

PazDiversa

Strengthening gender equity and participation for the promotion of peace in Colombia

Introduction

In 2016, the Colombian Government and the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia-People's Army (FARC-EP) signed a Peace Agreement. Since then, both progress and setbacks have been observed in implementation of the agreed measures. Six years later, the slowest progress is around measures aimed at women, populations with diverse gender identities and sexual orientations, and ethnic communities. This is where the PazDiversa Project comes in, seeking to improve the conditions for implementing gender measures in the Peace Agreement, specifically for women and people with diverse sexual orientations and gender identities regarding Political Participation and Comprehensive Rural Reform. By this, the project reflects the principles of Feminist Policy promoted by the German Government in the areas of development and security.

Our approach

The target group of the PazDiversa project comprises population groups directly affected by the armed conflict in the departments of Caquetá, Meta, and Norte de Santander, as well as the entire population of these departments and the public institutions supporting them.

Mainstreaming the gender approach in the Final Peace Agreement in Colombia is a landmark example in the international arena, consistent with the recommendations of United Nations Resolution 1325 (2000), aimed at linking women more directly to security issues and peacebuilding.

However, the implementation of the 130 gender-focused measures has been slow, with a minimum execution rate of 51% in 2022. Rural populations' participation and representation in different decision-making spaces pose significant challenges. The

status of implementation exhibits a necessity for contributing to the realization of the gender goals incorporated in the Peace Agreement. Therefore, PazDiversa Project seeks to support peacebuilding in Colombia by providing direct advice, reflecting the principles of the Feminist Policy aimed at (1) Non-discrimination and equal opportunities, (2) Participation and Empowerment, and (3) Transparency and accountability towards vulnerable populations.

Project name	Strengthening gender equity and participation for the promotion of peace in Colombia (PazDiversa)
On behalf of	Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)
Target Regions	Meta, Caquetá and Norte de Santander
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Implementing counterpart	Vice Presidency of the Republic of Colombia
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Public entities associated with the implementation of the Project include the Vice Presidency of the Republic of Colombia, the Office of the Presidential Counselor for Women's Equity, the new Ministry of Equality and Equity, the Office of the High Commissioner for Peace (OACP), the Ministry of Agriculture, with its subdivision on rural women (Directorate of Rural Women), and the National Land Agency (ANT), the Ministry of Commerce, Industry, and Tourism, particularly through its program Women Entrepreneur Fund. The Ministry of the Interior is responsible for the political participation of citizens, especially in the regions, as well as leading public policy for people with diverse sexual orientations and gender identities.



Promotion of political participation and fostering comprehensive rural reform are critical components of the Final Peace Agreement.

Thematic Fields

Thematic Field 1: Promotion of participation and representation from a gender lens in forums of coordination and decision-making

Thematic Field 2: Ensuring resources for target groups for the implementation of gender measures included in the Comprehensive Rural Reform of the Peace Agreement.

Thematic Field 3: Advice for the transformation of gender biases and strengthening of human rights to reduce gender gaps.

Thematic Field 1: Promoting participation

Thematic Field 1 aims to strengthen the political participation of women and people with diverse sexual orientations and gender identities in the implementation of specific gender measures integrated in the Peace Agreement.

Proposed activities

1. Identifying barriers to achieving political participation of women and people with diverse sexual orientations and gender identities.
2. Strengthening the capacities of civil society organizations for the implementation of the Final Peace Agreement.
3. Monitoring and follow-up on accountability and improving cooperation with state actors regarding the Peace Agreement.

Thematic field 2: Ensuring resources

Thematic Field 2 seeks to strengthen the social and economic capacities of civil society actors to enable the implementation of specific gender measures within the Peace Agreement, particularly the Comprehensive Rural Reform. It should be mentioned that improving socio-economic conditions has a positive effect on the political participation of civil society actors, which is the main purpose of thematic field 1.

Proposed activities

1. Promoting the creation of alliances with existing economic support programs aimed at women and people with diverse sexual orientations and gender identities.
2. Strengthening the technical and methodological capacities of state institutions and civil society to support the initiatives structured by the Development Programmes with territorial focus (in Spanish PDET), derived from the Peace Agreement and for the economic empowerment of the target groups.

Campo 3: Transforming gender biases

Thematic Field 3 enables state institutions, as well as civil society organizations to counteract unequal power relations and gender discrimination dynamics under the implementation of the Peace Agreement. To this end, the project provides advice to civil society organizations and State entities committed to implementing the specific gender measures of the Peace Agreement.

Proposed activities

1. Promoting a critical approach to gender roles, alternative forms of masculinity, conflict transformation, non-violent communication, and operationalization of the intersectional approach through training and dialogue.
2. Promoting mechanisms for the protection and self-protection of the target populations, as well as their psychosocial support to avoid exacerbation of conflicts

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