



Sustainable Development Application Form Fall 2021			
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Project Name, Local Partner, and Location:			
<p>Title: Implementing Peace Through Empowering Women</p> <p>Partner: JUSTAPAZ (Mennonite Center for Justice, Peace, and Nonviolent Action) in Colombia</p> <p>Location: Cordillera del Norte (North Mountain Range) of the Nariño Subregion, which is centered in the municipality of Lorenzo and its surrounding areas. This region recently has experienced many human rights violations including massacres affecting youth and women. This is due to illegal, armed groups and areas of illicit drug crops in the area.</p>			
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Partner's History/Relationship with the Project:			
<p>Justapaz, Mennonite Christian Association for Justice, Peace, and Nonviolent Action, has 30 years of experience in accompaniment to churches, victims, and popular organizations in zones of armed conflict in Colombia. Through the "sanctuaries of peace" project, Justapaz has protected lives and created safe spaces for multi-stakeholder dialogues, especially with female victims, rural citizens, young people, and reintegrated, former members of armed groups.</p> <p>Church buildings have become ecumenical spaces to celebrate life and reconciliation, heal wounds from the armed conflict, restore rights, and transform conflicts in the territory through a nonviolent perspective; and thus, influence development, human rights, and peace policies. In carrying out this work, Justapaz has strengthened the capacities of leaders in the region, so they can participate in actions for the rights of victims, land claimants, youth, and women's rights.</p> <p>Justapaz also has deep experience forming networks with other organizations sharing common values in order to influence the implementation of the Peace Accords. Especially in the areas of training for peace, truth commissions, rural development, practices of reconciliation, dialogues between victims and ex-combatants of the FARC, as well as many other forms of advocacy.</p> <p>Justapaz focuses its work on building peace and reconciliation in specific territories highlighted as possible sanctuaries of peace. This work includes documentation, human rights advocacy, communication of peace building practices; supporting conscientious objection to mandatory military service, supporting women peace builders, strengthening institutions that build peace, and political advocacy.</p> <p>The sustained work of Justapaz in these regions has allowed them to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connect churches located in areas of armed conflict to the peacebuilding processes • Create multi-stakeholder peace platforms led by churches • Strengthen the rights, participation, and peacebuilding of participants by introducing them to different approaches 			

- Participate in the regional implementation of the Peace Accords, especially on land issues, participation, and victims' rights
- Accompany church and nonprofit organizations in advocacy actions in public policies of peace and reconciliation
- Support young conscientious objectors in defining their decision to NOT participate in militaristic processes and advocacy with military and legal institutions to formalize conscientious objection to the Compulsory Military Service (SMO)
- Systematize the peace initiatives of churches and popular organizations through digital and written media.

Description of Project

Name of Project (agricultural, health, water, micro-credit, education, community development, etc.):

Implementing Peace Through Empowering Women.

Description: The *Implementing Peace Through Empowering Women* project will be developed in the Subregion of Cordilleras de Norte (North Mountain Range) of Nariño, and with particular emphasis on the municipality of Lorenzo. In this region, Justapaz is working alongside rural women, community leaders, and churches who have collaborated with Justapaz on the "RuralPaz" (RuralPeace) project, which was an exercise of rights and protection that strengthened capacities for peace.

This project seeks to build the capacities of female victims, rural citizens, and members of churches in the transforming and nonviolent work they carry out in the face of armed conflict and the government's insufficient attention to the components of the Peace Agreement particularly focused on gender equity.

It is necessary to begin with an exercise mapping out the stakeholders and possible actions and effects which would help lead to signing accords and strategic peace plans with local and regional leaders. Following this, Justapaz will provide training sessions on social dialogue and advocacy, and supporting women in the region with *agroecological seed capital* and advocacy actions. Finally, the project will bring together participants for advocacy actions as they seek changes for peace.



Target Population (children, women, farmers, urban poor, etc.):

The target populations for this project are women affected by armed violence who live in rural areas and those who are members of churches designated as "sanctuaries of peace" who have been engaged in nonviolent leadership resisting the war.

How many persons are/will be served? (please give as specific a figure as possible)?

Justapaz estimates that 180 individuals will be participating directly in the project, however the advocacy efforts of the participants will impact many more. There will be 30 women from rural areas who will be engaged in the training sessions for leading social change through nonviolence and conflict transformation. An additional 150 individuals, church leaders, rural organizations, and state institutions, will participate in the project through collaborative dialogue exercises and peace actions.

Key Objectives:

The key objective of this project will be for female victims and their religious and secular collaborators to generate nonviolent social change aiding in carrying out parts of the Peace Agreement which particularly focus on gender. This is accomplished through:

- Empowering women who have been affected by armed violence to hold social dialogues and organize peace processes through self-care, conflict transformation training, and education on leadership perspectives with a gender-based lens
- Build networks of women, churches, and rural organizations focused on social development and peace framed by the gender components of the Peace Agreement.
- Networks comprised of women affected by armed violence, churches, and rural organizations will formally present their public policy proposals to local and regional governments in the Department of Nariño about how the components of the Peace Agreement focused on gender should be carried out.

Key Activities:

- A preliminary activity will be mapping of the key regional leaders followed by a diagnoses of core problems presented by the armed conflict. This will be followed by strategic planning of collective actions centered on protection, defending human rights, and resisting violence which would be carried out by networks of women, churches, and peace organizations.
- Building capacity in conflict transformation and public policy advocacy at the intersection of gender, rural issues, and liberating expressions of faith. This will occur through both in-person and virtual educational and cultural programming. This programming will highlight the cycles of social conflict, cultural alternatives that strengthen social dialogue, cultural and socio-political strategies for networking, and how networks can influence institutions and governments.
- Supporting rural women through *agroecological seed capital* in order to strengthen the processes of cultural resistance and food and environmental sovereignty based on the agricultural practices of the territory.
- Creating an advocacy plan for local and regional peace policies associated with the socio-economic and socio-cultural criteria of the gender components of the Peace Agreement. A set of socio-legal strategies designed to influence public policy and the generation of nonviolent changes based on nonviolent collective actions, citizen participation mechanisms, and spaces for dialogue with decision-makers by the institutions and networks in the territory.
- Systematization of a reporting mechanism that allows for the archiving of different spaces and moments of the conflict transformation process. This will aid in sharing best practices about empowering leaders to generate changes, nonviolent public actions, and other aspects in which the learnings, results, and recommendations of the process may be presented in a participatory manner.

Duration of Project:
Six (6) months

Project Budget

Total Budget:
\$17,560

Amount Requested from Week of Compassion:
\$12,500

Is this a one-time request or an on-going request?

Request is a one-time request for a six (6) month project

Is the project financially supported by ecumenical or outside partners? If so, what percentage does it cover for this project?

Yes, the Churches for Peace in Holland is supporting the project through the funding of a position to work on this project. This support from Churches for Peace in Holland comprises 30% of the budget for this project, and the person to fill this position has been identified and is in the country.

Please list partners who are funding this project:

Churches for Peace in Holland

Does this project/partner receive funding from UCC Global H.O.P.E. (formerly OGHS), if so, how much?

Justapaz receives funding from Global H.O.P.E./OGHS. In 2021, the overall provision for Justapaz is \$2,000.00, however, this project specifically is not supported by Global H.O.P.E.

What is the overall percentage of fund requested that will be used for administration/overhead?

Eight percent of the funds requested will be used for administration of the project.

Please attached a detailed, itemized budget and cost breakdown for the requested funds.

A detailed, itemized budget is attached.

Dates and project names of previous proposal submissions:

This is the first proposal to support the work of Justapaz. However, Justapaz was one of four partner organizations to carry out the Restorative Justice Workshops project of Cafepaz in Colombia, submitted and funded by Week of Compassion in 2018.

How do you plan to monitor, evaluate, and report back to Week of Compassion? (Please note that future funding is contingent upon reporting. In addition to reporting, please provide stories of transformation and photos.)

Planning Monitoring, and Evaluation System

Justapaz has a planning, monitoring and evaluation tool designed and implemented, with mechanisms for internal accountability. Because of this, Justapaz has the capacity to produce quality information on the execution of actions and the financial management of projects.

Results measurement instruments will be designed with gender-sensitive indicators, considering the particular participation of women in the results framework. A baseline will be drawn to identify new participants in the actions and differentiate them from old participants who oversee the advocacy actions, as well as the participating groups' leaders and women leaders with whom they are already working and the platforms according to the region.

The intervention will be evaluated in the middle and at the end of the supported period, considering the organization is institutionally evaluated every six months and performs a social balance annually. During these evaluation sessions, learning is supervised. Within the team meetings, there are also capacity-building processes carried out by the staff on specific issues. The reports are coordinated from the institutional strengthening area, which will develop a methodology to coordinate the joint preparation of the reports. It is expected to deliver semi-annual reports and a final report. The partners also provide reports according to the activities they carry out.

In this sense, a follow-up and evaluation process has been designed: (1) collective formulation of an Annual Operational Plan; (2) monitoring of the fulfillment of activities (daily, weekly, and quarterly evaluations of staff performance); (3) manual of administrative and internal control procedures; (4) administrative monitoring system; (5) procedures formats; and (6) project evaluation(s).

Global Ministries will work with Justapaz to complete the requested narrative and financial report from Week of Compassion after one year.

If granted, is there a deadline by which to receive funding?

As soon as funds are available.