

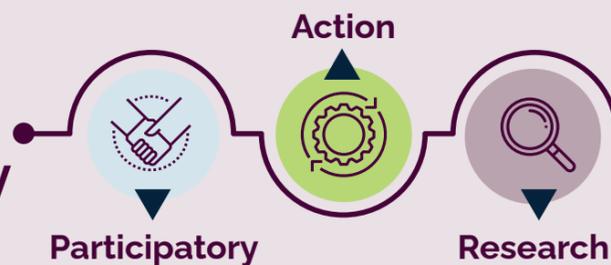


We are a Colombian non-profit social organisation dedicated to defence and advocacy of Human Rights at a national level. We have specialized in the comprehensive accompaniment of family members and relatives of disappeared persons during the armed conflict, as well as supporting social leaders, with a focus on incorporating ethnic and gender perspectives across our work.

Colectivo
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Our methodology



We contribute to the construction processes of historical memory regarding:



Outcomes

Installed capacities for *peacebuilding, the importance of transitional justice* as embodied in the Sistema Integral para la Paz (Integral System for Peace) and the creation of synergies between disappeared persons' family members and the UBPD.

Rights Enforceability Path - RED

(Ruta de Exigibilidad de Derechos)

A methodology that provides tools for victims to search for and locate their disappeared loved ones.

- Generates **direct advocacy actions** for investigating contexts of violence and victims' lives.
- Proposes **actions for social change and policies** that guarantee non-repetition..
- Provides **psychosocial accompaniment** to strengthen victims' empowerment and resilience.

Work strategies

Advocacy

► We work in a network with victims' and Human Rights organisations as well as local, national and international entities.

► We generate permanent dialogues with victims, we propel their needs and demands to be heard by local, national and international organisations/entities regarding the enforceability of their rights, justice access and truth searching.



Campaign

*"Let's tell the truth, because all unidentified people do have their own story" **

This campaign responds to the inverse search methodology, **an innovative and unique methodology in Colombia developed by the Colectivo OFB**, that makes visible the people who were buried as unidentified. Thanks to our work, some persons have been identified and now we are looking for their relatives to return them to their families in a dignified manner.

Within this campaign, **156 unidentified persons** have been found by their loved ones.

We have developed a thorough work in several regions of the country in which families have a new chance for their lives, **access to justice and reparation.**

Forensic

From the Cemeteries Intervention Strategy, we provide certainty to family members and relatives ensuring the identified bodies match those of their loved ones.



Communication and media

Through an internal and external communication strategy, we raise the awareness of tackling enforced disappearance scourge and make visible the impact of the Colectivo OFB's work at regional, national and international level.



Legal

► We work to **build bridges between victims and the Colombian State**, which is responsible for guaranteeing their rights.

► We spread **victims' truth and seek to restore their rights** desde el litigio estratégico, acciones jurídicas e instrumentos legales, para que exista reparación.



Psychosocial approach

► We support **victims** in their self-construction as rights holders and the identification of abilities to reach individual and collective empowerment.

► We contribute to **empowering victims** during bereavement by strengthening their resilience, the ability to demand their rights, their participation in memory building and public policies design.



Social research

Using Participatory Action Research methodology, we develop analyses, research and documents on violence and the human rights situation to:

- Inform and exert pressure to enforce victims' rights.
- Build the truth and historical memory.
- Make known the outcomes and impact of our actions.
- Reinforce public acknowledgement of victims' rights and claims.

Since 2021, we have been leading the academic project **'International Seminar on forced disappearance, human rights and memory'** together with the Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana de México and the Centro de Memoria Paz y Reconciliación de Bogotá.

Audiovisual memories



Video "Lift up your voices women" Hope and Peace Singers group of Tumaco <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ui1C3gmhjo>



International Day of the Victims of Enforced Disappearances 2021 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_zt9H13VSN0&t=20s



"12 years unearthing the truth in the Llanos Orientales" (English subtitled) https://youtu.be/g_sRa6kWLJc



Dignified burial of Aldemar Loaiza - Lejanías, Meta. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oNL6RQpTgqc>



Dignified burial of Raul Villarraga - Bogotá. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VTs-FLbWy08&t=2s>



Evaluation of the agreement between the Universidad de Nariño and the Colectivo OFB. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3W8UjEIDnrc&t=17s>



Art, culture and resilience in the Pacific coast of Nariño. Plu con Pla. <https://youtu.be/zh2yoNvj4E>

In Colombia, **26.395** unidentified persons' bodies were reported in **426 cemeteries** until Jan/18.

Llanos Orientales



UMD (Democratic Women's Union) Literacy School.



Public Audience in the Macarena municipality (2010-2021).



156 unidentified persons handed over to their families, due to the search campaign in five cemeteries of Meta and Guaviare.



Report: "Unearthing the truth in the Llanos Orientales" 2019.



More than 900 cases were documented and accompanied by Colectivo OFB.



386 unidentified bodies were found at the end of exhumations labours in *Nuestra Señora de La Macarena* cemetery.



Red de Llano y Selva (Plain and Jungle Network).

Nariño



Hope and Peace Singers group, disappeared persons' family members and relatives in Tumaco.
www.cantoras.cofb.org.co



REDHPANA (Human Rights Network of Pacific coast in Nariño).
www.redhpana.org



Cemetery intervention route in Nariño, with **757 documented cases of unidentified persons.**



Participation in the UBPD (Search Unit of Disappeared Persons).



Creation of a regional searching plan for enforced disappearances victims.



Ratified agreement between the Universidad de Nariño and the Colectivo OFB.



Report: Racism and State violence in ethnic territories in the Pacific coast in Nariño.

Abroad



Strengthening of GEFDyEC (European Group of Disappeared Persons' Relatives in Colombia and Exiles).



Strengthening of the REVICPAZ (Network of Forced Disappearance Victims' Relatives in the Southern Cone and Exiles).



Documentation of **60 Forced Disappearance** cases.



Members of Latin American Network against enforced disappearances.



Support to FIV (International Victims' Forum).



Members of Construyamos Paz (Let's Build Peace) campaign.



Report: What violence could not silence. Organisational reinvention while in exile.

What do you support when you donate?

With your aid to the **Colectivo OFB**, you are contributing to the search for disappeared persons during the armed conflict and supporting redress to the family members and relatives of the victims, through the campaign **"Let's tell the truth, because all unidentified people do have their own story"** *.

Your contribution helps to finish off the uncertainty and relieve the pain of the relatives of the disappeared persons, thanks to access to justice, truth and reparation through the **Rights Enforceability Path** (Ruta de Exigibilidad de Derechos - RED).

In addition, you will receive:

- A newsletter with the outcomes of your contribution.
- Invitations to all our events.
- Donation certificate / Public acknowledgement of your contribution on our website and social networks.

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* "Contemos la Verdad, porque todas las personas no identificadas tienen una historia."