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*Landmines are the first weapon that have to be surrendered at the end of the armed conflict. Releasing areas suspected of landmine contamination strengthens human rights.*

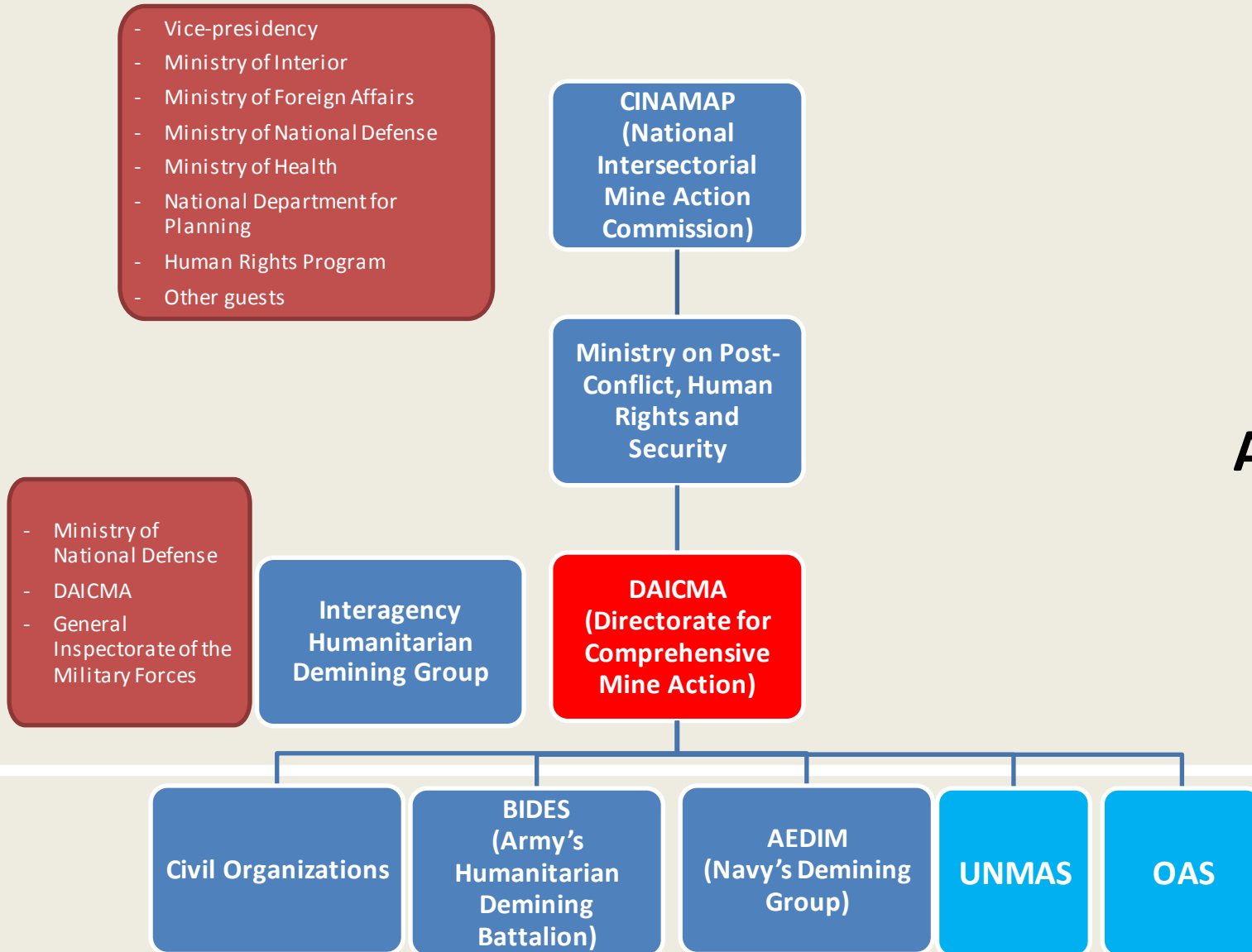


Director: Brigadier General Rafael Alfredo Colón Torres

February, 2016

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# Institutional framework.



**National  
Authorities**

**Operators  
and  
technical  
assistance**

# Key information on humanitarian demining in Colombia

## To date...

Government has more than 25 years of data related to the use of anti personnel mines, unexploded ordnance and improvised explosives devices.

693 municipalities, in 31 departments, are known to be affected by anti personnel mines, unexploded ordnance and improvised explosive devices.

11.390 victims: 40% civilians and 60% military personnel.

20 municipalities, in 5 departments, have ongoing operations of humanitarian demining.

5 municipalities have been declared as free of suspicions of anti personnel mines, unexploded ordnance and improvised explosives devices.

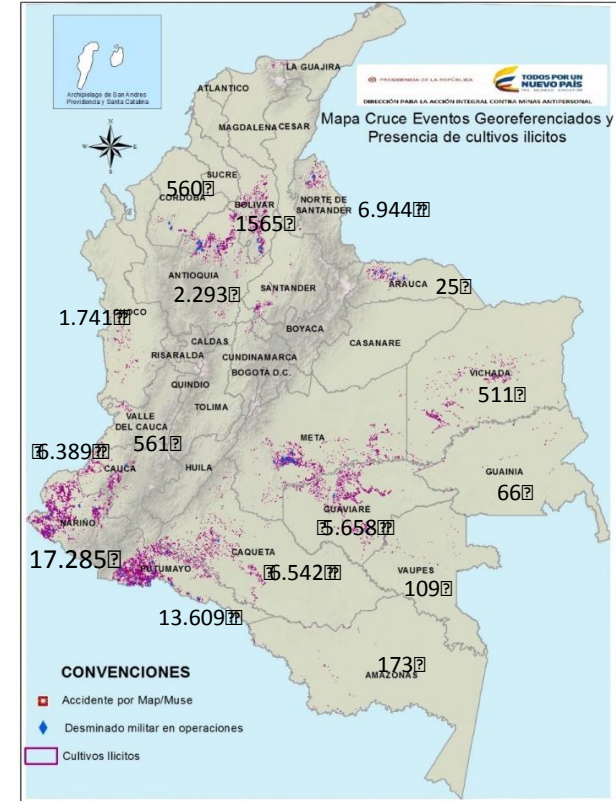
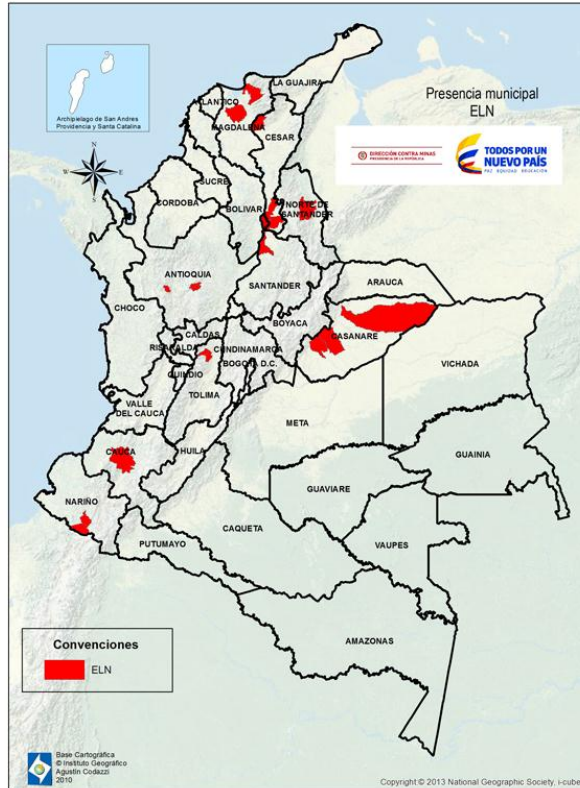
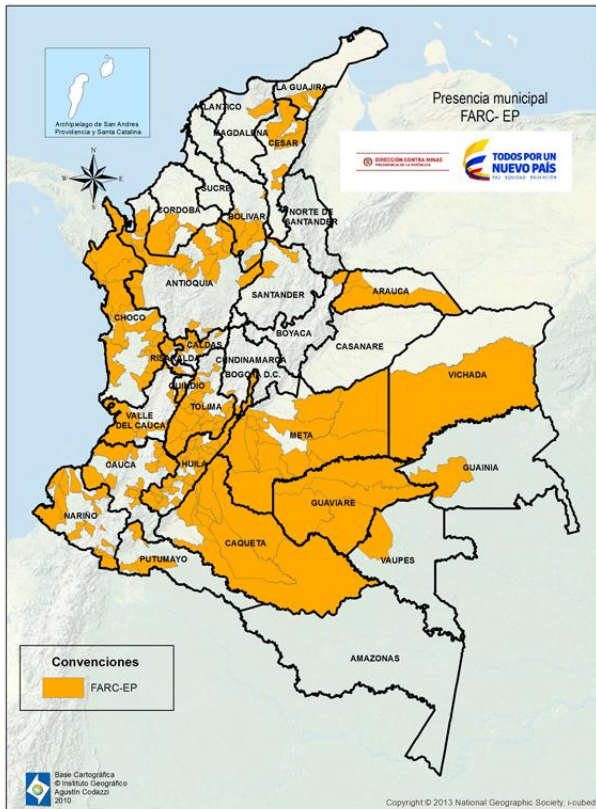
These elements have provided us with important lessons on how to optimize limited resources and on how to reduce the time required to intervene affected areas with operations of humanitarian demining and programs on mine risk education.

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# Municipalities with presence of illegal armed groups and illicit crops.



109 thousand hectares are affected by illicit crops (2014)



Fuente: Defensoría del Pueblo, Sistema de Alertas Tempranas y Centro de Investigación CERAC y UNODC



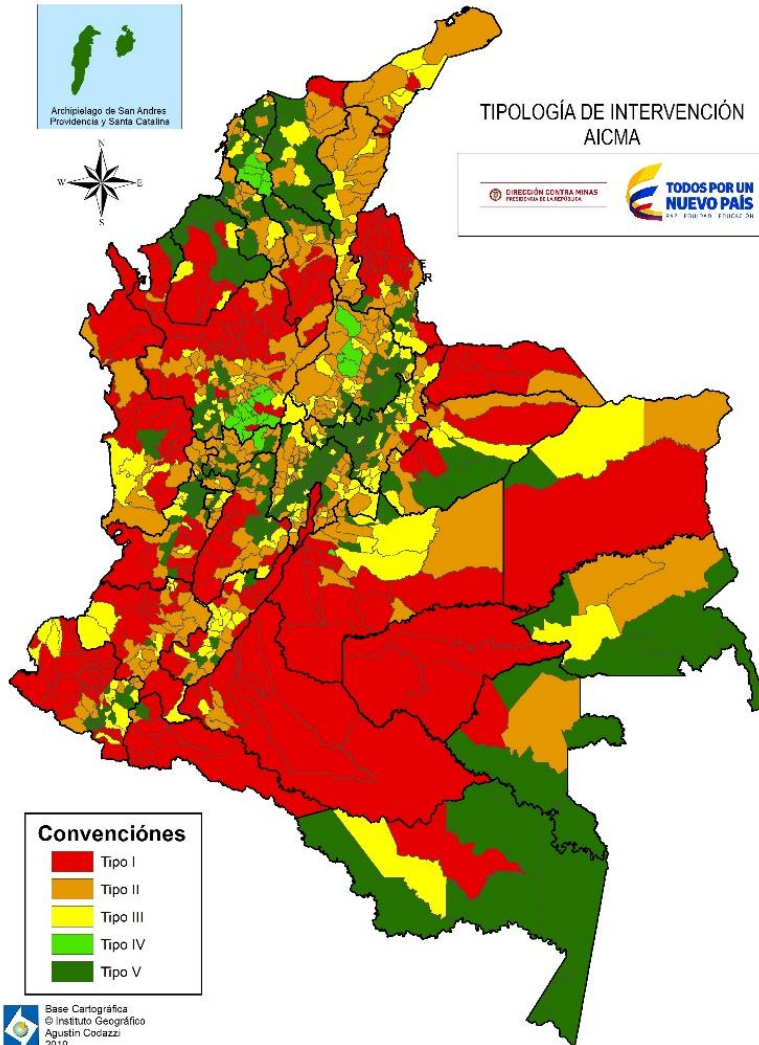
- 1. Humanitarian Impact:** Victims of mine-related accidents.
- 2. Nature of events:** Accidents and Incidents (Seizures and military demining).
- 3. Timeline:** Accidents and incidents related to anti personnel mines, unexploded ordnance or improvised explosive devices over the last five years.
- 4. Relation with other policies:** Land restitution and policies against illicit crops.
- 5. Presence of illegal armed groups:** Exclusive presence of FARC-EP.
- 6. Rural population density:** Target population.

# Intervention plan 2016-2021.

**Goal: Complete clearance by 2021**



TIPOLOGÍA DE INTERVENCIÓN  
AICMA



## Convenciones

- Tipo I
- Tipo II
- Tipo III
- Tipo IV
- Tipo V

**Type I**  
(199  
municipalities)

- Accidents reported over the last 5 years.
- **Response:** Preparedness for humanitarian demining

**Type II**  
(291  
municipalities)

- No accidents reported over the last 5 years.
- **Response:** Establishment of the base line.

**Type III**  
(183  
municipalities)

- Low number of incidents. There are no reports of APM, UXO or IED victims.
- **Response:** Analysis of the data on records.

**Type IV**  
(20  
municipalities)

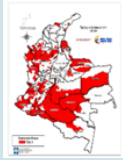




- Ongoing humanitarian demining operations.
- **Response:** continue operations until complete clearance.

**Type V**  
(429  
municipalities)

- There are no registers about accidents related to APM, UXO or IED.



# Intervention plan by typologies.

Intervention lines	Typologies				
	 Type I	 Type II	 Type III	 Type IV	 Type V
Nation – Territory coordination	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mine Risk Education	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Victim Assistance	✓	✓		✓	
Humanitarian Demining	Once an operator is assigned to the municipality, it is reclassified as Type IV	Investigation in the field to pinpoint hazardous areas.	If an area is identified as hazardous, the municipality is reclassified as Type II.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Non Technical survey.</li> <li>- Technical Survey.</li> <li>- Clearance.</li> </ul>	
Impact evaluation of the presence of APM, UXO or IED	✓	✓		✓	
Information management	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

# Current capacity and forecast.

## Institutional Capacity on Humanitarian Demining



### **BIDES (Army)**

**550** Deminers

**6** Municipalities

### **AEDIM (Navy)**

**84** Deminers

**4** Municipalities

### **Forecast**

Non Technical Survey

1.000 Men

2 additional brigades for Humanitarian Demining

5.500 Deminers

## Humanitarian Demining Organizations

### Accredited Organizations



AYUDA POPULAR NORUEGA

### Ongoing Accreditation Process

#### Humanitarian Demining Organizations

Humanitarian Demining Italian Group

Norwegian People's Aid

Danish Demining Group

Sterling International Group

Campaña Colombiana Contra Minas

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Acuerdo sobre Limpieza y Descontaminación del Territorio de la presencia de Minas Antipersonal (MAP), Artefactos Explosivos Improvisados (AEI) y Municiones Sin Explotar (MUSE) o Restos Explosivos de Guerra (REG) en general.



## It's a measure for...

- Conflict de-escalation.
- Confidence building among communities
- Confidence building among actors in conflict: Military Forces and FARC-EP
- Protection of threatened communities such as children, women and others



# Village El Orejon, Briceño Municipality, Antioquia.



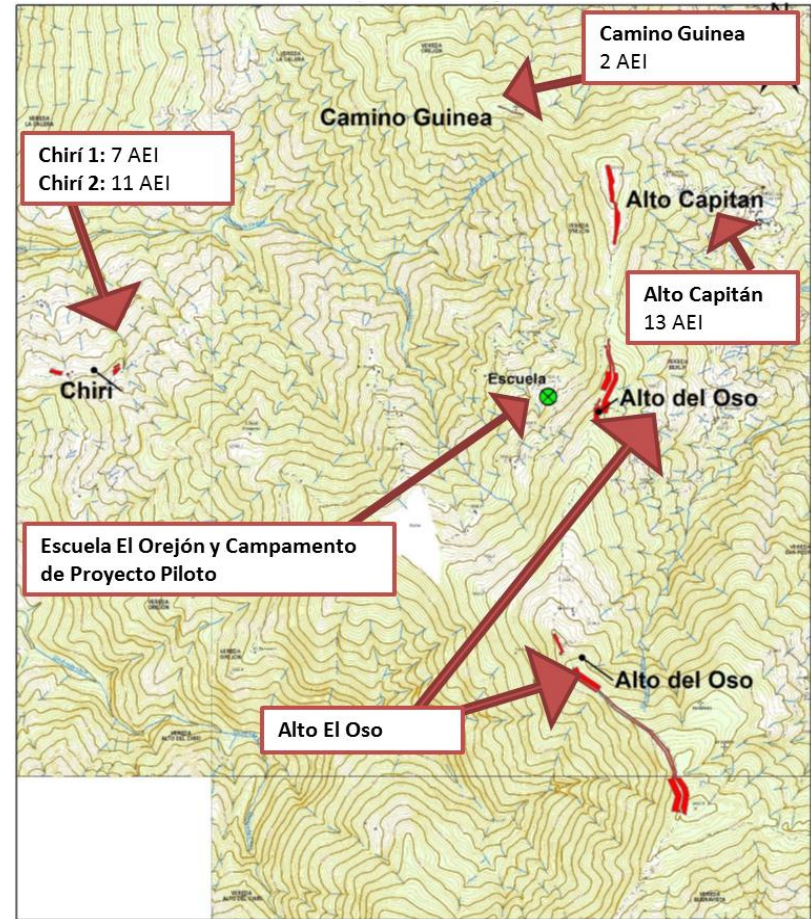


# Map of the area and results.

**14.426 m<sup>2</sup>** Cleared

**33** Artifacts destroyed

**3** Cleared areas



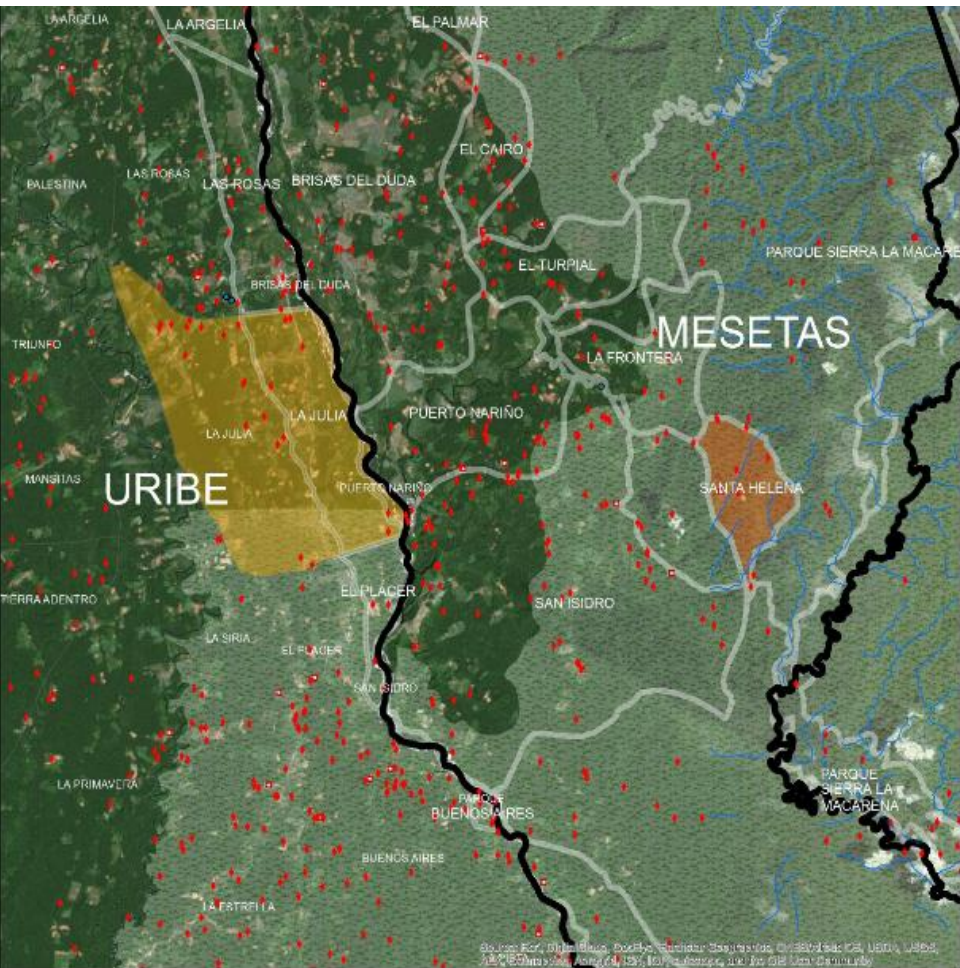


# Goods and services provided through productive projects.





# Village Santa Helena, Mesetas Municipality, Meta.



Fuente División Veredal Defensoría del Pueblo

- Non Technical Survey
- Joint delimitation of areas which present major risks for the communities (19.624 Mt<sup>2</sup>)
- Afterwards these areas will be prioritized for operators' intervention



# Goods and services provided through productive projects.





**A mined land is a  
territory in constant  
conflict.**

**A territory without  
mines is a fertile land  
for peace.**

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