Joint Programming to Eliminate
Gender-Based Violence in Colombia

**INTEGRAL PROGRAM AGAINST GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE**

**UN System Agencies:** UN WOMEN, UNFPA, IOM.

82 local and national partners

**Program duration:** June 2008 - December 2011

**Total Budget:** USD $7,200,000 and more than USD $5,000,000 as counterpart resources and private sector

**PEACE WINDOW JOINT PROGRAM**

**UN System Agencies:** UNDP, UN WOMEN, FAO, UNICEF, UNHCR.

101 local and national partners

**Program duration:** September 2009 - June 2013

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INTEGRAL PROGRAM AGAINST GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

RESULTS AND STRATEGIES

- Social Organizations Strengthening
- Educational communication
- Research and M&E
- Legal Frame and Public Policy
- Attention
- Institutional Strengthening

APPROACHES
- Human Rights
- Gender
- Ethnic / Territorial
## Principal Results

- Supported the building of guidelines for the National Gender Equality Policy (presented by President Santos and Michelle Bachelet) and 5 decrees of Law 1257 (2008) in health, work, justice, education and communications.

- Supported policy, plans and projects creation in: the National Office of the Attorney General, the National Office of the People´s Advocate, the National Armed Forces and Police, the National Legal Medicine and Forensic Sciences Institute, The Supreme Court of Justice and the National Planning Department.

- Incorporated aspects related to women’s rights in the “Law of Victims and Land Restitution”, through advocacy actions of women and victims´ organizations.
Principal Results

- Enhanced institutional gender mechanisms at the national and local levels: Created the High Advisor for Equality of Women and the Gender Office of the city of Buenaventura and in the Department of Nariño; incorporated and/or increased budgets to prevent and address GBV.

- Functionaries from competent entities trained in new legislation and quality care for women survivors of GBV and formulated 88 projects on the topic. Key Target: To add value to the training modality (certification program)

- Psychosocial, legal and shelter services for women survivors of GBV in the Program localities. Key target: Quality services operated by women’s social organizations in coordination with local authorities.
Principal Results

- 38 civil society and women´s organizations strengthened on prevention, detection and surveillance, social control, political advocacy and citizen monitoring of GBV, at the national and local levels. Key target: coordination with the leaders of social movements on gender equality issues.

- Banned Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) through a resolution from ethnic authorities of the indigenous group Embera Chamí. Key target: Harmonization of methodology for gender and ethnic approaches.
Principal Results

- Baseline study on social and institutional tolerance to GBV used to develop a national and local strategy for education/communication to eliminate GBV and increase its social disapproval. For the first time 16 national level institutions gathered together with the leadership of the Communications Ministry of Colombia, to carry out the strategy. **Key target: Intra-sector coordination and local application of national policy.**

- 69 knowledge products, including: research, policy guidance, protocols, and technical guidance.
Knowledge Database on institutional and organizational strengthening
Peace Window Joint Program

RESULTS AND STRATEGIES

Social Organizations Strengthening

Conflict Transformation and Crisis Management

Food Security and Income Generation

Attention to Victims of Violence and of the Colombian Armed Conflict

Institutional Strengthening

Research and M&E

Approaches

✓ Gender*
  • Life Cycle
  • Ethnic/Cultural
  • Human Rights
  • Do No Harm
  • Early Recovery

*Incorporated as well in the Climate Change and Food Security JPs.
Principal Results

- GBV attention component included in Development Plans of Municipalities and in Planning Instruments of Ethnic Communities.

- Gender Equality Public Policy and institutional mechanisms in the municipality of Ipiales in the process of being built.

- 739 women and 85% of the public functionaries of the 8 focal municipalities, participated in the training and awareness actions about Ruling Decrees and the Law Against Women’s Violence.

- Construction, updating and on-going dissemination of 8 referral protocols for VBG within the present legal framework; supported the implementation of 4 such protocols.
Principal Results

- Women were trained in rights and leadership and are participating in decision making spaces of ethnic communities for the positioning of GBV issues, including those related to the Colombian armed conflict in community-level agendas.

- Municipal Roundtables of Women from the Pacific Coast use the referral protocols to promote the right to a life free from violence; to encourage reporting; increase information on services, to speed up processes and advocacy with the local authorities.

- Social and institutional leaders trained on the Law of Victims. Women were supported to participate in spaces related to transitional justice processes of truth, justice and reparation for victims.

- Documentation and circulation of 4 historical memory cases from the voices of victims; support to the rights of restitution in one of the cases.
Principal Results

- A communication strategy oriented to prevent GBV being developed in coordination with the Office of the Governor of Nariño and the State strategy: “Woman, you have rights” -from the baseline of the Gender JP-.
- 47 knowledge products, including: research, policy guidance, protocols and technical guidance.
LESSONS TO REPLICATE

- It is essential to make visible the situation of women and the public policy issues that affect them.
- It is not enough to apply a gender approach; this must be complemented with a territorial (local) and ethnic approach.

KEY ELEMENTS FOR PROGRAMS SUCCESS

- Acknowledgement and promotion of the leadership of State institutions on the resolution of their issues on the part of the UN system.
- Close relations and joint work with social organizations builds legitimacy for United Nations action.
- The “Delivering as One” modality has facilitated the convening of government and civil society stakeholders, the achievement of goals and programme impact.
MAIN RESULT

Two consecutive years reducing the numbers of female homicides, rate of sexual violence and domestic violence in the Colombia.