



The project Integral Rural Development for Sustainable Peace Building:

"Aremos Paz" was an initiative funded by the European Peace Trust Fund and the Swedish Embassy, implemented by Swedish civil society organisations (ForumCiv, We Effect, SweFor, ACT Church of Sweden, Lutheran World Federation and Diakonia).

Our Goal

"Improve the living conditions of rural communities and the reincorporated population in areas affected by the armed conflict in Colombia, within the framework of the implementation of the Peace Agreement, especially in the components of Integral Rural Development and the substitution of illicit crops".

Implementation
5 years

Budget in Euros
6.000.000

9 NAR
New Areas of Reincorporation

9.472
people participated directly with productive and organizational strengthening from an integral perspective.

Coverage
10 Departments
59
Municipalities

10 ETCR
Territorial Spaces for Reincorporation

Aremos Paz
was able to:

Benefit

84
ORGANIZATIONS

/ Collective processes of Colombian civil society.

58 of these initiatives were funded and supported with technical assistance.

51 productive initiatives
7 initiatives aimed at organizational strengthening

5 initiatives of community-based care were strengthened or created

17 initiatives were led by women or focused on their empowerment.

4 solidarity initiatives were set up or strengthened through the establishment of physical or digital shops for the sale of local producers.

Another achievement is the creation and validation of joint methodologies for mainstreaming and integrating protection, gender and psychosocial approaches in Development and Peace projects.

With this, it was possible to provide a comprehensive response to the particular needs of the communities in their territories.

Schools for women's cooperatives and the care economy were established in the framework of the project. This is in line with the approach of redistributing care work more equally and empowering women in the economic sphere.

The main productive lines of the initiatives financed were handicrafts, cocoa, coffee, fruit trees, livestock (with a view to reducing environmental impacts) and food crops (bananas, cassava, rice, vegetable gardens). However, initiatives for the production of sugar cane, animal feed, guadua, medicinal plants, aromatic plants, quinoa, poultry, fish and pig farming were also strengthened. As well as some exercises in ecological restoration and community tourism.

Several of the initiatives supported were oriented towards the transformation and commercialisation of goods, on the understanding that in this way it was possible to target stages of the production chain in which greater added value can be generated.

The project actions promoted progress in the transformation of gender roles.

Specific initiatives associated with the care economy were promoted, aimed at recognising this work, remunerating caregivers, reducing care time, and better redistributing the work overload. This process generated a new perspective on the value of care work, strengthening elements of gender equity and distribution of responsibilities, which enables the increased participation of women in decision-making spaces. To this end, schools on new masculinities, cooperativism for women and gender were held, among other actions.

In addition, a protocol for the prevention of and attention to gender-based violence was drawn up, with elements for dealing with these situations in an effective and responsible manner.



Peasant, indigenous and Afro-descendant communities, for multiple historical reasons associated with the armed conflict in Colombia, have been exposed to socio-political violence and the violation of their rights, which has affected the security of their leaders in particular, making it difficult for organisational processes to survive.



The Aremos Paz project carried out a capacity-building process with 24 grassroots organisations for non-violent, differentiated and collective protection and self-protection.



As a result, organisations have adopted a culture of protection and non-violent self-protection through preventive actions. Some organisations have standardised security measures for travel to risk areas and others have generated internal mechanisms to activate the relationship with public institutions.

From the perspective of reacting to direct threats, the organisations use the tools provided in two ways: for advocacy at municipal, regional, national and international levels, and as collective actions, including non-violent mobilisations.

The project strengthened the collective protection mechanisms of indigenous and peasant guards.

Aremos Paz

Other achievements:

Promotion and support of:



104
community assemblies

spaces for conflict resolution and territorial community integration workshops in areas highly affected by the armed conflict. These included the participation of

5.755
people



50,46% Men
49,46% Women
0,07% People with other gender identities

20 activities

20 activities of exchange of rural development experiences and commercial or agri-environmental fairs were carried out, which boosted local economies and allowed a dialogue between the different organisations that took part in the project.



42 Infrastructures

42 infrastructures were built, adapted and/or endowed 42 productive community infrastructures and other 8 community spaces were built, adapted and/or equipped for the organisational strengthening of the project partners.



A total of 9,404 people benefited from the financing and technical assistance for both productive initiatives and organisational strengthening.

9.404
Total people benefitted



Implemented by:
FORUMCIV.

act
Iglesia Suiza

Diakonia

FEDERACIÓN LUTERANA MUNICIPAL

SWE FOR

WE EFFECT

Financiado por
UNIÓN EUROPEA

Fondo Europeo para la Paz
Colombia

