



Initiative of the Voluntary Principles on Security and Human Rights  
Partner for Democratic Change International – PDCI  
(Represented by Socios Peru)

## Annual Report 2017

### I. Commitment to the Voluntary Principles

1. Describe how you have engaged in the Voluntary Principles Initiative over the past year.

- Socios Peru (PDCI) was a member of the Steering Committee until March 2017, also participated actively in the Implementation working group, and in the NGOs Pillar calls during the year.
- The Executive Director of Socios Peru assisted to the General Assembly of Ottawa (March 2017) and make several presentations of the Peruvian experience of the Voluntary Principles Working Group to the plenary and other instances.

2. Describe efforts to increase transparency, both internally and externally, regarding your efforts to implement or support implementation of the Voluntary Principles.

- Socios Peru participated on the Steering Committee of the Voluntary Principles (STC-IVP, international level, via Skype).
- Presentation of the VP-WG experience during the participation on the IVP assembly in Ottawa. Both show the continuous efforts and commitments carried out for the implementation of the Voluntary Principles.

3. Describe any efforts to engage in dialogue with other participants of the Voluntary Principles Initiative.

The greatest effort developed by Socios Peru (PDCI) in Peru has been the promotion of the Working Group on Voluntary Principles.

- The high representation of members of the Voluntary Principles Initiative (40% of its members have presence in Peru) has served as a basis for the creation of the Working Group on Voluntary Principles (VP-WG), which today has the participation of 46 institutions and meets periodically to analyze the context of the extractive sector, exchange experiences and contribute to issues of human rights, conflict prevention, security, use of force, among others.
- Members of VPI with presence in Peru:
  - Governments: Argentina, Australia, Canada, Colombia, United States, Netherlands,

- United Kingdom and Switzerland.
- Companies: Anglo American, Barrick Gold Corporation, BHP Billiton, Freeport-McMoRan, Glencore, Goldcorp, Newmont, Pacific Exploration, Repsol, Rio Tinto, Total, Vale.
- Non-Governmental Organizations: Socios Peru (PDCI).
- Observers: International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), International Financial Corporation (IFC), Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF).
- To date the main achievements of the Working Group have been:
  - 7 years of uninterrupted functioning: 2010-2017;
  - 46 institutions participating actively;
  - 47 plenary reunions of the VP-WG in 7 years to discuss common interest issues;
  - 36 training and dissemination activities at the national level;
  - 31 thematic specialists invited to the group;
  - 3413 persons trained (officials, police officers, representatives of companies, social leaders, NGOs, academics, cooperators);
  - More than US \$ 450,000 invested in 7 years with contributions from its members.
- Three achievements deserve special mention:
  - The principal achievement has been to set up the multi-stakeholder working group, where extractive sector issues are debated and analyzed from different perspectives, exchanging experiences, learned lessons to prevent or reduce the social conflict being an open and transparent space, safe and reliable, enriching for all members.
  - Another important achievement has been the group taken as an example to create, during the annual initiative (Ottawa, March 2017), of three pilot working groups in Ghana, Nigeria and Myanmar.
  - Finally, since August of 2017, a Regional Group of the Voluntary Principles has been set up in Cusco. With this initiative, a decentralization process of the VP-WG of Lima to the rest of the regions has begun, especially on those where the presence of mining projects is higher. The Regional Working Group in Cusco is composed of two Regional Government representatives, three mining companies and two non-governmental organizations.

## II. Procedures

4. Provide a summary of the findings of the verification process as outlined in the NGO Pillar Verification Framework.

During 2017 Socios Peru implemented with DCAF and ICRC collaboration a brief study on human rights, security and extractive industries in the Macro Sur Region of the Andean (departments of Apurímac, Arequipa, Cusco and Puno, zones where the mining investment is concentrated).

This study has been the basis for the creation of the regional VPs group in Cusco. The study offered the current situation of human rights in this macro region, pointing out the priority issues, the actors involved, and the areas where this initiative could be promoted.

By the second half of 2017, the creation of the Regional Group of Voluntary Principles – Cusco was carried out, as an image of the existent group in Lima. With the purpose to promote the dissemination of the Voluntary Principles, improve its implementation, exchange experiences between different actors and to contribute to the reduction and prevention of social conflicts.

### III. Promotion of the Voluntary Principles

#### 5. Describe your efforts to raise awareness of and promote understanding of the Voluntary Principles with both internal and external stakeholders.

Socios Peru coordinates the VP-WG in Peru; this multi stakeholder space meets every two months to address different topics of interest to the group. During 2017 the following topics have been discussed in the group meetings:

- March 15th: Access of the Government of Peru to the VPI, support to the construction of the Training Center of the National Police and the interest of the Ministry of Interior to create a Social Studies Center on Conflict Resolution.
- April 28th: Cooperation agreements between the Peruvian National Police and the extractive companies, in light of the Supreme Decree N° 003-2017/IN by the Ministry of Interior, the Legal Defense Institute and IDEHPUCP.
- June 9th: Presentation on the policies on Social Conflict Prevention from the Ministry of Interior and the vision of Social Conflict in Peru by corporates and NGOs.
- August 18th: The Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights of the United Nations.
- August 31st: First meeting of the Voluntary Principles Regional Group – Cusco. Formulation of the functioning rules and elaboration of the 2018 Operative Annual Plan.
- December 1st: Human Rights National Plan on its fifth guideline “Business and Human Rights”.

#### 6. Describe efforts to engage and facilitate participation of non-member CSOs, affected communities, and other relevant stakeholders in the Annual Plenary Meeting or workshops.

- The number of the VP-WG member institutions increases every month, incorporating new companies, state agencies and civil society organizations. This is an excellent symptom of the importance that reaches the group but also of the topics treated around the VPs. From 2016 to 2017 15 new members have been incorporated (almost 30%).
- Some training and dissemination activities are as follows:
  - Meeting of the VP-WG with the United Nations working group of Business and Human Rights UN Mission, Lima. July.
  - Creation of the Voluntary Principles Regional Working Group, Cusco. August.
  - Presentation of the VPs Working Group carried out on the National Congress, Lima. November.
  - Workshop about the Voluntary Principles in El Salvador. November
  - First joint reunion between the Ministry of Justice and the VP-WG about the Human Rights National Plan. December.
  - Finally, during the year, few reunions have been carried out with the IVP-NGO pillar, with the Implementation Commission of the IVP at the international level (via Skype) and the work as a member of the Steering Committee.

#### 7. Describe your efforts to promote the adoption of the Voluntary Principles into relevant government or corporate policies, as well as international standards and/or guidelines.

- Socios Peru has worked during the year advising the Ministry of Interior on issues of Voluntary Principles.
- With the creation of the Voluntary Principles Regional Working Group – Cusco, it has started a decentralization process from the Lima VP-WG to the regions, specially were the presence of mining projects is higher.

#### IV. Country Implementation

8. Describe efforts to strengthen the rule of law in the countries where you work.
  - Socios Peru has worked on several issues of security, social conflict, cooperation agreements, among other issues related to the Voluntary Principles with the Ministry of Interior.
9. Describe efforts to conduct and monitor risk assessments for potential human rights violations in the areas where you work.
  - With the support of DCAF and ICRC, Socios Peru carried out a study in the Macro Sur Region, analyzing human rights, security and extractive industries interaction. This study have been useful to take different actions by corporates, regional government offices and NGOs.
  - Being Cusco a region that hosts a large number of mining projects, it have been considered to plan and formulate the necessary prevention activities in order to avoid any future event of human rights violation and the prevention of risks. This work will be addressed by the VP-WG Cusco as a part of its activities.
10. Describe your efforts to strengthen policies, procedures and guidelines related to the implementation of the Voluntary Principles.
  - Socios Peru has worked especially with the Ministry of Interior, the Ministry of Justice, some companies and civil society organizations, aspects related to the improvement of cooperation agreements between extractive companies and national pilotage: in particular aspects of a single model, transparency in the dissemination, alternatives of operation, among other aspects.
  - Socios Peru has also contributed to the regulation of the law for private security companies, carried out by SUCAMEC.
11. Describe your efforts to engage with or support engagement with the public security sectors and/or private security sectors in the countries where you work.
  - It has been agreed to provide support in the construction of the Training Center of the National Police.
  - Support the initiative of the Ministry of Interior to create a Center for Social Studies on Conflict.
12. Describe efforts to hold Voluntary Principles participants accountable for upholding their roles and responsibilities as members of the Voluntary Principles Initiative.
  - The members of the VP-WG are mainly mining companies, embassies and observers who are members of the Voluntary Principles Initiative at the global level. Of the 61 members of the Initiative, 40% have presence in Peru. Most of them are members of the VP-WG.
  - Their active and growing participation in the VP-WG is a clear demonstration of their commitment to the implementation of the VPs in the country.
  - So, it is demonstrated by the obtained achievements, that the Voluntary Principles Working Group meeting, both in Lima and Cusco, are the indicated and most effective method to continue obtaining our expected results as a group.

- Socios Peru will continue carrying them out during 2018 and of sure that they will be improved even more.

## V. Lessons and Issues

### 13. Lessons or issues from this reporting year, as well as plans or opportunities to advance the Voluntary Principles for the organization.

- Socios Peru has been working together with DCAF and the ICRC during 2017 to create a regional VPs Working Group in the Macro Sur region of Peru (i.e. Apurimac, Arequipa, Cusco, and Puno). The first step has already been achieved, which has been the creation of the Working Group of Voluntary Principles in Cusco during the second half of the year.
- This effort will serve as a touchstone and taken as an example to continue with the initiative to create Working Groups of the Voluntary Principles in the rest of the regions of the Northern and Central Regions as planned.
- The process will continue to involve continuous studies on the state of security and human rights in mining environments within these regions, but focusing more now on Piura, Cajamarca, Ancash (also regions with a high concentration of extractive industries, and conflicts).
- After this, as well as in Cusco, the specific location of each region where the working groups will be established and implemented will be determined, as well as the identification of the actors that may be interested in participating as part of the group, and finally the most important challenges that the group will have to face.
- Socios Peru will continue leading these activities, hopefully with the required contribution of corporates, international organizations and governments.