

### **10 New Works for Taxes Projects to be Developed for Villagarzón, Mocoa, Puerto Asís, Orito and Valle del Guamuez**

- *Gran Tierra Energy in partnership with the Office of the Putumayo Governor will continue to move forward on ten new Works for Taxes projects in infrastructure for rural roads, schools, potable water and basic sanitation that could benefit over 22,000 people living in Villagarzón, Mocoa, Puerto Asís, Orito and Valle del Guamuez.*
- *Since 2018 Gran Tierra has implemented four Works for Taxes projects, with a total investment of COP \$10,000 billion, benefiting over 27,600 people in Putumayo.*

**Mocoa, Putumayo, March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023.** The Government of Putumayo and Gran Tierra Energy are pleased to announce that ten new Works for Taxes projects have been identified and will be further developed over the next two years. The projects have been chosen by local communities and in order to seek final approval from the Federal Government, Gran Tierra Energy will invest COP\$5,300 million to undertake the technical studies required to make the projects viable. For example, the rural road improvement projects require preliminary base line studies focused on soil, pavement, and will undergo hydraulic testing. For the projects that will see improvements to local school infrastructure, Gran Tierra will fund the development of architectural and structural analyses.

Once the projects are approved by the National Government, they will be implemented in the municipalities of Villagarzón, Mocoa, Puerto Asís, Orito and Valle del Guamuez, benefiting more than 22,000 people with a total cost of COP\$63,000 million, also to be contributed by Gran Tierra Energy.

Since 2018, Gran Tierra Energy has invested more than COP\$14.1 billion in the PDET municipalities of Putumayo. These projects include the installation of sanitation units for rural families, infrastructure improvements in local schools and rural roads, strengthening of the cacao chain, environmental protection and Human Rights promotion.

According to Manuel Buitrago, President and Country Manager of Gran Tierra Energy Colombia, “The Work for Taxes mechanism is a fundamental tool that allows projects identified by local communities, to improve the quality of life for thousands of local residents. Gran Tierra remains committed to work closely with the communities next to our operations and to implement initiatives that benefit the region’s economy.”

Previous Work for Taxes projects implemented by Gran Tierra Energy include cafeteria upgrades to 152 schools that increased food security for local students. The participating schools now have the ability to store and prepare nutritious food, keeping students in school longer. 12,000 students and teachers have benefited from this initiative.

Another completed Works for Taxes project by Gran Tierra Energy is a road improvement project that benefited more than 15,300 people in the communities between Campo Alegre

and Puerto Vega. The local economy and local residents are seeing positive impacts as the new road reduces dust, cargo and passenger transportation costs, while at the same time increases road safety and the commercialization of agricultural and livestock products.

All of these efforts are part of Gran Tierra Energy's commitment to go Beyond Compliance, meaning that wherever there are significant opportunities and benefits to local communities, Gran Tierra willingly goes beyond what is legally required to provide social benefits because it is the right thing to do.