

HUMAN SECURITY IN POST-PEACE AGREEMENT CONTEXT

PRIVATE SECTOR AND PEACEBUILDING IN COLOMBIA

Colombia's internal armed conflict has left a devastating impact on the economic development and private sector growth of the country's regions for over 50 years. This context has been aggravated by persistent multidimensional poverty, high levels of inequality, and lack of social cohesion within communities. Nevertheless, the signing of a peace agreement between the national government and the former guerrilla group FARC-EP, has created the possibility to promote income generation opportunities and social cohesion inside affected communities. Additionally, it is expected to improve the perception held by civil society towards State institutions and the private sector.



The project '**Improving durable solutions and peacebuilding through Human Security Business Partnerships in post-Peace Agreement Colombia**' aims to improve economic, environmental, personal and social human security conditions for vulnerable groups. The project aims to increase the participation of the private sector in ZOMAC territories (most affected zones by the armed conflict) and to impact positively in durable solutions and peacebuilding processes. It has a duration of 2 years (2019-2021) and prioritizes urban and semi-urban zones in the departments of Nariño (Tumaco and El Charco) and Antioquia (Bello, Dabeiba and Ituango).

The project responds to the following main objectives: **1)** training communities in how to dialogue with institutions and the private sector, **2)** to develop and support initiatives that improve economic security through employment and business innovation solutions connected to the local market, **3)** strengthening of local institutions, and finally **4)** dissemination of results and knowledge management.

Human Security Business Partnerships are intended to enable opportunities of income generation and sustainability inside prioritized territories

KEY FIGURES

5.004 direct beneficiaries

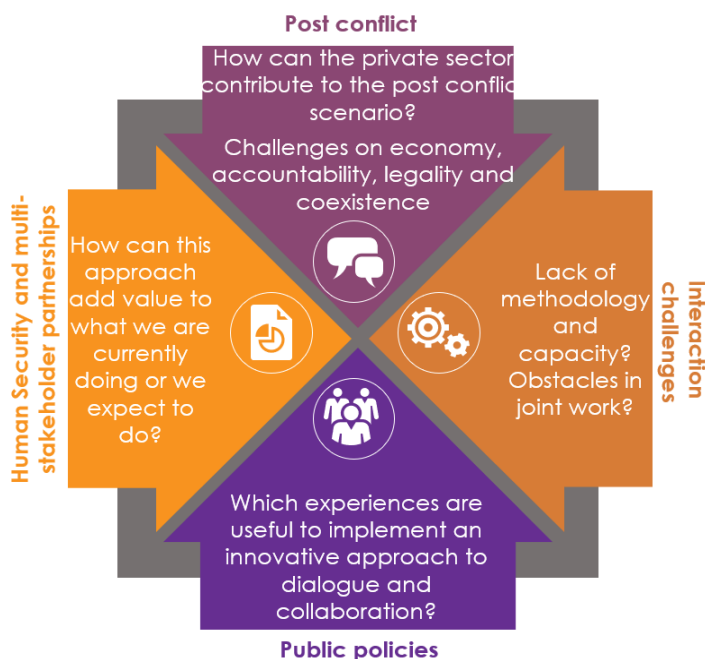
Internally displaced people and host communities affected by armed conflict in Colombia, including those who are currently under relocation, return and local integration processes, as well as those living in areas destined for demobilization (PDET zones).

42.916 indirect beneficiaries

Figure subject to change depending on the impact of dissemination of results, knowledge management, and the implementation of Human Security Business Partnerships in other areas of Colombia.

Human Security challenges and opportunities in intervention zones

In order to address existing gaps in human security dimensions with respect to victims (including internally displaced people) and vulnerable communities in prioritized areas, so it can be promoted the participation of the private sector in peacebuilding processes, the project will support the business community and other strategic stakeholders (government institutions, cooperation agencies, civic organizations, etc.) to work together to consolidate **economic, environmental, personal and social security**.



The Human Security Business Partnerships Framework (HSBP) is a multi-stakeholder collaboration model that aims to strengthen the capacities of local communities and institutions, promote dialogue and mutual commitment with the private sector, and stimulate economic regeneration through diverse activities. For instance, discussion forums, analysis of local markets, identification of value chains, and programs designed to attract investment from the private sector in prioritized areas.

The project comprises activities led by the national government with the support of PeaceStartup –a leading organization in innovative business solutions-, and the academic institution London School of Economics (LSE), which has developed a guidance framework of HSBP and will lead the component of knowledge management to help practitioners and academics to benefit from the programme.

Platform for knowledge management

A platform will be developed to monitor objectives and facilitate communication between stakeholders. On the platform you can view:

- Opportunities
- Needs
- Reincorporation projects, PDET, Victims
- Value chains
- Security perception

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