



# THE MUNICIPAL OMBUDSPERSONS OFFICES IN COLOMBIA

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# WHAT ARE THE MUNICIPAL OMBUDSPERSON ?

1.400

Duties

They are part of the Public Ministry, regulated by the Political Constitution of 1991 and Law 136 of 1994.



They are present in the 1102 municipalities through out the country

They are public entities with autonomy in political, administrative, and budget affairs.

# DUTIES OF THE MUNICIPAL OMBUDSPERSON

Promotion and defense of human rights and its constitutional

▶ Comprehensive accompaniment to victims of armed conflict

▶ Monitor the official conduct of public officials and local government management

▶ Representation of the community upon the Municipal Administration.



# MUNICIPAL OMBUDSPERSON OFFICES AS HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS

Protection of Human Rights  
situation of the population in high vulnerability.

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# MUNICIPAL OMBUDSPERSON OFFICES AS HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS

- ▶ 100,000 actions concerning Human Rights.
- ▶ 13,000 protective actions to ensure access to health



They have brought protective actions to ensure the rights of inmates in jails through out the country.

## LAW OF VICTIMS 1448 – 2011



The 1448 Act of 2011 seeks to repair all victims of the internal armed conflict in Colombia.

To access state aid, the victim population has to give a statement of the occurring events:

- > **Attorneys Generals Office**
- > **Office of the Ombudsman (Defensoría del Pueblo)**
- > **Unit for Comprehensive Attention and repair to Victims (Unidad para la Atención y Reparación Integral a Víctimas.)**  
**Local municipal Ombudsperson office**

# LAW OF VICTIMS 1448 – 2011

The victims statement enters the “Single Register of Victims” and that the state can provide attention, care and repair.

**7.201.034**  
Registered Victims



**8.194.452**  
Victimizing acts



# LAW OF VICTIMS 1448 – 2011



## DEPARTMENT WITH THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF VICTIMS

Department	No. Of victims
Antioquia	1.536.661
Bogotá	630.145
Valle	437.716
Bolívar	421.715
Magdalena	411.813
Nariño	363.654

Source: Red Nacional de Información Feb 1- 2015

## DEPARTMENT WITH THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF VICTIMS

Acts	No. Of victims
Displacement	6.226.331
Homicide	955.633
Threatens	214.859
Forced disappearance	155.626
Lost property	92.224

Source: Red Nacional de Información Feb 1- 2015



## LAW OF VICTIMS 1448 – 2011

Due to its presence in the 1,102 cities and municipalities of the country, the Municipal Ombdusperson is considered the "Front Door" for victims and they are the entity that helps them receive economic aid from the state.

## DUTIES AND RESPONSABILITIES OF THE MUNICIPAL OMBDUSPERSON OFFICE REGARDING THE LAW OF VICTIMS

- Receiving statements of victims
- Enrollment of victims for victims workshops
- Accompaniment in the elaboration of censuses and surveys
- Accompaniment to the victim population in the process of reconstruction in society



Municipal Ombudsperson offices have received 85% of all statements of victims in Colombia.

# **iThanks!**

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