

A conversation with Patricia Danzi, Head of Operations for the Americas

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Armed conflict and violence persist in Latin America. Homicide rates have dropped around the world, except in Latin America where the rate is more than double the world average. An estimated 31% of Colombians have been affected by armed conflict, while in Haiti the figure is a staggering 98%. The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) is an independent, neutral humanitarian organization that works to protect and assist the most vulnerable victims of armed conflict and violence and promote international humanitarian law. In 2011, ICRC's work in Latin America included:

- **Colombia:** Providing emergency relief to some 48,500 internally displaced people (IDPs) and flood victims; enabling 50,633 Colombians to earn their own income.
- **Haiti:** Improving access to safe drinking water for some 200,000 residents; briefing over 1,600 police and prison staff, military and police officers and gang members on international human rights norms.
- **Mexico:** Familiarizing over 5,000 armed forces personnel on international humanitarian law and human rights norms; providing expertise that led to the adoption of a national protocol to address people missing as a result of past conflict and current violence.

Please join Congressman Farr at 3:00 pm on Thursday, January 31st for this timely briefing about ICRC's work in Latin America.

Featuring

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