



Socio-economic and collective integration processes as a peace-building strategy in regions affected by the conflict

Contributing to the socio-economic integration of FARC ex-combatants for reconciliation and peacebuilding

Implementation period

From 19/May/2018 To 18/Jun/2021

General Description

Supported by the FAO, the project provides technical assistance and support to FARC ex-combatants to develop economic agricultural or non-agricultural projects together with the surrounding communities. In turn, this promotes the development of initiatives that improve social and regional cohesion in the areas most affected by the conflict. Moreover, projects developed by these ex-combatants are linked to rural services, such as agrotourism, ecosystem services, bio-commerce or green markets, according to the realities of each region.

The applied regional intervention model of this project has a socio-community component and an economic component. Together these components address environmental conservation and differentiated approaches to strengthen community and institutional capacities.

The selection of the intervention areas for this project was made according to criteria such as: areas with a high concentration of ex-combatants; areas where other State interventions, like PDETs, are present; and areas with ETCRs, specifically the ETCRs in Fonseca, La Paz, Dabeiba, Tumaco, and their surrounding communities.

Contribution to the Peace Accords

This project contributes to point 1 of the Peace Agreement by promoting the development of economic inclusion processes in regions, through food systems and environmentally sustainable collective or associative business ventures. The presence of the processes creates conditions of well-being and dignified living for the rural population, and helps eradicate poverty.

The project also contributes to point 3.2 of the Peace Agreement by creating opportunities for ex-combatants through the inclusion of their families in economic sectors that offer greater employability and opportunities in the region. The project creates trust and reconciliation through psychosocial support in each of the selected regions, thus allowing the economic and social reincorporation of FARC-EP ex-combatants into civilian life.

Objectives and Results

The specific objective of this project is to strengthen the capacities of participants and local institutions, including the Regional Reintegration Councils (CTRs), to be agents of development in the region. By promoting initiatives for economic inclusion, associative development and environmental sustainability, the project promotes gender equality, respect for ethnic diversity and fundamental rights in a context of peace.

The project contains three results:

- The first result promotes community integration and reconciliation projects for ex-combatants and people living in conflict-affected regions.
- The second result develops economic inclusion processes such as food systems and environmentally sustainable business ventures.
- The third result promotes institutional and community capacities for the planning and implementation of regional socioeconomic integration projects.

Investment Amounts

€ 2.000.000

UE Support

€ 100.000

Counterpart

€ 2.100.000

Total

Featured Indicators

| Indicator | Goal | Last Update | Advance | Current Value | Status |
|---|------|-------------|---------|---------------|----------|
| 01.Number of hectares of improved crops for food production and commercialization. | 240 | June 2021 | 156 % | 376 | Complete |
| 02.Number of families linked to sustainable and resilient economic strategies for income creation. | 700 | June 2021 | 132 % | 926 | Complete |
| 03.Number of families that have strengthened their capacities through psychosocial, social, and community processes of the project. | 700 | June 2021 | 165 % | 1.158 | Complete |
| 04.Number of tons commercialized products through strengthened organizations. | 120 | June 2021 | 211 % | 254 | Complete |
| 05.Number of implemented organizational strengthening. | 8 | June 2021 | 112 % | 9 | Complete |
| 06.Number of collective ventures led by women. | 2 | June 2021 | 100 % | 2 | Complete |
| 07.Number of community promoters strengthened for the development of a social, community, and economic development strategy as an instrument for peacebuilding. | 40 | June 2021 | 100 % | 40 | Complete |
| 08.Number of leaders trained in entrepreneurship and governance of natural resources | 60 | June 2021 | 1581 % | 949 | Complete |
| 09.Number of local economic integration networks established in the prioritized regions | 4 | June 2021 | 100 % | 4 | Complete |
| 10.Number of self-managed community groups, organized and strengthened for the appropriation and maintenance of established community assets. | 8 | June 2021 | 100 % | 8 | Complete |
| 11.Number of community integration projects (social, cultural, environmental, economic or community infrastructure), strengthened or implemented in prioritized areas | 8 | June 2021 | 137 % | 11 | Complete |
| 12.Number of social, community, environmental and / or economic development initiatives with ETCRs and the surrounding community in regional development processes.. | 4 | June 2021 | 100 % | 4 | Complete |

Advocate



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Organización de las Naciones Unidas para la Alimentación y la Agricultura (FAO)

Local Partners and Co-Applicants

Agencia para la Reincorporación y la Normalización (ARN)

Geographic Coverage

Proyecto: Integración socioeconómica y colectiva de excombatientes

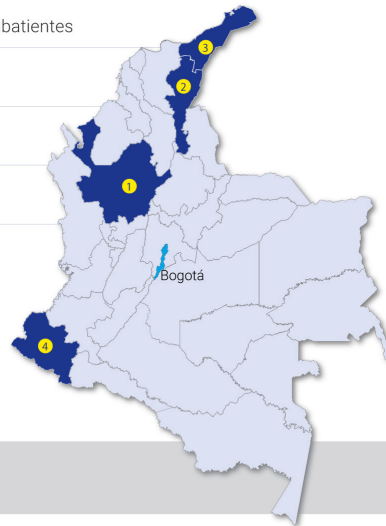
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Aporte total Unión Europea: 2.000.000 €

Aportes contrapartida: 100.000 €

Cobertura: 4 municipios en los departamentos de Antioquia, Cesar, Guajira y Nariño

1. Antioquia: Dabeiba
2. Cesar: La Paz
3. Guajira: Fonseca
4. Nariño: Tumaco



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