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including the right to development**

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The Secretary-General has received the following written statement which is circulated in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31.

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Protection and access to food security for the most vulnerable due to the impact of the winter emergency in Colombia

Colombia is currently experiencing a rainy season that is affecting a large part of the country. The natural phenomenon began in March 2022 and will last until the end of June or the beginning of July 2022. This phenomenon has been affecting a large part of the vulnerable population in Colombia.

In the municipality of Sutatausa in Cundinamarca, Colombia, farmers were affected due to the winter emergency and heavy rains in the area (1). This municipality is known for its economic activity in mining, but at the same time for the large production that the countryside has for the basic food basket of the families. The majority of farmers in the area have been affected due to the heavy rains that the country is currently suffering; this has brought great consequences as basic foodstuffs have increased in price and many families do not have the means to buy the products of a basic family food basket.

Fundación Abba Colombia together with the Mayor's Office of Sutatausa have begun to develop a programme focused on the education and nutrition of children and adolescents in the municipality; this programme also reflects how climate change is affecting crops and the production of staple foods, and how solutions can be provided through different educational programmes to cope with the winter emergency every time the municipality of Sutatausa is affected. This programme also aims to demonstrate how to work as a community in this type of emergency, protecting and providing effective assistance to the most vulnerable.

The protection of those who are being affected by the winter emergency, especially in the municipality of Sutatausa, is a priority that Fundacion Abba Colombia is taking into account in order to effectively carry out community work in the municipality; food security is of utmost importance, especially for children and adolescents in the municipality; Climate change is inevitable, especially the rainy seasons that the country is currently suffering, for this reason the access and timely quality of food within the most vulnerable population in Colombia is important to eradicate hunger in the area and also to generate different means of food access for Colombians.

In conclusion, there are two clear objectives that must be taken into account for the protection and access to food security of the most vulnerable due to the effects of the winter emergency in the municipality of Sutatausa:

- Reduce the rate of nutritional morbidity in early childhood, adolescence and youth in the municipality of Sutatausa, Cundinamarca and the population in the school stage.
- Strengthen food security strategies aimed at children, adolescents and young people in vulnerable sectors.

Fundación Abba Colombia has started to implement and execute this project in the Municipality of Sutatausa with different activities focused on education, health and food protection especially during the winter emergency; the support of institutions at regional, national and international level and organisations such as the United Nations agencies is indispensable to achieve the proposed objectives while implementing the different programmes of the project in an effective way in order to generate a positive impact.

(1) http://www.sutatausa-cundinamarca.gov.co/convocatorias/ayudas-para-productores-de-sutatausa-afectados-por-la?fbclid=IwAR0IwE5ydIv1hX_yDgGMO3kOegYZ8ZsYkoVJpjhtVY9wDt_fRUjNHEZPvOE