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RESTORING OUR FUTURE (ROF) (COLOMBIA)

OVERVIEW

The Restoring Our Future Activity (ROF) helps ensure that Colombia's Public Policy for Victims and victims-related peace accord provisions are successfully implemented. As part of this work, ROF strengthens victims and victims' organizations' capacities to be change agents in their communities, and to promote memory, reconciliation, non-repetition, and peace. ROF engages with local and national individual, community, public, and private actors to: 1) overcome technical, institutional, and operational barriers for peace accord implementation; 2) guarantee victims' access to truth, justice, and reparation; 3) restore trust and social ties in conflict-affected communities; and 4) support memory initiatives and promote collective healing. The overall goal of ROF is enable inclusive development, dignified economic opportunities, and peaceful coexistence throughout Colombia. ROF is implemented in five regions, Caguan and Pie de Monte Caqueteño, Chocó, Pacífico Medio, Montes de María, Pacífico and Frontera Nariñense, and Urabá-Antioqueño, and it runs from February 2023 to February 2028.

GOALS

PROTECT VICTIMS' RIGHTS AND ADVANCE RECONCILIATION

ROF helps restore and protect victims' rights, and advance reconciliation, by strengthening institutional capacities to implement the Public Policy for Victims and peace accord provisions in an effective and coordinated manner. ROF also helps build trust between the State and communities by operationalizing victim-related programs and strategies using community and participatory approaches.

STRENGTHEN VICTIMS' ORGANIZATIONS

ROF bolsters victims' organizations' visibility, advocacy capacity, and participation in decision making spaces. As part of this effort, ROF strengthens the administrative, technical, advocacy, dialogue, and sustainability of victims' organizations, and will design and implement a dynamic, differential, and psychosocial #Empowerment4Change Model (#E4C) focused on building individual and collective skills.

SUPPORT RECONCILIATION AND NON-REPETITION

ROF promotes individual and collective behavioral change to build trust between individual, community, public, and private actors. ROF's reconciliation and non-repetition strategy focuses on individuals and their relationships with others, based on truth, memory, and psychosocial support for healing, and generates community behavior change through support for social cohesion and dialogue.

ANTICIPATED RESULTS

- Deploy the #E4C Model to help victims' organizations increase their operational and performance capacities by 30 percent;
- Support the National Board for Victims Effective Participation to propose, monitor, and generate changes in the public agenda;
- Implement 26 memory initiatives that contribute to victims' reparation and that promote reconciliation and non-repetition of violence;
- Increase local entities' institutional capacity index by 25 percent, thereby better positioning them to implement of the Public Policy for Victims and the peace accord;
- Enable local and national inter-institutional coordination spaces to implement comprehensive actions that guarantee victims' rights and that promote reconciliation and non-repetition; and
- Encourage community members in ROF's 26 target municipalities to adopt individual and collective behavioral changes needed to mitigate social stigmatization and enhance coexistence and reconciliation.