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Venezuelan Migrant Administrative Registration



The Government of Colombia (GOC), through the Venezuelan Border Management and the National Disaster Risk Management Unit called on Venezuelan citizens currently living in Colombia without documentation, and who intend to stay in the country either temporarily or in the medium or long term, and who have not as yet completed the Venezuelan Migrant Administrative Registration (RAMV), to approach any of the 880 service points working at the national level out of Mayor's Offices, Local Attorney's Offices, and Disaster Risk Integrated Management Centers, or any of the 8 mobile units working in Norte de Santander, La Guajira, Arauca, Magdalena, and Bolívar, so that they can register before 8 June.

IOM support for the peace process in Colombia

'All Hands at School II' construction works begin in rural school

One hundred and forty rural schools in the country, located in areas of historical conflict, will use infrastructural improvement works for the first time, thanks to the 'All Hands at School II' Program launched by Yaneth Giha, Minister for Education. This phase of the 'All Hands at School' initiative was begun the Avenida El Caraño Rural School in Florencia (Caquetá). The initiative finances improvements to educational infrastructure in rural areas which have been affected by the armed conflict, so that children, adolescents, and youth can study in better conditions, to help close the educational gap with



urban areas, and thus contribute to the building of a stable and lasting peace.

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IOM and USAID Colombia commemorate African Heritage month and National Afro-Colombian Day

Spaces which seek the recognition of ethnic peoples and to eliminate all forms of discrimination in society continue to be promoted in Colombia. Through Law 725 of 2001 the Congress identified 21 May as National Afro-Colombian Day, in reference to the same day in 1851 when then president José Hilario López signed a decree to abolish slavery in Colombia. This historical moment is commemorated, and the construction of a multicultural and pluri-ethnic country was promoted and progressed over the years, and is today reflected in the 1991



Constitution, which recognizes the country's diverse races, colors, beliefs, and ideals.

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Everything ready for the meeting of the Ibero-American Network against Discrimination in Cartagena

With guests from more than 20 countries, the 'We Are One Race, the Human Race' meeting took

place on Tuesday 15 May. The event was organized within the framework of the VI Ordinary Assembly of the Ibero-American Network of Bodies and Organizations against Discrimination (RIOOD), and was hosted by Colombia for the first time.

Encuentro 'Somos una Sola Raza, la Humana'



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IOM in the news

The Venezuelan exodus is already structural: migration agencies are appealing for more funding to assist receiving countries

On 20 May, elections were held in Venezuela that saw Nicolás Maduro reelected as the head of state. With an abstention rate of almost 54 per cent and reports of irregularities by the G7 and the European Union (which today agreed on new sanctions) the sense of uncertainty, both political and socioeconomic, is deepening in the once wealthy Latin American country.

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Version in English

Source: Equal Times



Canadian Embassy visits Nariño

The Rural Development with a Territorial Approach (DRET) Pilot Project supported by the Canadian Embassy in Colombia is the result of joint efforts between the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Social Prosperity, the National Planning Department (DNP), the Rural Development Agency, the Nariño Governorship, unions and producer organizations from the Rio Mayo Sub-region, and the International Organization for Migration (IOM).

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Source: Extra.com



Technology to inspire vulnerable minors

Since 2015, and with the financial support of the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and other alliances with institutions like the Colombian Family Welfare Institute (ICBF) and USAID, Tecnokids has carried out workshops in vulnerable communities in areas like El Placer, Putumayo; Toribio, Cauca; Pitalito, Huila; Istmina, Chocó; and Ranchería de las Américas in La Guajira, among other. The initiative has delivered two technological kits, one focused on basic electronics and another on programming, to 12 departments and 30 municipalities in Colombia, using them to teach technology in a practical way and solving community needs



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Source: El Tiempo

Other news from Colombia

For the first time, a victim of the FARC recovers their land in the Caguán

Five hours on the highway, three more on a devilish track in a capricious truck, and two hours more on a steady-tempered tired-legged rented mule was what Efrain Pencue had to cover to return to his property in the rural area of San Vicente del Caguán, Caquetá... On 11 May, after 6 years away from his farm, and without being able to cultivate the land or raise chickens, the Pencue family returned with the hope of beginning again, and of being able to walk over their restituted 44 hectares.



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Source: El Tiempo

New publications



promoters of prevention of gender-based violence (GBV)

This booklet aims to support the leadership of women transiting to civilian life, people with non-hegemonic gender identities or sexual orientations, and men interested in taking on and questioning traditional masculinities in the construction and implementation of replication exercises based on the content learned during the certificate course, such as the design of Territorial Plans for the Prevention of GBV and the formulation of communications strategies which promote the gender approach and the prevention of these types

of violence. This educational material includes the conceptual and didactic elements related to the gender approach, human rights, national and international legal instruments for the protection of women's, childhood, and adolescent rights, new masculinities, and strategic non-sexist communication addressed in the certificate course.

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