



<p><b>Title</b></p> <p>Protection and risk prevention for children and youth affected by armed conflict and/or forced recruitment, and improvement of livelihoods of targeted communities in the municipality of Tierralta (Córdoba) and Buenaventura (Valle del Cauca)</p>	<p><b>Key data of the project</b></p>
<p><b>Executive Summary</b></p> <p>Based on the results of needs assessments conducted with men, women, children and local authorities of communities affected by the armed conflict, in the municipalities of Tierralta (Córdoba) and Buenaventura (Valle del Cauca), the intervention will prioritize the response to humanitarian gaps such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Lack/weakness of collective and individual mechanisms to prevent and protect children and adolescents from risks of forced recruitment.</li> <li>- Limited access to basic services and loss/deterioration of agricultural and non-agricultural livelihoods (water and sanitation, food security and income generation activities).</li> <li>- Advocacy strategies to influence on local policies to reduce the impact of the armed conflict, especially the forced recruitment, on children and young people.</li> </ul> <p>The intervention focuses in 5 areas: 1). Strengthening of prevention and protection mechanisms, 2) Advocacy, 3) Food security and nutrition, 4) Access to safe water and basic sanitation and 5) Income generation. The proposal addresses needs in a comprehensive manner, in order to reach a deep impact and better conditions of sustainability (articulating actions of prevention and protection with improvement/recovery of livelihoods and strengthening of capacities to address risks linked to the context). Humanitarian actors are present in the respective areas, with OCHA as the main coordinating body. Municipal administrations are key institutional partners.</p> <p>The project will be implemented by DKH and local implementing partners (Benposta in Tierralta, Córdoba and Servicio Jesuita para Refugiados in Buenaventura, Valle del Cauca).</p>	<p><b>Domain of intervention</b></p> <p>Domain 1: Basic services for victims of armed violence</p> <p>Domain 2: Human Security / Protection of Civilians</p>
<p><b>Context</b></p> <p>Colombia has been experiencing in the past 50 years a dynamic context characterized by (unevenly distributed) economic growth and a protracted armed conflict with continued humanitarian consequences for the civil population. The possible beginning of a post-agreement phase after the signature of a “Peace Agreement” between the Government and the FARC-guerrilla in 2015 may open new perspectives for a (complex) transition towards reconstruction, including a high risk of continued armed violence due to the creation of new Post Demobilization Armed Groups and the increase of forced recruitment and use of children and young people for illegal activities.</p> <p>The two regional contexts of operation (municipalities of Tierralta and Valle del Cauca) suffer a high presence of these illegal armed actors. The armed conflict increases the risk of forced recruitment for children and young people of indigenous and Afro-Colombian communities. In addition, the access to safe water and sanitation services is limited, and the communities face a deterioration of agricultural livelihoods, which increase the vulnerability of the population.</p>	<p><b>SDC priority theme</b></p> <p>Reconstruction / Rehabilitation / Protection of Civilians</p>
<p><b>Overall Goals</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Protection of 709 children and youth affected by the armed conflict and/or with high risk of forced recruitment in 5 communities of Tierralta, Córdoba and 11 communities of Buenaventura, Valle del Cauca.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Country / Region</b></p> <p>Colombia 5 communities of Tierralta – Córdoba.</p>



<p>- Improvement of the living conditions of 6.143 people affected by armed conflict through the recovery of livelihoods (safe water, food security, basic sanitation), in 5 communities of Tierralta, Córdoba and 11 communities of Buenaventura, Valle del Cauca and indirectly for 3.060 people of surrounding communities.</p>	<p>11 communities of Buenaventura - Valle del Cauca.</p>
<p><b>Outcomes</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Prevention and protection mechanisms:</b> 5 communities of Tierralta (5.140 people) and 11 communities of Buenaventura (1.273 people) have improved their capacities and community mechanisms to prevent and protect children and youth with high risk of forced recruitment or use by illegal armed actors.</li> <li><b>Advocacy:</b> 5 communities of Tierralta and 11 communities of Buenaventura have strengthened their organizational capacities to raise awareness on the situation of forced recruitment in the prioritized areas and to advocate on the implementation of public policies for prevention and protection of children and youth at risk.</li> <li><b>Food security and nutrition:</b> 415 targeted families (1.989 people) of Tierralta and Buenaventura, and 180 children and youth of Tierralta have improved their food and nutritional security, through the strengthening of agricultural livelihoods and the improvement of school canteens.</li> <li><b>Access to safe water and basic sanitation:</b> 5 communities of Tierralta and 11 communities of Buenaventura (5.859 people) have improved their access to safer water and basic sanitation services.</li> <li><b>Income generation:</b> 90 children and youth of Tierralta have increased their incomes through the implementation of productive initiatives.</li> </ol>	<p><u>Departament</u> Humanitarian Aid</p>
<p><b>Implementing partner</b> Diakonie Katastrophenhilfe (German NGO) will lead the intervention in close coordination with local implementing partners: Benposta in Tierralta and Servicio Jesuita para Refugiados in Buenaventura.</p>	<p><u>Current Phase / Duration</u> Phase 2 (01.12.2014 - 30.11.2016)</p>
<p><b>Target group</b> Directly 6.413 people, indirectly 3.060 living in surrounding communities, affected by the armed conflict in Tierralta (department of Córdoba) and Buenaventura (department of Valle del Cauca). 52% of the beneficiaries are women.</p> <p>The prioritized population in Tierralta belongs to 5 communities, 3 of which are urban.</p> <p>The population targeted in Buenaventura belongs to 11 rural communities: 6 are part of indigenous groups, and 5 of Afro-Colombian communities.</p>	<p><u>SDC Budget of phase</u> CHF 400'362.- (COP 918.261.092,87)</p>
<p><b>Key results and insights from previous phases</b> The first phase was implemented in 4 communities of Tierralta, Córdoba. The main results of this previous phase were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>32 children and youth in high risk of recruitment were protected through the implementation of protection mechanisms (Protection route activated) in coordination with responsible authorities.</li> <li>405 children and youth affected by armed conflict have developed individual and community self-protection mechanisms.</li> <li>4 community centers (<i>Centros Juveniles</i>) constructed.</li> <li>74 familiar crops were established improving the food security conditions of the communities.</li> <li>3230 people improved their access to safer water through the construction/rehabilitation of communal water wells.</li> <li>The implementing partner and local organizations advance on advocacy activities to improve public policies on protection and prevention.</li> </ul>	<p><u>Total budget of phase including local partners and external contributions</u> CHF 800'724.- (COP 1.836.522.185,74)</p>



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