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Peacebuilding and internal forced displacement: victims reparation and inclusion in the context of Colombia's peace process

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Background

Colombia's internal armed conflict lasted more than 50 years and left over nine million registered victims, 80 percent of which were internally displaced. Over the years, the Colombian government led several peace dialogues with different illegal armed groups, including the most recent one which resulted in the peace agreement signed in 2016, with Colombia's Revolutionary Armed Forces - People's Army FARC-EP guerrilla (Spanish Acronym). Drawing from previous experiences and lessons-learned, this peace agreement set victims' centrality, recognition and comprehensive reparation as its backbone.

Based on the above, the fifth point of the *Final Agreement for Conflict Termination* created the Comprehensive System for Truth, Justice, Reparation and Non-Repitition (SIVJRNR, Spanish Acronym) which includes three new institutions:

- The Commission for Truth, Clarification, Coexistence and Non-repetition.
- The Unit to Search for Disappeared Persons.
- The Special Jurisdiction for Peace.

The *Agreement* states that this System must operate jointly with other comprehensive reparation and non-repetition measures created in the context of the so-called Victim's and Land Restitution Law. This coordination is essential to achieve transitional justice objectives proposed by the Comprehensive System. Thanks to the Victims Public Policy's implementation, victims have increased their empowerment, visibility and advocacy-capacity positioning themselves as fundamental actors for peacebuilding. The Victims' National Participation Board, created by Law 1448, is a fine example of an institutional participation space for victims (including IDPs), where they can discuss policies and actions that concerns them in order to have a say in their implementation. These spaces of direct communication with the State, run at all levels (municipal, departmental, district and national) and intend to construct, implement and control the victims' public policy.

This webinar is part of the GP20 initiative launched for the 20th anniversary of the Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement, which aims to bring additional attention to the issue of internal displacement and strengthen collaboration to prevent, address and resolve this issue in countries

coping with internal displacement. This webinar is jointly organized by IOM, UNHCR and UNDP and will specifically look at the challenges and intersection of the Victims Law and Peace Accords with FARC; as well as discuss coordination opportunities with institutional initiatives for victims of internal forced displacement and communities' participation during peacebuilding processes.

In addition, it aims to feed into the deliberations of the High-Level Panel on Internal Displacement.

Overall, the discussion will look at the following questions

- What actions have your entity or organization performed to promote peacebuilding in communities affected by internal forced displacement? What has worked well?
- What strategies have you implemented to guarantee victims' participation in their own reparation processes? Mention a successful experience and the lessons learned.
- What coordination strategies have you promoted between the new transitional justice mechanisms and the Victims Law's reparation strategies?
- How do you think humanitarian and/or development actors should engage with peacebuilding actors? What would be the best way to do this?
- How would you improve coordination processes between State entities, organizations and participation spaces for peacebuilding and non-repetition? How would you ensure that such coordination contributes to non-repetition and addresses underlying vulnerability factors?
- Based on your experiences, what do you think it would take for peacebuilding to be prioritized and implemented more systematically in other internal displacement settings? Are there any steps you would like to see taken at the regional or international level that could help facilitate this?

Target audience

The target audience for this webinar are officials from relevant government agencies, NGO, UN and donor staff (HQ and field), academia, IDPs and other experts working on preventing, addressing or resolving internal displacement, and with an interest in sharing and learning from practical experiences

Agenda

- Introduction by the Webinar Chair, Mrs. Ana Durán Salvatierra, Chief of Mission IOM Colombia.
- Presentation by Mr. Ramón Rodríguez, Director of the Victims Unit.
- Presentation by Father Francisco de Roux, President of the Truth Commission.
- Presentation by Mr. Orlando Burgos, Coordinator of the National Board for the Effective Participation of Victims.
- Presentation by Mrs. Paula Gaviria. Member of the Secretary-General's High-Level Panel on Internal Displacement and Director of the Foundation Resources Center for Peace (COMPAZ).
- Q&A
- Conclusions Mr. Jozef Merckx, UNHCR Representative in Colombia.

*All the presentations would be oriented by guiding questions presented above.

Logistics

GP20 will organize and host the webinar event via Zoom. The event will be conducted in Spanish with simultaneous interpretation in English

Zoom Details

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