



<p><b><u>Title</u></b> Improvement of living conditions and increased access to basic services in Nariño, Cauca and Valle with a rights and protection approach</p>	<p><b>Key data of the project</b></p>
<p><b><u>Resumen Ejecutivo</u></b> The project is part of a comprehensive strategy focused on assisting the victims of armed conflict, which aims to improve living conditions and access to their rights under Colombian legal norms, in which actions are addressed to meet the primary needs of the target population (food security / livelihoods, water, sanitation, etc.) by inserting in access to rights through engagement of competent and responsible institutions.  Given the comprehensive strategy ApS, access to basic services (housing, water, hygiene, sanitation, health and livelihoods) is the hub of the project intervention, with gender mainstreaming by ensuring access to difficult areas, both level of budget and number of beneficiary / as. In terms of funding from SDC, this will focus primarily on the actions of WASH, and habitat protection.</p>	<p><b><u>Domain of intervention</u></b> Domain 1: Basic services for victims of armed violence + Domain 2: Protection of civilians</p>
<p><b><u>Context</u></b> In the geographic zones targeted by the project, the civil population is permanently affected by the presence and operation of armed groups and violations of IHL and HR, which result in a wide range of vulnerabilities and protection needs. The needs are even higher among afro and indigenous communities in the region. Recurring situations of confinement and displacement limit the population's access to basic services (water and sanitation, food security, health, habitat). The likely beginning of a post-conflict phase in 2015 after the signature of a "Peace Agreement" between the Government and the FARC-guerrilla will open new perspectives for a transition towards reconstruction, but armed violence is likely to persist due to the continued presence of other armed groups.</p>	<p><b><u>SDC priority theme</u></b> Prevention / Protection Reconstruction / Rehabilitation</p>
<p><b><u>Overall Goal</u></b> Promoting mechanisms for protection and access to basic services for the population affected by the armed conflict through improving institutional governance and citizen participation of 25'082 (direct) and 13'759 (indirect) vulnerable people in the provinces of Nariño, Cauca and Valle del Cauca.</p>	<p><b><u>Country / Region</u></b> Colombia (Nariño, Valle and Cauca departments).</p>
<p><b><u>Outcomes</u></b> <b><u>Outcome 1:</u></b> Strengthened <i>protection</i> mechanisms, governance and equitable access in order for women and men to participate in decision making in the planning of public policies (target: 19'213 people). Legal training to the population (a selected local / regional responsibilities public officials and community members) in obligations typified in the Colombian and international law; strengthening coordination and communication spaces for public policy planning. Defining access mechanisms and enforcement of basic rights for victims of the conflict (human rights, IHL, mapping, building risk matrix by armed conflict and natural disasters and drills) to improve the design of the roadmap and encouraging each of the institutions responsible to proactively assume its obligations. Concerning antipersonnel mines action, it is expected that 3 communities (3'354 households) develop and apply their own steering documents (contingency plans including actions of MRE-training and awareness as well as management plans of their territory). <b><u>Outcome 2:</u></b> Improved access to <i>basic services</i> (water, sanitation, housing, food) in target regions to reduce the vulnerabilities of the population affected by the ongoing armed conflict (target: 5'869 beneficiaries). In this sense, analysis and initial diagnosis has concluded that the action lines should be habitat (250 households), water, hygiene, sanitation (322 households),</p>	<p><b><u>Departament</u></b> Humanitarian Aid</p>



<p>health (1'003 households) and livelihoods (276 households). These interventions will be carried meeting international quality standards (Sphere Standards). The planning and design are harmonized within the areas of coordination and consultation with the public institutions responsible for assuring synergies, complementarity, efficiency and compliance obligations.</p>	
<p><b><u>Implementing partner</u></b> Alianza por la Solidaridad (ApS) is an experienced and recognized international NGO and SDC partner in Colombia since 2006 and present in the target regions with similar interventions. Since 2010 ApS has been implementing emergency and early recovery projects (with a protection approach) aiming to restore/improve water, sanitation, habitat and food security conditions in the 3 targeted departments.</p>	<p><b><u>Current Phase / Duration</u></b> Phase 6 (15.08.2014 - 14.02.2017)</p>
<p><b><u>Target group</u></b> The project will benefit directly 25'082 rural, poor and conflict-affected persons in municipalities with a lack of state presence. They belong to 6 municipalities in three different departments: 2 in Valle department (urban and rural areas), 2 in Nariño department and 2 in Cauca department. 50% are female and 50% male, of which 32% are children. 89% of the target groups are African descents, 7% are indigenous and 4% are <i>mestizos</i>. Additionally, the project will benefit indirectly 13'759 people living in the surrounding communities. The project will be carried out in new communities within the same municipalities of previous phases, adding Buenos Aires (Cauca) as new municipality. The municipalities and targeted communities are the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In <i>Cauca</i>: municipalities of El Tambo (county of Uribe) and Buenos Aires (county of El Porvenir).</li> </ul> <p>In <i>Nariño</i>: municipalities of Ricaurte (El Eden) and Tumaco (suburbs "11 de Noviembre" and "Union Victoria"). In <i>Valle del Cauca</i>: Rio Mayorquín (2 communities), Rio Naya (3 communities), suburb of Buenaventura (1 community).</p>	<p><b><u>SDC Budget of phase</u></b> CHF1'500.000 (COP 2'970.000.000), corresponding to 50 % of the project budget.</p>
<p><b><u>Key results and insights from previous phases</u></b> During the last 4 phases, more than 50'000 direct beneficiaries were benefitted (100% of planned). In the 4th phase, the access to water for more than 700 people affected by the armed conflict improved in 6 municipalities. The ongoing 5<sup>th</sup> phase (September/13 to March/15), is expected to improve the habitat, access to water and sanitation, and strengthen livelihood of 3'953 beneficiaries. Insights: <i>Integrated interventions</i> resulted in the highest impact on improving the living conditions of the populations.</p>	<p><b><u>Total budget of phase including local partners and external contributions</u></b> CHF 3'000.000 (COP 5.940.000.000)</p>