

Since 2005, United for Colombia (UFC) has sponsored 123 orthopedic treatments to 58 civilians, victims of landmines and/or unexploded devices in Colombia. UFC has supported the rehabilitation of dozens of disabled children and youngsters due to traumatic amputations. Through a comprehensive medical rehabilitation program, these civilians have received the suitable assistance, which includes: orthopedic fitting with the latest technology designed according to the patient's individual needs, post-traumatic psychological treatment and physical therapy sessions.

UFC has partnered with other NGOs to provide vocational training and employment opportunities to our beneficiaries. Children receive financial support so they can go back to school, financing expenses related to transportation, uniforms, shoes, books and snacks.

The life of a landmine victim in Colombia involves a series of challenges. Access to education and work opportunities can only be achieved through their full integration into their communities.

The Threat of Social Exclusion

- *Access to Specialized Medical Care:* most of our beneficiaries live in remote rural areas with no paved roads and no medical facilities onsite. Landmines accidents occur in open fields or in mountains. Traveling to urban cities for medical support is difficult for a mother carrying a child who has survived a landmine accident.
- *Displacement:* threats by FARC guerrillas have forced maimed civilians and their families to move to other villages. Frequently they lack income resources to cover their basic needs. Access to health care and orthopedic treatment is beyond their means and possibilities.
- *Government Support:* landmine victims need to file paperwork at different government offices in order to access medical care. Moving to Bogota for orthopedic care can be a cumbersome experience.

United for Colombia Provides the Solution

- *Our Experience and Track Record:* for the past seven years UFC, through its network of organizations –national and local NGOs, the Army, the National Police, private health care providers, local communities and children health institutions–, has provided best orthopedic care and rehabilitation to 58 landmine/unexploded devices victims, coming from all regions of Colombia.
- *Our Support System:* UFC, through partnerships, supports transportation logistics and covers all related expenses from any remote hamlet in Colombia into Bogotá. Travelling experience is not a lonely journey for our rural beneficiaries. A mother and her maimed child arrive to a comfortable and fully equipped residence –food and clothing included–, close to the medical facility where the orthopedic rehabilitation is provided.

- *Tailor Made Limb*: each prosthesis is designed for each person according to their specific needs: level of limb amputation, weight and height, type of physical activity, characteristics of home terrain and mobility requirements. Most of our beneficiaries live in places where they need to walk on rocky and unstable trails.
- *“Four Wheel Drive”*: the prostheses provided to our beneficiaries need to be strong and reliable to be able to perform daily activities on rural terrain. A *“four wheel drive”* prosthesis have unique technical specifications vis-a-vis prostheses for sedentary patients or for those who live in the city.
- *Social and Family Impact*: the freedom achieved by a patient with a good prosthesis will alleviate the family and the loved ones from psychological and emotional pressures as he/she will resume his/her activities and pursue an independent life project.
- *Patient Expectations*: if the patient receives a prosthesis that doesn't fit his/her body, or it is aesthetically unattractive, or it doesn't allow him/her to walk properly, this may produce severe emotional distress and could trigger social exclusion. This psychological aspect is crucial. A successful physical and emotional rehabilitation means a successful social reintegration.

Colombia is the country with the second highest number of landmine victims in the world, after Afghanistan. In 31 states (out of 32) there are minefields planted by FARC guerillas. Around 40% of the Colombian territory is contaminated by landmines.

In the last decade, 8,552 people have been impacted by this deadly device. On average, there are 2 landmine victims per day in Colombia. The civilian population, especially hundreds of children, suffers from the mutilations caused by landmine explosions. As they lose part of their bodies, the emotional, social and economic impact in their family is devastating.

Prosthetic Rehabilitation Project 2012 - 2016

16 of all our 35 beneficiaries who need our support are under 18 years old and still in their growing years. They need to walk to school, they want to play with their friends, they dream to lead a normal life. UFC will sponsor their yearly prosthetic adjustment and change of sockets and, with your help, we will guarantee their mobility and good health. Our 19 young adults also require prosthetic maintenance every two years, depending on the wear and tear. Adjustments and maintenances of the prostheses is a life time need. Disabled landmine victims can achieve their goals. With your support we can help them to succeed.

Orthopedic Rehabilitation for Colombian Landmine Victims



No.	Name	Age	First Year of Rehab	Total of Rehabs	Total Amount 2005-2011	Rehabilitation Costs per Year (Including shelter, food, clothes, and transportation during treatment)					
						2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Total
1	Luis Camilo Marín	6	2009	3	\$10,525	\$2,982	\$3,877	\$2,401	\$3,121	\$1,932	\$14,312
2	Lina Fernanda Angulo	8	2008	4	\$14,710	\$3,985	\$5,181	\$3,208	\$4,170	\$2,582	\$19,126
3	Yarleison Rengifo Murray	9	2010	1	\$189		\$246		\$320		\$567
4	James Serna Monsalve	11	2010	1	\$654		\$850		\$1,105		\$1,955
5	Elácides Antonio López	12	2008	3	\$37,680	\$8,000	\$12,000	\$6,200	\$9,300	\$4,805	\$40,305
6	Angie Paola Trespalacios	12	2009	4	\$9,266	\$2,625	\$3,413	\$2,113	\$2,747	\$1,701	\$12,600
7	Carlos Jhordan Amaya	13	2006	8	\$25,874	\$8,979	\$7,632	\$9,922	\$8,434	\$10,964	\$45,930
8	Jerson Fabián Castellanos	14	2008	4	\$9,858	\$8,380	\$10,893	\$9,259	\$12,037	\$10,232	\$50,801
9	José Inocencio Mendoza	14	2011	1	\$28,915	\$8,000	\$12,000	\$10,200	\$15,300	\$13,005	\$58,505
10	Hans Ibarra Muñoz	15	2006	2	\$5,277	\$3,430		\$3,087		\$4,013	\$10,531
11	Moisés Vega Hernández	15	2006	2	\$3,860	\$2,509		\$2,258		\$2,935	\$7,702
12	Eduardo Montoya García	16	2010	1	\$250		\$325		\$422		\$747
13	Marlenny Guanga Taicus	16	2009	2	\$10,488		\$6,817	\$5,795	\$7,533	\$6,403	\$26,548
14	Oscar Estiven Galindo	16	2009	3	\$9,667	\$4,189	\$3,561	\$4,629	\$3,935	\$5,115	\$21,428
15	Aurelio Antonio Clavijo	17	2006	5	\$16,173	\$4,205	\$3,574	\$4,647	\$3,950	\$5,135	\$21,510
16	Luis Albeiro Cuero	17	2010	1	\$1,000	\$1,300	\$1,105	\$1,436	\$1,221	\$1,587	\$6,649
17	Frank Yeison Acosta	19	2007	2	\$2,688	\$1,747		\$2,271		\$2,953	\$6,971
18	Emilio José Pacheco	19	2010	2	\$1,843	\$1,198		\$1,557		\$2,024	\$4,779
19	Edwin Fabián Matiz	19	2007	3	\$5,988	\$2,595	\$2,205	\$2,867	\$2,437	\$3,168	\$13,273
20	Ana María Serna	19	2008	4	\$5,146	\$2,230	\$1,896	\$2,464	\$2,095	\$2,723	\$11,408
21	Jerson Fabián Gutiérrez	19	2011	1	\$30,019	\$15,010	\$19,512	\$9,756	\$12,683	\$6,342	\$63,303
22	Emilsen Johana Tabaco	20	2006	6	\$26,202	\$3,712	\$4,826	\$4,102	\$5,332	\$4,532	\$22,504
23	Liceth Paola Noche	20	2007	5	\$10,793	\$2,806	\$2,385	\$3,101	\$4,031	\$3,427	\$15,750
24	Luz Emérita Ortiz	20	2008	3	\$4,940	\$2,141	\$1,820	\$2,365	\$2,011	\$2,614	\$10,950
25	Benjamín Alonso Morales	20	2008	2	\$3,280	\$2,132	\$4,264	\$5,543	\$4,711	\$6,125	\$22,774
26	Edison Armando Quiñonez	20	2009	1	\$9,675		\$6,289		\$8,176		\$14,465
27	José Alirio Olarte	20	2008	3	\$4,804	\$1,361	\$1,769	\$1,504	\$1,955		\$6,589
28	Disneda Amparo González	20	2009	2	\$2,968	\$1,929	\$1,640	\$2,132	\$1,812	\$2,356	\$9,868
29	Arelis Castro Loaiza	21	2007	1	\$3,345	\$4,349	\$3,697	\$4,806	\$4,085		\$16,936
30	Aleida Pinillo	21	2009	3	\$9,503	\$2,693	\$3,500	\$2,975	\$3,868		\$13,036
31	Jeison Díaz Romero	21	2009	3	\$14,592	\$4,134	\$5,375	\$4,569	\$5,939		\$20,017
32	Oscar Estupiñan	23	2006	3	\$2,762	\$783	\$1,017				\$1,800
33	Merci Solanyi Rodríguez	23	2010	2	\$5,522	\$3,589	\$3,051				\$6,640
34	Onofre Zafra Sánchez	25	2006	3	\$9,968	\$2,500					\$2,500
35	Lina Marcela Ortiz	26	2007	2	\$10,559	\$6,863					\$6,863
	Subtotal	35		96	\$348,984	\$120,355	\$134,719	\$115,167	\$132,729	\$106,673	\$609,642
Operational Costs related to this project					\$20,939	\$7,221	\$8,083	\$6,910	\$7,964	\$6,400	\$36,579
Total					\$369,923	\$127,576	\$142,802	\$122,077	\$140,693	\$113,073	\$646,221

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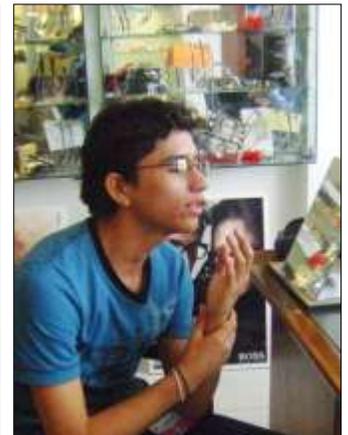
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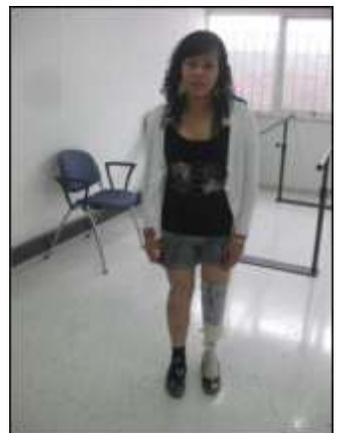
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