

Executive Summary

Summary of Key Activities

Community Implementation: During FY20Q1, Peacebuilding Project partner *Fundación ProPaz* implemented a second iteration of their 10-day training for new community supervisors and facilitators to strengthen their capacity in key areas prior to community entry. Seven people completed the training, which was divided into two five-day sessions, including one supervisor (female) and six facilitators (four women and two men). This quarter, the Peacebuilding Project completed the community entry strategy at the departmental level in Huehuetenango, San Marcos and Totonicapán, at the municipal level in Chiantla, Comitancillo, San Pedro Necta and Totonicapán, and at the community level in 32 of 33 communities. In addition, the team conducted the rapid stakeholder analysis in 22 communities (the remainder will be completed next quarter). Finally, the team continued to finalize the conflict and resilience analysis (CRA) methodology. The implementation cycle is on schedule and the team has received interest from community and municipal leaders.



Partnerships: This quarter, the Peacebuilding Project finished the mapping process of potential grantees in the four target departments that could make effective partners in implementing the community visions (CVs) once they are developed. The team developed a report of the results, which will allow the project to respond more effectively once the CVs are developed.

Institutional Strengthening: In October, the Peacebuilding Project met with the Human Rights Ombudsman from the *Procurador de los Derechos Humanos* (PDH) to discuss the project and present a proposal for a pilot intervention to strengthen the strategic communication efforts of PDH regarding the institution's work on conflict prevention and resolution. Following this meeting, PartnersGlobal and Creative implemented a rapid strategic communications audit of the PDH, interviewing 16 key personnel from both the headquarters and the departmental auxiliary offices.



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Challenges and Lessons Learned

- Of the 33 communities in the first group of four municipalities, the project successfully conducted community entry activities in 32. Of the 32 communities, one definitively stated that they are not interested in participating in the project and three are undecided.
- Given ProPaz's increased role in the project, the organization decided to hire an expert in social conflict to be based in the Quetzaltenango office. A main role of this person is to support the community implementation team in creating methodological guides for each step of the Community Implementation Cycle.
- The project decided to make some adjustments to the approach in working with the PDH given the results of the rapid assessment conducted with PDH staff involved in strategic communication. The project will now forgo the introductory training originally envisioned and instead will facilitate an intensive two-day co-design workshop with the senior leadership to focus on key elements for a future strategic communications plan.

Indicator Data

Number of people participating in project activities that address the peaceful management and resolution of conflicts: A total of 549 unique individuals (157 women and 392 men) participated in project activities that addressed the peaceful management and resolution of conflicts.



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