



Colombia

Improving durable solutions and peacebuilding through Human Security Business Partnerships in post-Peace Agreement Colombia

Background information

On 26 September 2016, following nearly four years of negotiations, the Colombian Government and the country's largest guerrilla group (the Fuerzas Armadas Revolucionarias de Colombia or FARC), signed a peace agreement to end over fifty years of deep-rooted and violent internal conflict. However, while some areas have seen an end to the conflict, others have experienced increasing violence and displacement as armed groups have competed to take control over areas vacated by the FARC. The conflict and the presence of armed groups in these areas have impacted the capacity of national and local institutions to deliver basic services and justice to the population, as well as negatively affected local economic development and inhibited private sector growth. This situation is compounded by the persistent multidimensional poverty, inequality, and lack of social cohesion that mark many of Colombia's regions. At the same time, the worsening situation in Venezuela has led to large-scale mixed migration flows, with an estimated 40,000 new arrivals every month, adding to the challenges to be addressed.

Goals and objectives

The key objectives of the programme are to : (i) strengthen capacities of the selected communities to dialogue and engage with institutions and the private sector to meet community needs with respect to empowerment, community infrastructure and protection; (ii) develop and support initiatives that improve human security based on the mutual interest of the private sector, government institutions and communities, through the promotion of employment and innovative business solutions connected with local, national and international value chains and markets; (iii) enhance the capacity of local institutions to create enabling environments that promote engagement with the private sector and local communities, and which permit local institutions to implement public policies on durable solutions and peace consolidation; and (iv) promote public dialogue and strategic positioning on the Human Security Business Partnerships (HSBP) Framework in Colombia through sharing of experiences and lessons learned.



DURATION
March 2019 — September 2022



UN IMPLEMENTING AGENCIES
UNDP, UNHCR



OTHER KEY PARTNERS
Unit for the Attention and Integral Reparation for Victims of Conflict (UARIV), Territorial Renewal Agency (ART)

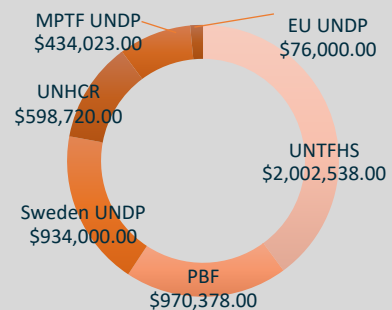


BENEFICIARIES
310,000



TOTAL BUDGET
US\$ 5,015,659

POOLING OF RESOURCES



Beneficiaries

The programme directly benefits vulnerable people in at-risk communities in Antioquia and Nariño districts, including victims of violence, ex-combatants, IDPs, refugees from Venezuela, indigenous people, women and youth. Number of indirect beneficiaries has the potential to reach 310, 000 people or more depending on the uptake of the Human Security Business Partnership Framework in other areas of Colombia as well as the enhanced capacity of municipal governments, national and local institutions including the Unit for the Attention and Integral Reparation for Victims of Conflict (UARIV) and the Territorial Renewal Agency (ART).

Applying the Human Security approach

In line with the Government's priorities and the UNDAF, the UN system in partnership with the UARIV, ART and other relevant ministries of Colombia, developed a comprehensive, people-centered and prevention-oriented programme to address the broad range of interconnected challenges facing vulnerable communities in Colombia. By considering the interlinkages between peacebuilding, social cohesion, livelihoods, and sustainable development, as well as broadening the range of partners, the programme will reduce vulnerability and build resilience of conflict-affected communities.

Specifically, by applying the HSBP Framework, the UN system will facilitate and strengthen dialogue and engagement with the private sector in at-risk communities where trust has been undermined and market linkages are weak. This will enable more effective engagement of international companies with sustainable development based on the needs and vulnerabilities at the local level. The collaboration initiated between different actors – the UN system partners, national and local authorities, communities, and the international and national private sector – will help promote synergies by bridging peace consolidation efforts to longer-term sustainable development. Moreover, the focus on multi-stakeholder engagement at the local level will complement and enrich existing platforms and strategies for private sector partnerships towards the advancement of sustainable development.



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