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
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Department for World Service in Colombia (LWF/DWS Colombia)

The LWF/DWS is currently implementing the strategy called Promotion of Human Rights, Sustainable Development and Humanitarian Actions in Colombia 2010-2015.

In accordance with this strategy the LWF/DWS Colombia continued its presence in the departments of Arauca and Chocó and during 2013 it also carried out accompaniment work with local organizations in the department of Cundinamarca and with national coordination platforms. The LWF/DWS works with the active participation of local partners that contribute to the achievement of these strategic goals. The program focused its support on organizations and communities that are vulnerable due to the impacts of the armed conflict or historic discrimination and exclusion, as is the case of women, afro-descendent and indigenous peoples.

Our Mission

Inspired by the Christian diaconia and based on humanitarian principles, we accompany and strengthen the vulnerable Colombian population affected by the armed conflict, human rights and international humanitarian law violations and natural disasters.

Our Vision

To empower vulnerable populations so they can confront and reduce their vulnerability due to the consequences of the armed conflict and natural disasters in the regions where the LWF DWS works.

Our Objectives

Human rights and peace. To support enforceability and advocacy actions for human rights and their repercussions on regional, national and international levels.

Sustainable livelihoods. To increase the capacity of urban and rural vulnerable communities facing serious threats against their wellbeing, allowing them to defend and promote their livelihoods.

Emergency response and disaster risk management. To empower vulnerable populations to confront and reduce their vulnerability while facing the consequences of the armed conflict and/or natural disasters.

Strategic Approaches

The LWF DWS in Colombia implements the following strategic approaches in its interventions:

- *Rights based approach (RBA)*
- *Integrated approach*
- *Do No Harm approach*
- *Differential approach (gender and ethnicity)*
- *Peace building*
- *Ecumenical approach*



Why do we work in Arauca



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Historically, the simultaneous occurrence of the armed conflict and natural and man-made disasters have led to the broad range of impacts seen in the department of Arauca.

This context has been exasperated by the environmental and social impacts of drilling for crude oil, the low capacity of governmental institutions on a departmental and municipal level, the citizens lack of trust in its elected officials due to reiterated episodes of corruption, and the economic, political, and social dynamics related to its border with Venezuela.

The department is isolated from major urban centers due to the precarious conditions of its transportation infrastructure and the constant mobility restrictions imposed by the armed actors present in the region. On the other hand, elevated transportation costs have led to an increase in the price of basic goods, increasing contraband and insecurity. In response the state has increased the presence of the Military Forces. However, it is imperative that the civil government be strengthened in the region to address the needs of the diverse local population. Although the department is mainly inhabited by mestizo small scale farmers, there is also a large indigenous and afro-descendent population.

In response to the minimal civil government presence and the grave humanitarian situation the Lutheran World Federation has been working in Arauca since 2006, supporting three strategic actions: Human Rights, Sustainable Lifestyles and Humanitarian Action, and Comprehensive Disaster Risk Management. In a region where the needs are urgent and there is minimal civil support from the State, the actions of the LWF are always oriented by the humanitarian principals of humanity, impartiality, neutrality and independence.

Activities of our local partners in Arauca 2013

LWF projects in Arauca in 2013



ARAUCAN COMMUNITIES FACING ONGOING EMERGENCIES IN THEIR TERRITORY

Financed by the UN Emergency Response Fund (ERF)

In May of 2012, the Colorada stream overflowed. It is a tributary of the Caranal River in the municipality of Araucuita and affected eight rural communities on the municipal border between Arauca and Araucuita. The flooding was so severe that the communities' quality of life deteriorated, and exhausting their means of subsistence. The eight rural communities suffered a double impact due to the flood emergency and the armed conflict.

344 families (1,720 people) benefitted from the action- habitants of the rural communities: Alto Primores, Vista Hermosa, La Esperanza, El Vigía, Caño Salas, Nuevo Mundo, El Carmen and El Futuro in the municipalities of Araucuita and Arauca.

Based on the Damage and Needs Evaluation carried out in the affected areas, the project priority was emergency food assistance; rehabilitation of fa-

mily cultivations, and water and sanitation assistance, with the installation of wells to access ground water, the provision of water filters and water storage tanks for the homes.

In addition, eight trainings, in each of the rural communities, were held on emergency agriculture and basic sanitation during the project implementation. Meetings were also held between community leaders and the Mayor's office and the Araucuita Municipal Risk Management Committee, leading to commitments from these authorities.

In the selection of beneficiaries, an important focus was given to women and children. Of the families receiving attention 9% were pregnant women, 10% were breastfeeding women and 34% were single parent families, a vast majority single mothers. Thus, the project promoted the active participation of women in community leadership spaces.



An agreement reached with the World Food Programme (WFP) in the context of this project, allowed for an increase in food aid, resulting in 600 additional food kits for 150 prioritized families of the 224 that benefited from food assistance.

Stories from the field

Vegetables for our use, to sell and trade

Today, as on every Saturday, Doña Emery woke up at 3 a.m. to light the oven and prepare corn cakes to sell in her village, Vista Hermosa, on the Venezuelan border in Araucita, Arauca. This is how she earns money to support her family.



Twenty four years ago, when she was pregnant with her first son, Doña Emery and her husband were forcibly displaced from Arauca and moved to Santander. There she was displaced again. Five years ago she returned to Arauca with her husband and five sons, hoping to settle and raise her family in a peaceful environment. They now live in a house they built themselves on a small plot they bought with enormous effort.

Doña Emery and her family struggled to protect their livelihood during the 2012 rainy season, during which they lost their crops. Flood water reached the kitchen, where she had to prepare food for her family in dire conditions.

Doña Emery benefited from the Emergency Response Fund project implemented by the Lutheran World Federation. She says that it has been a "great relief".

"The project supported the sustainability of our home," she said. "Since we started with the project, we no longer face shortages of tomatoes, onions, coriander, corn or other vegetables. We also manage to save some good seeds to keep sowing new crops. We have had vegetables for our own use, to sell and to trade, which has helped us save some money...

For me, this is my project and everything has gone well. I have been able to sell cucumbers and other vegetables and contribute to my family's finances. My husband is also really happy about my participation in the project, and I feel grateful to be able to support my home."

She continued saying that, "The rainy season has affected us again, but this time we have been able to keep going. We dug trenches and diverted the water to protect our land. I hope that these types of projects continue supporting communities facing difficulties, because they help us keep going and recover from the damages suffered.

Don't forget about us, we want to work together to be able to remain in our territory.

For more on this story, go to: <http://lwfcolombia.org.co/node/164>

INTEGRAL PROTECTION FOR THE DIGNIFIED AND SUSTAINABLE PERMANENCE OF ARAUCAN COMMUNITIES IN THEIR TERRITORY

Financed by the Church of Sweden

With support from the Church of Sweden the project was carried out between April 2012 and December 2013 until the end of 2013 in the municipalities of Tame, Araucita, Fortul and Saravena. 3,285 social leaders, small scale farmers, women and youth benefitted from the action – members of the Arauca Small Scale Farmers Association – ACA, the Standing Committee for the Defense of Human Rights – CPDH, the Human Rights Foundation Joel Sierra – FDHJS and the Regional Youth and Student Association –ASOJER.



Thanks to the support, the participating communities and social organizations strengthened their knowledge, abilities and capacities, increasing their ability to stay in the territory and contribute to the fulfillment of Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law. As a result of the accompaniment, training events and legal and psychosocial counseling implemented by the social organizations, the communities increased their capacity to act as subjects of rights; to utilize protection mechanisms to demand the fulfillment of their rights; and to expand networks for the protection of regional and national organizations, allowing them to exchange

lessons learned, agree on advocacy strategies, promote requests to the government, inform and advise grass roots communities and compare realities with other regions.

258 small scale farmer community leaders participated in training events and outreach campaigns on the risk of accidents with anti-personnel land mines. They have adopted safe behaviors and were able to raise awareness in their communities on the prevention of new accidents. A group of youth volunteers accompany and orient victims to defend their rights.



CPDH and FDHJS provided legal defense for 19 victims of Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law violations. They also provided legal advice to a total of 820 people from 23 communities, thus activating a governmental response.

Through productive projects the social organizations increased their technical and financial capacities and hence the sustainability of their actions. Organizational representatives show a high level of commitment to continue orienting small scale farmers, and increase and improve the sustainability of their initiatives. Some examples of this are: The fish farming network reached an adequate level of operation. It began to sell and distribute the surplus, and has reached the necessary conditions to maintain fish production at five core training sites. The lithograph is generating the necessary income to operate, the revenue surplus will be reinvested over two years to achieve greater commercial growth, and the business has been recognized by the graphic arts industry for its quality, advice, image and performance. The installations



are currently being expanded. The cocoa production system has the opportunity to open new operations to commercialize the product. The ACA has established contacts with possible buyers and is studying alternatives that would allow them to take the greatest advantage of the product at harvest. Lessons learned concerning crop care and maintenance have been replicated with other members and the projections for project growth are high. Also, each of the partner organizations has increased and strengthened its capacities in the administration of financial resources.



SOCIAL MINISTRY OF THE DIOCESIS OF ARAUCA. A WEEK FOR PEACE

The CPDH held a forum on oil extraction's impacts on the women of Arauca, with the participation of over 200 women representatives from different sectors that are committed to the social transformation promoted by the organization. The forum demonstrated the impacts on the family, culture and productivity as well as the vulnerability that women face concerning human rights and IHL violations. Additionally, they called attention to the environmental impacts of oil extraction.

RAISING AWARENESS IN THE ASOJER YOUTH (REGIONAL YOUTH AND STUDENT ASSOCIATION) ON THE RIGHT TO CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTION

The ASOJER youth promote the right to construct life plans that increase personal development and organizational capacity building. Some youth have declared themselves in opposition to military service. Military service is mandatory and hence it denies youth the right to freely decide if they want to join the armed services. In one way or another, this impedes them from carrying out activities that don't involve them in the country's armed conflict. For this reason, during 2013 ASOJER organized a training event with 30 representatives from the municipalities of Fortul, Arauquita, Tame, Saravena and Arauca. The training increased knowledge and understanding on the right to conscientious objection. The participants are committed to sharing what they learned with their communities, in the schools and other youth networks where they are active.

With support from the LWF, the Arauca Social Ministry of the diocese of Arauca organized the Campaign- A Week for Peace, showing the Araucan people's commitment to peace building. Radio shows, posters and fliers called for the participation of different parts of the population: business owners, students, women, youth, small scale farmers and municipal authorities. The campaign was also an advocacy strategy to promote the transformation of the conflict, reconciliation, and the integral reparation of victims. A Week for Peace held symbolic acts in favor of peace and the respect of human dignity, transmitting a clear message about reconciliation and spiritual aspects of the search for peace.

The process of constituting the Small Scale Farmer Reserve Zones (ZRC) continues by ACA. Six promotion committees located in the rural communities of Filipinas, Canas Bravas, Santo Domingo, Aguachica, Mordisco and Caño Seco were formed in accordance with the distribution of tasks of each leader. Each committee shared information on the advances of the Aires de Paz ZRC and its legal framework.

The partner organizations utilized a variety of communications strategies to highlight the risks faced by staying in the territory. These strategies had a local and national impact. The CPDH distributed 6,000 pamphlets to small scale farmers on self protection and territorial management mechanisms. The pamphlets are a useful tool for capacity building in local organizations. The ACA distributed 7,500 informative newsletters. The newsletter allowed small scale farmers to share information on the Small Scale Farmer Reserve Zones. The FDHJS and ASOJER published a report on the Human Rights and IHL situation in Arauca. Partner organizations have presented 70 denunciations and press releases highlighting the ongoing nature of the department's grave human rights situation.

Why do we work in Chocó

The LWF/DWS continues to work in the department of Chocó due to the constant and systematic human rights violations faced by the afro-descendent and indigenous communities; a lack of acknowledgment and legitimacy for the authority held by these communities within their collective territories; and within the department's 46,530Km2 there are still families and communities that do not have their basic needs met regarding health care, education, housing, recreation, income generation, transportation and communications infrastructure, among others.

The three previously mentioned situations deteriorate even more as the municipal, departmental and national government institutions look to implement extraction based economic development policies. An example of this is the mining based economic stimulation measures encouraged by the national government within the framework of the "Prosperity for All" Development Plan (Law 1450 of 2011).

Chocó is in the geographic region known as the "Best corner of the Americas", and the Colombian departments of Chocó, Valle de Cauca, Cauca and Nariño form part of the so called Pacific Corridor together with Peru, Mexico, Chile and eventually

Ecuador. This corridor favors the opening of borders for free trade in the Americas and the establishment of bilateral free trade agreements.

The department of Chocó has vast mining and energy wealth. With gold, platinum, copper, silver, uranium, nickel, zinc and coltan, there is a great interest in the region from the different illegal actors and large scale multinational companies.

The combination of all of these elements leads to an eminent intensification of the humanitarian crisis, with a loss of lives, threats, stigmatization, displacement, loss of territory, internal divisions in organizational efforts, inter-ethnic conflicts, recruitment by the armed actors, sexual violence and an increase of APM and UXO violence.

For this reason, the LWF/DWS presence in the Chocó is extremely important as we continue to help strengthen comprehensive and sustainable life plans and ethnic development in agreement with the communities' practices and customs. In addition to contributing to the process of having land titles granted, the expansion and repair of indigenous reservations and afro-descendant collective territories, and clarifying and promoting ethnic territorial control and self governance.

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Activities of our local partners in Chocó 2013

LWF projects in Chocó in 2013



THE EMPOWERMENT AND PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS AND GRASSROOTS COMMUNITIES IN COLOMBIA

Financed by SIDA and Church of Sweden, implemented in coordination with Swefor

During 2013 the LWF/DWS and the Church of Sweden, together with the Fellowship of Reconciliation Sweden- Swefor, implemented the project "Empowerment and Protection of Human Rights Defenders and Grassroots Communities in Colombia." The project was implemented in the collective territory of COCOMOPOCA (Community Council of the Small Scale Farmer's Organization of the Alto Atrato) and in the indigenous communities of ASOREWA (Indigenous Governance Association of the Embera, Wounaan, Katio, Chami and Tule peoples of the department of Chocó)

The intervention promoted the empowerment and self protection of the grassroots communities in both organizations. It looked to increase the capacities of vulnerable communities to confront the threats against their wellbeing and to defend and promote their livelihoods, in addition to protecting their territory and culture.

ASOREWA led training events on indigenous self governance, held in the municipalities of Bahía Solano and Río Quito. This strategy benefitted the 154 leader participants.

They were able to increase their capacities and prior knowledge on the fundamental right to free, informed and prior consultation; the general participation system and procedures for the special jurisdiction of reservations (expansion, repair and restructuration). The trainings also looked at Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law

issues; the importance of exercising governance within the communities; and valuing the importance of women and their role within the communities.

Additionally, the project led to the consolidation of the **Indigenous Guard** protection project. The training process was held during nine workshops throughout 2013 and two events to exchange experiences. These spaces provided the participants with important conceptual elements for the presence of the Indigenous Guard in the territories as a protection and territorial defense strategy, in addition to reclaiming the importance of collective identity and culture. The trainings were not only relevant due to the populations close relationship with these issues, but the training also led to the creation of Indigenous Guards in Alto Andágueda and Bojayá with 264 and 230 guards respectively.

In 2013 **COCOMOPOCA** increased its capacities and knowledge on autonomy, governance, and the territorial and cultural protection of the afro-Colombian communities. A series of training workshops were held related to the Right to Prior Consultation, Law 70, Ethnic development plans and internal regulations with 520 leaders from 43 community councils located in the municipalities of Atrato, Lloró, Bagadó and Cértegui in the department of Chocó. Cocomopoca constructed a legal plan to demand its rights and request the autonomous administration of the collective territories.

AID FOR THE POPULATION AFFECTED BY THE ARMED CONFLICT, FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OR IMPROVEMENT OF FOOD CROPS, IN ALTO ANDÁGUEDA

Financed by Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), Church of Sweden and Finnish Evangelical Lutheran Mission (FELM)

Between 15 October, 2012 and 31 October, 2013, the LWF/DWS implemented a humanitarian aid project in the Alto Andágueda region after an alert was issued by the Chocó Local Humanitarian Team (EHL) and a joint exploratory mission was carried out to verify the confinement and a lack of protection of the indigenous communities.



Through the alert the Lutheran churches in Sweden and the US (ELCA), and the Finish Evangelical Lutheran Mission (FELM) financed the LWF's funding request for the emergency response. The project

benefitted 194 families (894 people) living in six Embera Katío indigenous communities located in the third zone of the Tahami of the Alto Andágueda indigenous reservation, municipality of Bagadó, Chocó.

The Project focused on the improvement of food security, water management and psychosocial support for the beneficiaries. At the end of the project 194 families improved their food production with a variety of crops (plantains, corn, yucca, sugar cane and taro), in addition to the installation of a rainwa-

ter collection system. The project offered psychosocial accompaniment focused on strengthening social networks, conflict resolution, harmonization and preparation for the adoption of new technologies, such as water carching.

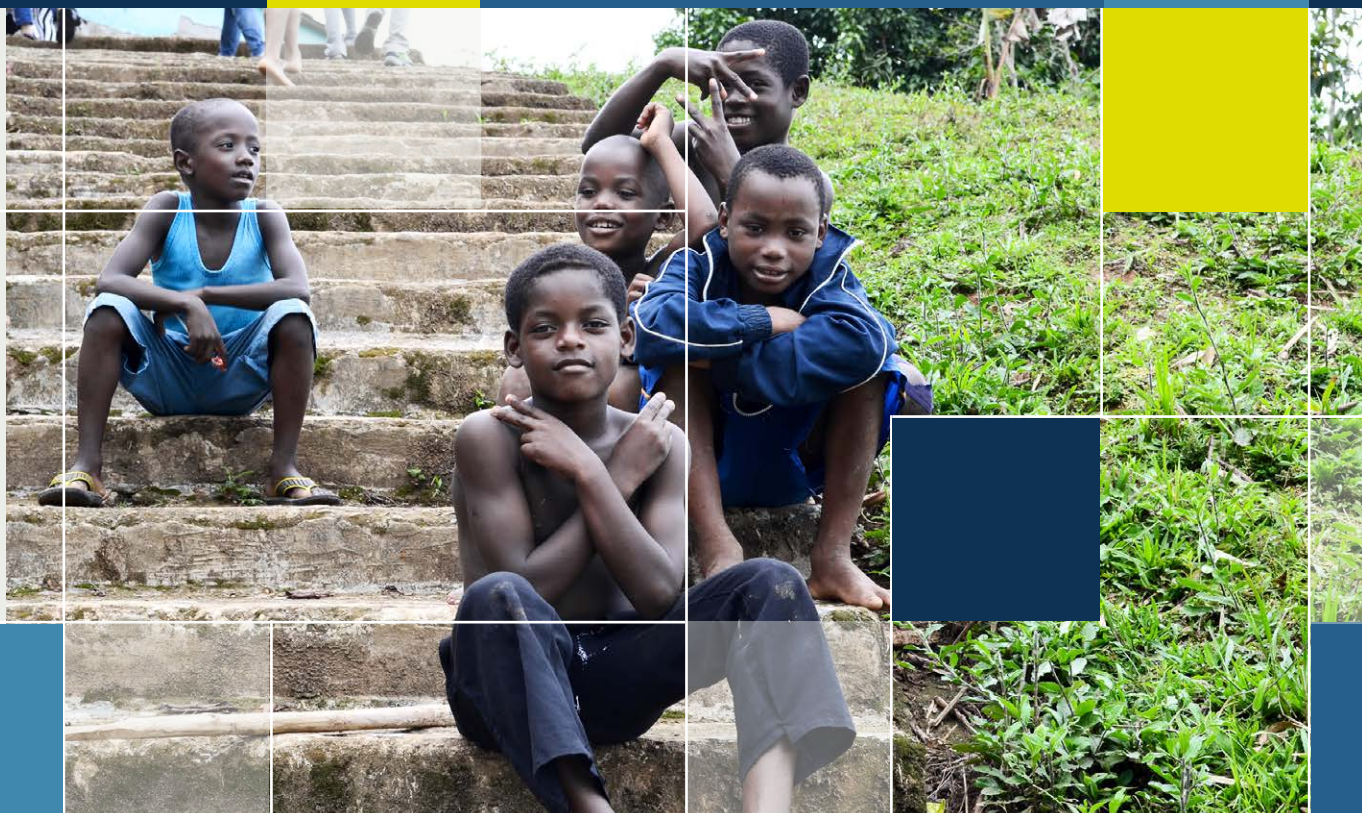


The most relevant achievements during the intervention were: a) Increased knowledge and the implementation of agronomic management practices; b) A strengthened organizational structure through the promotion of participation and community organization, represented in joint decision making; C) The identification of the risks most commonly found in the community and its surrounding areas, and the definition of mitigation strategies; d) A risk management plan that was socialized with municipal and departmental governmental bodies.

THE LIFE, JUSTICE AND PEACE COMMISSION-COVIJUPA OF THE SOCIAL MINISTRY OF THE DIOCESE OF QUIBDÓ

The objective of the Life, Justice and Peace Commission is the defense and promotion of life in all of its expressions, as the primary condition for the construction of peace with social justice, and the defense of afro-descendent, indigenous and mestizo communities' Human Rights, Peoples Rights and International Humanitarian Law. The Commission provides support and accompaniment to the communities affected by political violence and the armed conflict, forced displacement, assassinations and disappearances.

During 2013, the LWF/DWS supported three initiatives. The first was related to **strengthening socio-cultural activities for young people with afro-descendent and indigenous children in the rural area of Tutunendo** as a strategy focused on the prevention of social conflict. 20 indigenous and 35 afro-descendent children actively participated in the human rights workshop achieving: 1. Interactions between indigenous and afro-descendent communities through activities that promote respect for customs and cultural expressions. 2. Reflections on territory, the importance of the organizational process and the impacts of mining. 3: 35 afro-descendent youth and children generated a creative space through dance, allowing them to resist the conflict and have a positive influence on other youth, children, and in general, their rural community. 4. 20 children from indigenous communities had access to supplemental food, allowing them to stay in school.



The second proposal, related to Support for the Painting School was to train groups to participate in the Alternative Justice and Solidarity Crafts Fair, strengthening the participants abilities, specifically youth that have joined the painting school as a safe space. A group of 233 youth participated in a training process, working on topics related to the application of public policy on children and development. These policies were agreed up by various social actors and state entities.

The third proposal was the production of a documentary which reflects the issues faced in the CO-COMOPOCA territory and the situation of the victims of the armed conflict in the municipality of Carmen del Atrato. The documentary expresses the voice of people who continue to demand the fulfillment of truth, justice, reparation and guarantees for no repetition.

The actions of our local partner organizations with a national impact

During 2013, the LWF/DWS supported the Bogotá office of Benposta with a focus on protection.. The project contributed to the protection of Colombian children from the effects of the armed conflict. Through its Protection Network, Benposta looks to provide guarantees and opportunities for the children and adolescents living in risk due to the actions of the armed groups.

The LWF supported the final version of the Alternative Report to the Committee on the Rights of the Child with the aim of contributing to the UN Committee meeting to be held in 2014. The aim of report was to contribute to better understanding of the level of application of the Convention of the Rights of the Child and the recommendations made by the Committee. The Alternative Report was in addition to the report presented by the Colombian government. The effort was extremely successful in terms of children's participation in the writing of the report, sharing their testimonies and developing recommendations based on the life experiences of the violation of their rights.

The LWF also worked with other local partner organizations located in Bogotá with a national scope, such as the Fund for Emergency Aid and Organizational Capacity Building in Protection and Self Protection (FFP); the Colombian Platform on Human Rights, Democracy and Development and the Platform of European Development Organizations in Colombia (PODEC).

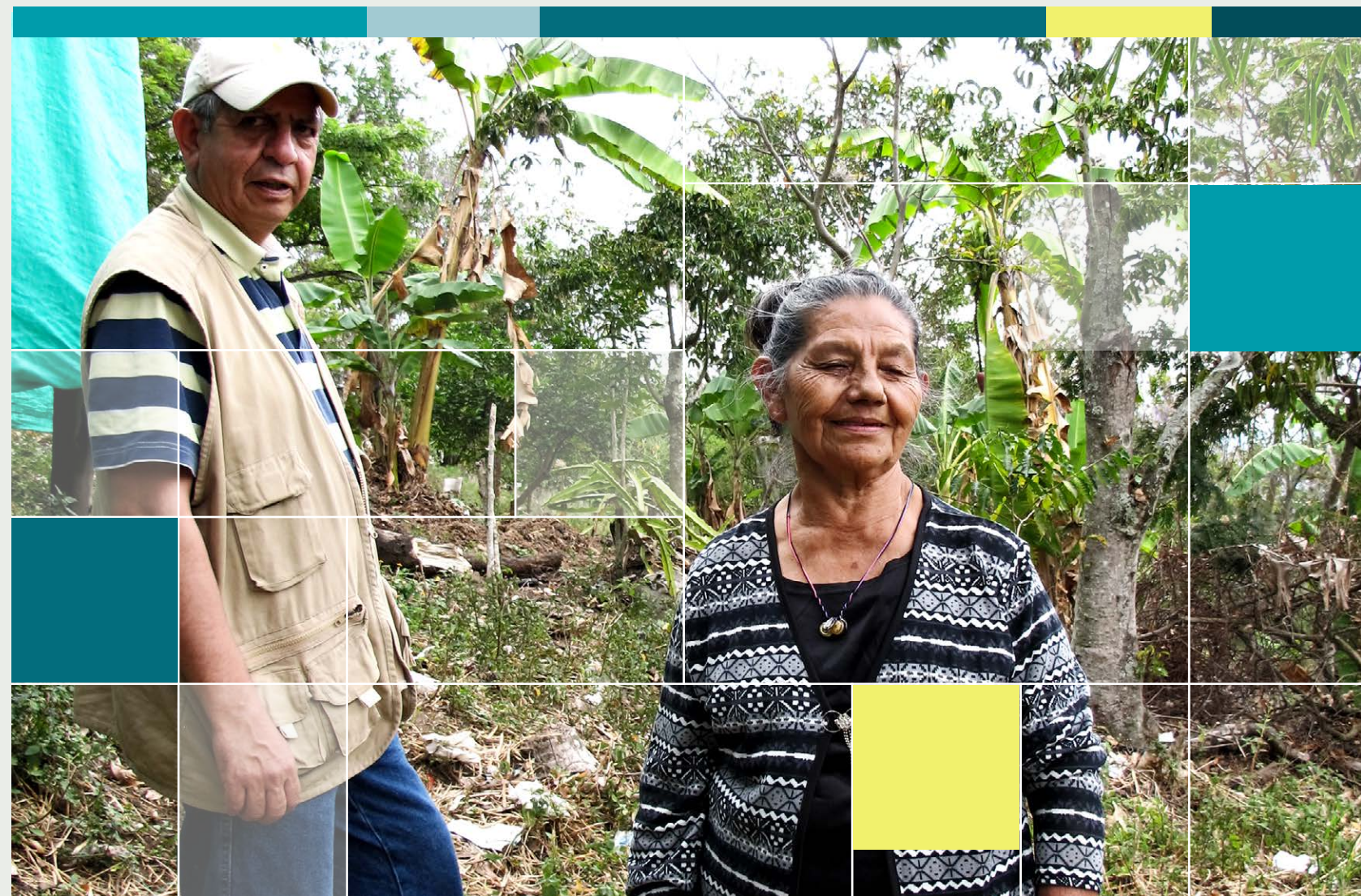
FOUNDATION FOR EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT (FEDES)

During 2013 the LWF/DWS supported the work of FEDES in the area of youth focused peace initiative. FEDWS continued accompanying the consolidation, training and capacity building of the Bochica United Power Youth Network in Soacha as a way to include youth in neighborhood based participation spaces, promoting knowledge on the new youth statute, Law 1622 of 2013, and analyzing development policies. Bochica held a Youth Forum in October that focused on public policy, education and culture. The network is legally constituted and its leadership is democratically elected. FEDES established an alternative community based communications system through the internet. 43 youth participated in online courses on journalism and radio. Links to the content and actions can be found at: <https://periodismoalternativo1.webnode.es/>. The Network has produced three radio programs on Conscientious Objection, Public Policy and the goals of the Youth Network.

FOUNDATION EDUCATION, RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (FIDHA)

In the context of FIDHPA's accompaniment of community groups, in 2013 LWF/DWS supported two initiatives: A process to recover the natural ecology and social ownership of the Tibanica Wetlands in Soacha, planting 200 plants and trees which are native to the wetlands. This process has helped to regenerate a forest of trees, bushes and shrubs to return the wetlands to its natural state and to recover the landscape.

The second initiative supported the Arbeláez Women's Association (Cundinamarca) in organic agriculture and small animal breeding to improve food security. FIDHAP successfully held organic agriculture trainings with 16 women and two men, all internally displaced people from the regions of Tolima, Huila and Caquetá, and associated with the organization ASOFAMISANAR. The participants received materials to construct chickens coops and seeds for the gardens. FIDHAP provided technical and social support for 18 families on how to improve food production for self-consumption.



Apoyando el Arte

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Ni Vandalos Ni Criminales
porque los jovenes de suacha
somos vida y arte

Evento Cultural

Arte
Graffiti Teatro
Ska Suacha Rap
Baile Punk
Rock Musical
Break Dance

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FUND FOR EMERGENCY AID AND ORGANIZATIONAL CAPACITY BUILDING IN PROTECTION AND SELF PROTECTION – FFP



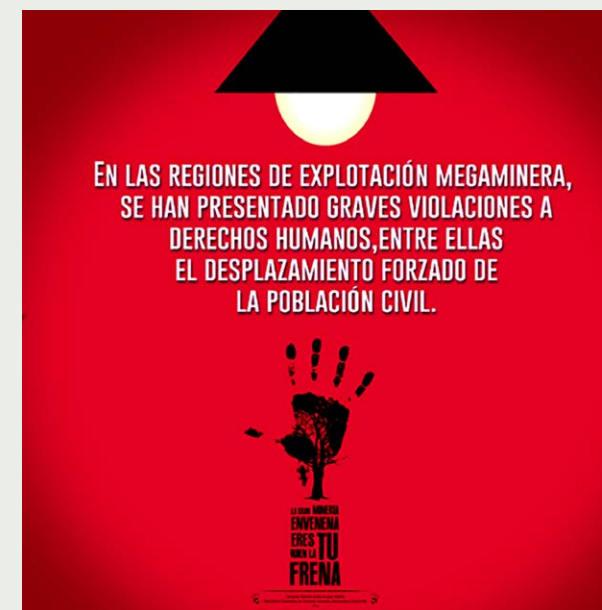
The Fund looks to strengthen the security conditions and increase the individual and collective protection capacities of organizations working for human rights, peace and social interests in the context of systematic human rights violations and international humanitarian law infractions.

During 2013 the FFP's system for attention in situations of risk and lack of protection responded to 62 cases, including activists, land restitution leaders, women victims, organizations and communities that confronted grave risks as a consequence of their work in favor of the defense of human rights, peace and democracy. With the support of LW/DWS, FFP worked with 10 cases and beneficiaries, concretely four women and six men. This support applied a differential approach and took into account risks that increase the vulnerability of women in rural areas and in the presence of armed groups. The number of cases of victims who are witnesses and have suffered threats has increased. The FFP published a pamphlet systematizing the cases and trends to help identify the populations at risk and differential factors such as gender. The FFP has informed that there has been an increase in requests for self-protection workshops from organizations and communities.

COLOMBIAN PLATFORM ON HUMAN RIGHTS, DEMOCRACY AND DEVELOPMENT

The Colombian Platform on Human Rights, Democracy and Development, is a network made up of more than 100 social and non-governmental organizations on a national, regional and local level. It is dedicated to the promotion, education, advocacy, enforceability and research of human, economic, social and cultural rights in the country.

With the support from the LWF the Platform has implemented a training process. In 2013 the National Training School was held on Budget Analysis and ESC rights. During 2013 the Platform re-launched the request for the ratification of the Optional Protocol to the ICESCR collecting 650 signatures, and they created a blog to distribute and improve their contacts, social networks and internet presence.



Another of 2013's most relevant initiatives was the design of the National Campaign on territorial defense and human rights in the face of

large scale mining, creating a promotion committee with the organizations and developing messages to be circulated. The Campaign hopes to show the impacts of large scale mining on the human and territorial rights of rural communities, indigenous and afro-descendent peoples.

The Platform implemented an advocacy strategy focused on the European parliament and the United Nations Special Rapporteurs, calling attention to the concerns highlighted in the National Comptroller's Report on the impacts of mining.

PLATFORM OF EUROPEAN DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATIONS IN COLOMBIA (PODEC)

PODEC is a space that brings together European non-governmental organizations, which seek to influence international cooperation policies for Colombia. The platform's aim is to support comprehensive development, a political negotiation of the armed conflict and emergency humanitarian aid from a rights perspective. The added value of PODEC is the connection of European NGOs from distinct origins, each with its own profile, but with common objectives that bring them together. On one hand the heterogeneous nature, but on the other hand the interest in Colombia and specifically development and human rights issues gives the Platform strength.

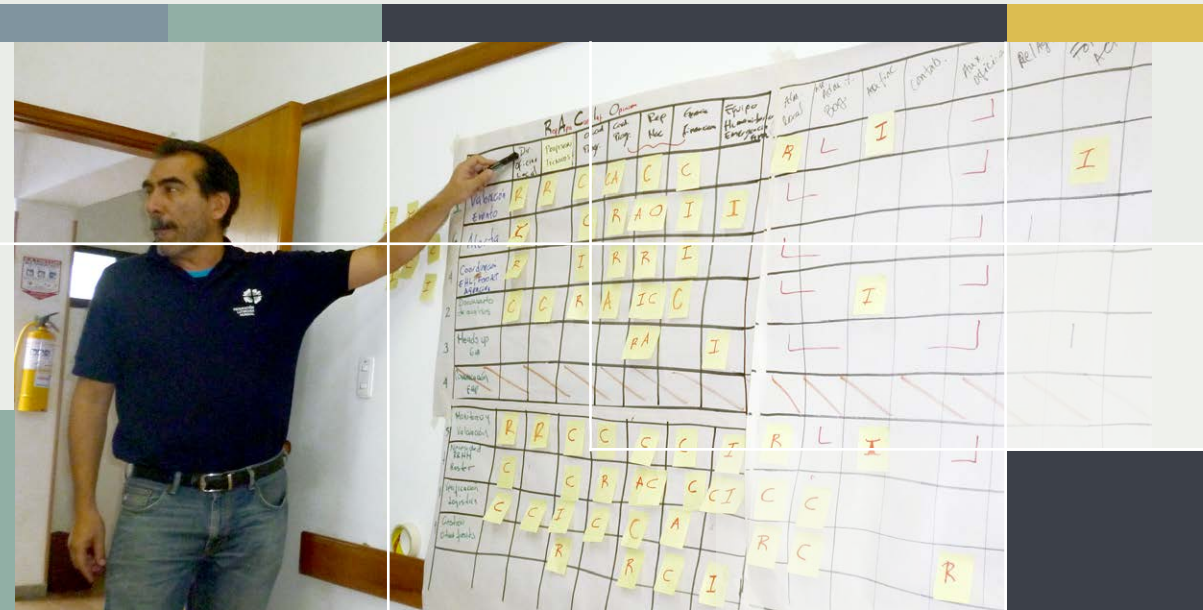
During 2013, PODEC participated in meetings with the EU Delegation to influence EU cooperation policies towards Colombia, promoting a dialogue to highlight the importance of the continuity of cooperation based on supporting democracy, the search for justice, the fight against impunity, and the promotion of human rights and peace in Colombia. PODEC also distributed four letters to the European Union's Delegation on the situation of human rights defenders, calling attention to the emblematic cases that had occurred throughout the year. The Technical Secretariat of PODEC, with the support of the LWF, participated in the United Nations Forum on Companies and Human Rights held in Medellín, with the aim of advancing the internal debate on changes and trends in cooperation.

Other LWF Colombia activities in 2013

THE ELABORATION OF THE RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN AND THE EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE PLAN (PPRE) FOR LWF COLOMBIA

Between 22 November and 8 December of 2013, the LWF/DWS Emergency HUB coordinator for Latin America and the Caribbean facilitated a training on Risk Management and the creation of the Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan (EPRP) for the LWF/DWS Colombia Program.

During this process meetings were held with the entities in charge of emergency assistance in Chocó, Arauca and Bogotá, and training workshops were held on Risk Management with leaders of LWF partner organizations and other grassroots organizations.



THE NEW LWF VISUAL IDENTITY AND LOGO

Since May of 2013 the Lutheran World Federation has a new visual identity, based on a reinterpretation of the Luther Rose. Each of the principal elements of the new logo: the cross, the ring or circle, the rose, the dove, and the hand, speak to our identity as a communion of churches and our mission.

IN 2013 COLOMBIA WAS EXAMINED BY THE UN HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL- UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW (UPR)

Eight Colombian and European platforms, representing more than 500 social, peace and human rights organizations presented two reports (one from the national platforms and the other from international platforms) in Geneva on 23 April, 2013 for the second Universal Periodic Review (UPR). This important exercise within the UN Human Rights Council concluded in the adoption of the conclusions and recommendations formulated by the other member states regarding Colombia.

The two reports coincide in the profound concern for the ongoing and increasing Human Rights and Humanitarian Law violations. Both warned that the Colombian state has not advanced in the structural reforms necessary to implement the 2008 UPR recommendations. In some cases, such as the expansion of the military criminal jurisdiction, it has taken

steps backwards. Both reports see the dialogues between the government and the FARC as an important step, but ask that both parts be committed to the respect of human rights as a negotiation requirement. The LWF together with the Church of Sweden, in addition to the ACT Forum gave two oral presentations during the session, taking advantage of the LWF's consultative status before the United Nations.

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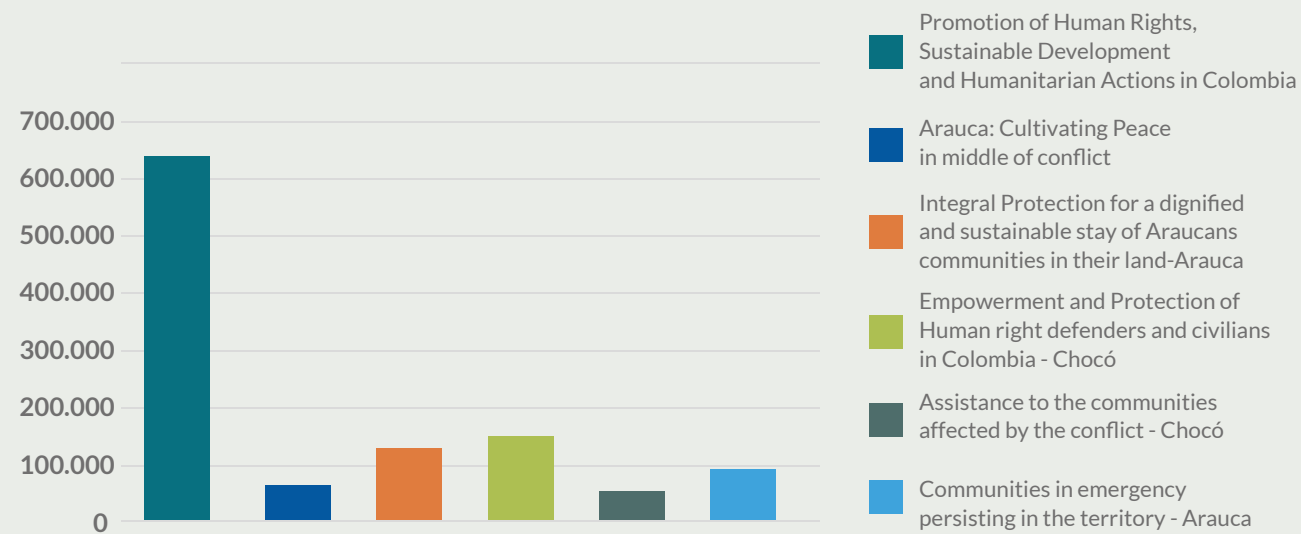
In 2013 the National ACT Forum - Colombia published a document on its position as ecumenical and religious organizations regarding the peace dialogues between the Colombian government and the Armed Revolutionary Forces of Colombia- People's Army (FARP-EP); and the interest in beginning a negotiation process between the government and the National Liberation Army (ELN).

The **ACT Forum - Colombia** insists that peace with social justice and sustainability can only be reached through a political and negotiated solution to the internal armed conflict, inviting the national and international stakeholders to support this process.

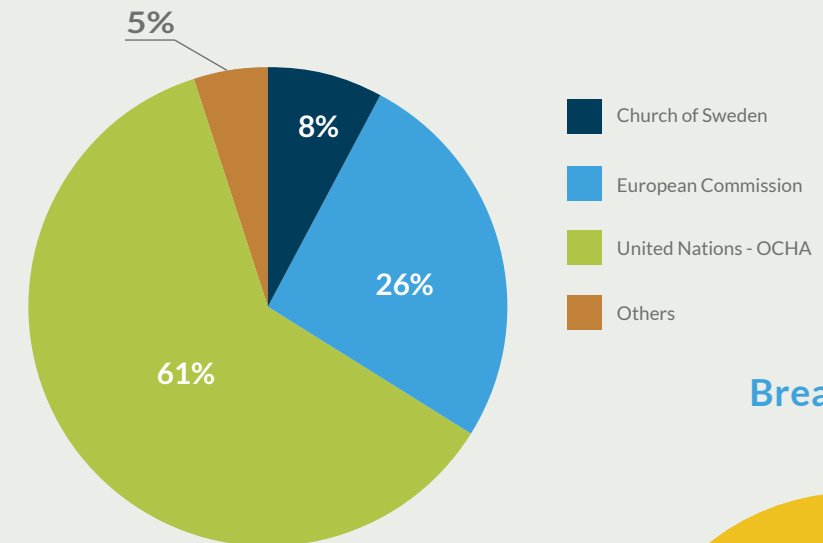


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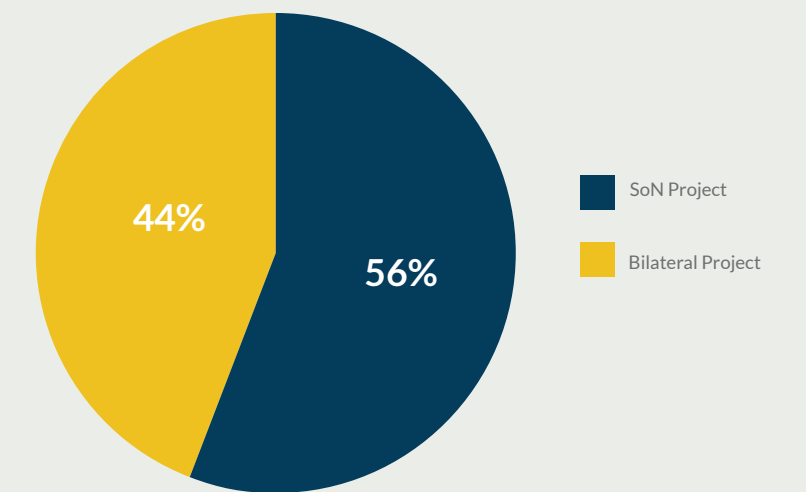
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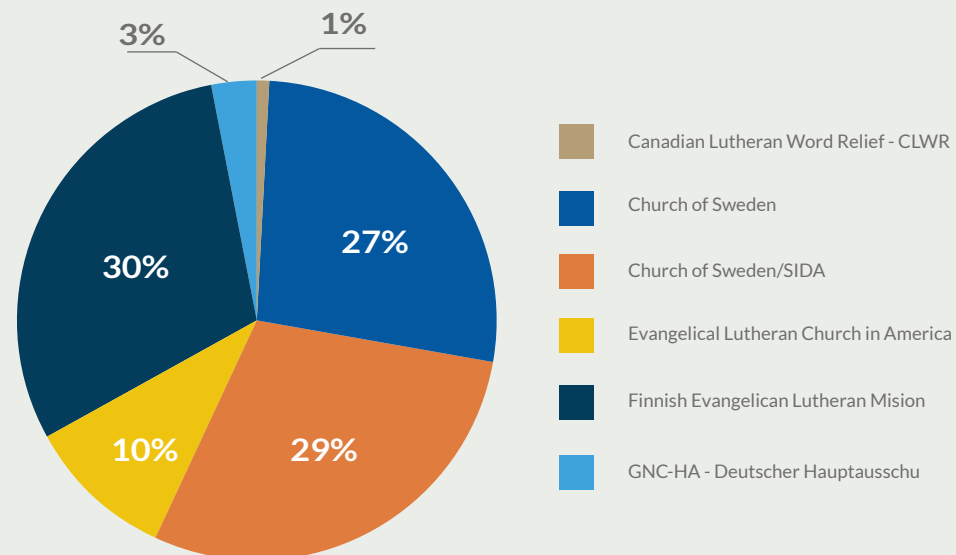
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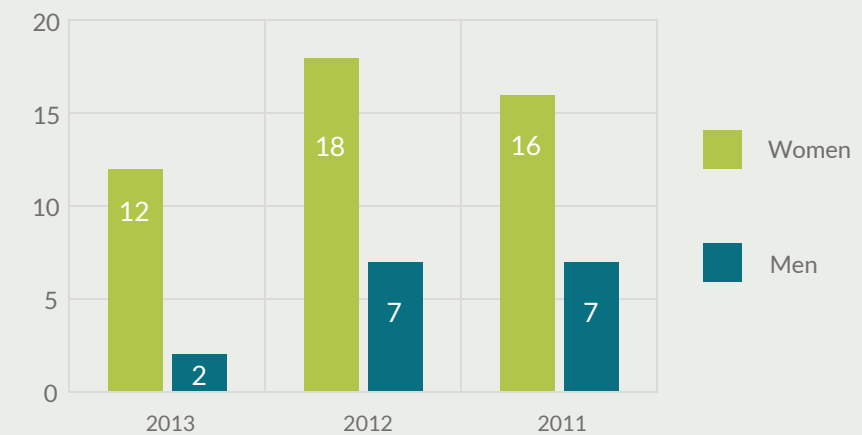
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Women and men in LWF/DWS 2013, 2012 y 2011



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