RAILROAD SECTOR

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Thematic focus	Railroad	**Entity/Area**	Agencia Nacional de Infraestructura ANI/ PROCESO VGCON
Sector	Transportation, rail mode	**Location**	Cundinamarca and Boyaca
Budget	Own resources	**Investment**	$125.000.000 COP
Contributory partner	Nation		
Project Name	Bogota - Belencito Rail Corridor		
Project Description	The project covers the departments of Cundinamarca and Boyaca, with a main section of 297.9 km from Facatativa to Belencito in Boyaca, passing through Bogotá. It also includes a secondary line of 20.4 km from La Caro to Zipaquira. The municipalities crossed by this corridor are: Facatativa, Madrid, Mosquera, Bogota, Chia, Cajica, Zipaquira, Tocancipa, Gachancipa, Sesquile, Suesca, Choconta, Villapinzon, Ventaquemada, Tunja, Oicata, Tuta, Paipa, Duitama and Sogamoso, until reaching Belencito.		
Investment Opportunity	With growing interest from companies such as Argos, Molienda la Sabana, Coca Cola, Diaco, Cemex and the Colombian Coffee Growers Federation in using the train services, it is essential to modernise the rail infrastructure. This includes the installation of high capacity rails, construction of second tracks, laying of sleepers and track switches to improve capacity and speed of operation. While the interventions required for full rehabilitation are significant, it is crucial to maintain the operability of the corridors to meet these growing business demands.		
Market Analysis	ANI has made multiple approaches to various actors, which has revealed significant freight potential in the corridor. For example, Acerías Paz del Río plans to transport more than 950,000 tonnes per year, while Cementos ARGOS is looking to transport up to 30,000 tonnes of aggregates per month from Sogamoso to Cajicá. These expressions of interest, along with others from companies such as MINCIVIL, Cerámicas San Lorenzo, RAPSA, Brinsa and Urbaser, reflect the market's confidence in rail as an efficient, modern and eco-friendly alternative for freight transport.		