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Colombia

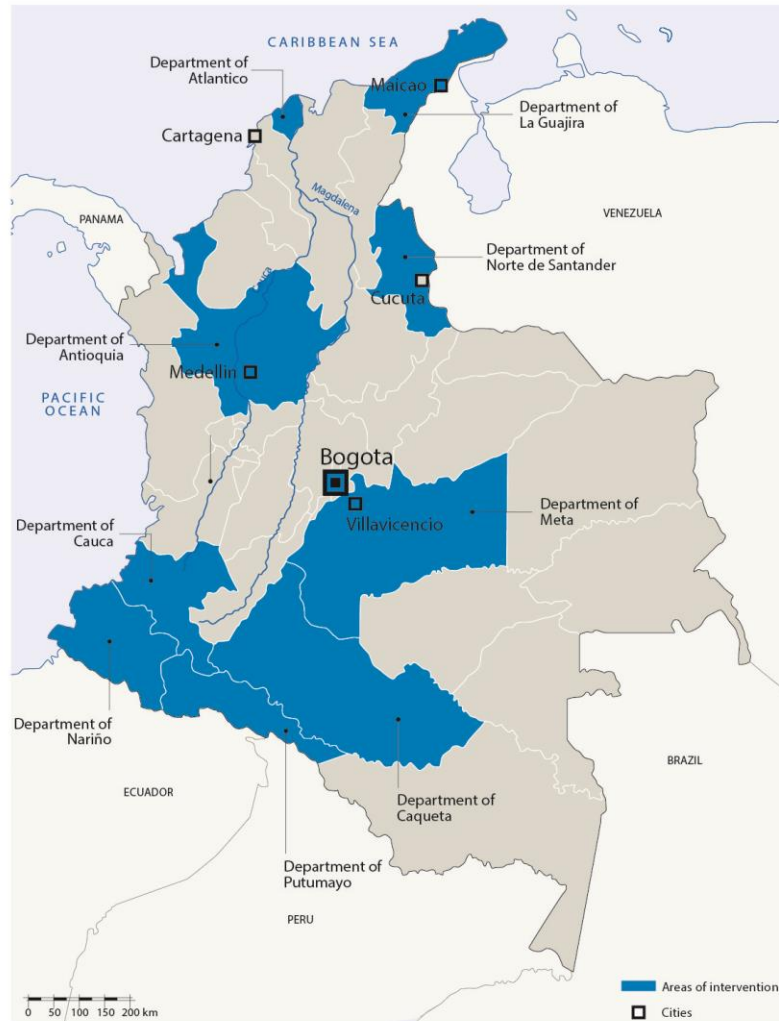




HI Team and intervention areas

The HI Colombia program has 175 staff members.

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General data of the country

a. General data

Country	Colombia	Venezuela	Belgium
Population	50.3	28.5	11.5
Population under UNHCR mandate	310	67.289	42.168
HDI	0.76	0.72	0.9
IHDI	0.58	0.6	0.84
Gender Development Index	0.99	1.01	0.97
Maternal Mortality	71.2	72.2	
GINI Index	50.4	46.9	27.4
INFORM RISK	5.4	4.3	1.9
Fragile State Index	76.6	91.2	27.1
Development aid (in millions USD)	1762.69	147.13	0

b. Humanitarian law instruments ratified by the country

Humanitarian law instruments	Status
Mine Ban Treaty	Ratified 06/09/2000
Convention on Cluster Munitions	Signed 03/12/2008
UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities	Ratified 10/05/2011



c. Geopolitical analysis

For decades Colombia has been affected by a protracted conflict between the national government, the insurgent groups Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) and National Liberation Army (ELN), and a number of criminal organizations. In 2016, after more than 50 years of conflict, the Government of Colombia signed a peace agreement with the country's largest guerrilla group, the FARC. However, several other armed groups remain active across the country, causing deterioration of the security conditions in the country's most remote areas, and civilians continue to suffer the humanitarian consequences of the ongoing violence. Colombia also shelters more than 1.1 million Venezuelans who have left their country.

Due to the ongoing violence, humanitarian needs were on the rise in 2018, with an 89 percent increase in the number of civilians forcibly displaced by armed violence. Colombia has the largest number of internally displaced people with over 7.4 million registered in the country. Additionally, Over 360 000 Colombian refugees have sought refuge in neighbouring countries and need protection. In addition, the unfolding crisis in Venezuela and consequent population displacement into Colombia is an issue of concern: over one million Venezuelans are registered in Colombia, and they often live in situations of extreme vulnerability.

There are still many gaps in accessing health insurance, healthcare, physical rehabilitation services and humanitarian assistance.

Summary of HI presence in the country

HI has been working in Colombia since 1998, with an emergency response to the Armero landslide, and has had a permanent presence in the country since 1998. HI promotes respect for the rights of people with disabilities with a special focus on improvised landmine and ERW victims and their families. HI Colombia currently focuses on five areas of intervention: physical rehabilitation, psychosocial support, socio economic inclusion livelihoods and protection. Moreover, the organization strives to empower people with disabilities in the design and implementation of public policies.

Over the past 16 years, HI has teamed up with more than 5 local partners and grassroots organisations in over 10 Departments within the country, thereby gaining first-hand understanding of the needs of the most vulnerable whilst consolidating acceptance from all parties.



The implementation of these actions helps create favourable conditions for the participation of beneficiaries in socioeconomic development of their communities and a safer territory prone to sustainable development.



Overview on ongoing projects

Sectors of services where HI conducts projects and focus on beneficiaries and operational partnerships

Main sectors of intervention and Project title	Objective of project in the sector	Main activities	Beneficiaries	Final Beneficiaries	Partner	Location	Dates of beginning and end of the project and Donors
Armed Violence Reduction - Land Release Sector: Land Release in Cajibío and Purace Municipalities, Department of Cauca, Colombia	Land Release in Cajibío and Purace	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Liaison• Non-Technical Survey• Clearance• Explosive Ordnance Disposal	NA	Communities affected by explosive ordnance contamination in Cajibío and Purace – 37,500 inhabitants	Direct implementation	Cajibío and Purace Municipalities, Cauca Department	01/10/2018-28/02/2021 WRA/PM, SDC, MFA Belgium, CDC France



<p>Armed Violence Reduction - Land Release Sector:</p> <p>Land release in Vistahermosa - Zone 5 Department of Meta, Colombia</p>	<p>Land Release in Vistahermosa</p> <p>Zona 5 Municipality</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Liaison • Non-Technical Survey • Clearance • Explosive Ordnance Disposal 	NA	<p>Communities affected by explosive ordnance contamination in Vistahermosa, Zone 5 – 9.275 inhabitants</p>	Direct implementation	<p>Vistahermosa Municipality, Meta Department</p>	<p>26/01/2017 – 31/03/2022</p> <p>WRA/PM</p>
<p>Armed Violence Reduction - Land Release Sector:</p> <p>Land release in Vistahermosa - Zone 5 Department of Meta, Colombia</p>	<p>Land Release in Paez, Inza and Santander de Quilichao Municipalities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Liaison • Non-Technical Survey • Clearance • Explosive Ordnance Disposal 	NA	<p>Communities affected by explosive ordnance contamination in Paez, Inza, Santander de Quilichao – 159,000 inhabitants</p>	Direct implementation	<p>Paez, Inza, Santander de Quilichao, Cauca Department</p>	<p>01/10/2019 – 31/07/2021</p> <p>WRA/PM</p>



<p>Armed Violence Reduction – Victim Assistance and Risk Education Sectors: Comprehensive Action for Armed Violence Reduction and Protection of Affected Communities in Cauca, Nariño, Meta, Caqueta and Antioquia (Bajo Cauca) Departments, Colombia</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Affected communities live in safer environments with prospects for socio-economic local development • Survivors and indirect victims and other people with disabilities improve their living conditions through access to services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community-Based RE (training/ capacity-building, coordination and material development) • Advocacy (to include RE in community risk prevention management) • Community livelihood micro-projects • Vocational and/or soft-skills training • Capacity-building on CBR • Accompaniment for access to rehabilitation and psycho social services • Legal assistance • Capacity-building of civil society representatives 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community leaders • Civil servants • Indigenous community guards • Local partners staff • Victim associations and DPO staff 	<p>Communities affected by explosive ordnance contamination Cauca, Nariño and Antioquia (Bajo Cauca) Departments – 2.144 persons (1065 women, 1079 men)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pastoral Social Sur Oriente y Pasto • Asociación de víctimas del Caquetá • Fundación Tierra de Paz • Organización Indígena de Antioquia 	<p>Cauca, Nariño, Meta, Caqueta and Antioquia (Bajo Cauca) Departments</p>	<p>01/01/2019 – 31/01/2021</p> <p>SDC, MFA Norway</p>
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Armed Violence Reduction – Risk Education Sector: <i>Design and implementation of interacting guide for Risk Education for indigenous communities</i>	Build and implement together with indigenous community representatives a guiding document for interaction in Risk Education for use by indigenous communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Needs evaluation • Participatory design process • Guide and materials testing • Approval by national RE roundtable 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15 indigenous community representatives • 10 community focal points • 12 members of the national RE roundtable 	3000 members of target indigenous communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15 indigenous communities of Colombia • Office of the High Commissioner for Peace 	Antioquia, Cauca, Nariño, Putumayo, Norte de Santander Departments	01/04/2020 – 31/03/2021 Canadian Embassy
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<p>Multi-sectorial – Functional Rehabilitation and Assistive Technologies, MHPSS, Livelihoods/ Basic Needs and IHA:</p> <p><i>Humanitarian Response to the Venezuelan Crisis in Colombia</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Psychosocial support and physical rehabilitation needs of target population are addressed • Vulnerable households are able to cover their essential basic needs • Capacity-building on Inclusive Humanitarian Action • Limiting the spread of epidemic or other major sanitary crisis targeting persons with disabilities and humanitarian stakeholders 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provision of mental health consultations • Provision of global rehabilitation services • Technical training for rehabilitation institutions staff • Donation of rehabilitation devices (kits) • Training on IHA • Multi-purpose cash transfers • Awareness raising- about the prevention of COVID-19 (video-clips) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MHPSS: 1.175 individuals • Rehabilitation: 565 individuals • IHA training: 80 individuals. • MPCA: 532 individuals • IEC: 2.000 individuals 	<p>3.932 individuals and 40 organizations</p>	<p>Direct implementation but sub of DRC for ECHO contract (and sub of HelpAge for SF)</p>	<p>Antioquia, Atlantico, La Guajira Departments and Bogota D.C./ Soacha</p>	<p>01/06/2019 – 30/03/2021</p> <p>ECHO, UNHCR, QUEBEC, Start Fund</p>
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<p>Inclusive Disaster Risk Management:</p> <p>Multi-country approach to strengthen inclusion and protection in disaster risk management capacities of public institutions, authorities, and civil society in Colombia, Peru and Paraguay.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Disaster Risk Management stakeholders have demonstrated strengthened capacity to apply inclusion and protection approaches. • Enhanced inclusion and protection in preparedness and response to disasters at the community level. • Regional experience sharing mechanisms in place for learning and scaling up of protection and inclusion good practices in future multi-hazard humanitarian interventions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capacity-building to National DRM and NDRMOs on protection and inclusion • Design and dissemination of accessible IEC tools related to inclusion and protection in DRR • Awareness Raising Campaigns with inclusive drills • Set up DRM community task forces with participation of the most-at-risk groups • Elaboration/revision of Emergency and Contingency Plans • Implementation of Inclusive EWS • Adaptation emergency shelters • Participation of National DRM and empowered representatives of the most at-risk groups in regional events • Elaborate and dissemination of a Regional Framework on Inclusive DRR 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National DRM and NDRMO staff • National Planning Departments, • National Army • Civil Defense • Red Cross • Firefighters • Local first responders • Community leaders and members of community organizations and most at-risk populations groups • Regional bodies: UNDISR, UNASUR, RIADIS 	<p>Vulnerable residents of the targeted vulnerable areas (such as indigenous people, women, PwDs, children or elderly people) – 1240 persons; 20 organizations</p>	<p>Direct implementation in collaboration with the UNDRG and NDRMOs and with the ACIN (Association of Indigenous Councils of the North of Cauca)</p>	<p>National-level and Corinto Municipality, Cauca Department</p>	<p>01/04/2019 – 31/12/2021</p> <p>ECHO, OFDA</p>
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<p>Protection against Violence and Abuse:</p> <p><i>Building Peace with Colombian Indigenous Communities, especially Women & girls.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased access to right of protection for indigenous communities of Antioquia and Nariño, especially, women & girls. • Improved responses to the protection needs of the indigenous groups in Antioquia and Nariño, particularly women & girls by Colombian stakeholders. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elaboration of gender responsive Protection Plans; • Updating of protection routes • Training on Human Rights • Formalization of SGBV service access routes; • Training on SGBV prevention and support • Psychosocial support • Study on protection risks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 200 Civil servants • 20 Leaders and representatives of civil society organizations (women, victims, members of Indigenous Guards, and Persons with Disabilities) 	<p>Members of indigenous communities affected by armed violence, and especially women and girls (70% of total beneficiaries) – 6.000 persons</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organizacion Indigena de Antioquia • ISAIS 	<p>Antioquia Department (6 municipalities in Bajo Cauca) and Nariño (3 municipalities)</p>	<p>07/01/2020 - 30/04/2022</p> <p>PSOPs (CANADA)</p>
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<p>Basic Needs/ Livelihoods:</p> <p><i>B-SAFE Colombia - Basic Services Access for Everyone in Cauca, Nariño and Caqueta, Colombia</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Needs identification, distributions and monitoring are carried out with the necessary biosecurity • Most vulnerable populations have access to their required quality food during one month • Most vulnerable populations have access to information and items for the promotion of hygiene, water and sanitation and the necessary means to protect themselves from the COVID-19 virus 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Needs identification and beneficiary selection • Distribution of biosecurity kits • Distribution of food kits • Distribution of hygiene and sanitation kits and water equipment • Contagion prevention campaign (accompanied with information leaflet) • PDM 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biosecurity kits: 3 298 community members (check points, partners and HI staff) • Food security kits: 2.105 vulnerable households (8.450 persons) en total) • WASH: 4 338 vulnerable persons 	<p>10.553 persons in total</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tierra de Paz, • Pastoral Social de Pasto, • Pastoral Social Ipiales, • AMCOP • OIA • ACIN • ASIR SABA 	<p>Cauca, Nariño and Caqueta Departments</p>	<p>07/09/2020 – 31/01/2021</p> <p>SDC</p>
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Donors

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<p>Gouvernement of Canada Peace and Stabilization Operations Program Canadian Embassy</p> 	<p>Start Network</p> 
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