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INVESTIGATION STRATEGY FOR HOMICIDES COMMITTED AGAINST HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS

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This Office acknowledges **the fundamental role** that social leaders play in the maintenance of the rule of law, the promotion of democratic participation, and respect for human rights of all those who inhabit Colombian territory. In light of the above, we seek **to promote the guarantee of the defenders' human rights, by investigating and prosecuting any type of violence, intimidation or attack against them.**

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INVESTIGATION STRATEGY FOR OFFENSES COMMITTED AGAINST HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK

INVESTIGATION AND PROSECUTION STRATEGY FOR OFFENSES COMMITTED AGAINST HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS: 8 COURSES OF ACTION

The results hereby presented are derived from efforts put into the strategy. They are not a matter of chance, but the outcome of a state-of-the-art investigation method, 2016.

1

The onset of a project to promote **institutional culture** among the public officials of the Attorney General's Office.

2

First investigation hypothesis: Relation between the offense committed and the human rights defense endeavour.

3

Creation of itinerant units to promptly reach the crime scene.

4

A work plan that allows **internal articulation among the different units.**

5

Application of a case association methodology.

6

Issuing guidelines for the standardization of investigations dealing with offenses committed against human rights defenders.

7

Strengthening the investigation of threats against defenders.

8

Elaboration and application of **intervention protocols**, which guarantee greater effectiveness in investigations.

STRENGTHENING THE 2020 INVESTIGATION STRATEGY

Strengthening of the Special Investigation Unit

- 25% increase in the research capacity of the Office of the Attorney General.

Regional Attorneys

- Antioquia and Córdoba; Caquetá and Putumayo; Cauca; Norte De Santander; Valle De Cauca; and Chocó, Tolima and Huila.

Consolidation of 11 investigation projects

- The Special Unit has been consolidating investigation projects that prioritize offenses committed against human rights defenders attributable to criminal structures.



CONSOLIDATED RESULTS

Homicides 2016-2020- United Nations report

HOMICIDES COMMITTED AGAINST HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS INVESTIGATED BY THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

2016 - July 22, 2020: CASES REPORTED BY THE UNITED NATIONS



During 2020, the United Nations has reported 45 cases.

HISTORIC RESULTS

HOMICIDES

Up to June 17, 2020:

Cases reported by the UN within
the purview of the Office of the
Attorney General

393

Clarification progress:

56%

This is equivalent to

220 cases:



58 judgments



80 cases in trial



21 cases with submitted criminal charges



56 cases under investigation with arrest warrant



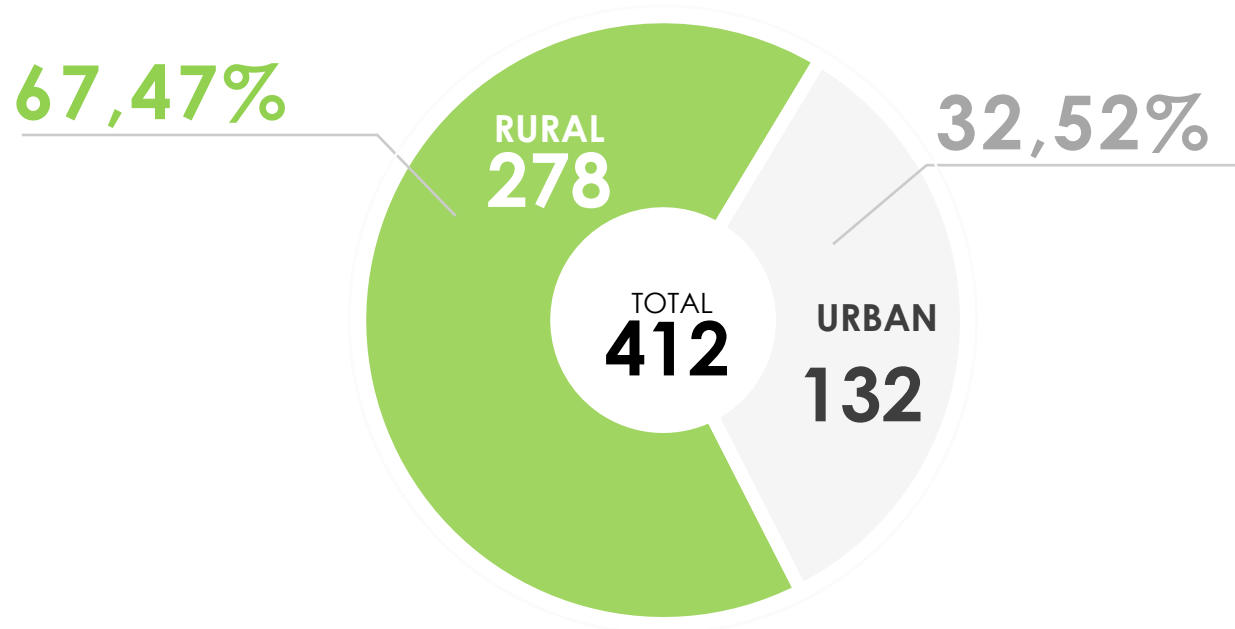
5 precluded cases due to the death of the
accused individual

173

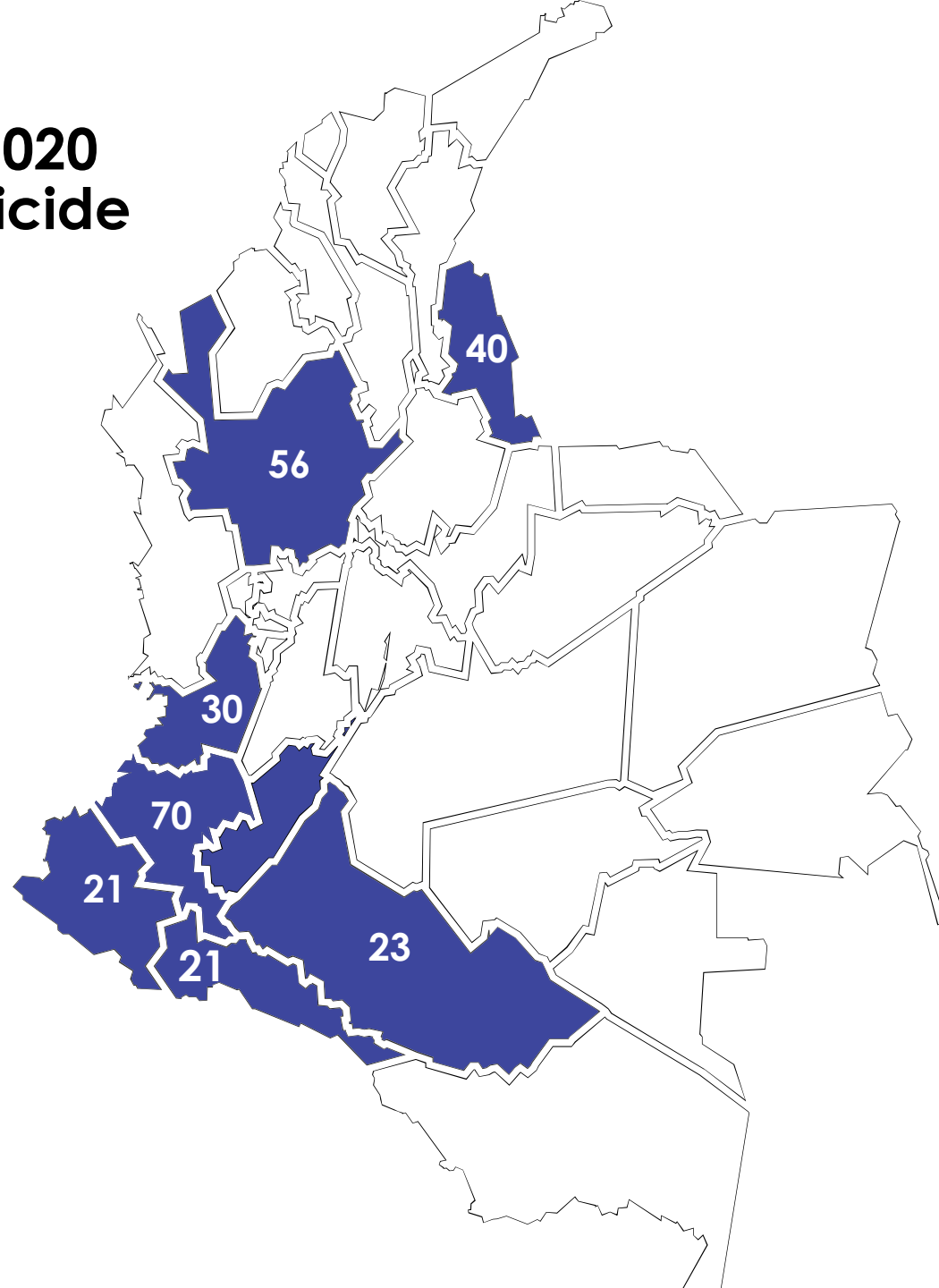
Victims in the investigation phase with current Judicial Police orders

CASES REPORTED BY THE UN 2016-2020

Departments with the highest homicide concentration



Victimization environment



Capacity of the victim : 393 homicides investigated by the Office of the Attorney General

2016 - 2020: CASES REPORTED BY THE UNITED NATIONS

Leadership reported by the UN	Number of victims	%
Community Action Council Leaders	131	33,33%
Community Leaders	75	19,08%
Indigenous Leaders	49	12,47%
Peasant Leaders	32	8,14%
Political Leaders	19	4,83%
Social Leaders	14	3,56%
Labor Union Leaders	12	3,05%
Other Leaders	61	15,52%
Total victims	393	100,00%

Community Action Council Leaders:

Directors of Community Action Councils and Local Administrative Boards, and members who, within the framework of these organizations, carry out activities for the communities with recognized leadership.

Community Leaders:

Individuals who work for the promotion, respect and protection of human rights of vulnerable communities, without belonging to a Community Action Council or Local Administrative Board with recognized leadership.

Social Leaders:

Directors and members of fundraisers or associations that work in favor of vulnerable communities, mostly in urban areas with recognized leadership.

PROFILE OF THE RESPONSIBLE INDIVIDUALS IN CASES WHICH HAVE HAD PROGRESS IN THE CLARIFICATION OF THE FACTS

65,45%

Criminal profiles that belong to armed groups and/or criminal bands

GAOr FARC	49	22,27%
TYPE C CRIMINAL ORGANIZATIONS	31	14,00%
CLAN DEL GOLFO	23	10,45%
ELN	23	10,45%
EPL	7	3,18%
CAPARROS	6	2,72%
GDO	5	2,27%

34,54%

Other criminal profiles

INDIVIDUALS	72	32,73%
TO BE DETERMINED	4	1,82%

TOTAL OF CASES WITH PROGRESS MADE IN CRIME CLARIFICATION

220

III. First Batch of Results, 2020



STRUCTURE OF THE SPECIAL INVESTIGATION UNIT

Territorial Coordination

TERRITORIAL

- 1- Apartadó
- 2- Popayán
- 3- Tumaco
- 4- National Group

ITINERANT

- 1- Cúcuta
- 2- Medellín
- 3- Villavicencio
- 4- Cali - Santander de Quilichao - Buga
- 5- Pasto
- 6- Florencia
- 7- Mocoa

REGIONAL ATTORNEYS – SPECIAL INVESTIGATION UNIT

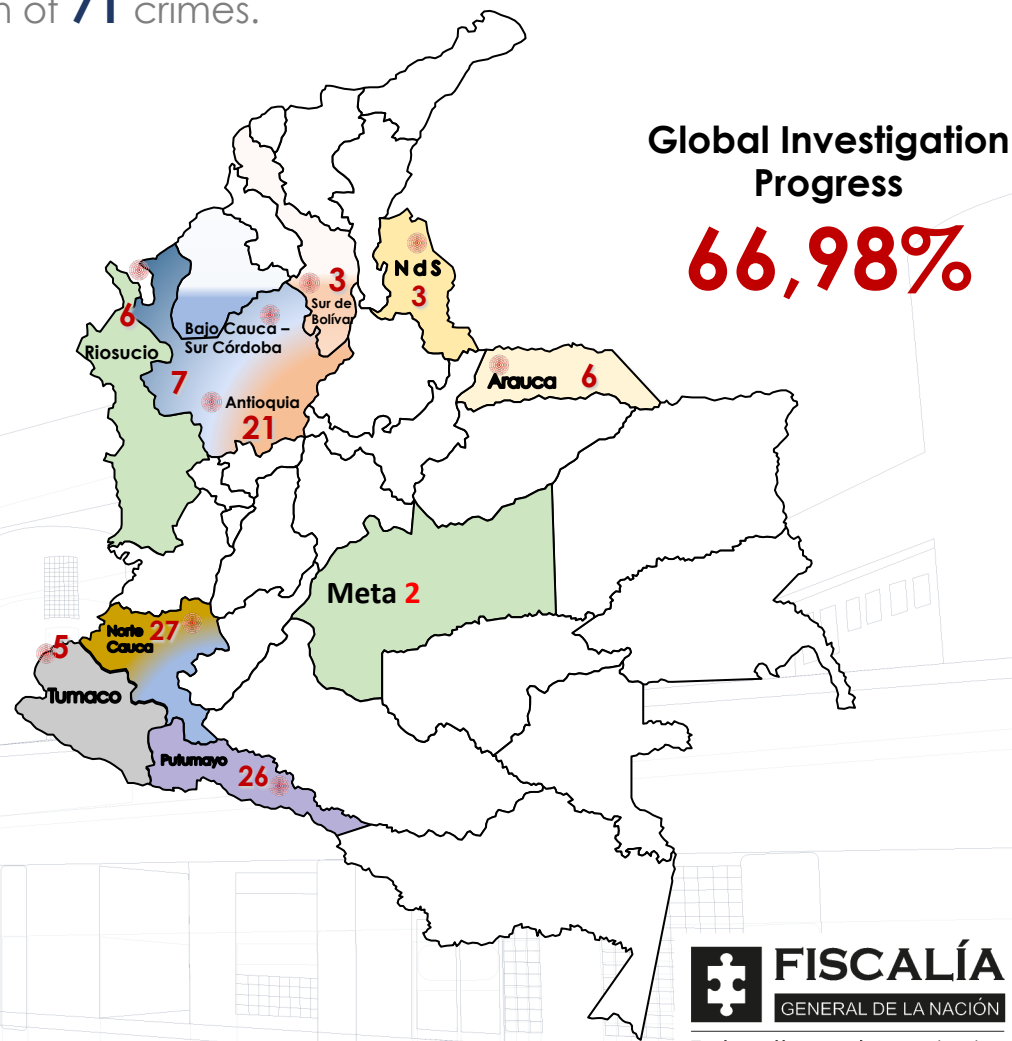
- 1- Antioquia and Córdoba
- 2- Caquetá and Putumayo
- 3- Cauca
- 4- Valle del Cauca
- 5- Chocó, Tolima and Huila
- 6- Norte de Santander

Impact of criminal organizations
that commit offenses against
human rights defenders

RESEARCH RESULTS IN 10 PROJECTS

10 projects with **106** offenses committed against Human Rights Defenders, and reincorporated FARC members and relatives and civilians; **179** victims. Progress in the clarification of **71** crimes.

	Crimes per project ➤ 106	Clarified crimes ➤ 71
NORTE DEL CAUCA	27 (25,47%)	12 (16,91%)
PUTUMAYO	26 (24,52%)	10 (14,08%)
ANTIOQUIA	21 (18,81%)	20 (26,16%)
BAJO CAUCA – SUR CÓRDOBA	7 (6,73%)	6 (8,04%)
RIOSUCIO	6 (5,66%)	5 (7,04%)
ARAUCA	6 (5,66%)	6 (8,04%)
TUMACO	5 (4,71%)	5 (7,04%)
NORTE DE SANTANDER	3 (2,83%)	3 (4,22%)
SUR DE BOLIVAR	3 (2,83%)	3 (4,22%)
META	2 (1,88)	1 (1,40%)



INVESTIGATION PROJECTS

Criminal organizations that were impacted due to homicides committed against human rights defenders and other populations.

CRIMINAL ORGANIZATIONS

- **Guerrillas Unidas del Pacífico** (United Guerrillas of the Pacific) or the "Contadores" in Tumaco.
- **The Gulf Clan (Western Substructure)** in Riosucio (Chocó) and in Ituango. The **GAOr 18 and 36** in Ituango.
- The **ELN** in South Bolívar.
- The **Caparros** in Bajo Cauca.
- The **EPL** in Catatumbo.
- **GAOr Dagoberto Ramos** in North Cauca.
- **GAOr 48** in Putumayo
- **GAOr 10** in Arauca



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