

Unibán Fundación had an impact on 95,000 people through 37 economic development and infrastructure, education, and the environment

- *The investment during 2022 was \$21,000 million in Urabá, Chocó and Magdalena.*
- *At the national level, over 32 thousand trees were planted, 102 hectares and 10 water sources were restored.*
- *74 new or improved infrastructure works were delivered to the territories, benefiting more than 32 thousand people.*

Medellín, Colombia. May 09, 2023. Unibán Fundación presented its sustainability report showing the result for 2022. The report pointed out that there was progress in three key directions: economic development and infrastructure, education, and the environment, through the implementation of 37 projects and an investment of around \$21,000 million.

The Foundation reported that they worked in Urabá, Chocó and Magdalena, where approximately 95,000 people benefitted from projects aimed at the UN's Sustainable Development Objectives (SDO) for the 2030 Agenda.

“For 35 years we have been committed to the sustainability of the regions by creating opportunities for everyone, being environmentally responsible and by building the social fabric. Last year, the projects that are part of the Program for Climate Action (*Programa de Acción Climática*) contributed by planting 32,000 trees, re planting 7,000 m² along the Leon River, Estimating the water footprint and the carbon footprint for 90 farms that export through Unibán, and we advanced with the definition of their mitigation footprints. We also implemented the project for the protection of the cotton-top tamarin (a type of primate), which we implemented through 372 students and banana plantation workers”, said Carolina Jaramillo Ferrer, executive director of Unibán Fundación.

In addition, the focus of the investment in economic development and infrastructure was improving school, community, and production infrastructure. Those included the creation of decent spaces for over 6,820 students, the construction of 20 bleachers in 10 localities in Urabá and Chocó for the enjoyment of leisure time. Plus, the implementation of a process for sustainable production practices by providing fertilizer for the crops, and the transfer of good environmental practices to 207 families.

In the area of education, alliances were established so that 34% of the students from Instituto Unibán could receive scholarships or subsidies. 216 new students entered the work techniques courses, and 69 students were certified for having met the academic and practice requirements. Lastly, 30 women received scholarships were awarded to study Banana Production Management. As a result of this and other programs, the Foundation received the award Sello Equipares Pymes, in the silver category, for their gender equality actions.

Unibán Fundación: with their presence in Urabá and Magdalena, the foundation contributes to the sustainable development of the areas of influence where Comercializadora Internacional. Unibán S.A., has a presence, to improve the quality of life for the communities by implementing innovative programs, working on economic development and infrastructure, education, and the environment.

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