



Our results during 2020

In 2020, UNMAS Colombia managed to maintain the delivery of its activities throughout the year, and even advance on key issues. Despite being a challenging year due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the capacity for resilience and adaptation allowed us to continue mitigating the humanitarian and socio-economic impact of explosive ordnance (EO), and support the implementation of the peace accord's mine action elements. Through its technical assistance, UNMAS achieved the following results in 2020:



The mine action sector deploys in a prioritized, principled and effective manner through presence and impact in the territories



Implementation of the Regional Coordination project in support of the Office of the High Commissioner for Peace (OACP), which advocated with regional and local authorities of 15 departments and 61 municipalities for the inclusion of mine action (MA) into their regional and local policy instruments.



Participation in the technical review process of Colombia's National Mine Action Standards (NMAS). With technical inputs from UNMAS, 17 National Mine Action Standards were reviewed and are in the process of being updated, this will allow the sector to continue operating effectively in 2021.



Approval of a joint work plan with the OACP for 2020-2022 which seeks to improve the presence and coordination capacity in the most EO-affected regions, supporting the peace accord implementation plan, amongst others.



Contribution to improve the state response, by supporting training local ombudspersons of the most EO affected regions in MA and Victim Assistance (VA), in order to ensure that survivors can have access to appropriate assistance. The Office of the Inspector General was supported in this training.

Departments covered by the Regional Coordination project in 2020



- Antioquia
- Arauca
- Bolívar
- Casanare
- Caquetá
- Cauca
- Chocó
- Córdoba
- Guaviare
- Huila
- Meta
- Nariño
- Nte. de Santander
- Putumayo
- Tolima



Support for the implementation of mine action related aspects of the peace process



Quality-assure humanitarian demining operations of ex-combatants. In March, the Government of Colombia designated UNMAS as the external monitoring and evaluation component in charge of verifying demining operations from HUMANICEMOS DH (HDH), an organization composed and led by ex-combatants.



Implementation of the second phase of the Humanicemos Project. UNMAS began formal training with HDH personnel in June, which allowed 47 ex-combatants to be certified during 2020 to carry out humanitarian demining work. HDH deployed its first operations team in October to La Montañita, Caquetá.



Preliminary findings of an internal impact evaluation for Humanicemos Project. 59 perception surveys were applied to the community benefitting from mine action activities implemented in La Montañita. In the preliminary findings, 79% of the community members recognize the contribution of HDH to reconciliation.



On 10 December 2020, HDH received the official notification of a second tasks assignment by the National Authority. The municipality of Solita, also in Caquetá, was assigned to HDH for humanitarian demining operations.



Participation and technical assistance to a tripartite mechanism about mines (Government, FARC, and United Nations). Advances and progress on the tripartite mechanism for information sharing on the location of explosive ordnance installed by FARC-EP during the conflict.



Technical assistance to the mine action sector to generate and improve impact



Assistance to victims of accidents with explosive ordnance. Accompaniment to survivors to guarantee their access to the VA pathway of the Colombian State, and support to the national authorities in the design and updating of 59 VA pathways in municipalities affected by EO contamination.



Following COVID-19 safety regulations, **UNMAS carried out on-line EORE sessions to affected communities, including Indigenous and Afro-Colombian communities**, and virtually supported the national authorities in responding to possible early warnings on EO contamination in isolated communities suffering from ongoing armed conflict dynamics.



Technical assistance to the MA sector on Information Management (IM). The OACP was supported in the design of a dashboard on EO contamination and victims registered in Colombia. UNMAS also delivered webinars on geographic information systems (GIS), and advised MA organizations on IM projects and tools.

Gender parity in UNMAS Colombia

UNMAS Colombia has mainstreamed gender in all aspects of programme implementation, from recruitment to implementing partner activities, and the collection of sex disaggregated data. These actions seek to comply with the [United Nations Gender Guidelines for Mine Action Programmes](#).

UNMAS team



56 %



44 %

Leadership positions



