

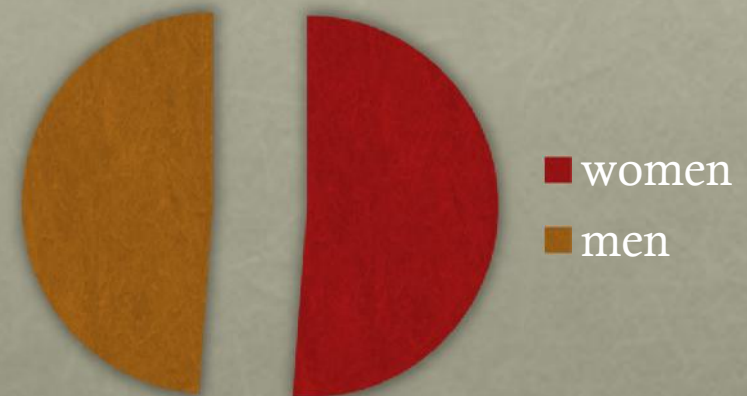
COLOMBIA'S  
MIGRATORY  
EXPERIENCE: WHEN MORE  
THAN 10 PERCENT OF A  
COUNTRY'S POPULATION  
IS LIVING ABROAD

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# GENERAL INFORMATION

- 46.5 million people
- 51.2 % women and 48.8% men
- 87 ethnic groups and 3 groups of African Americans.

Population



- HDI for 2011: 0.710  
(87th- 91th)
- Unemployment rate  
10.4%



# NATIONAL SURVEY OF LIVING STANDARDS



- **1.9% access to public services**
- **32.4% families headed by a woman**

**84.1% of those women don't have a partner**

- **32% population in rural areas**

# LAND DISTRIBUTION

- GINI coefficient for land 0.87 (2011)

Lands



- Drug trafficking : 70.000 hectares of coca crops
- Inner conflict: 5 decades forcing 4 million people to leave
- Emigration: 4 million people living abroad
- Natural resource extraction



# COLOMBIA'S MASS MIGRATION

# WHEN? AND HOW?



- Not recent: 60's
- Official response since 90's
- From a village to another mostly to towns
- Also in massive events



# CONSEQUENCES

- Strong uprooting change in the way of living
- Violence
- Loss of family, belongings, lands, jobs
- Psychological effects
- Live in slums in extreme conditions of overcrowding



# RECEPTION

- Burden for the local authorities
- Competition for the unqualified and unskilled jobs
- Some false victims

# OFFICIAL RESPONSE

- 1. Fragmented and precarious
- 2. Programs, institutions and authorities to cope with displacement.
  - **Alert system**
  - **Shelter, health and humanitarian assistance**
  - **New home or return to their homes**

# NATIONAL SYSTEM OF LAND RESTITUTION

- 54,063 demands have been presented from 360,000 that were expected.
- 85% of the victims haven't asked for restitution
- 70% of the demands are still being processed by public authorities
- Threats against land claimers : 66 have been murdered between January 2008 and March 2014

# URBAN INDIGENOUS PEOPLE

- 10 Ethnic groups living in Bogota
- huitoto, nasa, misak misak, yanacona, kamentzá, pastos, epearara siapiadara, wounaan, sirianos (tubu), pijaos y diosa dulima



# COLOMBIAN EMIGRANTS

- More than 4 million people living abroad
- Consequence of the inner conflict
- Return
- Remittances more than 3.021 million dollars a year

# CONCLUSION

- Colombia's population is in constant movement
- Each day 50 families arrive to Bogota
- Country of 46 million people, 8 million living away
- Patchwork makes life in the cities complex
- A challenge for local authorities and for the whole society.

