



Country card

Colombia

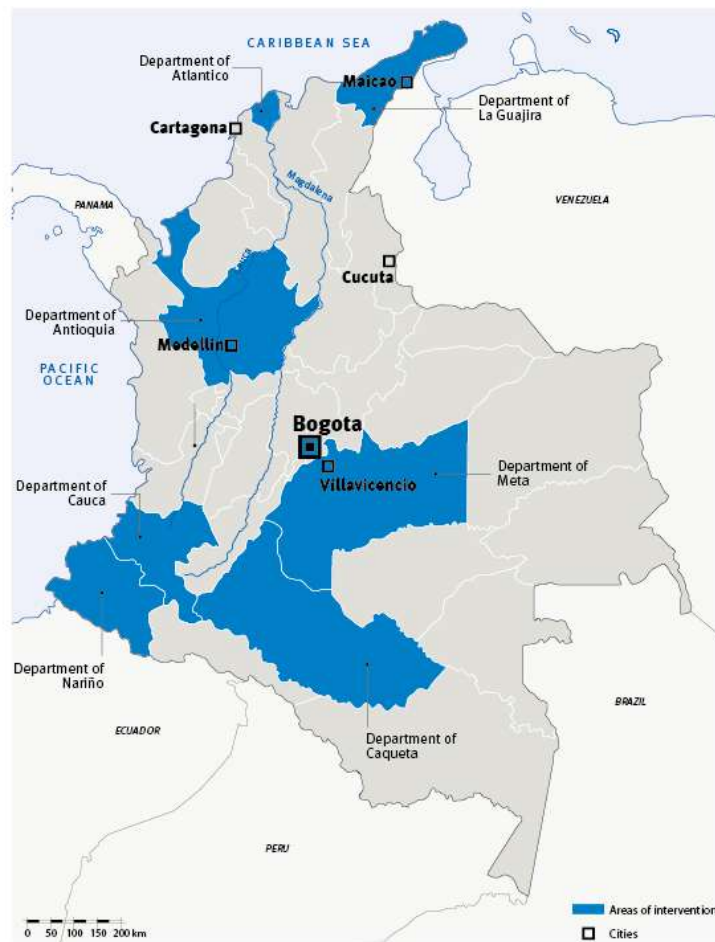




# HI Team and intervention areas

HI Colombia, in the Latin America Regional Program has 193 staff members.

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# General data of the country

## a. General data

DATA	Colombia	Venezuela	Belgium
Population	50.8	28.4	11.5
IHDI	0.77	0.71	0.84
Gender-related Development Index	0.989	1.009	0.97
Maternal mortality	83	125	5
GINI Index	50.4	46.9	27.4
Population within UNHCR mandate	310	67.289	42.168
INFORM RISK	5.4	4.5	1.9
Fragile State Index	76.61	91.16	27.10
Public social protection	14.1	8.8	29.2
Net official development assistance received	4301.2	-266.7	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), 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 around 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 2004. In Colombia, HI promotes respect for the rights of people with disabilities with a special focus on improvised landmine and ERW victims and their families. HI also responds to the rehabilitation and mental health needs in the context of the Venezuelan migrant crisis. HI Colombia currently focuses on seven areas of intervention: physical and functional rehabilitation, mental health and psychosocial support, economic inclusion, community protection mechanisms, humanitarian demining, land release, risk education and disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation. Moreover, the organization strives to empower people with disabilities in the design and implementation of public policies (advocacy and capacity building for inclusive governance).

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	Partners	Location	Dates of beginning and end of the project and Donors
<b>Land Release</b> Land release in Vistahermosa - Zone 5 Department of Meta, Colombia	Land Release in Vistahermosa Zona 5 Municipality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community Liaison</li> <li>• Non-Technical Survey</li> <li>• Clearance</li> <li>• Explosive Ordnance Disposal</li> </ul>	960 persons	Communities affected by explosive ordnance contamination in Vistahermosa, Zone 5 – 3,389 inhabitants	Direct implementation	Vistahermosa Municipality, Meta Department	01.2017 – 05.2022 <b>WRA/PM</b>
<b>Land Release</b> Land release in Vistahermosa -	Land Release in Paez, Inza and Santander de	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community Liaison</li> <li>• Non-Technical Survey</li> <li>• Clearance</li> </ul>	920 persons	Communities affected by explosive ordnance contamination in	Direct implementation	Paez, Inza, Santander de Quilichao,	10.2019 – 07.2022 <b>WRA/PM</b>



<p>Zone 5 Department of Meta, Colombia</p>	<p>Quilichao Municipalities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explosive Ordnance Disposal</li> </ul>		<p>Paez, Inza, Santander de Quilichao – 159,000 Inhabitants</p>		<p>Cauca Department</p>	<p><b>SDC</b></p>
<p><b>Explosive Ordnance Risk Education, Land Release</b></p> <p><i>Comprehensive Action for Armed Violence Reduction and Protection of Affected Communities – Phase VI</i></p>	<p>Improve the quality of life of people affected by armed violence, facilitating safer environments, access to basic services and socio-economic development in the most vulnerable communities under an inclusive approach.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Capacity-building of local risk management</li> <li>• Conflict Transformation</li> <li>• Community livelihood micro-projects</li> <li>• Strengthening of Community Protection Mechanisms</li> <li>• Capacity-building on Community Based Rehabilitation</li> <li>• Access to rehabilitation and psycho social services</li> <li>• Legal assistance</li> <li>• Capacity-building of civil society representatives</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community leaders</li> <li>• Civil servants</li> <li>• Indigenous community guards</li> <li>• Local partners staff</li> <li>• Victim associations and Disabled People Organisations staff</li> </ul>	<p>Communities affected by explosive ordnance contamination Cauca, Nariño, Meta and Antioquia Departments – 2,627 persons</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pastoral Social Sur Oriente y Pasto</li> <li>• Asociación de víctimas del Caquetá</li> <li>• Fundación Tierra de Paz</li> </ul>	<p>Cauca, Nariño, Meta, Caqueta and Antioquia Departments</p>	<p>06.2021 – 03.2024</p> <p><b>Medicor Foundation</b></p> <p><b>SDC</b></p> <p><b>MFA Norway</b></p>



<p><b>Physical and Functional Rehabilitation, Mental Health and Psychological Support, Inclusive Humanitarian Action</b></p> <p><i>Humanitarian Response to the Venezuelan Crisis in Colombia – Phase 2</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Integrated protection intervention combining protection and humanitarian assistance.</li> <li>• Mental Health and Psychosocial Support and physical and functional rehabilitation for People with Disabilities &amp; people with psychosocial distress.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provision of mental health consultations</li> <li>• Provision of global rehabilitation services</li> <li>• Early stimulation sessions provided to children 0-5.nation of rehabilitation devices (kits)</li> <li>• Individual protection assistance</li> <li>• Technical training for rehabilitation institutions staff</li> <li>• Training on Inclusive Humanitarian Aid</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mental Health and Psychosocial Support : 2,425</li> <li>• Rehab: 1,619</li> <li>• Early stimulation sessions: 295 children 0-5</li> <li>• Kits: 300</li> <li>• IPAs: 390</li> <li>• Information dissemination: 2,572</li> <li>• Inclusive Humanitarian Aid-technical support and training: 216</li> </ul>	<p>6,084 (60% women, 35% men, 5% LGTBI)</p>	<p>Sub of Danish Refugee Council for ECHO contract</p>	<p>Antioquia, Atlantico, La Guajira Departments and Bogota D.C./ Soacha</p>	<p>01.2021 – 03.2022</p> <p><b>ECHO</b></p> <p><b>UNHCR</b></p>
<p><b>Disaster Risk Reduction &amp; Climate Change Adaptation</b></p> <p><i>Multi-country approach to strengthen inclusion</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Disaster Risk Management stakeholders: strengthened capacity to apply inclusion and protection approaches.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Capacity-building to National Disaster Risk Management and Offices on protection and inclusion</li> <li>• Accessible Communication tools related to</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Disaster Risk Management and NDRMO staff</li> <li>• National Planning Departments,</li> <li>• National Army</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vulnerable residents of the targeted vulnerable areas (such as indigenous people, women, persons with disabilities, children or elderly people)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unidad Nacional para la Gestion del Riesgo de Desastres</li> <li>• National Disaster Risk</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National-level</li> <li>• Corinto Municipality, Cauca Department</li> </ul>	<p>04.2019 – 12.2021</p> <p><b>ECHO</b></p> <p><b>BHA</b></p>





<p>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"> <li>• Enhanced inclusion and protection in preparedness and response to disasters..</li> <li>• Regional experience sharing mechanisms for learning and scaling up of protection and inclusion good practices..</li> </ul>	<p>inclusion and protection</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Awareness Raising Campaigns with inclusive drills</li> <li>• Set up Disaster Risk Management community task forces</li> <li>• Elaboration/revision of Emergency and Contingency Plans</li> <li>• Implementation of Inclusive Early Warning Systems</li> <li>• Adaptation emergency shelters</li> <li>• Participation of National Disaster Risk Management and empowered representatives of the most at-risk groups</li> <li>• Elaborate and dissemination of a Regional Framework on Inclusive Disaster Risk Reduction</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Civil Defense</li> <li>• Red Cross</li> <li>• Firefighters</li> <li>• Local first responders</li> <li>• Community leaders and members of community organizations and most at-risk populations groups</li> <li>• Regional bodies: UNDISR, UNASUR, RIADIS</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1,240 people</li> <li>• 20 organizations</li> <li>• 20 organizations</li> </ul>	<p>Management Offices</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ACIN (Association of Indigenous Councils of the North of Cauca)</li> </ul>		
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<p><b>Disaster Risk Reduction &amp; Climate Change Adaptation</b> Inclusive Disaster Preparedness &amp; Protection in Colombia</p>	<p>To address humanitarian gaps and improve the resilience of communities affected by multiple crises in Guaviare and Cauca, while enhancing local capacities.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inclusive Disaster Preparedness:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Community and local capacity building (first responders)</li> <li>- multirisk contingency planning and preparedness for response</li> <li>- improvement of emergency shelters</li> <li>- protection of livelihoods, assets and critical facilities.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Protection:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- capacity building of collective protection mechanisms</li> <li>- training on humanitarian protection and inclusion standards</li> <li>- prevention of gender based violence</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12 organizations at the national level</li> <li>• 13 at the local level - Cauca</li> <li>• 6 at the local level – Guaviare</li> <li>• 1 at international level</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Disaster Preparedness: 5,929 persons</li> <li>• Protection: 1,071</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Direct implementation in Cauca</li> <li>• Through local implementing partner for Post Intervention Monitoring activity in Cauca</li> <li>• In consortium with World Lutheran Federation for implementation in Guaviare</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National level</li> <li>• Cauca Department</li> <li>• Guaviare Department</li> </ul>	<p>05.2021 – 06.2022</p> <p><b>ECHO</b></p>
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- protection information management and monitoring</li> <li>- protection advocacy &amp; communication.</li> </ul>					
<p><b>Protection against Violence and Abuse:</b></p> <p><i>Building Peace with Colombian Indigenous Communities, especially Women &amp; girls.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increased access to right of protection for indigenous communities of Antioquia and Nariño, especially, women &amp; girls.</li> <li>• Improved responses to the protection needs of the indigenous groups in Antioquia and Nariño, particularly women &amp; girls by Colombian stakeholders.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elaboration of gender responsive Protection Plans;</li> <li>• Updating of protection routes</li> <li>• Training on Human Rights</li> <li>• Formalization of Sexual and Gender Based Violence service access routes;</li> <li>• Training on Sexual and Gender Based Violence prevention and support</li> <li>• Psychosocial support</li> <li>• Study on protection risks</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 200 Civil servants</li> <li>• 20 Leaders and representatives of civil society organizations (women, victims, members of Indigenous Guards, and Persons with Disabilities)</li> </ul>	<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"> <li>• Organizacion Indigena de Antioquia</li> <li>• ISAIS</li> </ul>	<p>Antioquia Department (6 municipalities in Bajo Cauca)and Nariño (3 municipalities)</p>	<p>01.2020 - 04.2022</p> <p><b>PSOPs (CANADA)</b></p>



<p><b>Physical and functional Rehabilitation, Mental Health and Psychological Support, Inclusive Humanitarian Action, Economic Inclusion</b></p> <p>Inclusive COVID-19 Response</p>	<p>Mitigate the adverse psychosocial, health and economic impacts of COVID-19 for vulnerable persons with disability.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support strategic partners implementing pandemic risk-reduction interventions, to ensure disability inclusive programming</li> <li>• Diagnosis of the accessibility and inclusiveness of communication strategy during pandemics by public actors and NGOs</li> <li>• Support the Colombian Coalition for the Implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD)</li> <li>• Peer to peer support groups and disability inclusive physical training sessions for vulnerable or at-risk persons</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 60 coalition members (Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities )</li> <li>• 2,240 beneficiaries of psychosocial support services, including physical training activities,</li> <li>• 450 Mental Health and Psychological Support professionals trained on disability inclusive emergency care</li> <li>• 175 humanitarian agencies</li> </ul>	<p>3,215 persons</p>	<p>Direct implementation</p>	<p>Nationally and Bogota, Medellin and Barranquilla, Riohacha, Maicao</p>	<p>08.2021 – 03.2022</p> <p><b>BHA</b></p>
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cascade Training on disability inclusive emergency care.</li><li>• Capacity building for entrepreneurs with disabilities</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 100 individuals trained to protect or to reactivate their livelihoods</li><li>• 1,000 participants to the commercial event or visitors to the commercial microsite</li></ul>				
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# Donors

<p><b>US State Department WRA</b></p> 	<p><b>UNHCR</b></p> 
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<p><b>Government of Canada</b> Peace and Stabilization Operations Program Canadian Embassy</p> 	<p><b>Medicor Foundation</b></p> 
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