

## SUSTAINABILITY

- ∅ The needs, expectations and local culture of the community are taken into consideration.
- ∅ Meetings will be held with the community and with local grassroots organizations to present and agree on the reconciliation model proposed and on the education activities to be undertaken.
- ∅ Local capacity for reconciliation will be offered for men and women, and the capacities of members of locally recognized grassroots organizations will be strengthened.
- ∅ The project will reinforce the management capacity and promote the leaderships formed in the last 6 months of the project to ensure continuity.
- ∅ The praxis of reconciliation shall be promoted in families.
- ∅ Actions shall be articulated with other institutions that work in the territory, including local governance authorities.



## PROJECT COSTS AND TIME OF EXECUTION

COP 411.955.618 (12 Months)  
USD 87.650 (COP 4.700 to USD 1 May 2023)



PEACEBUILDING AND  
CONFLICT PREVENTION



**A GLOBAL GRANT  
APPLICATION OF BOGOTÁ  
CENTENARIO  
ROTARY CLUB OF COLOMBIA  
PROMOTING A CITIZEN  
CULTURE OF FORGIVENESS  
AND RECONCILIATION  
IN THE UPZ TIBABUYES, SUBA  
- BOGOTÁ**

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RECONCILIACIÓN**

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# THE RECONCILIATION CENTER

This Proposal is based on the methodology of "the Reconciliation Centers - RC" of the Foundation for Reconciliation (Winning Initiative of the 2011 Entrepreneur Peace Prize).

A Reconciliation Center is a social space for community encounters, where the citizen culture of forgiveness and reconciliation is promoted to prevent and denaturalize violence, reestablishing and strengthening bonds, trust and the social fabric.

## ACTIVITIES

- o Actions to promote prevention practices and promotion of peaceful coexistence.
- o Initiatives to increase spaces for dialogue and community encounter.
- o Training processes to strengthen leadership capacities for peace from the methodology of Schools of Forgiveness and Reconciliation – ESPERE.
- o The promotion of community and inter-institutional support networks.

## DIRECT PARTICIPATING BENEFICIARIES

The UPZ Tibabuyes is home to 28% of the victim population of the Town of Suba. In addition to the victims of the conflict, the project will convene the ex-combatant population, migrants, the host community and local officials. The direct participation of 780 people is estimated.



## INDIRECT BENEFICIARIES

Through testimony in their families, as well as reconciliation campaigns and information activities that the participants will carry out in their communities and nearby surroundings, it is estimated that another 1.320 people will be reached, from similar age groups and social conditions.



## JUSTIFICATION

According to the Colombian National Institute of Legal Medicine (Forensic statistics 2021), in Bogotá, interpersonal violence is the main cause of non-fatal injuries with 74%, whose main motivator is settling scores (revenge) and fights, in 84% of the cases.

Hence the importance of addressing these subjective causes of violence (Rage, Resentment and Retaliation-Revenge), through proposals that promote new relational skills (soft skills), and strategies for the proper management of emotions, the strengthening of assertive communication skills, empathetic listening, as well as leadership to promote this type of action with their families and communities.

## GENERAL OBJECTIVE

To promote a citizen culture of forgiveness and reconciliation in the UPZ Tibabuyes locality of Suba, Bogotá, with the aim to improve dialogue, coexistence and the peaceful resolution of conflicts.