

OUR POLICY IN ACTION

WOMEN AS AGENTS OF PEACE AND SECURITY IN COLOMBIA



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Noralba Guarín fled FARC guerilla recruiters twice. The first time, she was 13. The second time, a few years later, she was living in Cartagena with her husband. They refused and her husband was found dead shortly afterwards. Noralba was pregnant with her first child.

Over 7 million Colombians were displaced during the country's more than six decades of armed conflict. Despite the signing of a peace accord in 2016, insecurity is rampant. One of the challenges: removing the thousands of anti-personnel mines in the country.

"When I was little," Noralba recalls, "I was told to be careful when I walked outside or I'd get blown to bits."