

A NETWORK FOR PEACE AND SECURITY IN COLOMBIA

1. BACKGROUND

On July 22nd and August 3rd an outstanding team of experienced, engaged and motivated people, and organizations convened to initiate a Peace and Security Partnership for Colombia catalyzed through the UN75 Global Governance Forum. Together we identified our agreed priorities and potential avenues to jointly carry out impactful actions at scale:

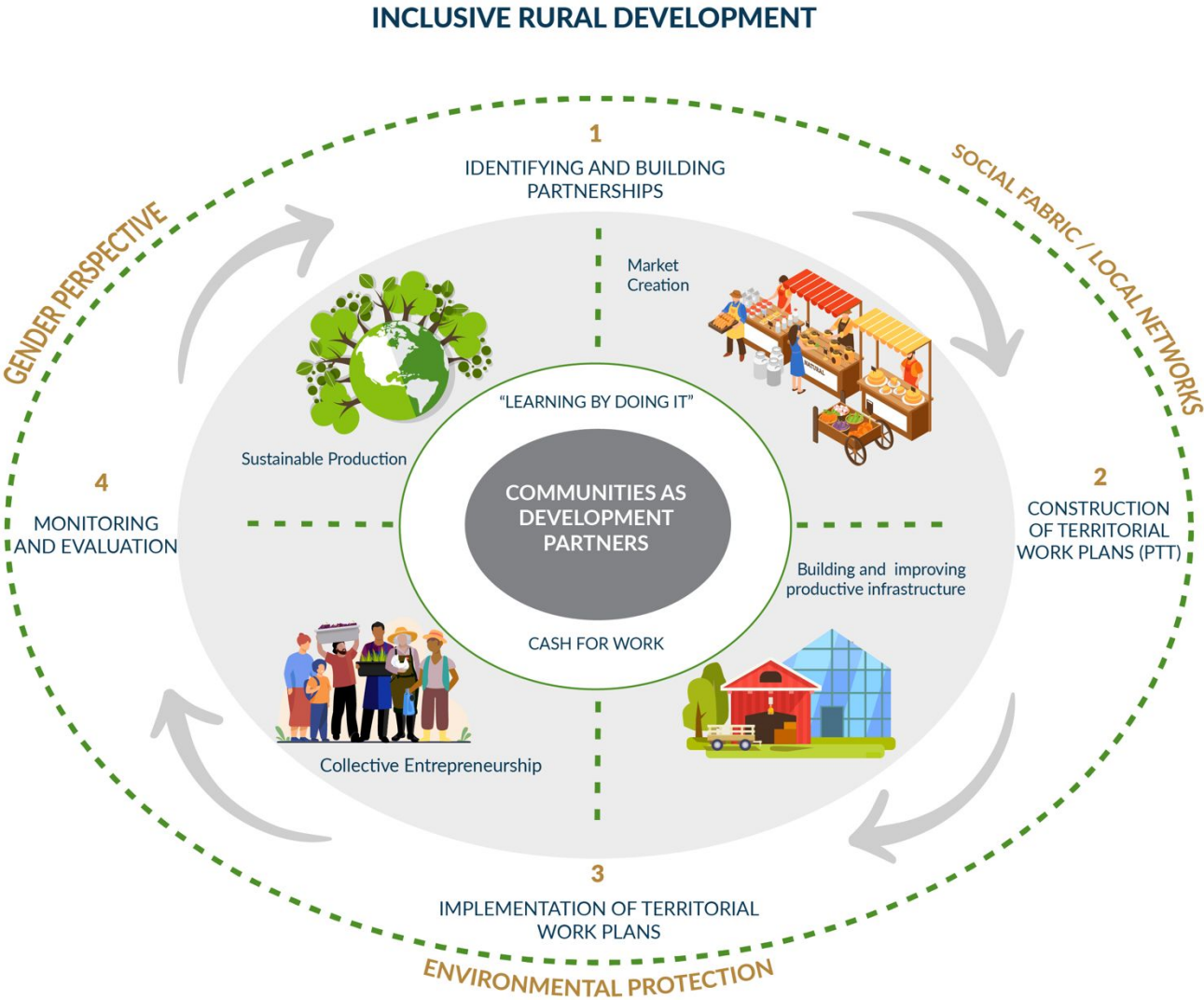
- The importance on focus the alliance between Government, the International Community, local communities and the private sector on key action components that truly transform local economic and social conditions and governance;
- A territorial approach that activates local cultural, ethnic, natural, economic and governance assets empowering new leaderships, including those of women;
- Special attention to inclusive agricultural development;
- Focus in the zones most affected by conflict in the context of the *Planes de Desarrollo con Enfoque Territorial*;
- Integration within the activities the present challenges facing the Colombian countryside, such as the increase of violence, the murder of social leaders and the effect associated to COVID-19, which invite us to invest in health, food security and local market consolidation

In order to successfully create the “**Network of Peace**” we need to face challenges in matters of coordination between central and local, state and private, formal and peasant economies and the so-called “costs” associated with the “last mile problem.” We need to innovate, do things differently, disrupt paradigms, permanently monitor the quality of key processes and be sensitive to the hundreds of details that are never included in work plans but give life to the programs. The ideas that provide the correct horizon to scale up and unleash the creative energy of thousands of Colombians across regions will be key to the scaling process.

2. OUR VALUE PROPOSITION

During the discussion regarding *The Future we Want and the UN we Need*, the group of organizations evolved to include, **The United Nations Multi-Partner Trust for Sustaining Peace, Organization of American States, Swedish International Development Agency, The Colombia Peace Fund, The University of Notre Dame, The Rockefeller Brothers Fund, The International Youth Foundation, The Scaling Up Community of Practice, One Earth Future Foundation/PASO Colombia.** The participants have been working on a framework to integrate components, territories, strategies, actions, and operations, that address key strategic objectives that include: a) transform beneficiaries in territories into project partners, b) change the dynamics of commercialization in the territories, c) impact productivity axes substantially, d) strengthen local governance networks by generating synergies between programs and organizations in the territories, e) strengthen organizations, f) empower women and youth, g) develop resilience to emergencies associated with the presence of armed groups, h) provide an appropriate response to the spread of COVID 19.

The project's overall strategy is to promote inclusive rural development of peasant economies in the territories most affected by conflict, illicit crops, and the presence of armed groups.



The framework in which this program operates is:

- Respect for life, represented in the empowerment of women and youth and in assuring that these groups have elements that allow for the development of their individual and collective creativity.
- Renewal of the socioeconomic fabric affected by conflict and illicit coca crops.

- Inclusive rural development.
- The environment as a provider of the best ecosystem services, with great potential for the enjoyment of life, the development of science, and the development of products required by humanity within the framework of regenerative economies.

The management of the partnership is based on a new form of governance that multiplies local collective intelligence, takes advantage of the assets in the territories, and generates synergies with existing programs and projects. The elements that make up this work method are: a) the Territorial Work Plan, b) the integration of operations for market creation, sustainable production, and development, the strengthening of peasant production infrastructures and collective entrepreneurship, and c) development of various dimensions of knowledge that go beyond technical and include empathy, the relationship with nature, and payment for community services, as initial incentives for peasant men and women.

3. NEXT STEPS

The following are the activities that are taking place within the context of the present partnership driving the Network for Peace & Security in Colombia:

1. Consolidate the partnership around a specific work plan that addresses and designs solutions to the different challenges for peace and security in Colombia's territories.
2. Design financial mechanisms that support the plan, including the coordinated action of the partnership.
3. Select the zones where the partnership will operate.
4. Integrate the designs with existing work carried out by the State, the communities, and the International Community.
5. Create the scaling up network
6. Integrate the partnership with current UN activities in the field of peace and security
7. Design the monitoring and evaluation mechanisms
8. Incorporate cross sectoral elements, especially the gender, youth, and environmental components.
9. Integrate the resilience elements that address great risks like COVID-19 and illegal armed group activities.