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Colombia

Área total: 2.129.748 km²

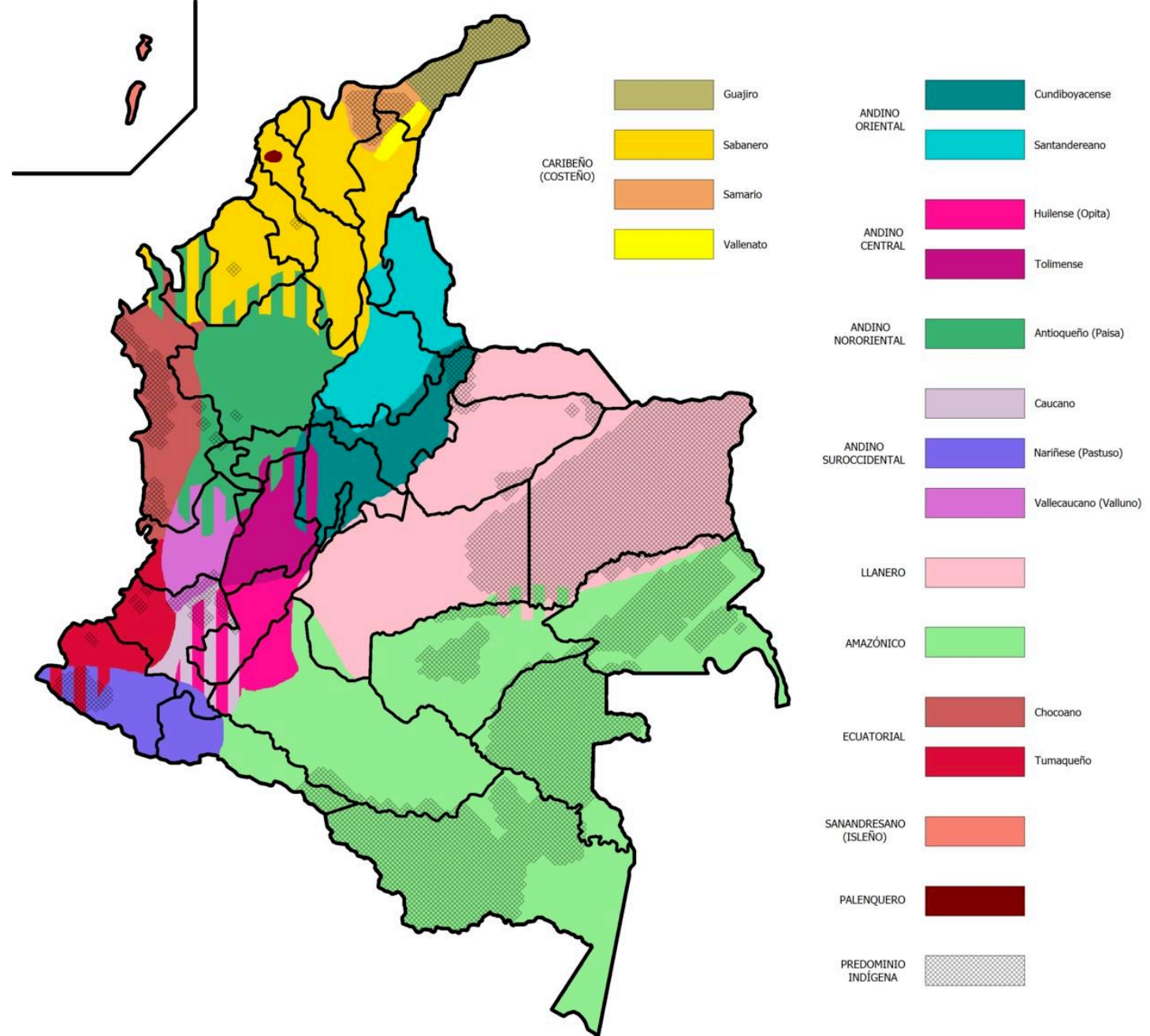
Territorio continental: 1.141.748 km²

Territorio marítimo: 988.000 km²

Población: 52.637.780 habitantes







Colombia Humanitarian Demining



2016 End of the conflict with the FARC, signing of the peace agreement. Humanitarian Demining (civilian) begins.

An important impact was made between the army and FARC as a sign of peace building, with a humanitarian demining pilot in the "Orejón" (2014-2016), which allowed the building of trust between the parties.

From this pilot, it was possible to start humanitarian demining on a larger scale, in areas formerly occupied by the FARC.

Even the Military Forces also carry out Humanitarian Demining, unarmed and with a different uniform.



WHO WE ARE



The Colombian Campaign to Ban Landmines (CCBL) is a Non-Governmental Humanitarian Organization founded in 1999 as an independent, voluntary, and citizen initiative.

The CCBL is conformed by civil society organizations and works hand in hand with institutions, national and local organizations, as well as several departmental associations of survivors. It is also part of the National Mine Risk Education Board, which is responsible for the coordination and monitoring of education actions to prevent accidents caused by mines.

Since 2016 in Humanitarian Demining Operations (Land release)

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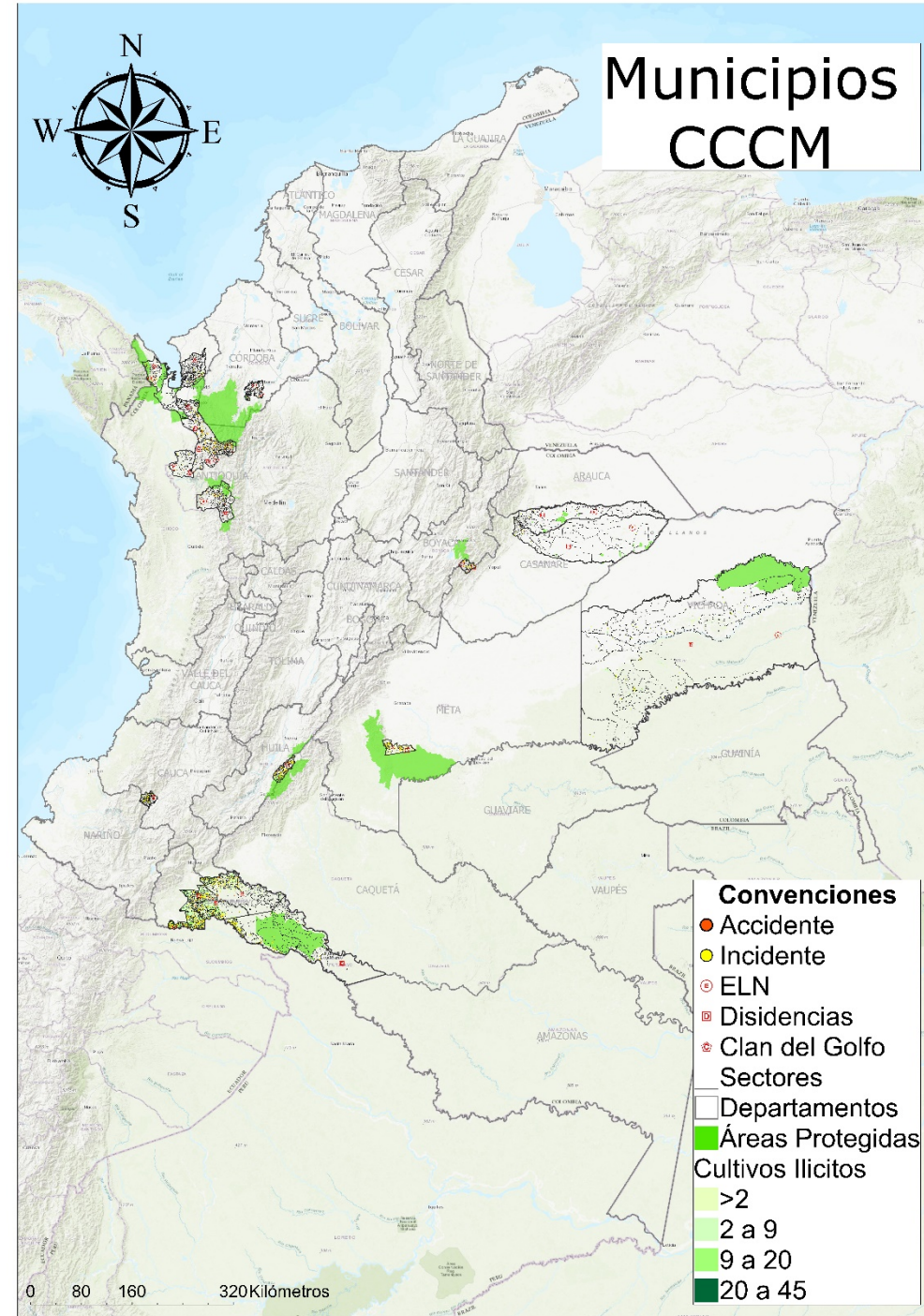


CCBL is also involved in international humanitarian disarmament campaigns such as:

- International Campaign to Ban Landmines (ICBL),
- Cluster Munition Coalition (CMC),
- International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN),
- Campaign to Stop Killer Robots (Stop Killer Robots),
- Control Arms
- International Network On Explosive Weapons (INEW)
- Human Security Network in Latin America and the Caribbean (SEHLAC),
- CCBL is a member of UN ECOSOC.

CCBL MISSION STATEMENT

The Colombian Campaign to Ban Landmines **fosters the integral development of communities** through the promotion of **Humanitarian Disarmament and Human Security**. It implements the **pillars of Mine Action**, and **advocates** for the establishment of norms and actions to prevent and remedy human suffering and environmental damage caused by **indiscriminate weapons and armed conflicts**, applying **differential, rights-based, and Do No Harm approaches**



People first

"**People first**" is more than just a phrase in the **Colombian Campaign to Ban Landmines**, it is a commitment rooted in the core of our existence. It is a constant reminder that, in this world, it is people who define our purpose and mission.

From the communities we touch to the twinkle in the eye of our own employees, "People First" is the guiding principle that guides our every step. It is an unwavering commitment to the well-being and dignity of every individual, every family, every soul that crosses our path.

In our actions, we seek to create a tangible impact, providing practical and emotional support to those who need it most, to ensure that people live in dignity, so that they can develop fully, in peace and security, enhancing their personal abilities, in their family life and also in the community to which they belong. In every effort, in every intervention, we reaffirm our conviction that these are the most powerful tools for building a more just and equitable world.

Within our organization, we value and protect our employees, recognizing their fundamental role in achieving our mission. Their safety, well-being and professional development are priorities, as they are the ones who make our work possible.

In short, "People First" is our motto, our guide, our promise. In every action, every decision, every moment, we reaffirm our unwavering commitment to peace, service and humanity. Together, with people at the center of everything we do, we move toward a brighter, more hopeful future for our communities and for our organization's world."



BUILDING TRUST WITH THE COMMUNITY

PARTICIPATION IN PEACE NEGOTIATIONS AND PEACE PROCESSES

FOLLOWING THE HUMANITARIAN PRINCIPLES:

- Humanity
- Independence
- Neutrality
- Impartiality

PRINCIPLE OF “DO NO HARM”

Explaining WHAT WE DO

- NTS
- Clearance
- EOD
- EORE
- Victim assistance in MA: guidance and accompaniment for access to legal services



- Community liaison - Community outreach
- Local operations staff
- Visibility: colors and logos on vehicles and uniforms
- Local logistics (suppliers, contractors)
- Daily monitoring of security situation and context
- Previous and ongoing meetings, agreements and clarifications with territorial, ethnic and community authorities.
- Weekly and monthly progress reports to all stakeholders - transparency
- Prior coordination on operations movements of the following week, reporting at the end of the week to the national authority (OACP) and the external monitoring body (OAS)
- No dialogue or any kind of agreements with armed actors - ONLY WITH THE COMMUNITY – respectful with all actors.



Challenges for operations in the context of a country with an internal conflict between state and non-state armed actors

- Trust building with the communities. Clarity with the community of our role → Humanitarian Organization
- EORE as a first step to get access to the territory.
- Joint efforts with other organizations, and the National Authority.
- Humanitarian Demining as a first step for other developments and programs.
- Clarity to all actors that we only deliver information to the National authority (OACP).



THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR ATTENTION

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