

Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement at 20

GP20 Field Initiatives: Colombia

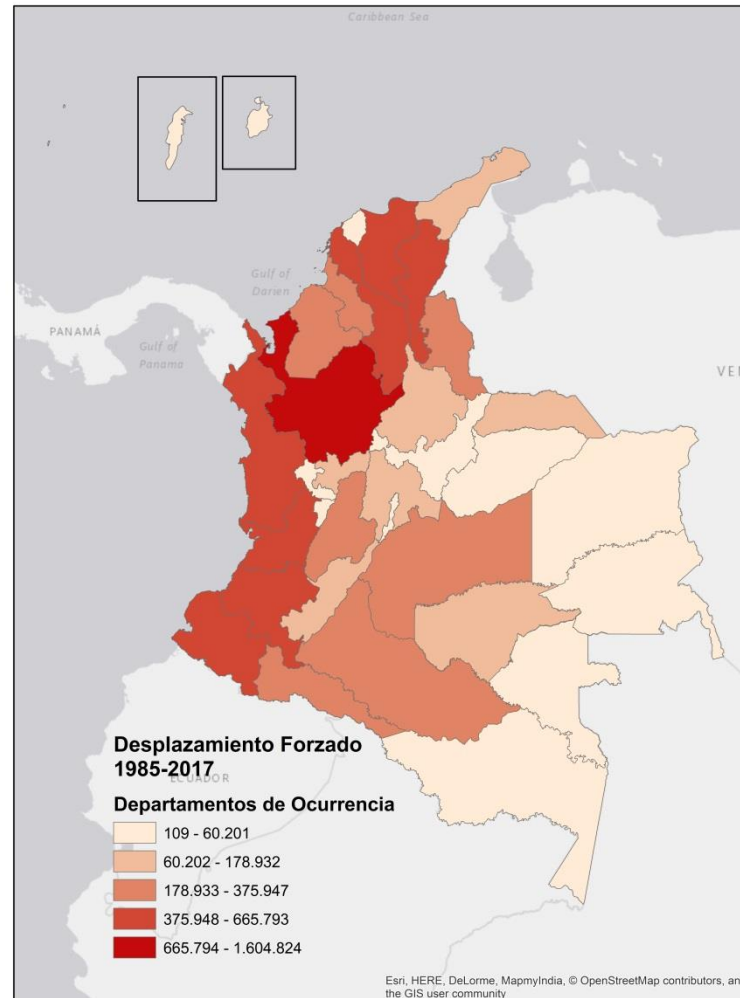


Context of Colombia

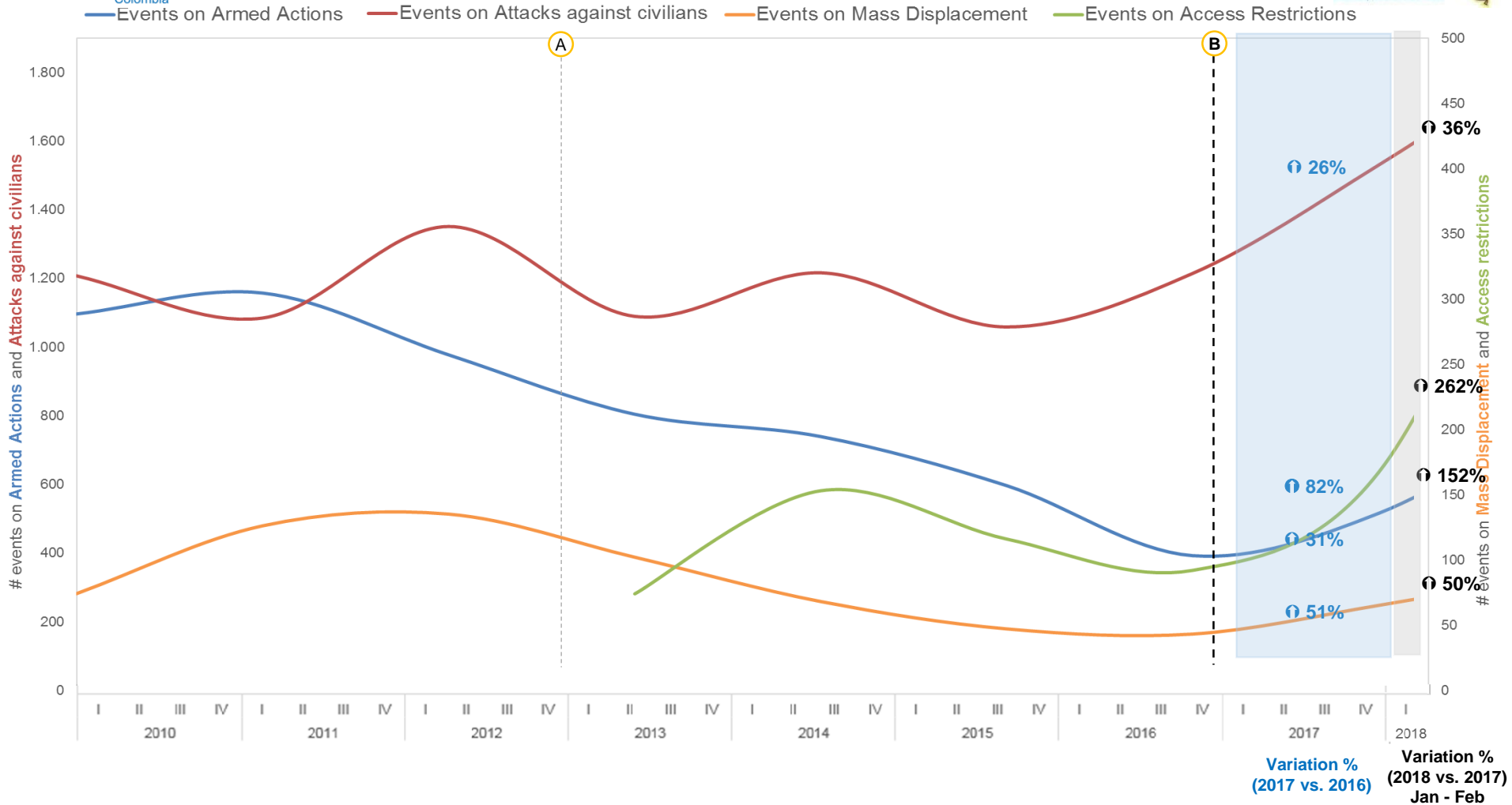


- 50 year Internal Conflict
- **7.7 million IDPs** registered since 1985
- **2016 Peace Agreement** between largest armed group (FARC-EP) and the Government
- Reconfiguration of armed groups and criminal gangs
- **Increase in large groups forced displacement** since the Peace Agreement
- **Venezuela:** biggest outflow in history of Latin America: **5,000 Venezuelans** leaving per day; half of them stay in Colombia
- **Presidential Election** in Colombia: implementation of the Peace Agreement at stake

Registered IDPs since 1985



- Map of Colombia showing locations of the 7.7 IDPs registered with the Victims' Unit



- (A) 18/11/2012 **Start of peace dialogues** between Colombian government and FARC-EP
- (B) 24/11/2016 **Signature of the peace agreement** between Colombian government and FARC-EP

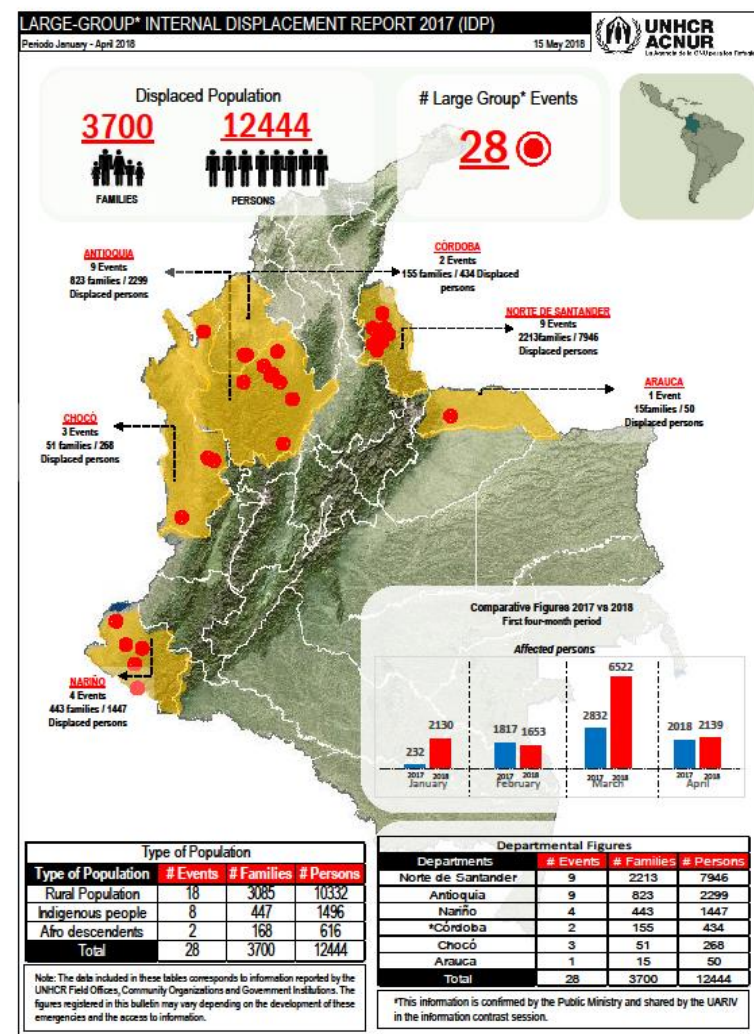
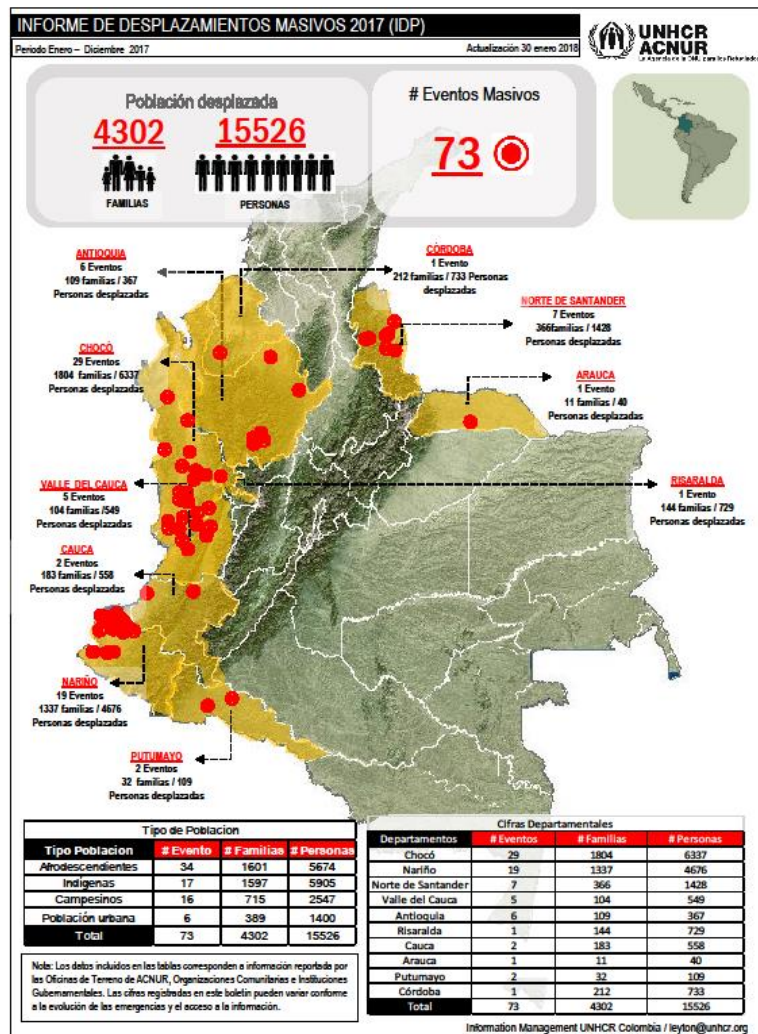
Attacks against civilians

Armed Actions

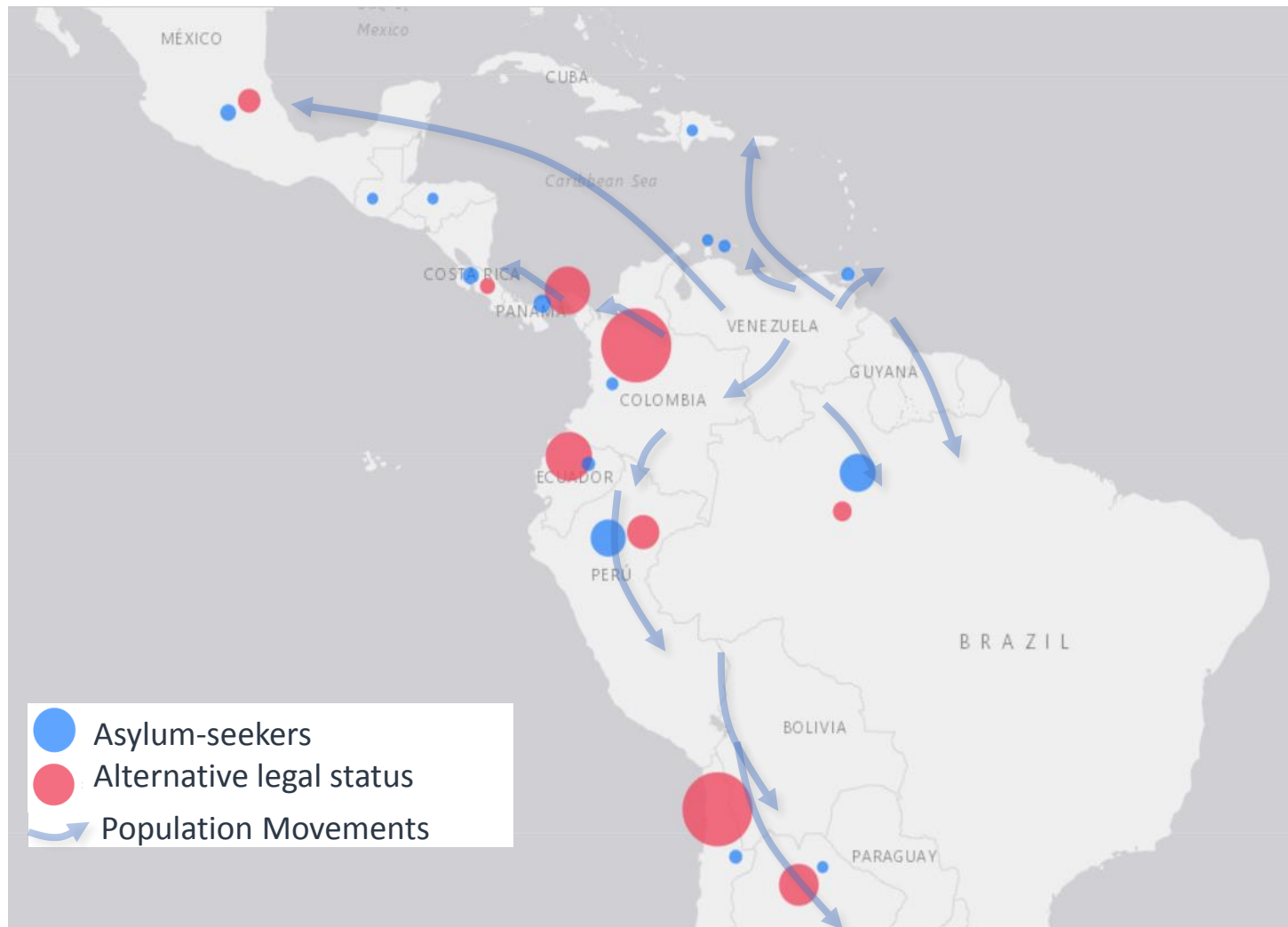
Events of Group Displacement

Access Restrictions

Group Displacement in 2018



Venezuela Situation



- Over 1.5 million have left Venezuela since 2014
- On-foot crossings are increasing
- Significant proportion with international protection needs
- 230,000 Colombian returnees in 2017

Venezuela Situation



- Map of Colombia including where are Venezuelans (if available)

Context of Colombia – Peace Agreement and Transitional Justice



- **Peace Agreement transitional justice mechanisms:** meant to provide accountability for serious crimes and fulfill rights of victims to truth, justice, reparation and guarantees of non-recurrence
- Creation of two new institutions:
 - **Special Jurisdiction for Peace:** judging perpetrators for serious crimes
 - **Truth Commission:** investigate the victimization of civilians during the 52-year war between a multitude of actors, including the State



December 2015, FARC-EP met with community and expressed deep regret and pain for the suffering caused by the 2002 Bojayá massacre. Restorative justice initiatives are part of the Peace Agreement and are contemplated as transitional justice mechanisms to guarantee truth and reparation for the victims.

GP20 Problem Statement



- Peace process in Colombia: enormous opportunity
- **Building sustainable peace** requires public policies that **support durable solutions for IDPs**
- Need to ensure that **IDPs have access to truth, justice and guarantees of non-recurrence**

GP20 Overall Proposal



UNHCR to Convene an International Conference titled:
**Durable Solutions to Internal Displacement and
Peace Building in Colombia:
20 Years of the Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement**

Discuss experiences, lessons learned and challenges
of implementing Guiding Principles **in a transitional context**

GP20 Objective and Outcomes



Objetivo:

- To reflect on and draw up guidance and best practices on the **link between achieving durable solutions to internal displacement and peace building** from the perspectives of:
 - IDP communities engaged in the implementation of the Peace Agreement
 - International experts and national authorities

Outcomes:

- Promote GP20: how its implementation can be a way to link durable solutions for IDPs and peace building
- Solutions agenda of IDPs in transicional justice mechanisms
- Strengthen participation of IDP communities in peace building
- Connect the views of IDPs, international experts and state authorities on solutions and peace building

GP20 Activities



- **Stage 1: Local pre-events: October 2018**
 - Discuss and learn from IDPs about their advice on achieving durable solutions
 - Three representatives will be selected from the 8 regions to participate in the International Conference
- **Stage 2: International Conference – 3 day event: XXX???**
 - Panel discussion involving IDPs, international experts and national Colombian authorities
- **Stage 3: Local post-events: XXX???**
 - Provide feedback at the local level of the conclusions of the International Conference
 - Strengthen community network working on durable solutions and peace building
 - Ensure participation of IDPs in transitional justice mechanisms