

Public Statement
Humanitarian Access in Arauca

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The Humanitarian NGO Forum in Colombia, comprising 28 national and international humanitarian organizations, expresses its deep concern over the new increase in violence affecting the civilian population in Arauca.

Armed conflict is still causing deaths, displacements, confinements and hindering access to basic services and humanitarian aid. According to International Humanitarian Law, de facto authorities are responsible for protecting civilians, and we ask that they fulfil this duty. We call upon all armed actors to respect the civilian population and civilian property. The human suffering that we are witnessing must stop now.

Due to recent occurrences of armed conflict and violence, which are affecting the civilian population, it is urgent and paramount to guarantee that humanitarian organizations have access. These organizations implement their missions to assist communities, according to the humanitarian principles of humanity, neutrality, impartiality and independence.

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