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UK Programme funds in Colombia

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partners working
together for shared peace
and prosperity.*



The United Kingdom and Colombia

We are pleased to present this overview of the programmes developed by the United Kingdom in Colombia, which constitute the materialisation of the historical partnership between the British and Colombian Governments for shared peace and prosperity.

Currently, through the International Climate Fund; the Prosperity Fund; the Conflict, Stability and Security Fund; the Newton-Caldas Fund; the Human Rights Fund; and Chevening Awards, we work in cooperation to help Colombia:

- face the challenges brought by climate change, protect the environment and take advantage of its natural resources, with a focus on sustainable development;
- promote prosperity and economic development in its regions, as well as transparency in contracting for institutional strengthening and the eradication of corruption;
- achieve sustainable peace, with our advice and expertise in the implementation of peace agreements;
- promote research and innovation through scientific cooperation;
- protect the human rights of the most vulnerable communities; and
- count on future leaders who have received masters-level education in the United Kingdom.

This is a reflection of our commitment to continue being one of Colombia's main strategic partners, implementing projects that contribute to its growth, and resulting in great opportunities and benefits for both countries.

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INTERNATIONAL CLIMATE FUND

Through the International Climate Fund, the United Kingdom supports developing and middle income countries to face the challenges of climate change. Currently, it is one of Colombia's biggest allies in this regard, where up to date it has invested around US \$165 million through the three major programmatic areas: forests and land-use practices; sustainable infrastructure; and technical assistance.

1. Forest and land-use practices

1.1 Cross-support

1.1.1 Joint Declaration of Intent with the governments of Norway and Germany

Announced in 2015 at COP21 in Paris, in cooperation with the Governments of Norway and Germany, this declaration supports the Colombian Government in helping achieve its ambition of zero-

deforestation in the Colombian Amazon. Under this support, we invest in two major programmes:

a. Early Movers Programme

Through the Early Movers Programme, the UK is supporting the implementation of the Colombian Government's Amazon Vision Initiative, in its efforts to prevent deforestation. The Programme pursues five actions: i) forest governance; ii) sustainable sectoral development and planning; iii) agri-environmental development; iv) environmental self-governance; and v) institutional strengthening. The UK has allocated US \$38.7 million for this fund.

b. BioCarbon Fund

The UK is also contributing US \$26 million for payments to reward verified emissions to promote sustainable forestry and reduce emissions caused by the agricultural and forestry activities in the Orinoco region.

1.1.2 Tropical Forest Alliance 2020 (TFA 2020)

The UK supports the Colombia chapter of the Tropical Forest Alliance 2020 (TFA 2020), which is a global public-private partnership in which partners take voluntary actions, individually and collectively, to reduce tropical deforestation associated with productive chains of raw materials, such as palm oil, soybeans, beef and paper.

1.2 Programmes funded solely by the United Kingdom

1.2.1 Partnership for Forests (P4F)

In 2019, the UK will launch a new initiative with a contribution of US \$9 million, called Partnerships for Forests (P4F), which seeks to catalyse investments by the private and public sectors, helping civil society and local communities achieve a shared profit from the sustainable management of the forest and its derived uses.

US \$165 million
Since 2010

*Figures according to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office rates of exchange up to February 2019.



“The United Kingdom is a great ally of Colombia to support its efforts in the agendas of climate change and green growth. All of our programmes promote better economic growth, in line with national and international agendas on sustainable development.”

Head of Economic Diplomacy
British Embassy in Colombia

1.2.2 Silvo-Pastoral Systems Programme (Sustainable Cattle Ranching)

This programme supports Colombian cattle ranchers to adopt mixed agricultural and cattle pasture techniques that improve and convert cattle grazing pasture into richer environments that help to conserve existing forests, capture carbon, improve biodiversity and boost productivity. The UK has invested US \$19.6 million and in 2017 approved a two-year extension. Nearly 4,000 farms have benefitted from the programme.

2. Sustainable Infrastructure Programme (SIP)

The Sustainable Infrastructure Programme (SIP) supports recipients to mobilise private investment in low-carbon infrastructure projects where perceived financial risk is high. The programme provides technical assistance and concessional finance. In Colombia, the technical component is providing assistance to the Government to increase non-conventional renewable energy generation capacity, and to promote low-carbon transport. It is expected that investments in Colombia could reach up to US \$40 million.

3. Partnering for Accelerated Climate Transitions (UK PACT)

The UK is providing technical assistance to help Colombia comply with international commitments on climate change by addressing barriers and challenges in this area. Many of these challenges relate to the need to improve the capabilities and knowledge of public, private and NGO actors to reduce emissions and achieve a low-carbon economy.

In 2019, the UK will allocate over US \$2.6 million, with additional resources available until 2021 to be confirmed based on demand. UK PACT has at its disposal three tools: i) Early Transition Activities (6-month projects) designed to respond to time-specific challenges; ii) 1-year projects that will work across a variety of themes, including climate finance, sustainable energy and scientific research to protect forests; and iii) secondments and skill-sharing projects that will capitalise on UK expertise. UK PACT will hold calls for proposals each year in response to the most demand-led activities, providing transformative change and addressing challenges as they arise.



PROSPERITY FUND



“ We seek to have an economic impact in Colombia close to US \$2.5 million within the next 10 years.”
Prosperity Fund Programme Manager in Colombia

The Prosperity Fund for Colombia supports economic development, unlocking economic opportunities and fostering growth in post-conflict and conflict-affected regions. Between 2017 and 2022, the programme seeks to benefit more than three million people, with a focus on women and girls in the poorest parts of the country.

US \$33.3 million will be invested in projects that allow the improvement of urban and rail development, agricultural development and innovation, expansion of agricultural insurance, the strengthening of competitiveness in the regions, the increased transparency in public procurement, and the strengthening of the governance of the National Infrastructure Agency (ANI).

The Fund focuses on six cities and eight regions. The cities are: Cartagena, Ibagué, Manizales, Santa Marta, Villavicencio and Valledupar. The regions are: Antioquia, Atlántico, Caldas, Cundinamarca, Magdalena, Meta, Santander and Valle del Cauca. Our project partners are Findeter (Financial Territorial Development), CAF (Development Bank of Latin America), Innovate UK (British Innovation Agency) and CIAT (International Centre for Tropical Agriculture).

Additionally, the Prosperity Fund will invest US \$6.5 million through the Global Infrastructure Fund for the implementation of infrastructure planning tools. The total investment is an estimated of US \$39.8 million for Colombia, that will contribute to poverty reduction, gender equity and the generation of new economic opportunities for both nations.



US \$33.3 million
+ US \$6.5 million
5 years
2017-2022

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Since 2015, the United Kingdom has provided more than US \$50.9 million to focus our efforts on political and technical strategic actions that will allow us to achieve sustainable peace in the Colombian territory:

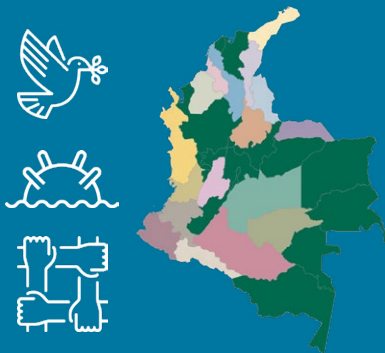
- Providing support and positioning the peace process in Colombia in the Security Council of the United Nations, as author of the Mandate of the United Nations Mission for the Peace Process in Colombia.

- Strengthening the economic and sustainable transformation of the territories most affected by the conflict, and access to justice and security.

- Supporting the enlistment process, the Rapid Response Plan and the Framework Plan for the Implementation of Peace Agreements. This includes support for projects to stabilise and rebuild rural areas affected by conflict, demining, strengthening the Special Jurisdiction for Peace (JEP), and support for victims through our contributions to the UN Multi-Partner Trust Fund (MPTF) and the EU Trust Fund for Colombia.

- Likewise, through bilateral projects and in coordination with different entities of the National Government and civil society, we are sharing United Kingdom and Northern

Ireland's experiences in matters of security, justice, peacebuilding and institutional transformations in a post-conflict scenario, as well as supporting initiatives focused on gender violence and the prevention of new conflicts.



From 2015 to March 2019
US \$50.9 million
Total duration of the programme
5 years
2015-2020

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CONFLICT STABILITY, AND SECURITY FUND (CSSF)

“Within the framework of the Multi-Partner Trust Fund (MPTF), tripartite coordination has played a fundamental role in overcoming the challenges of implementation. The coordination between the national government, donors and the United Nations has allowed strengthening peace institutions and improving opportunities in the regions most affected by the conflict.”

MPTF donor countries

United Kingdom, Canada, Norway, Sweden, Germany, Switzerland, UAE, Ireland, New Zealand, Portugal and Spain.

NEWTON-CALDAS FUND

“The United Kingdom has become one of our most important partners for scientific and technological cooperation, resulting in the strengthening of ties between the scientific community of the two countries through tools such as the Newton Fund. We currently have several bilateral agreements in force that establish general cooperation frameworks and specific actions for high-level training, as well as for research and innovation in biodiversity.”

Alejandro Olaya
Former Director of Colciencias

Since 2014, the Newton-Caldas Fund has operated in Colombia to build-up research and innovation capacity in the country for its economic development and social welfare. For the last five years, the fund allocated around US \$5.2 million.

This budget has now been extended until 2021, translating into a total investment close to US \$39.2 million. Combined with co-financing to a similar value by Colombian partners, the total fund is worth US \$78.4 million between both countries.

Within the activities financed by the Newton-Caldas Fund is Colombia Bio, a strategic programme of national interest that seeks to promote knowledge, conservation, evaluation, management and sustainable use of Colombia's biodiversity in a post-conflict scenario, being the second country with the highest biodiversity per square meter in the world.

With a joint budget of US \$26.1 million, this programme focuses on three major components: biodiversity scientific expeditions; research and development for decision making; and bio-innovation for the development of value-added products and services.



From 2014 to March 2019

US \$39.2 million

Total duration of the programme

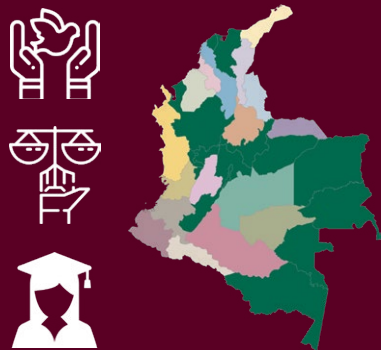
7 years
2014-2021

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The UK Human Rights Fund aims to help generate changes in the living conditions of the most vulnerable communities in the country, helping to develop the capacity of civil society to promote and protect human rights.

Between 2018 and 2020, close to US \$2.6 million have been allocated for the development of projects with a focus in the regions, related to:

- a. the protection of human rights defenders through legal assistance to community leaders and developing self-protection and collective protection measures.
- b. sexual violence prevention within and outside the armed conflict through the promotion of effective access to justice, the improvement of health care for victims and work to overthrow gender stereotypes.
- c. the identification of regional trends on modern slavery.
- d. girls' education, promoting their enrolment in non-traditional professions in which they are underrepresented, and breaking down barriers in the community, their families and schools that hinder their access to quality education.



US \$2.6 million
2 years
2018-2020

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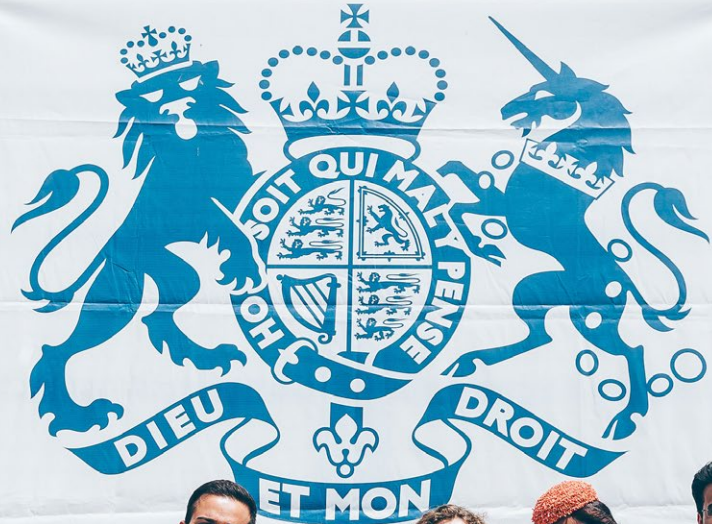
“Thanks to the Human Rights Fund we have been able to offer in different regions of Colombia: access to justice through 13 collective reporting sessions; training for more than 2,600 youngsters and students in sexual violence prevention; support for 915 women in their process of empowerment; and leadership development through training based on a women’s rights and gender approach.”

Red de Mujeres Víctimas y Profesionales

HUMAN RIGHTS FUND



CHEVENING



Chevening Awards is the UK Government's international scholarship programme giving potential leaders the unique opportunity to study in the UK. It is aimed for outstanding professionals to obtain a 1-year long master's degree from any British university or college.

Chevening offers a unique opportunity to connect with future leaders, influencers, and decision-makers from all over the world to develop professionally and academically. By belonging to the Chevening Alumni network its members will be able to experience UK culture and build lasting positive relationships with the UK.

Chevening scholars are awarded:

- tuition fees
- monthly living expenses
- one round trip economy class ticket to the United Kingdom
- an additional budget for covering essential expenses.

Chevening Awards works with a network of global partners. In recent years, these partners have allowed us to broaden our support for more applicants in Colombia.



CHEVENING

US \$653.500
annual
average

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“ The Latin America region continually produces alumni full of energy and ideas who impress in everything they do, and all that they stand for. Chevening Alumni Colombia embodies this –full of people who individually are making a mark on their sectors, and collectively are striving to have a positive influence on their nation.”

Aba Quartey

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