

TATR SAN JOSÉ DE ORIENTE

Municipalities of La Paz and Manaure, Cesar



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El TATR

San José de Oriente

Number of Ex-combatants:

116 (having primarily served in the 19th and 41st Fronts of the FARC-EP).

Total Population:

An estimated

300

Women:

39

(women signatories of the Peace Accord, including three pregnant women)

Children:

142

Total Area:

53

Hectares (6 of which are leased)

Housing capacity:

158

ARN houses not including a new housing project

Municipalities:

TATR San José de Oriente is located in the municipalities of La Paz and Manaure Cesar. La Paz is in the north of the department in the Serranía del Perijá, 26 kilometers from Valledupar, and is known for its coffee, livestock and fruit production (including papaya, citrus and blackberry). Of the more than 29,000 inhabitants of the municipality, 16,532 are registered victims of armed conflict. Furthermore, 49% of the population has unsatisfied basic needs (UBN). There are three Yukpa indigenous reservations in the jurisdiction as well as an initiative to establish a Peasant Reserve Zone. Manaure is 35 kilometers from Valledupar and is considered a tourist municipality due to its landscapes and water sources. It is known for its cocoa and corn production as well as local services for visitors. It has approximately 10,000 inhabitants, of which 4,675 are registered as victims of the armed conflict. The largest employer in the municipality is the agricultural sector.

Contextual information:



Community and cultural spaces:

- Two meeting and event rooms.
- A space intended to be a library currently used as a classroom.
- A billiard hall.
- Two children's playgrounds.
- A multifunctional sport field.

Nursery: The nursery "Pedro Pascasio" cares for 37 children in a program run by the ICBF.

Health post: A health post that is supported by two ex-combatants who received training in health services from the Colombian Red Cross. The hospital "Mariano Zuleta" in La Paz organizes four health brigades in the TATR per year.

Infrastructure of the ETCR (continued)

Commercial premises:

- A store with basic goods (hygiene and food)
- A restaurant administered by Ecotours.

Other infrastructure:

- A space for a kitchen.
- Two spaces for warehouses.
- Two spaces for administrative tasks.
- One space for reception.
- Eight bathroom units consisting of 40 individual sanitary spaces. Each space has a toilet, shower, laundry rooms, and sink. Each bathroom unit consists of 5 sanitary space/ 5 showers/ 5 laundry rooms.



Internal roads: The road that leads from the main road connecting La Paz and San José de Oriente to the entrance of the TATR is approximately 1.3 km long. The road is only accessible by 4x4 vehicles.

Current state and existing infrastructure problems

- There are no bathrooms for children. The condition of the bathroom units is not optimal and needs to be improved.
- Some of the light posts in the TATR have been replaced while others still need to be replaced.
- It is necessary to install a large net to separate the sports field from the health post.

Institutional presence: Batallón de Alta Montaña N. 7 (High Mountain Battalion) is present between the town of San José de Oriente, the TATR, and the surrounding area. There is a permanent presence of the ARN in the TATR. Triparty protection and security meetings (ITPS) regularly take place in the TATR.

Services

Potable Water: The water treatment plant has 2 storage tanks, each with a capacity of 12,000 liters. They are used solely to pump water to the TATR. The collective has built an aqueduct with the financial support of the European Peace Fund, through the FAO. The aqueduct also provides water to the community of San José de Oriente in the municipality of La Paz. The project was supported by SENA, ARN, the Colombian military, and the UNVMC. The TATR provided manual labor and they also have recently presented this initiative to the Special Justice System, to have it recognized as a TOAR (work or activity for reparation to victims).

Electricity: There are two power generators which work alternately every other day. They run on fuel and diesel.

Gas: Most gas consumed is sourced through the purchase of gas tanks.

Connectivity: There is a 3G WIFI signal as well as private connections paid for by residents of the TATR.

Trash collection: The TATR produces an average of two tons of solid waste per month that is collected by the municipal service. The waste is transported to the sanitary dump in the municipality of La Paz.

Public transport: There is no public transport to and from the TATR.

Tierra Grata Ecotours



Objective: Offer lodging and tours to tourists so that they enjoy the natural beauty of the Serranía del Perijá and learn about the history of ex-guerrillas of the FARC-EP and their way of life.



Status: Ex-combatants provide ecotourism services such as birdwatching, hiking, lodging, and restaurant services in the TATR. There is a reconstruction of a guerilla camp that is currently closed due to renovations.



Participation: 17 people are currently employed (15 ex-combatants and family members and 3 people from the community)



Community focus: The tourist project offers visits to nearby towns where communities sell products from the Serranía del Perijá.



Environmental focus: The project seeks to take advantage of and preserve the natural wealth of the territory through activities such as bird watching and hiking.



Land: The project is based in the TATR of San José de Oriente.



Initial investment: The UNDP delivered materials to build cabins, hammocks, sheets, a freezer, a stove, among other goods with a value of USD 12.000 contributed by SIDA.



Type of Project: Self-management and International Cooperation



Execution: Associative (between the reincorporated and community).



"The guerilla camp reproduces how we lived in the war, but we teach it as a memory now that we are at peace."



Félix Atrango
One of the project leaders

Restaurant

Objective: Sale of food for residents of the TATR, visitors, and tourists.

Status: The restaurant is open daily.

Type of Project: Self-management

Execution: SAS business entity

Challenges: It is necessary to expand the capacity of the restaurant, improve the infrastructure, and provide gastronomic training to employees.

The Hardware Store

Objective: Sale and commercialization of products for the construction of housing for the TATR and neighboring communities.

Status: There is a hardware warehouse inside the TATR and new hardware store being constructed by the entrance of the TATR.

Participation: 92 ex-combatants (57 men and 35 women).

Type of Project: Collective project approved by the CNR with technical assistance from the OIM.

Clothing workshop

Objective: Production of clothing for sale.

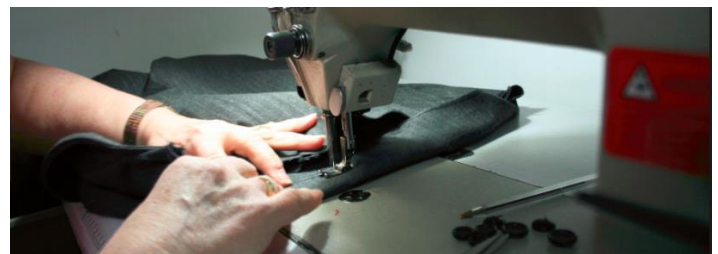
Status: The workshop manufactures and supplies uniforms

Participation: 2 ex-combatants.

Land: The project is inside the TATR.

Initial investment: USD 10.500 in sewing machines from ex-combatant's resources.

Challenges: Need for additional training in design and pattern making, a market study, and establish marketing strategies.



Type of Project: Self-management

Execution: Collective

'Citadel of Peace' Housing Project



Current status: 79 homes have been built by the signatories, 7 of which are currently inhabited. The property was purchased by the cooperative "COOPERPAZCE."



Type of Project: Self-management and collective purchase using credit from the cooperative 'Confiar.'



Execution: Associative through the purchase of land adjacent to the TATR for 149 plots (140 for housing and 9 for other uses)



Objective: Construction of houses for signatories living in the TATR.



Status: Awaiting legal definition and guidance from national authorities.



Production Stations: There are 4 production stations currently in operation : carpentry, ornamentation, brick making, and heavy machinery.