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Central and South America join forces to combat human trafficking in the region



The Government of Colombia and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), in partnership with IOM, held the International Meeting of the Technical Secretariats of the Committees to Combat Human Trafficking Central and South America. The meeting, which was supported by the Delegation of the European Union in Colombia, aimed to promote the exchange of good practices in prevention and assistance to victims of human trafficking, emphasizing the importance of building and strengthening communication channels and cooperation between countries in the region that are affected by this crime.

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IOM support for the peace process in Colombia

Training of trainers for the incorporation of the psychosocial approach in health care for victims of the armed conflict

Health care processes within the framework of comprehensive reparation for conflict victims face an important challenge: training human talent in health (administrative and assistance) for the incorporation of the psychosocial approach in all the scenarios in which they interact and provide attention to victims. In this context, and based on the current legal framework, the Ministry of Health and Social Protection, with the support of USAID and IOM, designed and implemented a joint strategy for the training of professionals who will in turn train personnel in their institutions for the incorporation of the psychosocial approach in health care and health management.



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Community Reintegration Models come to an end in eight regions

In urban and rural areas of Antioquia, Cauca, Risaralda, Cesar, Meta, Santander, Nariño and Valle del Cauca, people from illegal armed groups who left their weapons behind, victims, children, adolescents, youth, women, rural farmers, local and national government officials, international organizations and social leaders, are finishing eight months of intense work in understanding each other's lives and the value of working together, solving problems through dialogue, undertaking projects to improve their neighborhood, and putting themselves in another's shoes before judging them. This was accomplished through the Community Reintegration Model (CRM).



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Guidelines created for the prevention of recruitment based on the perspectives and understanding of indigenous youth

The 'Macro Juvenil de la Orinoquía' meeting was held on June 14 and 15, 2018, in the indigenous house of Fortul (Arauca) with representatives of the Association of Indigenous Traditional Councils and Authorities of the Department of Arauca (ASCATIDAR), the Indigenous Regional Council of Vichada (CRIVI), the Indigenous Regional Organization of Casanare (ORIC), the Association of Indigenous Councils of Meta (UNUMA), UNUMAVI and ORPIVO.



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IOM in the news

Cerro de Belén in Caldoño, from epicenter of the conflict to tourist vantage point

Caldoño is one of the municipalities in Cauca most affected by the armed conflict. Historical data, and especially the memory of its inhabitants, shows that there were over 248 guerrilla takeovers between 1984 and 2014, 76 of which were in the municipal capital. Hundreds of people were killed and displaced in the more than 500 episodes of confinement suffered by the population. Today, the hilly area, which was the meeting place for illegal armed groups to attack the military (leaving the population caught in the middle) and a heavily disputed strategic point, becomes a new favorite place for locals and visitors who come to visit Caldoño.



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Source: El Nuevo Liberal

District launches anti-discrimination campaign

Bogotá Mayor Enrique Peñalosa's administration, through its District Government Secretariat (SDG), launched the RacisNO campaign, a strategy that seeks to reduce racial discrimination in Bogotá and send a message to citizens about the importance of valuing ethnic and cultural diversity.

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Source: Colmundo Radio



Juan José Nieto Mega Library showcases results

In the Juan José Nieto Mega Library (Rosedal), Ruby Mutis, director of Cartagena's Institute for Heritage and Culture, met with the work team set up by the International Organization for Migration (IOM) Departmental Bolívar, to strengthen the activities carried out in the mega-library.

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Source: Caracol.com.co



The Ministry of the Interior presents results of support for conflict victims

Minister of the Interior, Guillermo Rivera, Elizabeth Mendenhall, USAID/Colombia Director of the Office of Programs, and the mayors of 16 Colombian municipalities will report advances in public policies for conflict victims, specifically through the Model for Institutional Strengthening Local Institutions, which is a new tool to improve the performance and implementation victims' policies around the country.

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Source: El Tiempo



Other news from Colombia

Peace Process Library is contribution to peacebuilding in Colombia and the world

On Wednesday, President Juan Manuel Santos presented the Peace Process Library at the Teatro Colón. This library includes 11 volumes (including the complete Final Peace Agreement) and is an effort to build the historical memory of the seven years of exploratory and public talks between delegates of the Colombian government and the FARC guerrillas..

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Source: Presidencia.gov.co



New publications



Manual for facilitators of recreational and educational activities

This manual is a tool for empowering facilitators in communities to raise awareness of human trafficking, including what trafficking is, how it manifests itself, and how we can prevent it. The manual has three main parts: general contents, recreational and educational activities, and a commitment act, as well as an annex with cards that can be photocopied.

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