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CHALLENGES IN THE PROCESS



Getting a broad array of community participants when **you haven't built enough trust** / don't have a comprehensive process.

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was the scenario of a guerrilla demobilization in 1992. People feared that these surveys were carried out by the state, in order to carry out new demobilization during the current peace process.



- ★ Several people wanted to abstain from participating
- ★ An explanatory letter about the surveys was written and delivered in every households and all provided answers.

Indicators are very useful both for the work of Fundación Semana, and for Colombian Government and NGO's, specially in this strategic moment of post - agreements and peace building.

- ▶ We have learned that peace and reconciliation views are unique and different for each community – and should be evaluated as such.
- ▶ This could be very useful for Colombia:
 - In terms of measuring the effects of the administrative and collective means of reparation that have been applied, and other policies focused in peace and reconciliation.
 - *Ideally, these indicators should help to design public policy and programs which are focused in peace and reconciliation.*

Methodology functions very well and allows us to have the real perspective of those that we are working for.

- ▶ This also helps to solve a common problem when working with communities, which is the sense of bringing "projects", "documents" and "actions" from the outside, instead of building them from the inside.

Methodology will be very useful, specially in projects and areas focused on human development and community development, which generally have "intangible" effects which are very hard to measure:

- Leadership
- Gender
- Human Rights
- Social Cohesion

Difficulties

- ▶ Hard to replicate in every zone; if this was to get “standardized” in the ste level, we could explore the possibility of using meaningful indicators which apply to all (or most) and could be measured in a transversal manner – however, this would have us loose some of the specifics for each zone.