Santiago de Cali - Colombia

Disability Inclusion in Disaster Risk Reduction
Santiago de Cali is the third most important city in Colombia. It is located within the triangle formed with the cities of Bogotá and Medellín, concentrating a significant portion of the population, production, and economic development of the country. It has an approximate population of 2,500,000 people.

It is the capital of the Valle del Cauca department, located in the southwest of Colombia, in the geographical valley of the Cauca River, between the Western and Central mountain ranges at coordinates 3°27' North latitude and 76°32' West longitude, with an average altitude of 995 meters above sea level and an average temperature of 24°C.
Participation in the ScoreCard assessment

For the application of the self-assessment tool for disaster resilience, we had the support of individuals with various disability situations: reduced mobility, reduced visibility, with hearing impairments, and sensory disabilities.

The number of people who participated: 50
Results from the Disability Inclusion and Key Gap Areas

• Implementation of inclusive territorial planning instruments
• Strengthening inter-institutional coordination
• Enhancing inclusive citizen participation processes for decision-making
Actions to Enhance DiDRR

• Have the characterization (location and type of disability) of all people with disabilities in consideration of the prioritized risk scenarios in Santiago de Cali, with emphasis on the vulnerability component.

• Invite a delegated person from the district disability committee in the Municipal Risk Management Council to support the inclusion efforts of this population in risk management, for the first semester of 2024.

• Advocate for the inclusion of the population with disabilities in the construction and agreement of the 2024 Territorial Planning Plan of Santiago de Cali through the participation of local disability committees in the negotiation and decision-making tables.

• By 2026, the entire early warning system will be updated for the dissemination of alerts in accessible formats for the population with disabilities.

• Formulate and implement a guide for actions to be taken by people with disabilities, their caregivers, and surroundings in response to an emergency, which must be tested in drills.
Recommendations

Including people with disabilities in disaster risk management is essential to ensure the safety, sustainability, and well-being of all members of a community.

- Awareness and Training
- Specific Risk Assessment
- Universal Accessibility
- Inclusive Communication
- Inclusive Alert Systems
- Active Participation
- Evacuation Drills
- Support Networks
- Continuous Monitoring and Evaluation