach forms part of the government’s strategy to improve security in cities through crime prevention and community involvement.

### Capacity Building in Cesar’s Departmental Government •

On November 25, CIMIENTOS presented a proposal to the governor of Cesar and his cabinet for the restructuring and strengthening of the departmental government. This proposal aims to modernize the governor’s office, creating a more efficient and effective structure for executing the departmental development plan. These activities will also build the capacity of future administrations, especially in the areas of public procurement and management of royalties for social investment.



Organizational chart, depicting a new governance structure, that was delivered to the governor of Cesar by CIMIENTOS

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