Grassroots Organizations Working to Prevent GBV in Colombia

# Casa de la Mujer

* **Objective**: Dedicated to the promotion, protection and defense of human rights of women, in order to contribute to the exercise of full citizenship. Peace through feminism.
* Organization works through a network of both national and international partnerships.
* Major roles include training and education, lobbying for better policies and legislation to protect women’s rights, and strengthening models of care for GBV victims. Advocates for women to be included in the peace process.

# Colectivo “Mujeres al Derecho”

* **Objective**: To address women’s vulnerability through legal support, community organizing, advocacy, and research.
* Focused on building young women’s leadership, amplifying their voices, and ensuring that youth-focused public policies and programs address their concerns and priorities
* International organization that works to focus on youth through a series of grants to local organizations; currently advocating for sexual and reproductive health to be incorporated into secondary school curriculums

# Corporación Cactus

* **Objective**: Cactus promotes and develops participatory processes in Economic, Social, Cultural and Environmental Human Rights with women, youth and social organizations of the savannah of Bogota
* Major roles include social and legal advocacy, education, and production of knowledge; increases support of women’s role in the economy
  + Works in several local communities in the area surrounding Bogota

# Corporación Humanas

* **Objective**: Seeks to contribute to the promotion, dissemination, advocacy and protection of human rights of women in the under the International Law of Human Rights, Humanitarian Law and Gender Justice, as well as the promotion and implementation of initiatives that contribute to understand the situation of women in different contexts and overcoming gender inequalities in the political, legal, economic, social and cultural.
* The Human Corporation works on access to justice for women victims of violence, particularly sexual, both in contexts of war and ordinary.
* International organization that works on Colombian GBV legal issues through a grant from the Dutch government
  + Observation of issues, advocacy of solutions, and inclusion of women into the peace process are the main areas of interest

# Corporación Mujer Sigue Mis Pasos

* **Objective**: Seek justice for sexual violence survivors and redress of Law 1448
* Works to give survivors of GBV a voice in order to receive treatment and care, as well as justice for perpetrators; especially focused on eliminating re-victimization
* Composed of survivors of GBV; fairly small, local organization

# DeJusticia

* **Objective**: guaranteeing the rights of women and persons with diverse sexual orientation who have been victims of the armed conflict.
* Works both regionally and internationally; produces legal and social science research to contribute to new public policy to prevent GBV
* Main goals are: the strengthening and defense of human rights, in particular economic and social rights, rule of law, environmental justice, discrimination, constitutional transitions and transitional justice and the analysis of the judiciary system

# Fundación Mujer y Futuro

* **Objective**: Personal, community, social and political transformation of women.
* Develops its action primarily with victims and vulnerable women at different life cycles and the personal, economic, community and political spheres. For this fosters relationships with gender equity and equality, reduces violence against women, aims for a pleasant, safe and autonomous sexuality, increases the participation of women in different areas of action and strengthen coordination with the actors with who they can relate.
* Main goals are training, advocacy, care for victims, and increasing women’s social and political control

# Fundación Mujer, Arte y Vida - MAVI

* **Objective**: Using art to create a new view on the status of women linked with the principles of equity, social justice and democracy.
* Special emphasis on protecting the rights of women and increasing social and community programs to educate the population

# Iniciativa de Mujeres por la Paz (IMP)

* **Objective**: The event was an initiative of women leaders Women Federation of Sweden, and ST the Department of the CUT Women Colombia, who called for involving women representatives from various organizations in Colombia.
* Main goals are to include women in the political process, as well as peace negotiations
  + Local, regional, and national level involvement

# Profamilia

* **Objective**: Profamilia Social brings services, products, education and information to the poorest, most vulnerable and marginalized of the Colombian population.
* Specializes in providing medical services, products, information and education in sexual and reproductive health.
* Largest private national health organization; located in 29 cities and mobile brigades bring health care to the poorest and most remote areas of Colombia

# Ruta Pacífica

* **Objective**: The Commission on Truth and Memory of Colombian women is part of a cumulative Ruta Pacifica as a medium-term strategy to acclimate the dialogue negotiation of the Colombian armed conflict since the voices of women
* Main goals are to include women’s voices in the peace dialogue and to document women’s struggles as victims of GBV
  + Primary role is advocacy for women to be included in peace talks

# Sisma Mujer

* **Objective**: Works with women victims of violence and discrimination because they are women, in private, public and the armed conflict areas, to expand its citizenship, the full enjoyment of their human rights and promoting their role as actors transforming their reality.
* Main goals: eliminate systemic violence against women, give women access to justice, and increase their political participation
  + Advocate for indigenous and peasant women populations
  + Strategically aligned through a consortium of organizations committed to ending GBV

# GEMPAZ

* **Objective**: Believers in Christ women committed to building peace with social justice and human rights.
* Women are a majority population in Colombia since their victimization and managers of life, have developed their own resistance to violence forms and have made ​​important achievements for gender equity.
  + Focused on peace building and reconciliation; works through a network of churches and different religious organizations
  + Facilitate use of legal mechanisms and use of tools based on restorative justice, accompanying the process of social reintegration at local and national level.
  + Boost the participation of women in local settings reconciliation through actions of social and political impact.
  + Promote the realization of the agreements necessary for the social reintegration through the implementation of ethical pact for peace with the support of monitoring processes from women.
  + Experiencing reconciliation as the result of internal processes and creating conditions that promote and encourage affected communities rebuild breaking through the support and the support of GemPaz.

# Colombian Integral Programme against Gender-based Violence (the Programme)

* **Objectives**: Educate, inform and mobilize audiences—collectively and individually—to build and adopt new patterns of masculinity and femininity, new behaviors and partner and family roles.
  + Challenge stereotypical patterns of masculinity and femininity.
  + Educate and mobilize institutional and social actors to prevent GBV, detect it early and act.
* The Programme brought together government agencies, civil service groups, and the media together to change the cultural ideals that promoted GBV. [Study on the Social and Institutional Tolerance to Gender-based Violence in Colombia](http://www.programacontraviolenciasdegenero.org/documentos/docum_publicac/prod1/1_Estudio_sobre_tolerancia_social_e_int_a_la_VBG.pdf) was created in order to survey cultural attitudes on GBV and identify solutions to key issues.
* After the results of the study were gathered, the organization moved to have the National Pact against GBV in Colombia signed to further support the mission.
* “Nothing Justifies Violence against Women”: multilateral advertising campaign carried out to attempt to change the cultural attitudes about GBV. The Programme continued this mission by implementing community education and awareness raising.
* This strategy was tested in four pilot cities in Colombia:
  + Cartagena, Buenaventura, Pasto and Bogotá
  + Cartagena and Buenaventura both have a high level of Afro-Colombian communities, large marginalized sectors and high levels of segregation and poverty