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## **Support to Demobilization and Reintegration Process**

The United States support to the Demobilization and Reintegration Process (FY 2005-2009) includes the following activities:

### **SUPPORT FOR THE EFFECTIVE MONITORING AND LEGAL PROCESSING AND OF EX-COMBATANTS**

Technical assistance, logistical and administrative support is provided to the Government of Colombia's Reintegration Service Center (RSC) Network and the Tracking, Monitoring and Evaluation System (SAME). The SAME is designed to track ex-combatants and follow their reintegration process. The SAME is managed by the Office of the Presidential Advisor for Reintegration (ACR), and collects and analyzes data on ex-combatant beneficiaries as they move through the different components of the GOC's Reintegration Program. RSCs are the physical location for the Reintegration Program's service delivery of mandated reintegration benefits. The national network of 31 RSCs provides access to healthcare, formal education, vocational training, income generation opportunities and counseling services to ex-combatants and their families.

Technical assistance, logistical and administrative support is provided to several agencies for the effective implementation of Laws 782 and 975. USG support is strengthening the Office of the Inspector General and the Ombudsman to ensure oversight of the demobilization and reintegration process. Additional support is provided to the Office of the Attorney General to ensure access to the judicial process for victims through legal assistance to file claims, a 24 hour informational hotline, and psychosocial assistance and counseling for victims and their families. Additional institutional strengthening support will be provided to the Office of the Presidential Advisor for Reintegration.

### **SUPPORT TO THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES (OAS) MONITORING AND VERIFICATION MISSION**

United States' support to the OAS is strengthening their capacity to fulfill their mandate in Colombia of verifying the disarmament, demobilization and reintegration processes. The U.S. supports: 1) verification of pre and post-demobilizations such as assessing the security situation of ex-combatants and of areas where demobilizations occur, as well as verifying the effective dismantlement of demobilized units; 2) monitoring of the Justice and Peace Law (Law 975); 3) work with communities and the design of confidence building measures; and 4) monitoring reintegration to ensure that participants are complying with the requirements for entitlement and monitoring of the Government of Colombia's socioeconomic commitments.

### **REPARATIONS AND RECONCILIATION TO VICTIMS**

The United States promotes reconciliation and reparations to victims of conflict through support to the National Reparation and Reconciliation Commission. U.S. support to the Commission includes: 1) design of a victims reparations fund; 2) design of a victims database and asset identification database in order to monitor reparations; 3) support for the regulatory framework for implementing reparations; 4) support

to field offices and their outreach activities to build a service network for victims; 5) strengthening of judicial counseling and representation for victims; and 6) pilot reparations projects.

### **REINTEGRATION OF ADULT EX-COMBATANTS**

Financial and technical assistance is provided to create legitimate socioeconomic opportunities for adult ex-combatants through: 1) support for public and private alliances for education, vocational training and job creation; 2) local and departmental community development projects.

### **SUPPORT TO CHILD EX-COMBATANTS**

The United States continues support for child ex-combatants in partnership with the Colombian Institute for Family Welfare (ICBF). Activities include: 1) technical assistance to the ICBF; 2) support to attention facilities; 3) promotion of family and community reintegration; 3) consolidation of a legal framework for the protection of child ex-combatants; 4) implementation of prevention strategies against forced recruitment and the development of a national prevention strategy.