

***Living in conflict and post-conflict zones in Colombia***  
**Northwestern University, United States**

My name is XXXX and I work with Cifras y Conceptos, a well-known survey company established in Bogota, which carries out surveys throughout Colombia. We are conducting a research project with a group of researchers from Northwestern University in the United States. The project is funded by the Global Challenges Research Fund of the United Kingdom and the Folke Bernadotte Academy in Sweden.

We want to contribute to our understanding of how the armed conflict has affected the civilian population and their communities; we also want to help identify challenges and opportunities for reconciliation in the post-conflict period. For this reason, we are conducting a survey with approximately 4,000 persons who live in 93 communities in the country where armed groups have been present. We are trying to understand how the presence of armed groups affected their lives and what are the challenges and opportunities for the post-conflict period.

We would like to invite you to participate in this survey, which would take around 45 minutes. We will not record your name. Your participation is entirely voluntary. You can decide not to respond to any of my questions without being asked why. If you don't want to talk about any topic, please let me know and I will move onto the next part of my survey. Also, please remember that you can stop this survey at any time without being asked why. Your answers will remain confidential. We will study the content of this survey together with the content of several other surveys that we are conducting here and in other communities throughout Colombia.

We don't anticipate costs or risks to you related to your participation in this survey. You may find some questions sensitive, but please remember that you can decide not to answer them. While there are no direct benefits to you, you will contribute to a project that aims to improve our understanding of how the armed conflict has impacted civilians and communities, as well as the challenges and opportunities of the post-conflict period.

**If you want to talk to the research team or the university involved in this study:**

If you have questions or concerns, please contact the Principal Investigator by sending an email to her at [ana.arjona@northwestern.edu](mailto:ana.arjona@northwestern.edu). You may also contact Northwestern's Institutional Review Board ("IRB"), which has reviewed and approved this study, by sending an email to [irb@northwestern.edu](mailto:irb@northwestern.edu) or calling at (1) 312- 503-9338 in the United States.

Every study conducted by Cifras y Conceptos follows the ethical guidelines of ESOMAR (the World Association for Opinion and Marketing Research Professionals). If you would like to confirm the veracity of this study or if you would like to talk to the survey company, please contact Cifras y Conceptos at 6952576 Ext. 207 in Bogotá.

***Consent:***

Do you wish to participate?