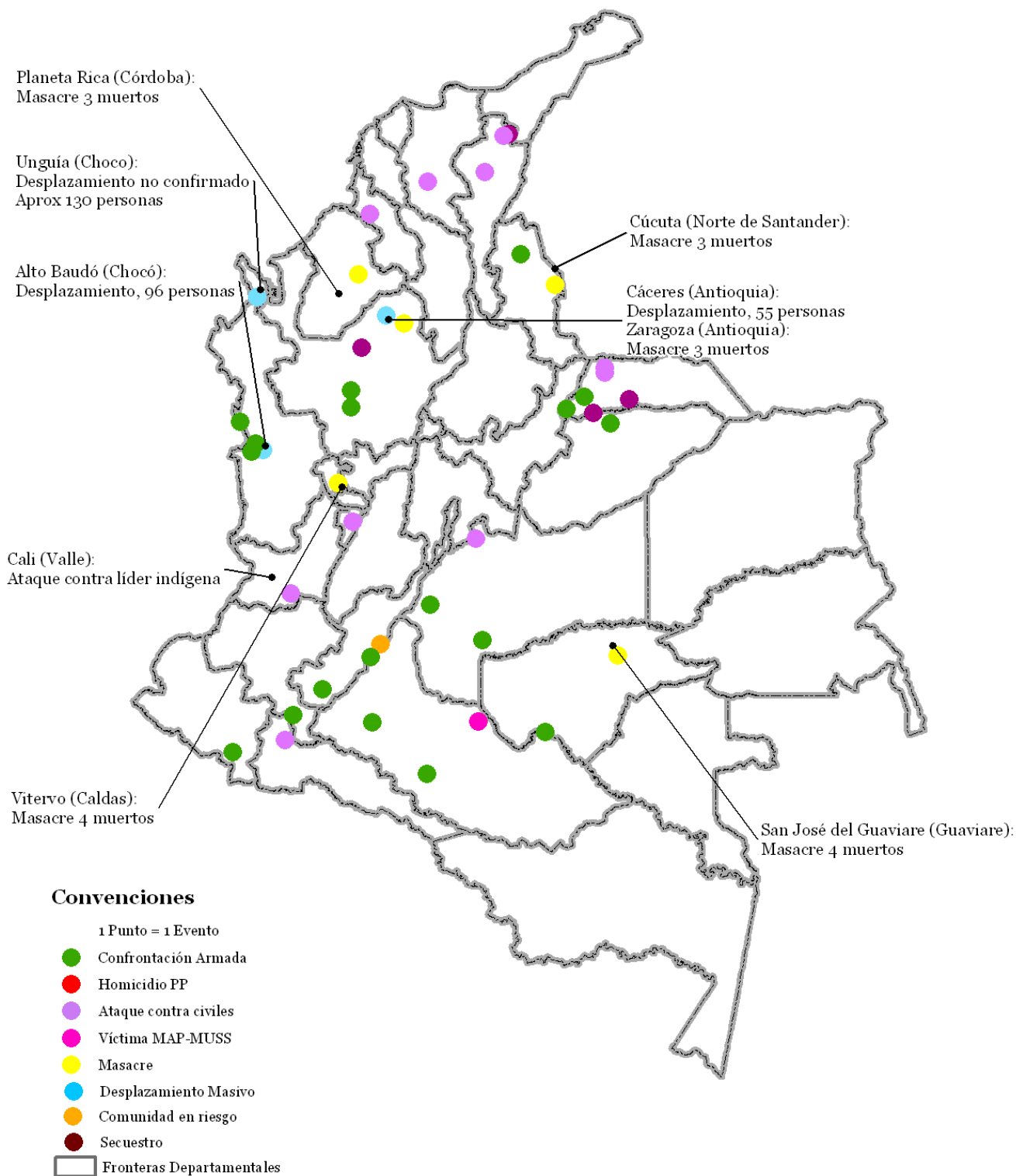


Highlights

1. More than 150 persons displaced in Chocó and Antioquia



Sixteen afro-descendant families displaced in Alto Baudó (Chocó) **The displacement was caused by fear of possible armed confrontations between non-State armed groups and the public forces.**

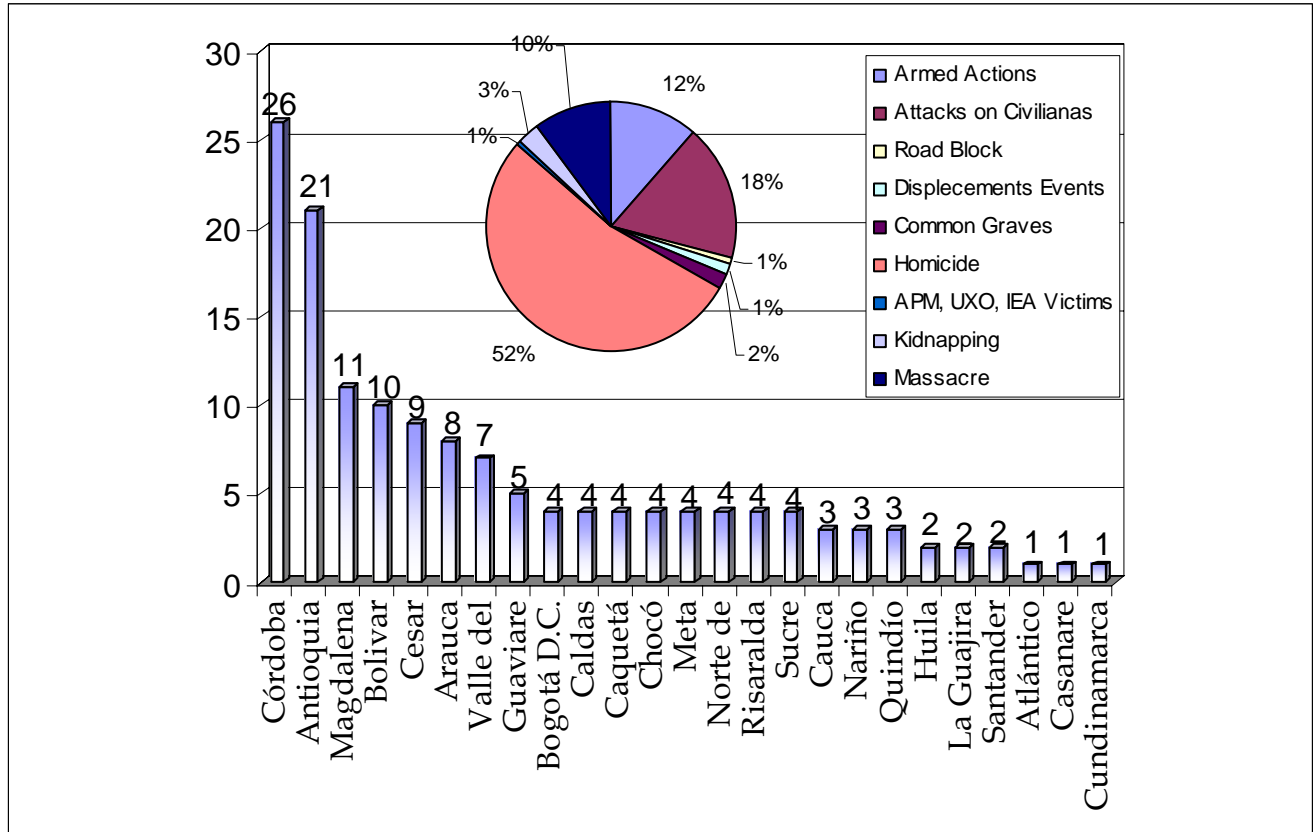
Acción Social confirmed the displacement of 16 afro-descendant families (8 January) from the village of Puerto Luis in Alto Baudó municipality (Chocó). Approximately 96 persons arrived in the neighbouring area known as Chachajo. The displacement was plausibly caused by fear among the community of retaliations and attacks after the retreat of the Marine Infantry that was engaged in fighting against the ELN guerilla.

Precise information about the humanitarian needs of these IDPs remains unknown. ICRC, local authorities of Alto Baudó and the Instituto Colombiano de Bienestar Familiar (ICBF), deployed their personnel to assess the situation and provide necessary humanitarian aid. Meanwhile, the departmental health provider CAPRECOM will carry-out a health brigade supported by WHO/PAHO and Acción Social at the request of the Mayor's Office of Alto Baudó.

Eleven families from Cáceres, Bajo Cauca, displaced after armed confrontations in the area (Antioquia) **Clashes between illegal armed groups triggered the displacement of several villagers in the area.**

Fifty-seven persons of four villages attached to the municipality of Cáceres, Bajo Cauca, were displaced after combats between unspecified illegal armed groups. IDPs are currently sheltered by relatives and friends located in urban areas, where they await humanitarian aid. On 8 January the Mayor's Office held a meeting of the Municipal Security Council to assess the deterioration of security conditions. The Municipal Committee for the Attention of IDPs is scheduled to meet on 20 January to assess risks and causes of this displacement, as well as to establish humanitarian needs.

Events per department and category



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