

UN Verification Mission in Colombia

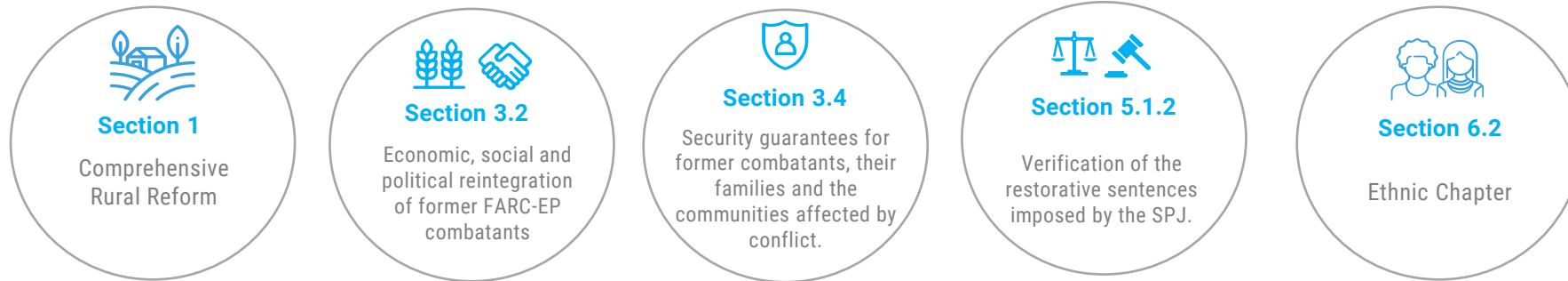
DPPA Donor's Visit 2023
Extra-Budgetary (XB) MYA funds
2018-2023



Our Mandate

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The Verification Mission is a [Special Political Mission](#) established by the Security Council to assist Colombia in its commitment to ending conflict and promote peacebuilding. This Mission was [jointly requested by the Government of Colombia and the FARC-EP](#), and currently is mandated to [verify five points of the Final Peace Agreement](#).



The Mission's verification process includes the following cross-cutting approaches



Gender and WPS



Ethnic



Children and YPS

The Mission considers **MYA funding** as an **essential tool** to help **advance its priorities and objectives**.



Project planning and implementation has bolstered local peace implementation efforts, contributing to build trust, facilitate dialogue between parties and drawing other donors and national entities' attention to address gaps in the peace process.



Complementary actions between the Mission and UNCT to ensure that projects contribute to the broader UN System's efforts in support of peacebuilding.



The wide range of donors that contribute to the DPPA Trust Fund strengthen the credibility of the UN's intervention and support the peace process.

MYA projects provide **quick and flexible funding** to respond to the needs of local communities.

MYA Funds as **catalyst to bolster** broader UN System and international community efforts.





MYA as a means of **garnering political support** from donors and partners.

Scope and reach of MYA Funds (2018 – 2023)

120 municipalities

25 out of 32 departments in Colombia

USD 4.02m invested in projects 2018 - 2022

	396 XB Reconciliation	475.04K Cost USD
	177 Security Guarantees	1.64M Cost USD
	173 XB Reintegration	1.63M Cost USD
	133 XB Gender	254.26K Cost USD
	1 XB Restorative Sentences	24.45K Cost USD

587.97K
XB Budgeted

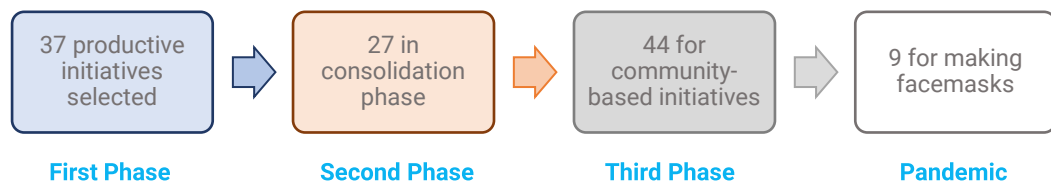
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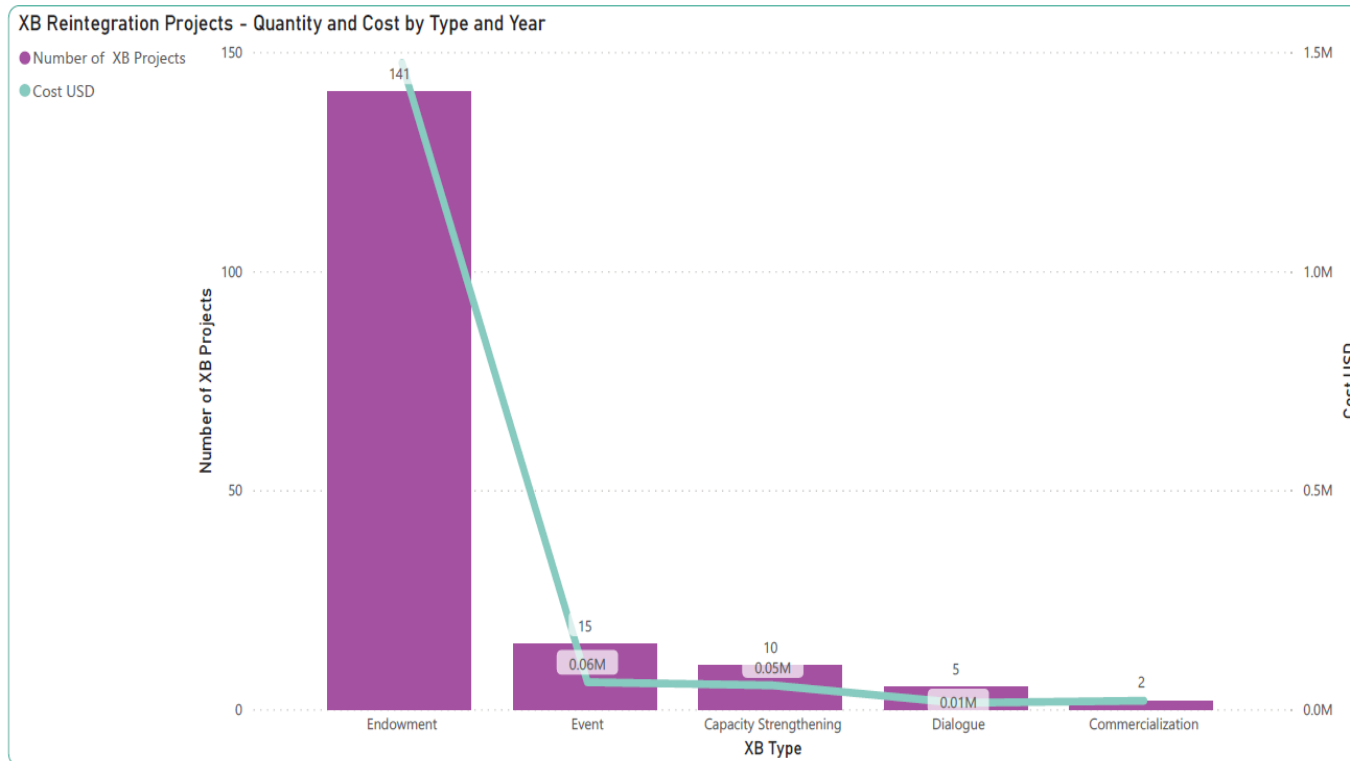
MYA Funded Projects – Reintegration

Achievements:

Coordination with UNCT and support to at least 120 former combatant initiatives in 21 out of 32 departments



Challenges:



Reintegration

173

XB Reintegration

1.63M

Cost USD

1 During the first Mission, the **projects sought to maintain the former combatants within the FPA** through income-generating opportunities. The Mission was the only actor that could access remote places where former combatants were located (**TATRs**).

2 The Mission focused on ensuring the **viability and sustainability of reintegration projects** in the medium and long term, and technically supported projects developed by former combatants in the **NAR**.

Former TATR: Former Territorial Area for Training and Reintegration
NAR: New Area of Reintegration

Tailoring shop “Confecciones La Montaña” – former TATR of La Plancha, Anorí (Antioquia). November 2018

The **XB funds** were the seed resources that allowed for **training and the purchase of inputs** for the generation of garment products. Over the years, the project achieved **national recognition**.



Coffee Production Project by former FARC-EP combatants in Tuluá (Valle del Cauca). July 2019

The cooperative Coomulnes brings together **36 former combatants and 34 victims of the conflict**. Through XB Funds the Mission supported the cooperative in **Tuluá** to acquire machinery, equipment and materials to produce and sell coffee. On **18 May**, the cooperative started its process to **export coffee to Europe**.

Achievements

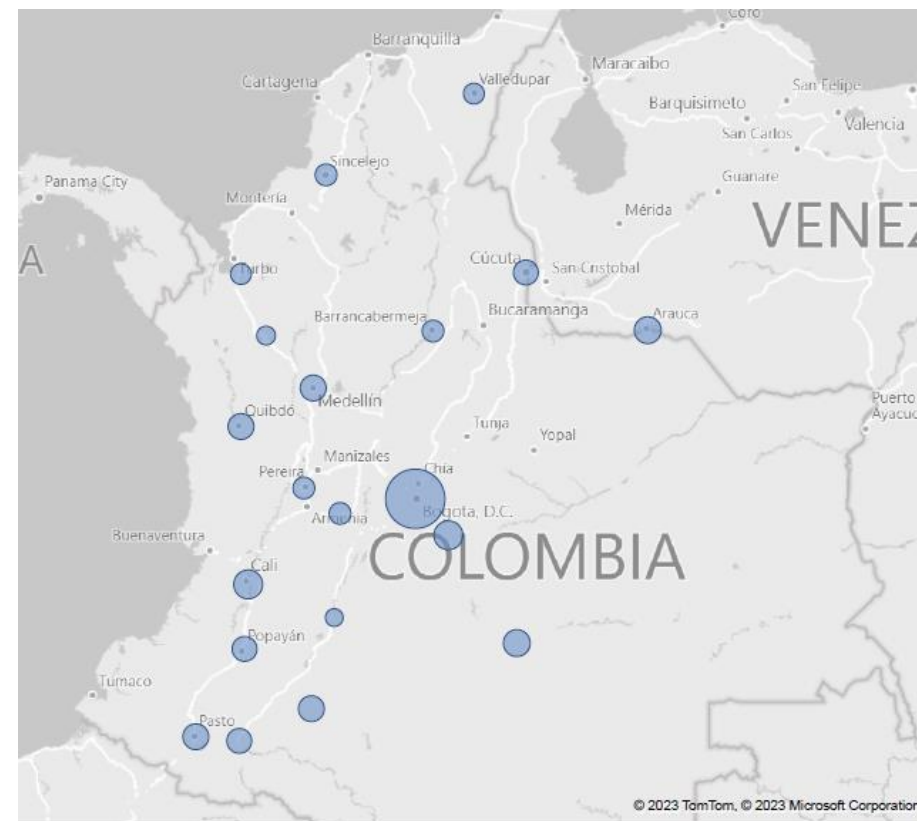
- 2018: Support to **mid-level former FARC-EP commanders** as security liaison focal points to exchange information and concerns of former combatants with the authorities mandated with their protection.
 - Building trust between State institutions and former combatants.
- 2019: **Tripartite Security Working Group** to discuss measures to address threats and risks affecting former combatants between the Office of the Attorney-General, the National Protection Unit and former FARC-EP combatants.
- 2022: **Deployment of a team of territorial liaison focal points** to consolidate the Tripartite Working Group.
 - Trust-building mechanism at regional level between former combatants and the Peace Agreement institutions.

Challenges

- Ensuring former FARC-EP mid-level commanders continue enhancing **mechanisms of prevention and protection**.

Location XB Projects by quantity

Category ● Security Guarantees



MYA Funded Projects – Security Guarantees

177

Security Guarantees

1.64M

Cost USD

Many former combatants left the TATRs and started projects in other areas where State presence is limited. [Security situation](#) of former FARC-EP combatants as well as communities remains a concern.

[Killing of 359 former combatants](#) since the sign of the FPA until 06 May 2023.

- [Comunes political party](#) has [strengthened its risk analysis capabilities](#) and improved its ability to develop consistent arguments to attend the [SJP hearings](#).
- A Human Rights Corporation (by regional HR promoters) created to maintain sustainability through [monitoring security risks, defense, and advising on appropriate protection measures](#) for former combatants.
- [Trust-building activities](#) between peace promoters and the Special Investigations Unit of the Office of the Attorney-General: regional tripartite mechanism with UNVMC

Peace promoters: Implementation of Section 3.4 of the FPA and contribution to peacebuilding through the engagement between key actors.



MYA Funded Projects – Reconciliation

396
XB Reconciliation

475.04K
Cost USD

Rebuild the social fabric through inclusive dialogue at grassroots level, and strengthen ties between communities and former combatants. XB funds have contributed to building trust and sustaining peace between the signatory parties by bringing former combatants and Government institutions together.

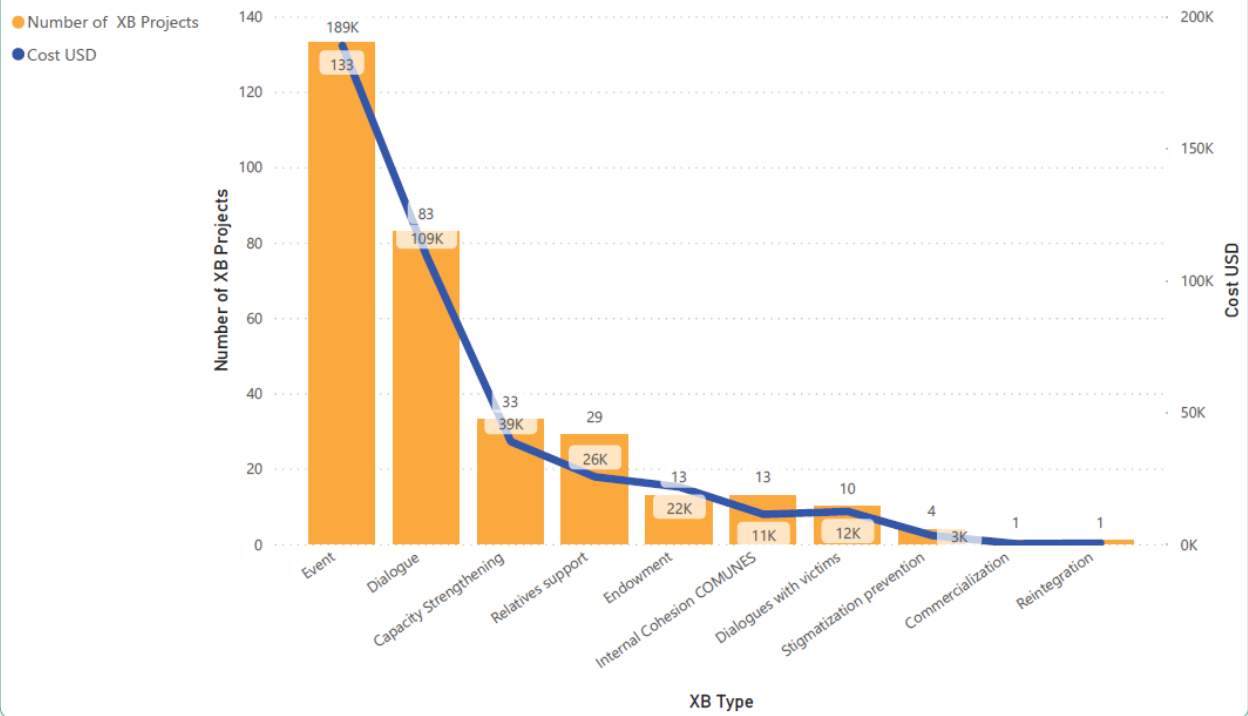
Achievements

- Strengthen trust in the peace process and its developments.
- Consolidated and expanded its network of allies among civil society organizations, institutions, academia, ethnic organizations, and other cooperation entities.
- Until 2022, reconciliation events have been implemented in 25 out of 32 departments in Colombia, impacting more than 110 municipalities, including areas heavily affected by the armed conflict, like Arauca, Cauca, Caquetá, Chocó, Guaviare and Putumayo

Challenges

- Difficult security conditions that persist in some areas of the country, even speaking about peace and reconciliation can present a challenge

XB Reconciliation Projects - Quantity and Cost by Type and Year



MYA Funded Projects – Reconciliation

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Tripartite Work on Landmines

The Tripartite Working Group on Mines (Government, former FARC-EP combatants, Mission and UNMAS) was created in 2019 and proved to be essential to locate mines planted during the conflict with information provided by former combatants. The parties have identified more than 129 possible minefields in Bolivar, Santander, Antioquia, and Tolima.



In Tolima, 14 former FARC-EP combatants (all appearing before the SJP), social leaders, indigenous guards and organizations, and civil society organizations, worked together towards humanitarian demining in a property owned by victims of the conflict and later transformed into a base for the extinct FARC-EP.



MYA Funded Projects – Gender

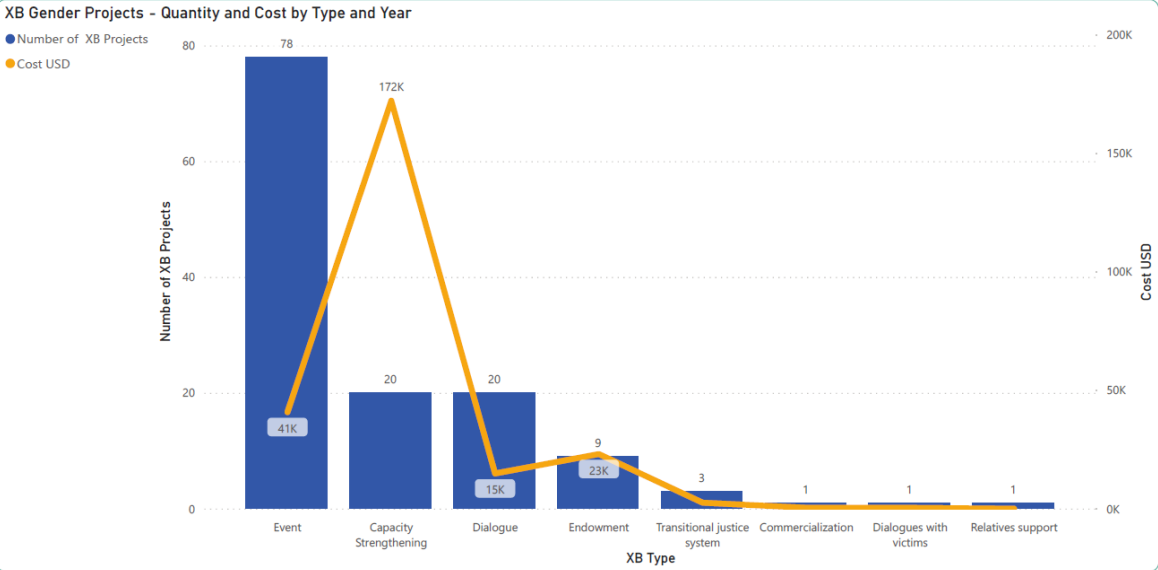
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XB Gender

254.26K
Cost USD

Since its establishment, the Mission has maintained a strong **commitment to advance the WPS agenda** and the gender provisions of the Peace Agreement, and since 2018 has supported **local efforts and** complement other **projects** related to gender **equality**, prevention of **SGBV**, reconciliation and the implementation of the WPS agenda.

The Mission has accompanied women’s organizations to **commemorate emblematic dates regarding gender**, including the International Women’s Day and the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women

As of 2023, these commemorations will be funded through regular budget and not XB, as are recurring important events for women and LGBTIQ+ people



In Meta department, **25 women** former combatants, victims of armed conflict and social leaders **created the Foundation “Sin Olvido”** in 2020. The organization was created to take in women **widows and family members of former combatants who were killed**, to fight for women’s rights and to advance a culture of peace. The organization currently has a national scope.

MYA Funded Projects – Restorative Sentences

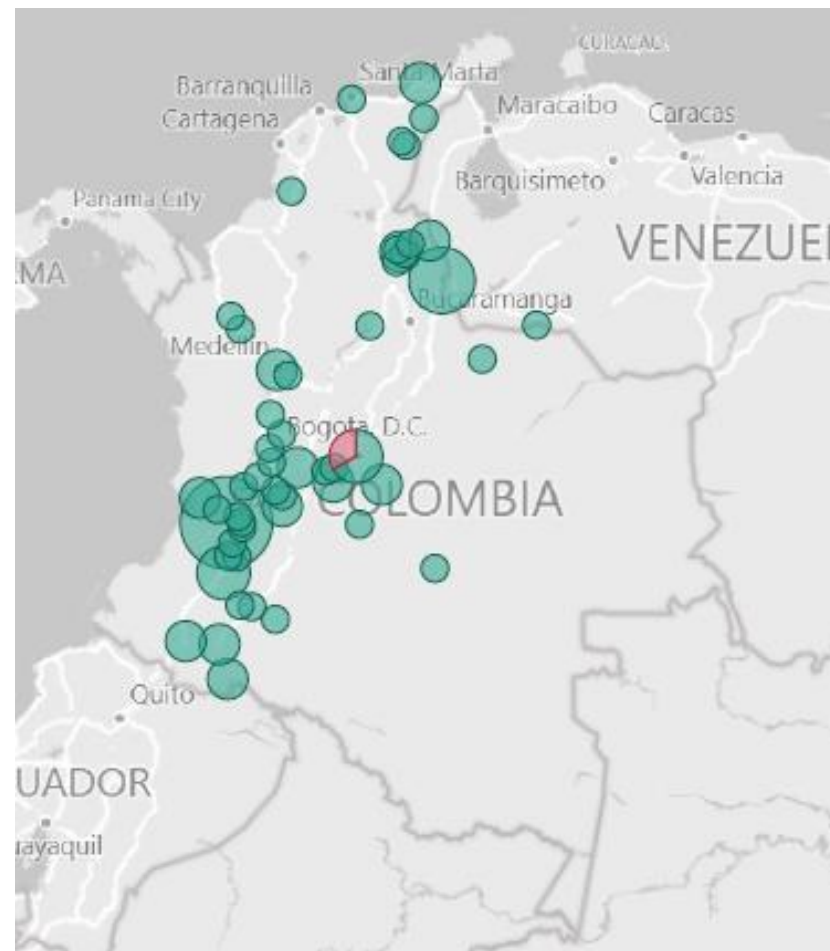
Challenges

- Use **XB funds strategically** to increase activities to **promote dialogue** and a better commitment to the **transitional justice system** among State security forces and other appearing parties.
- **Raise awareness** for communities and individuals **subject to the SJP**, prior to the issuance of the first **restorative sentences in late 2023**.

Achievements

- **Involving former combatants** at the local level and with regional institutions in the pedagogy process regarding the **restorative process**.
- Gradual **confidence building** with those **appearing before the SJP** and inside communities and social organizations.

Category ● Reconciliation ● Restorative sentences



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XB Transitional Justice

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XB Restorative Sentences

24.45K
Cost USD

MYA Funded Projects – Restorative Sentences

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More than [200 former combatants](#) have participated in sessions aimed at raising awareness about restorative justice and its measures, [disseminate the structure and deployment of the SJP](#) in the territory, and teach about the [types of sanctions](#) that will be issued by the Tribunal for Peace.

The Mission [accompanied the SJP](#) in several [pedagogy sessions](#) on the Comprehensive System for Peace, Transitional Justice and the TOAR with people in process of reintegration and disseminated the [Mission's mandate](#) on the verification of the SJP sentences.

FARC-EP former combatants Actions, Activities and Works having a Reparatory effect (TOARs)

Former FARC-EP combatants have been working to organize and submit information on [TOARs](#) that have been [implemented since March 2015](#)

FARC lawyers have identified [200 TOARs](#) in different regions of Colombia.

[USD \\$27.000](#) to allow FARC former combatants to effectively [store and manage](#) their own information on TOARs

Results:

- An information system for the registry of TOARs
- A robust infrastructure where the information system is hosted
- A technical infrastructure including security, backups and apps



[Victims and 14 people in process of reintegration](#) agreed and built [70 meters](#) of access road to the cemetery of the San Gabriel village in Viotá (Cundinamarca) as a [TOAR](#) in 2021. This road is of great symbolic value due to the [victimizing events in this territory](#) during the armed conflict.



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