



Landmines have killed over 12,400 people in Colombia since 1990. Much of the country's cropland and many of its roads and schools have been abandoned for fear of mines.

Canada supports Colombia in its peace process, including through humanitarian mine clearance by a local organization in 10 municipalities. The mine clearers are recruited locally.

Women rarely do such work in Colombian society, but Noralba was encouraged to apply during a training session held in the public square in Argelia.

The organization provides men and women, including veterans, with fair working conditions. It gives women management positions and visible roles in their work with residents to find mined areas.

Noralba is helping to restore peace. She is creating safe zones that restore access to farmlands, markets and public services.

This project will help 60,000 displaced Colombians return to their homes and will benefit over 27,000 people in some of the country's poorest communities.