

## ¡Rural Community Center for Peace in Colombia!

Thanks to all of you, the community of Vallecito will soon have its own multicultural center !!!

As part of its 40 years, the Foundation SERVIVIENDA organized the International Forum "Rethinking adequate housing in territories of peace", a space that promoted the discussion and exchange of knowledge, experiences and proposals among community, social, public and private actors at both national and international level, towards collective construction of solutions for the needs of poor people facing post-conflict in Colombia.

The event was attended by fifty grassroots leaders from the different regions where the Foundation SERVIVIENDA implements adequate housing and social support projects. Among them, two leaders from Vallecito, San Pablo, Bolívar participated: Alfredo Aguilar and Agustin Diaz, who have worked tirelessly to rebuild their territory and social fabric.

### PARTICIPATION IN THE 2ND FORUM SERVIVIENDA Rethinking adequate housing in territories of peace



These two great leaders actively participated in the workshop on "The territorial dimension of post-conflict in Colombia. Debates on transitional land management ", where they presented the experiences, expectations and concerns that are occurring in their territory, in the context of the peace talks between the Colombian government and the FARC. They thanked the Foundation SERVIVIENDA for its interventions and capacity-building process, that have improved the living conditions for Vallecito's inhabitants in both quantitative and qualitative terms.



Some words of Alfredo Aguilar were aimed at the need to strengthen ties between the citizens to participate in improving their living conditions: *"We have been totally forgotten by the central government and local institutions, but we know that we can only change things that affect us if we are united. If we organize ourselves, we can generate greater positive impact in our community"* (Alfredo Aguilar, 2015).

In the name of Alfredo Aguilar, Agustin Diaz, the SERVIVIENDA Foundation and all those who participated in the International Forum "Rethinking adequate housing in territories of peace", we thank our donors for allowing us not only to build the Community Multicultural Center but also spread the intervention model "Rural quality of life for peace construction" for its replication in other vulnerable areas facing post - conflict in Colombia.



THANK YOU!

