Violence is Not Only an Urban Issue: *Youth and Gender-Based Violence as a Key Development Challenge in Agricultural Households in the Honduras Feed the Future Zone of Influence*

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IN HONDURAS

Homicides Per 100,000 persons

	UNAH	WB
2016	59.1	–
2015	60.0	–
2014	68.0	*74.6*
2013	79.0	*86.1*
2012	85.5	*92.7*
2011	86.5	*93.2*
2010	77.5	*83.1*

Top 5 since at least 1999 (WB)

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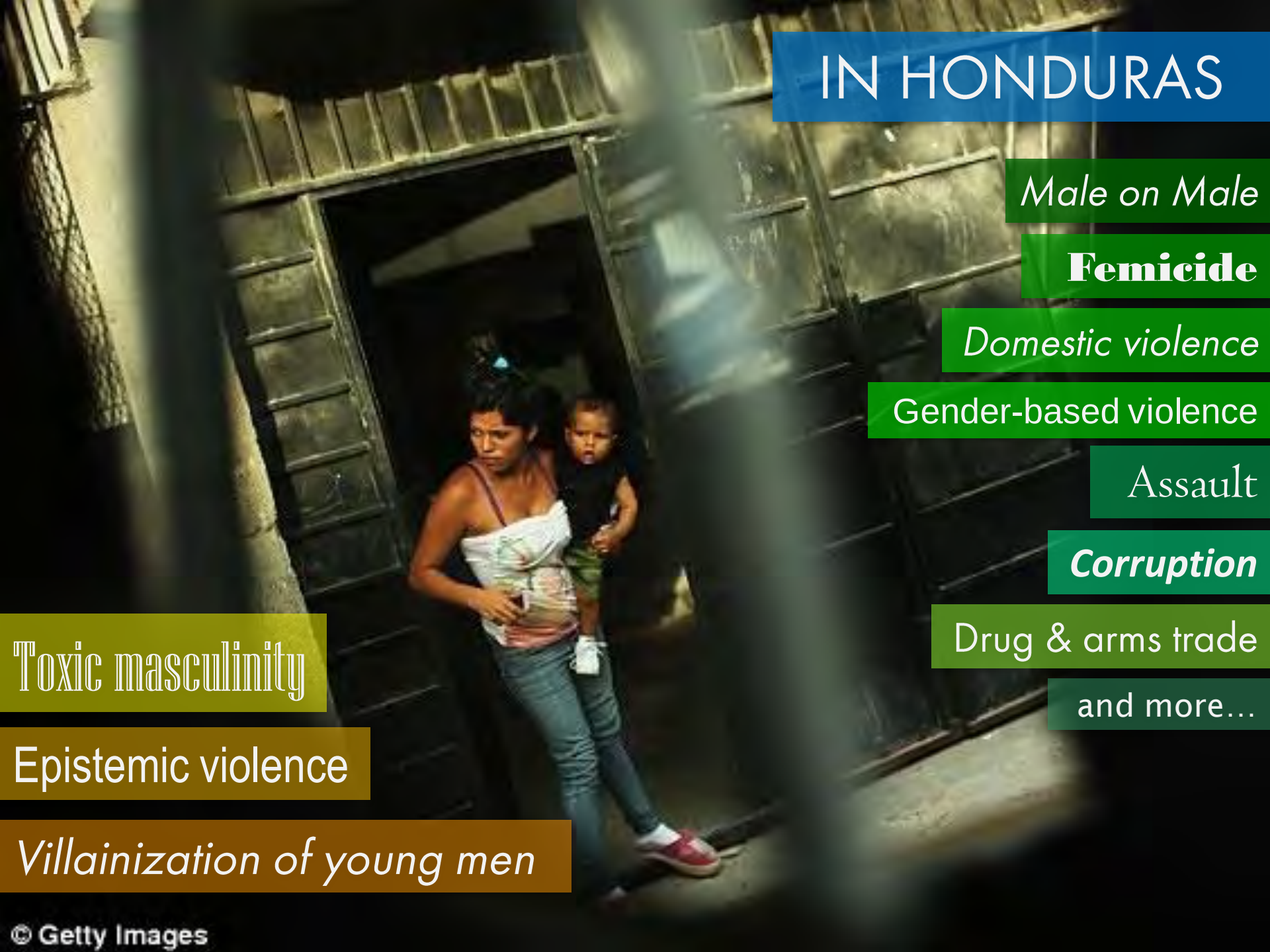
IN HONDURAS
Male on Male
Femicide
Domestic violence
Gender-based violence
Assault
Corruption
Drug & arms trade
and more…
Toxic masculinity
Epistemic violence
Villainization of young men
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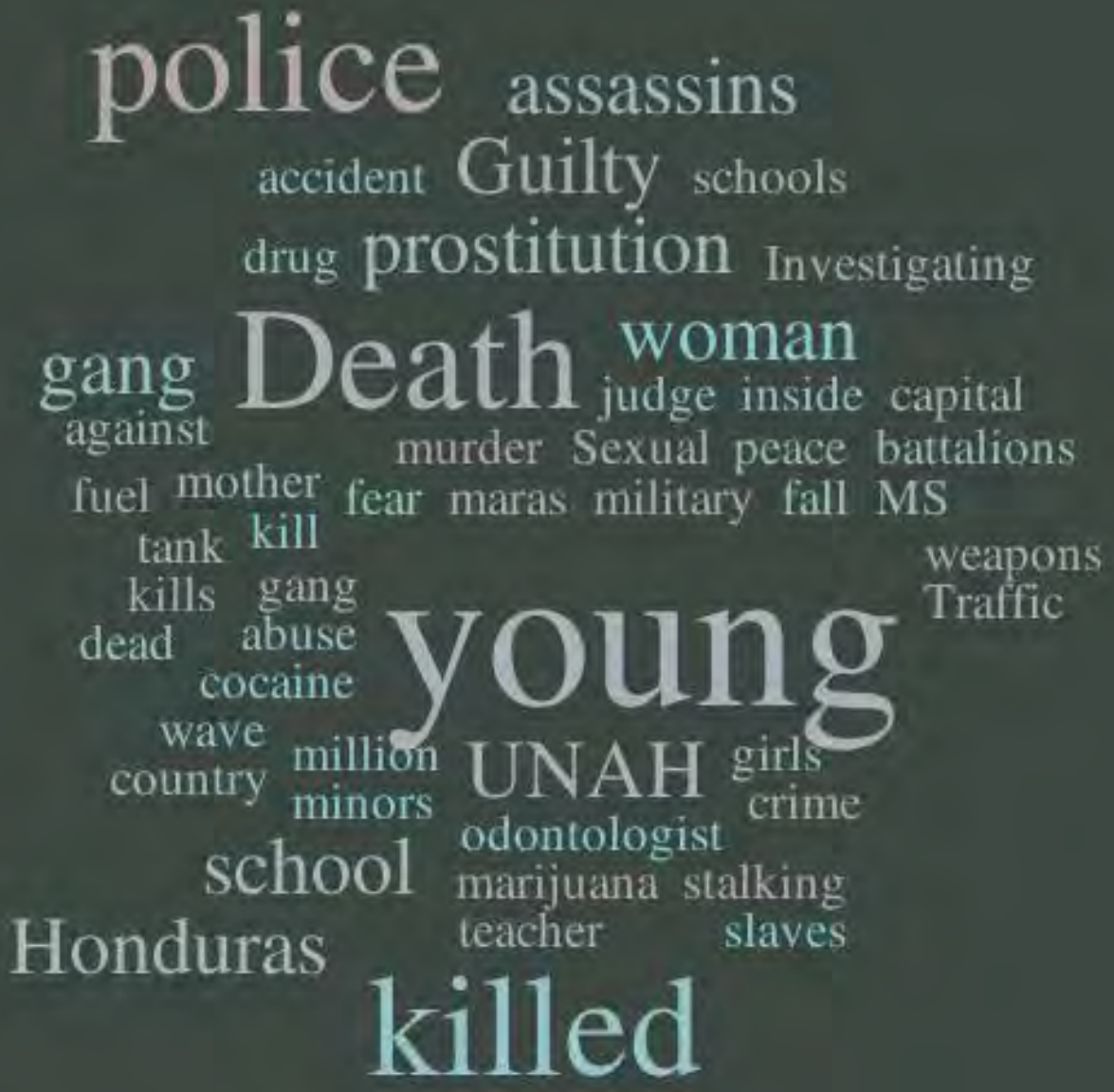

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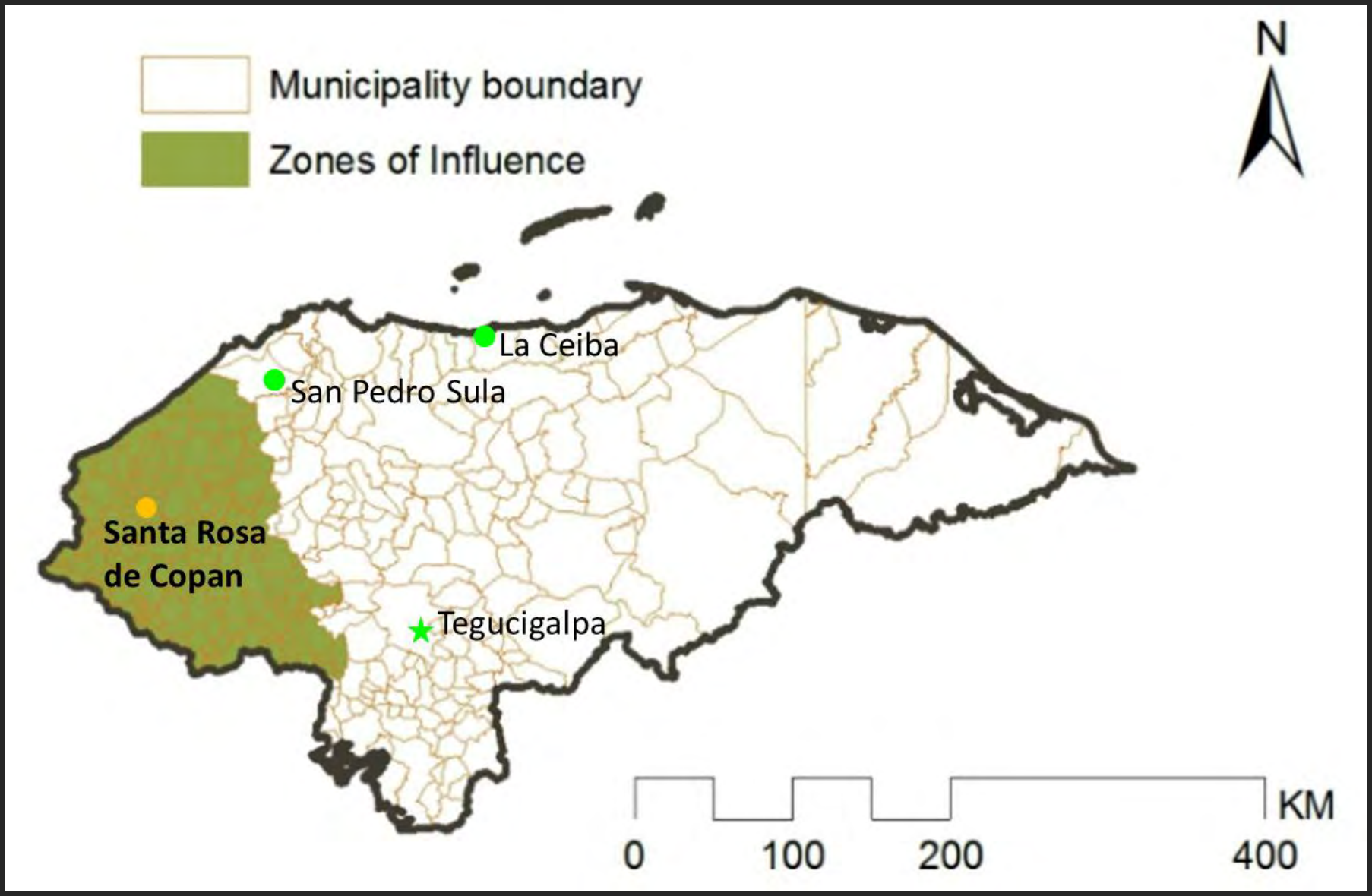
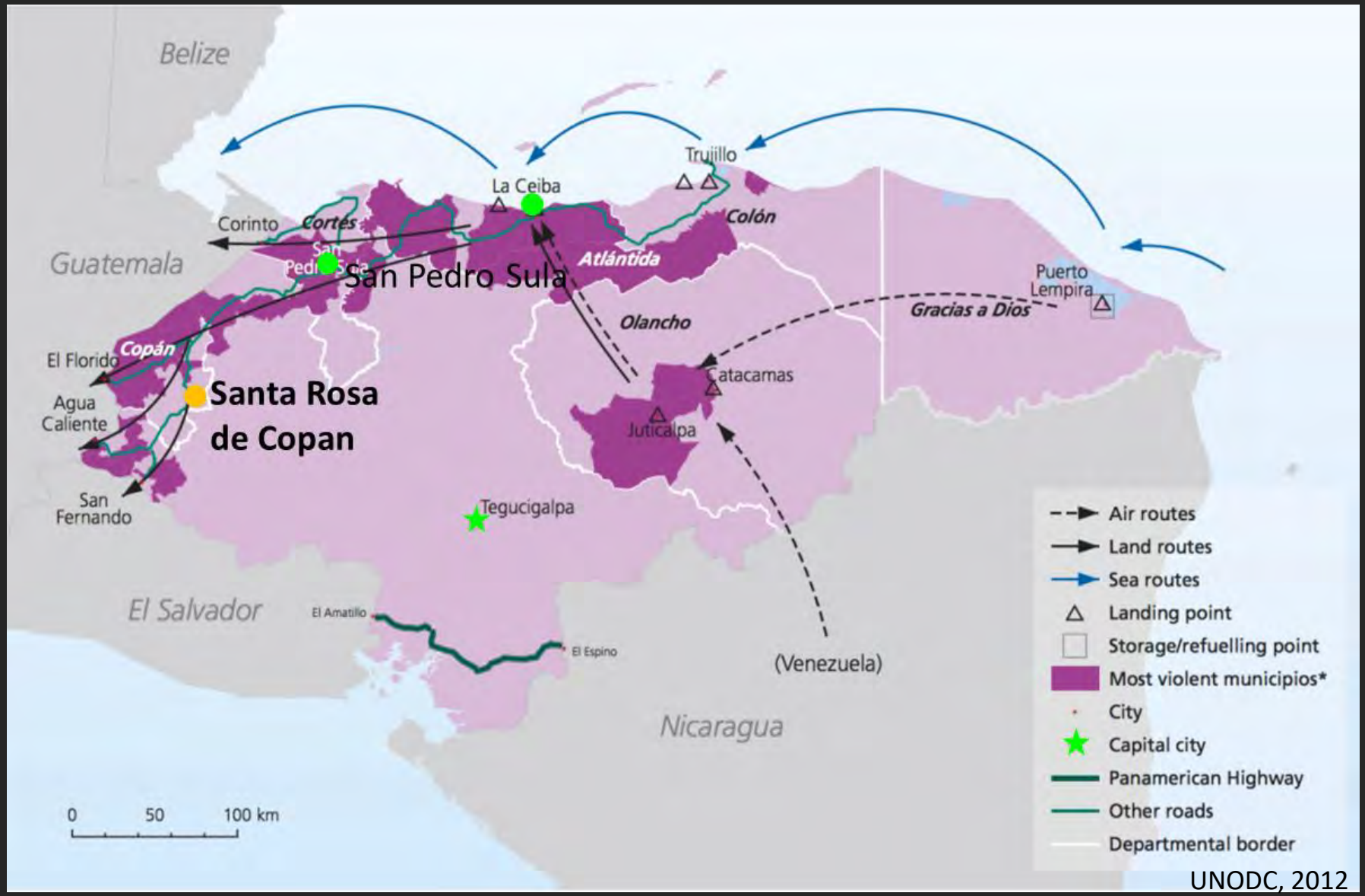


Known Trafficking Routes



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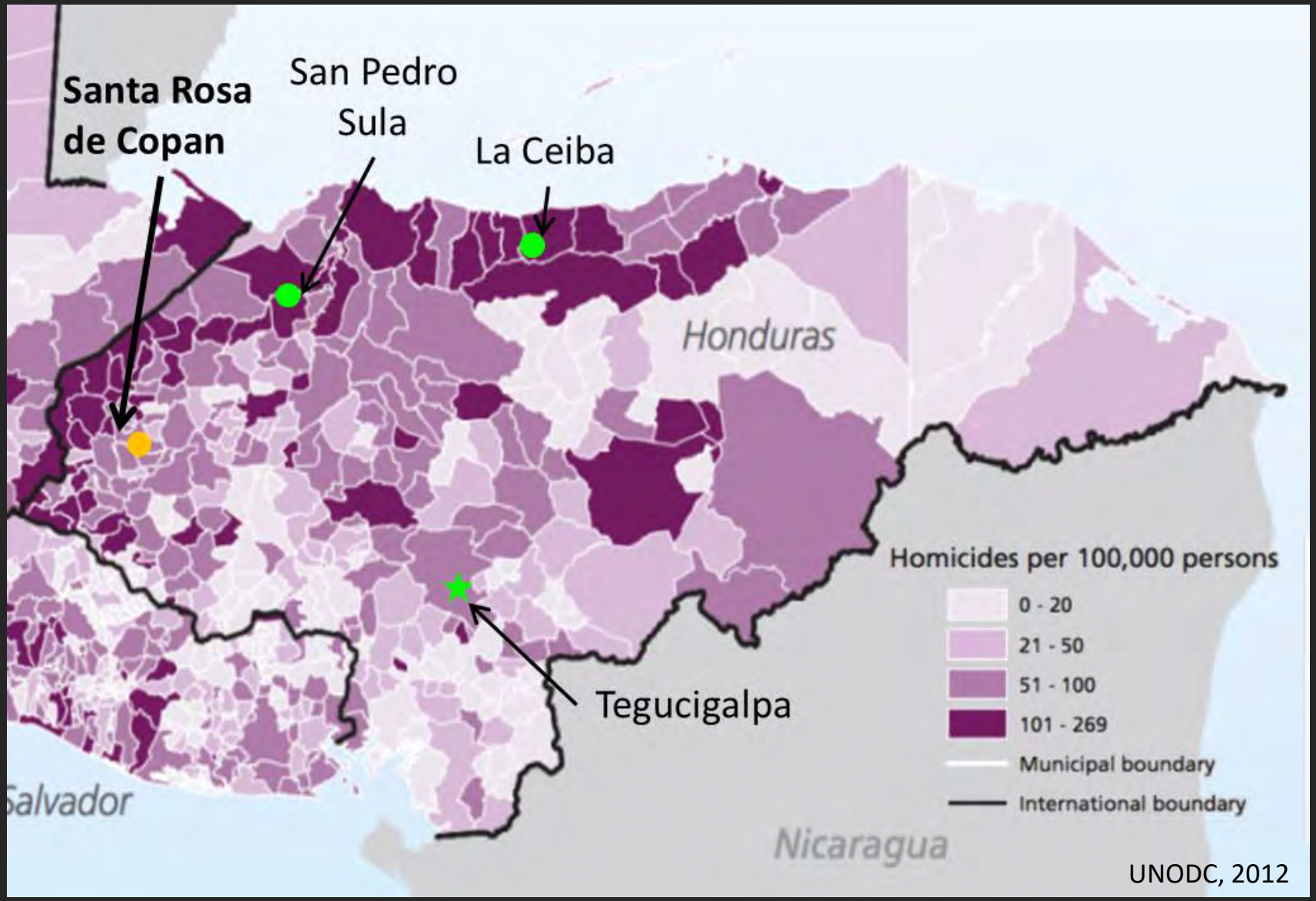
Concentration of Homicides



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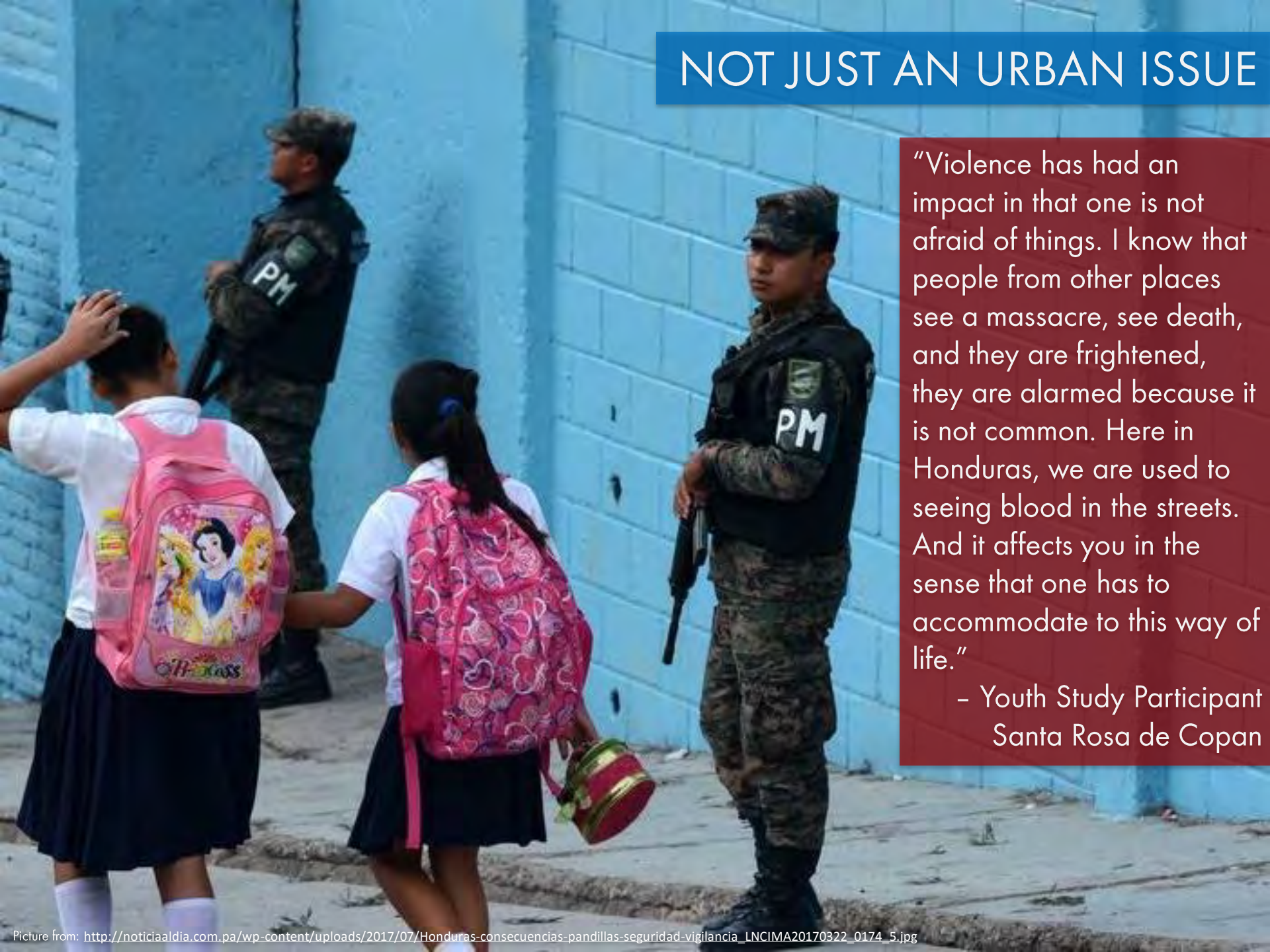
NOT JUST AN URBAN ISSUE



"Violence has had an impact in that one is not afraid of things. I know that people from other places see a massacre, see death, and they are frightened, they are alarmed because it is not common. Here in Honduras, we are used to seeing blood in the streets. And it affects you in the sense that one has to accommodate to this way of life."

– Youth Study Participant
Santa Rosa de Copan

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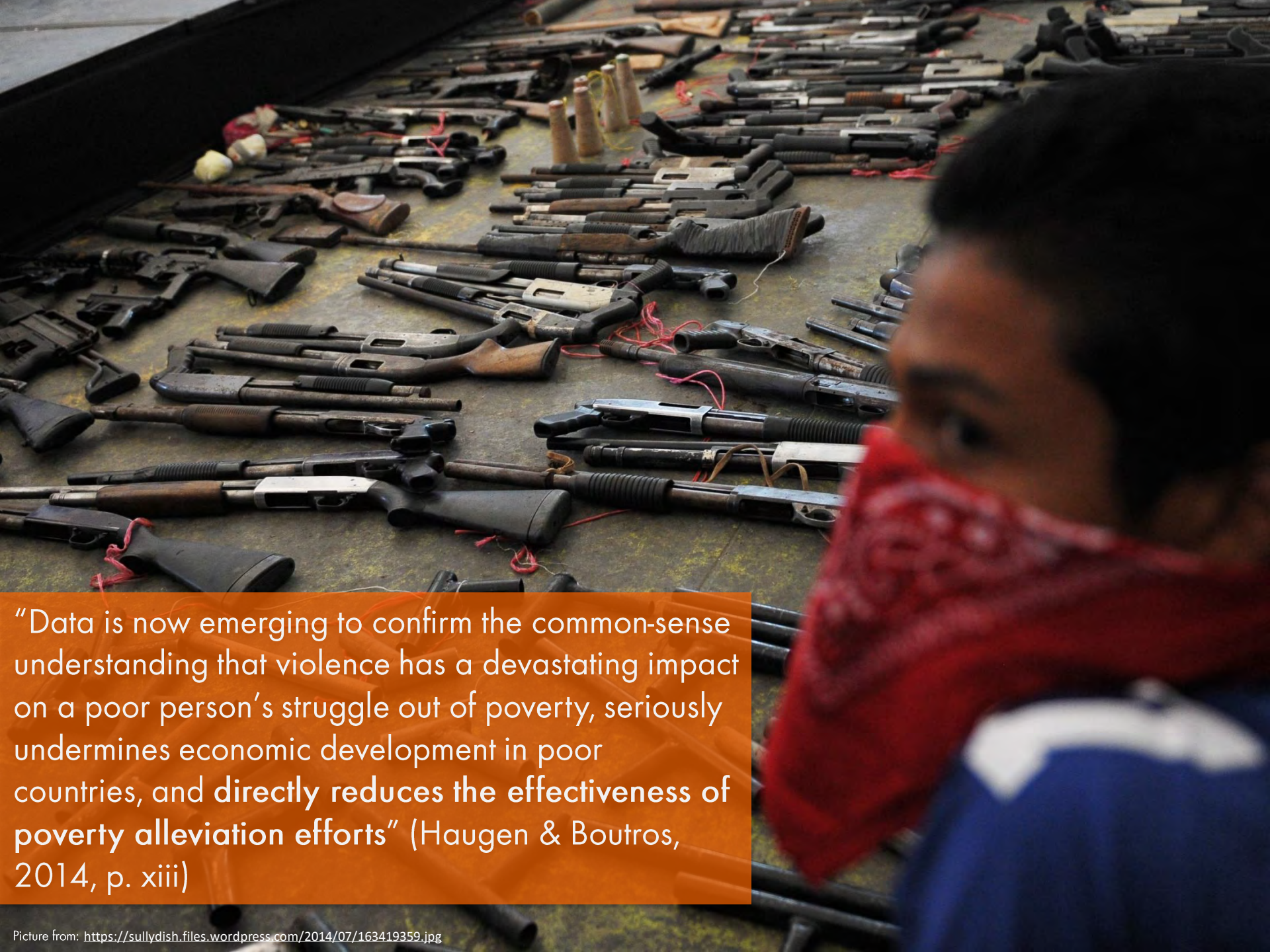

"Data is now emerging to confirm the common-sense understanding that violence has a devastating impact on a poor person's struggle out of poverty, seriously undermines economic development in poor countries, and **directly reduces the effectiveness of poverty alleviation efforts**" (Haugen & Boutros, 2014, p. xiii)

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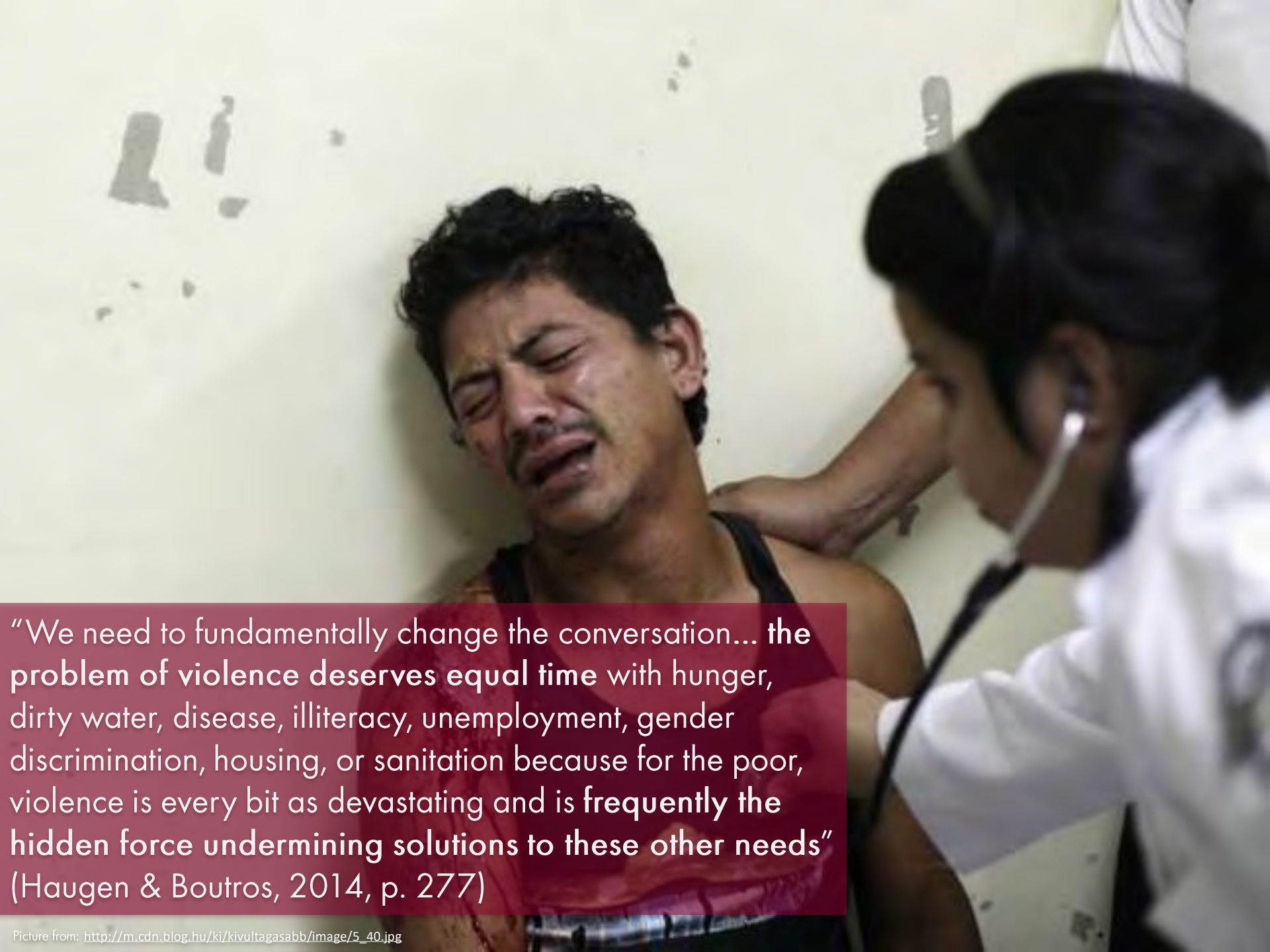

"We need to fundamentally change the conversation… **the problem of violence deserves equal time** with hunger, dirty water, disease, illiteracy, unemployment, gender discrimination, housing, or sanitation because for the poor, violence is every bit as devastating and is **frequently the hidden force undermining solutions to these other needs**" (Haugen & Boutros, 2014, p. 277)

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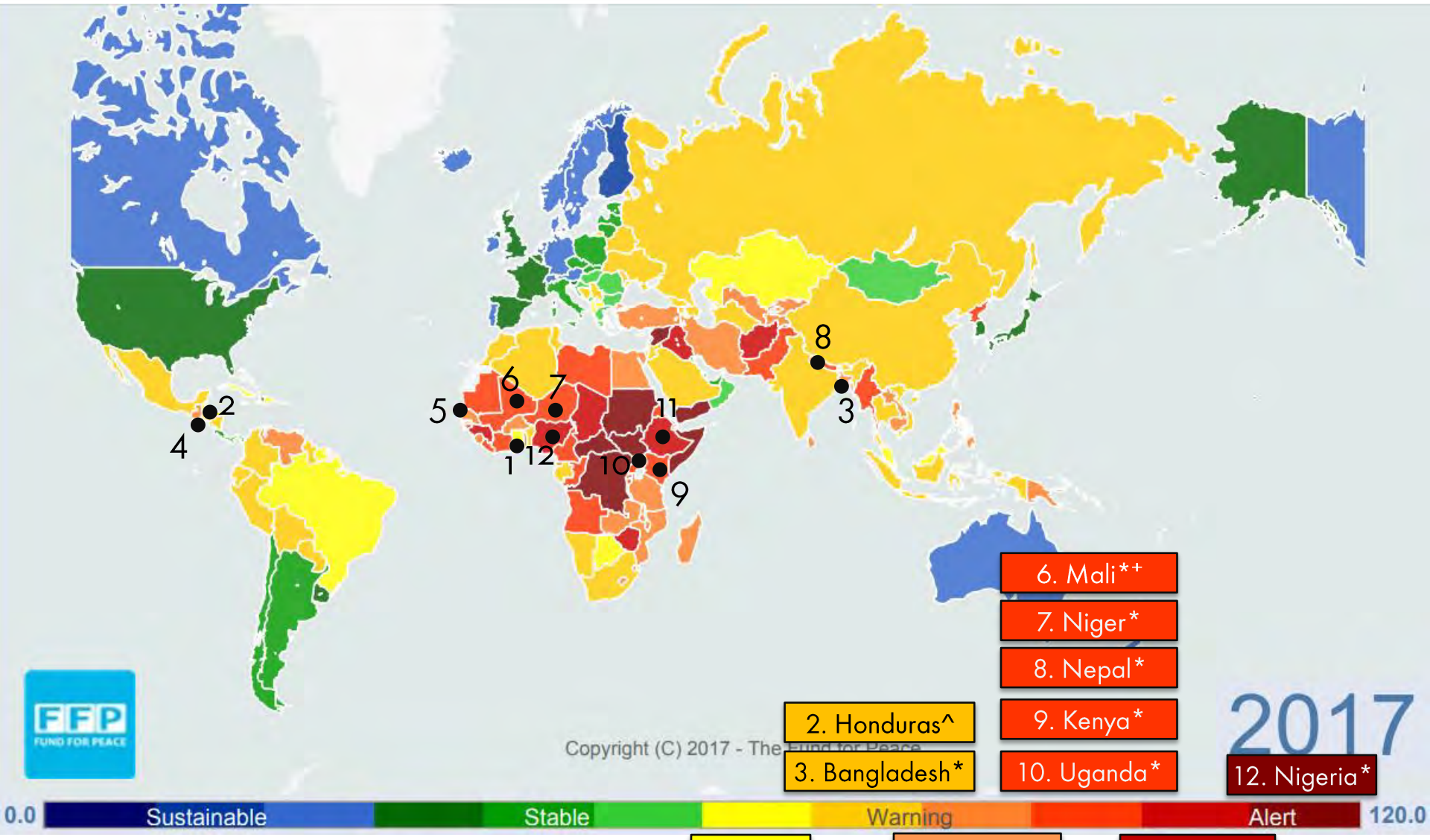
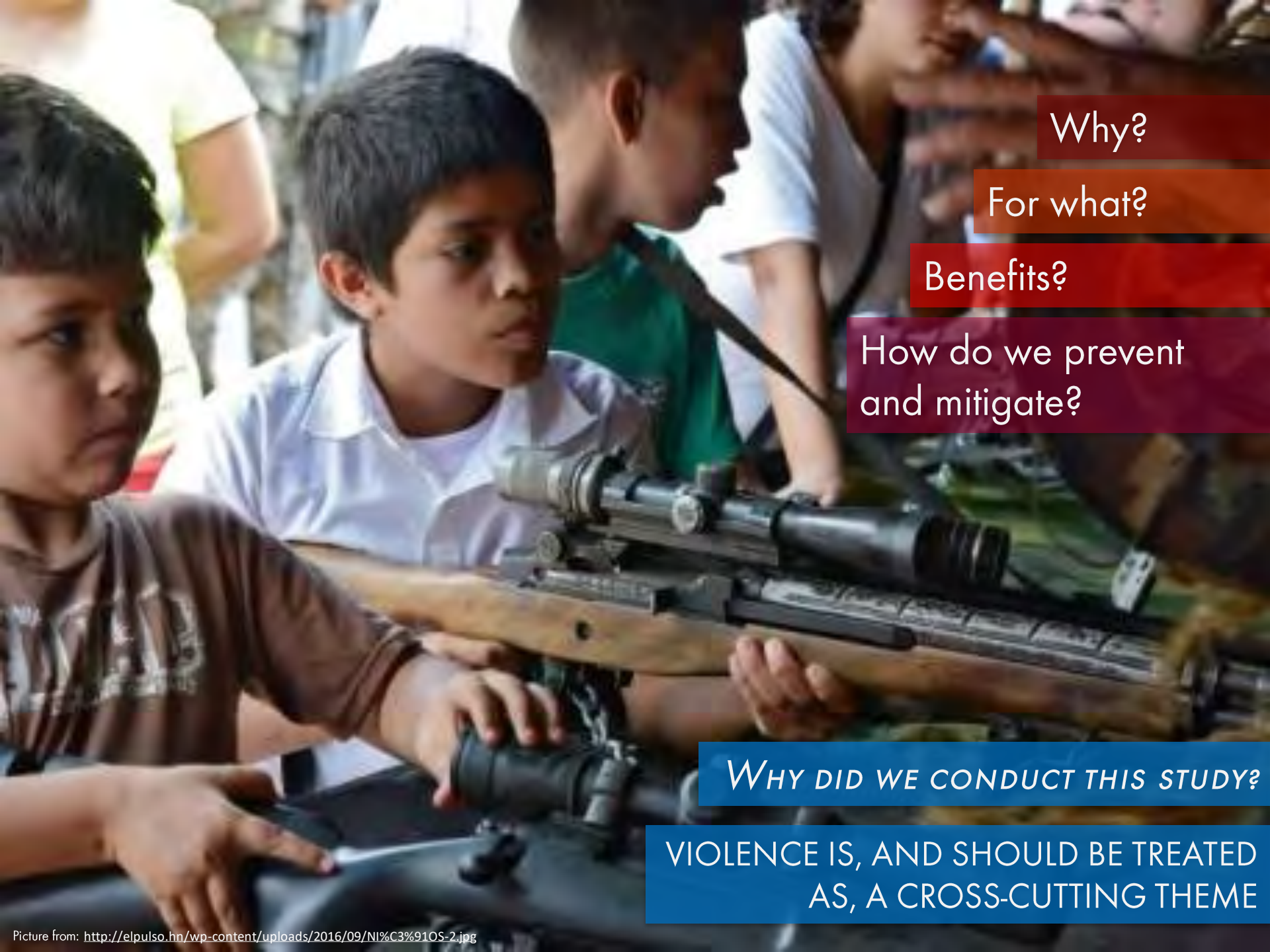
NEWEST LIST OF FTF COUNTRIES



*Listed as Fragile State (OECD, 2015)

ALSO + Listed as Fragile/Conflict (WB, 2017)

^ Homicide Rate (WB, 2015)



Why?

For what?

Benefits?

How do we prevent and mitigate?

Why did we conduct this study?

VIOLENCE IS, AND SHOULD BE TREATED AS, A CROSS-CUTTING THEME

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PART 1: Research Study

PART 2: Convocation: Interventions & Indicators

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METHODS

QUALITATIVE

Interviews: 12 Organizations
(agriculture, WASH, micro-enterprise, governance, GBV, education, etc.)

Focus Groups: 5 Communities

Focus Groups with Youth: 8

Peer-to-Peer Interviews: 24

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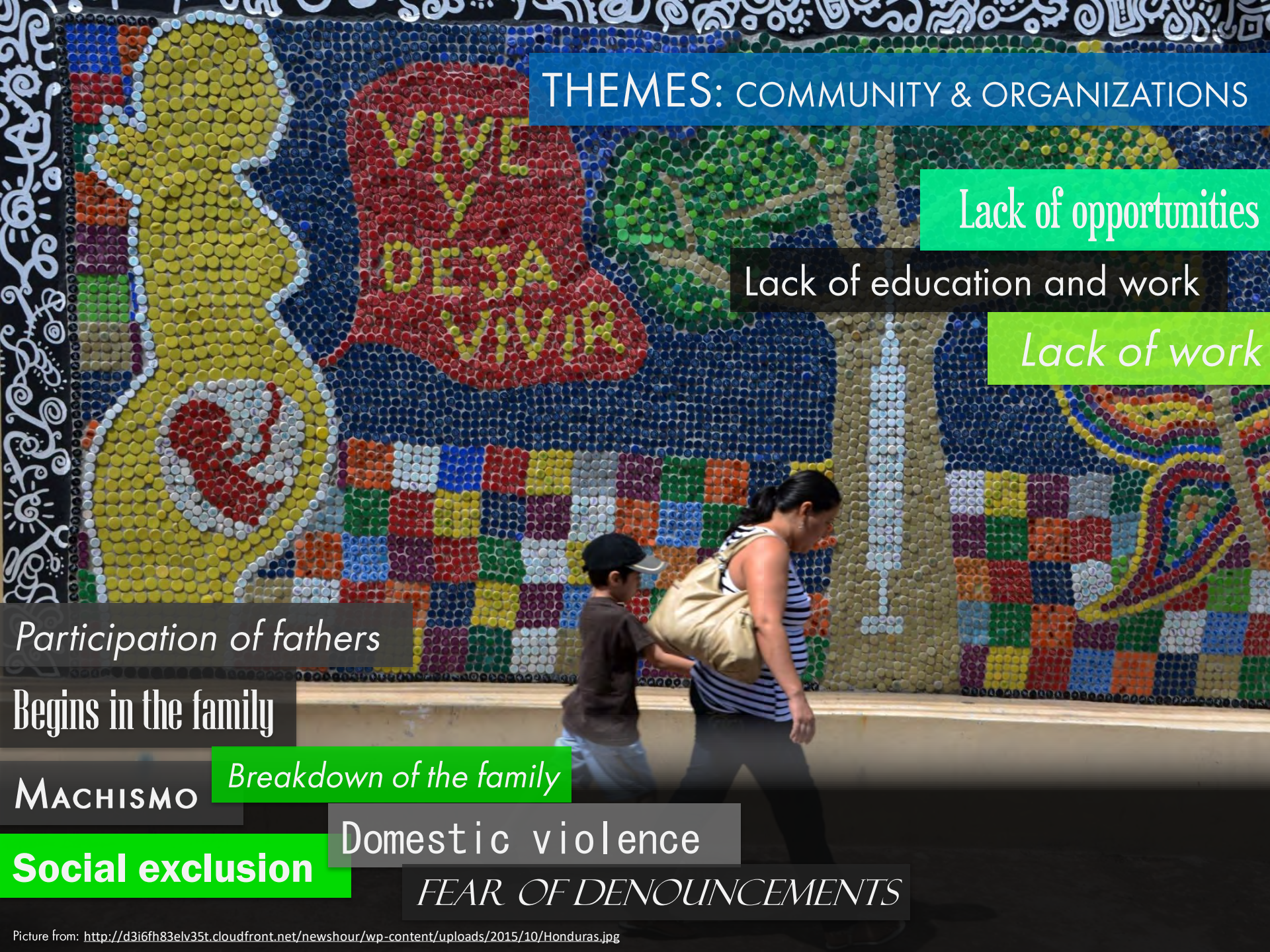

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THEMES: COMMUNITY & ORGANIZATIONS

BENEFITS OF VIOLENCE

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THEMES: YOUTH

STORIES: In or close to the community

Robberies 11

Assaults 5

Gang activity 4

Homicides 4

Domestic Violence 3

Kidnapping 2

Drugs 2

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THEMES: YOUTH

VIOLENCE & GENDER

Men have greater value

Women serve men

Machismo

Lack of information about rights

Fear

Sexual assault

Domestic violence

Assaults

Picture from: http://www.laprensa.hn/csp/mediapool/sites/

THEMES: YOUTH

Benefits of Violence

Money & Material Assets

To move forward

A kind of family

A refuge

To conform

LOVE

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METHODS

QUANTITATIVE

1,500 surveys

Youth ages 10-27

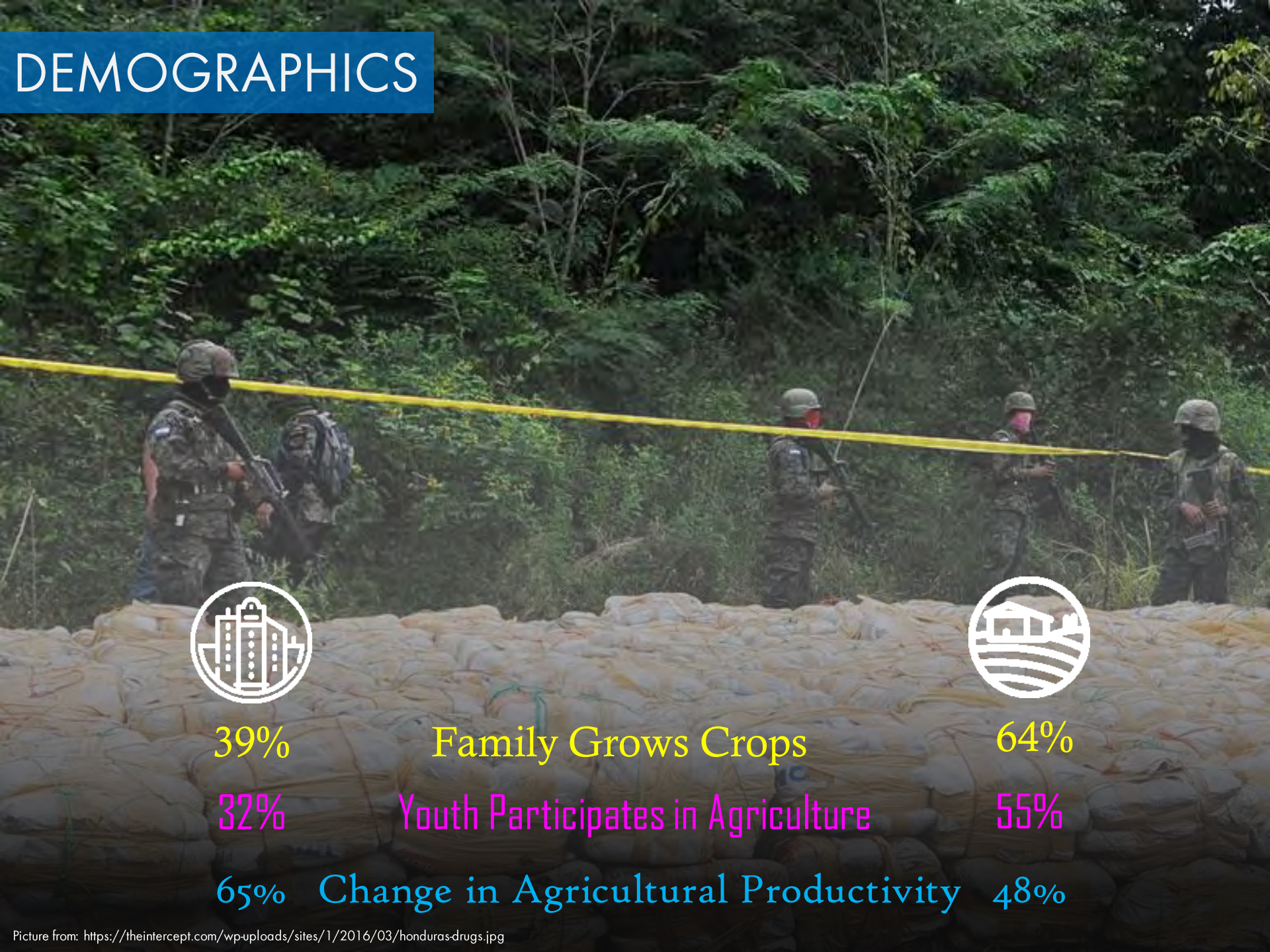
Public schools, randomly sampled

Thorough security measures

Measures embedded to ensure validity

Victimization, Participation = Identity, Community, Aspirations, Self-Esteem, Resources

DEMOGRAPHICS



39%	Family Grows Crops	64%
32%	Youth Participates in Agriculture	55%
65%	Change in Agricultural Productivity	48%

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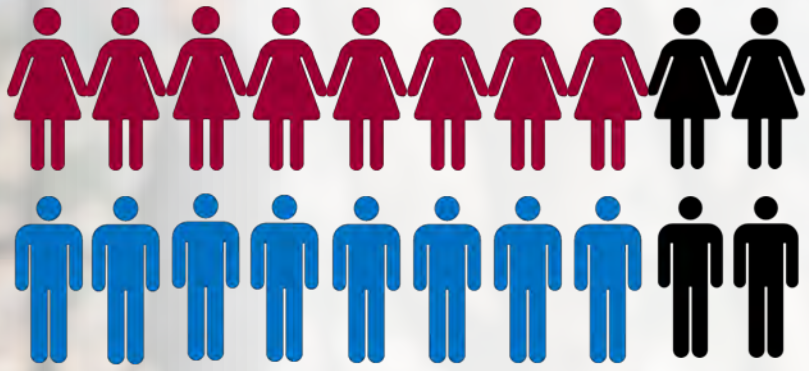
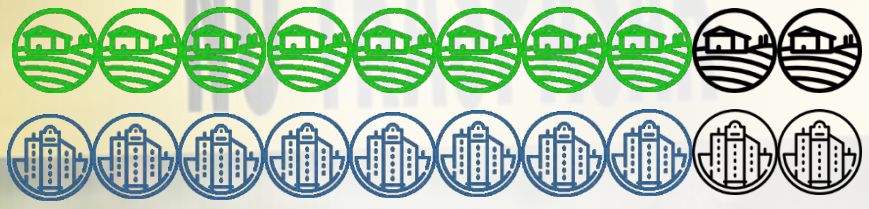
VICTIMIZATION (%)

80% of females



80% of males

78% of Rural



80% of Urban

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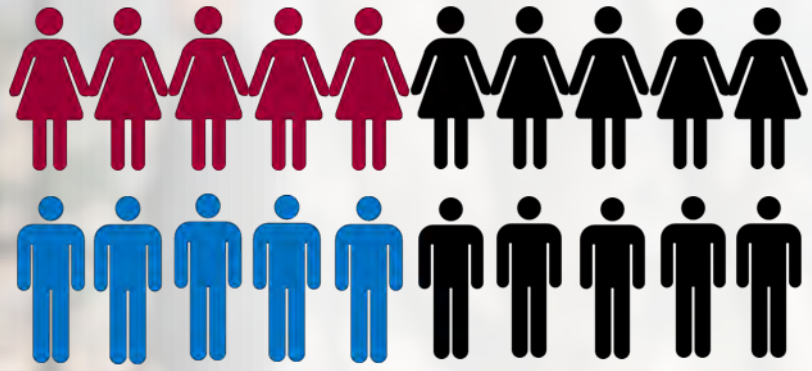
VICTIMIZATION - *VERBAL* (%)

47% of females

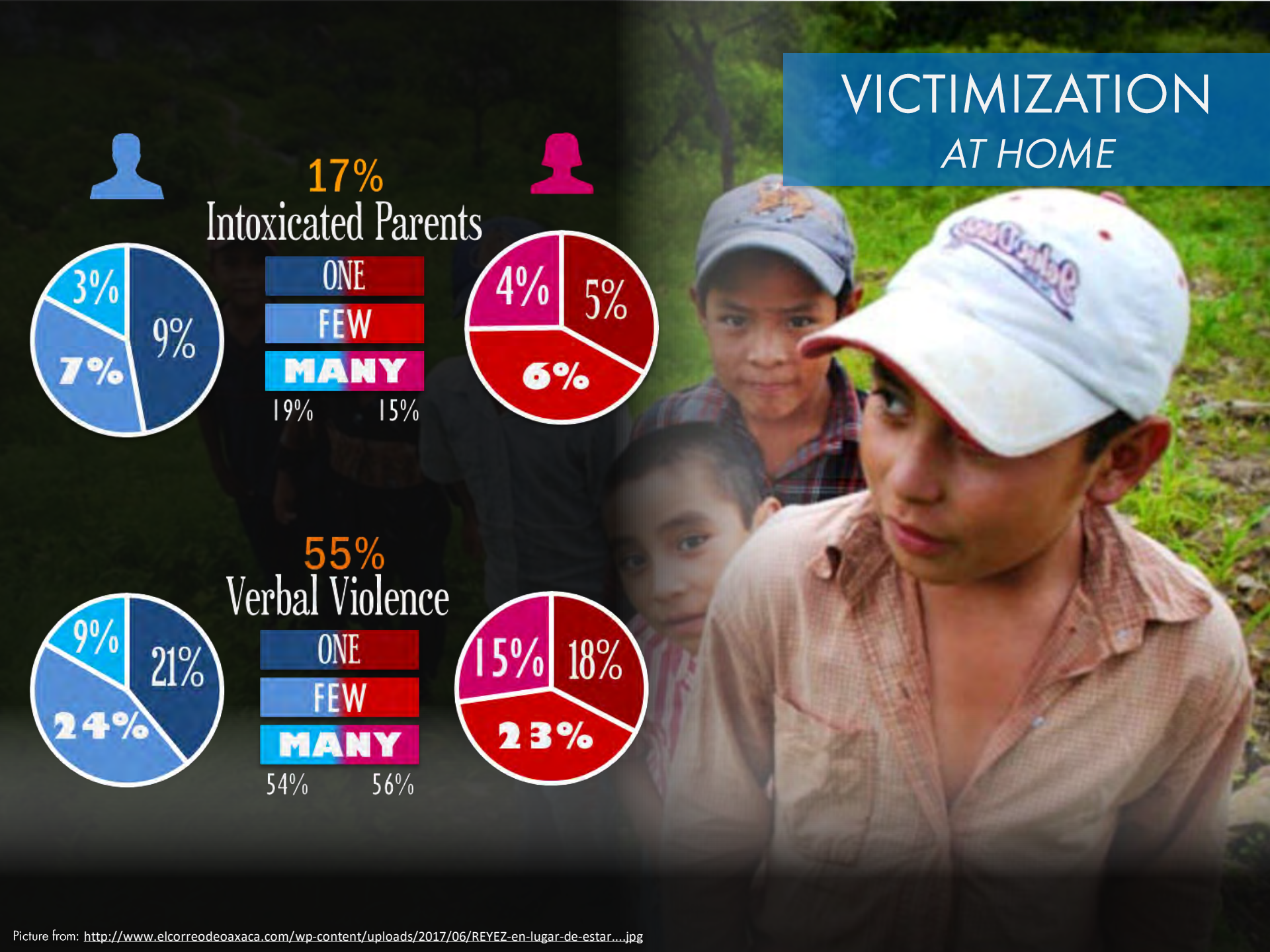


51% of males

44% of Rural

50% of Urban

VICTIMIZATION
AT HOME



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VICTIMIZATION
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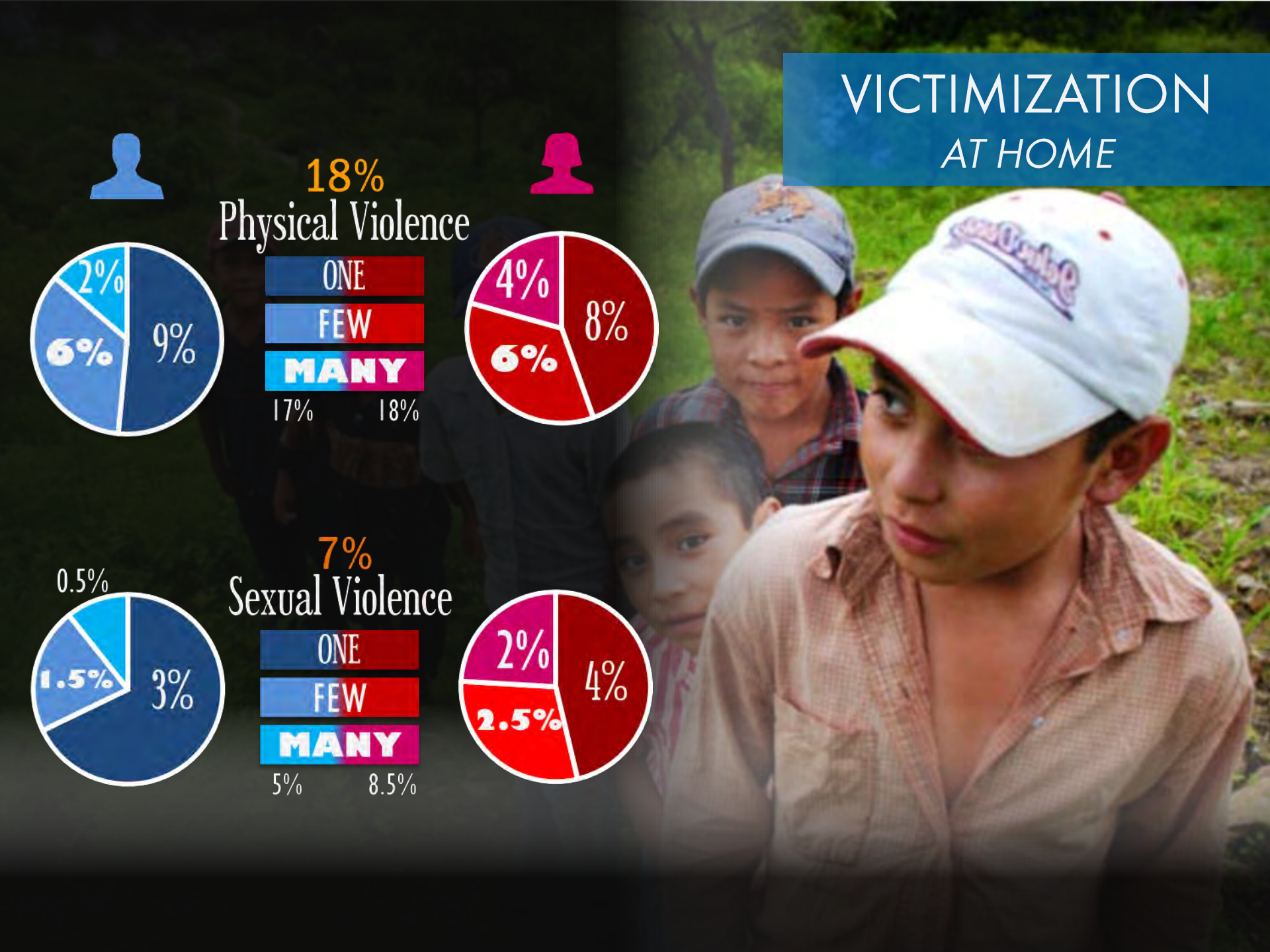
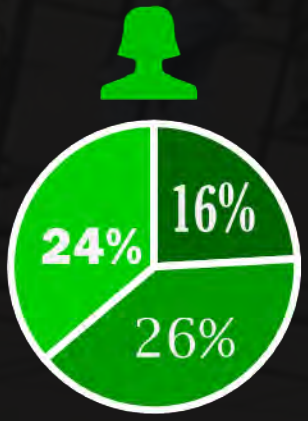


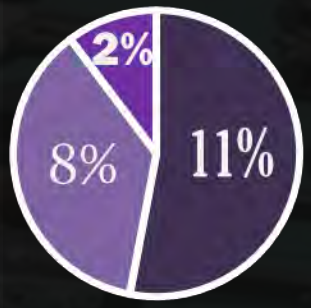
VICTIMIZATION
AWAY FROM HOME

66%
Verbal Violence

ONE
FEW
MANY

65% 67%

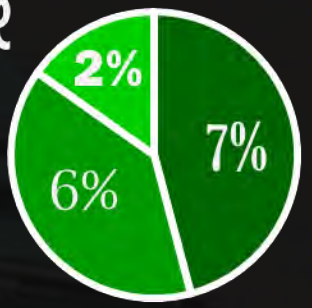


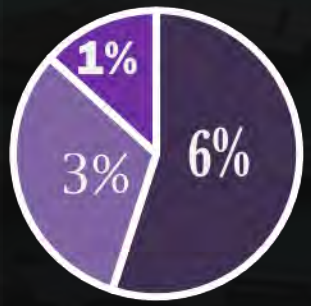


18%
Physical Violence

ONE
FEW
MANY

21% 16%

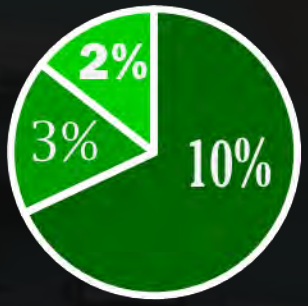




13%
Sexual Violence

ONE
FEW
MANY

10% 15%



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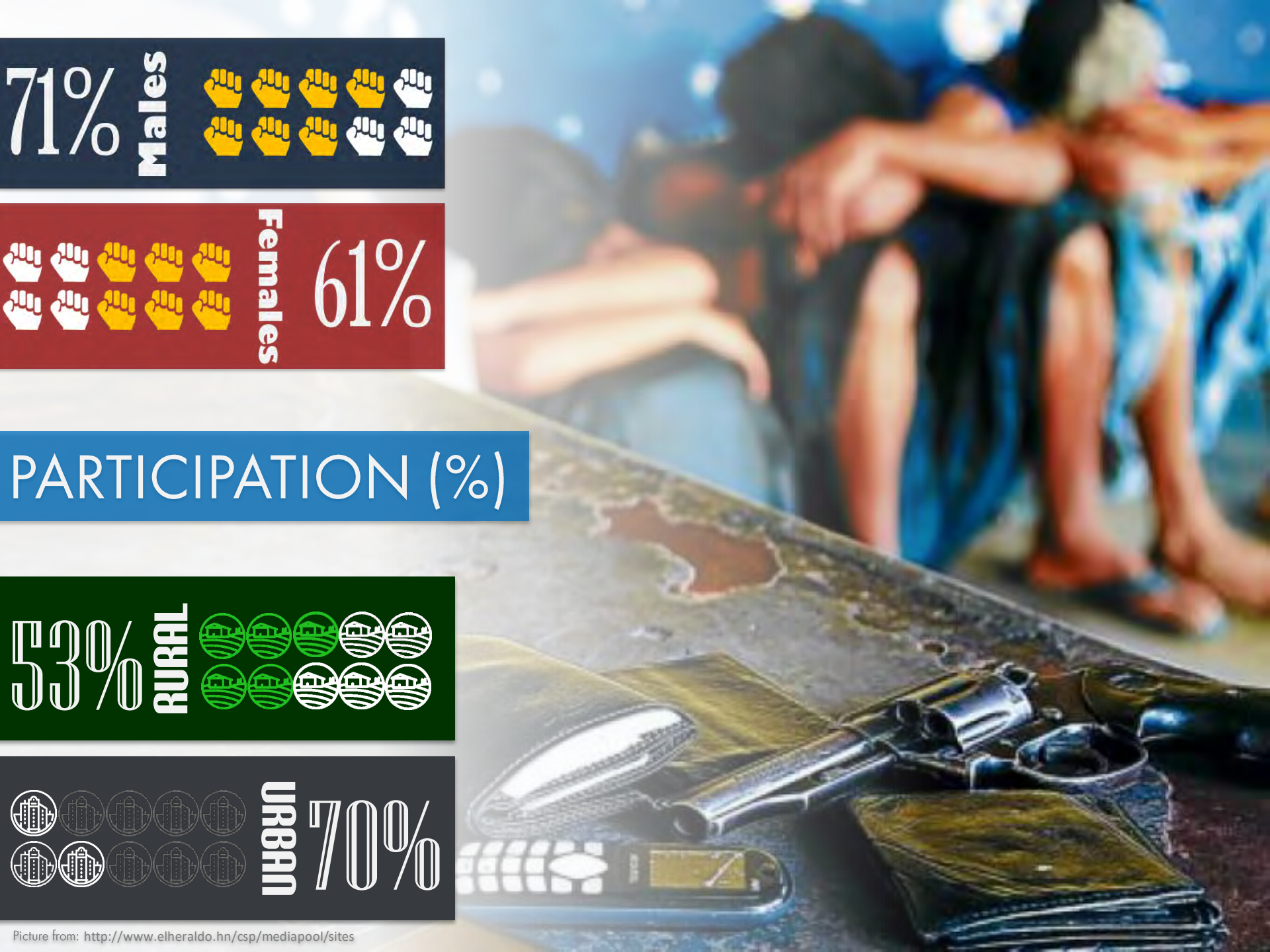

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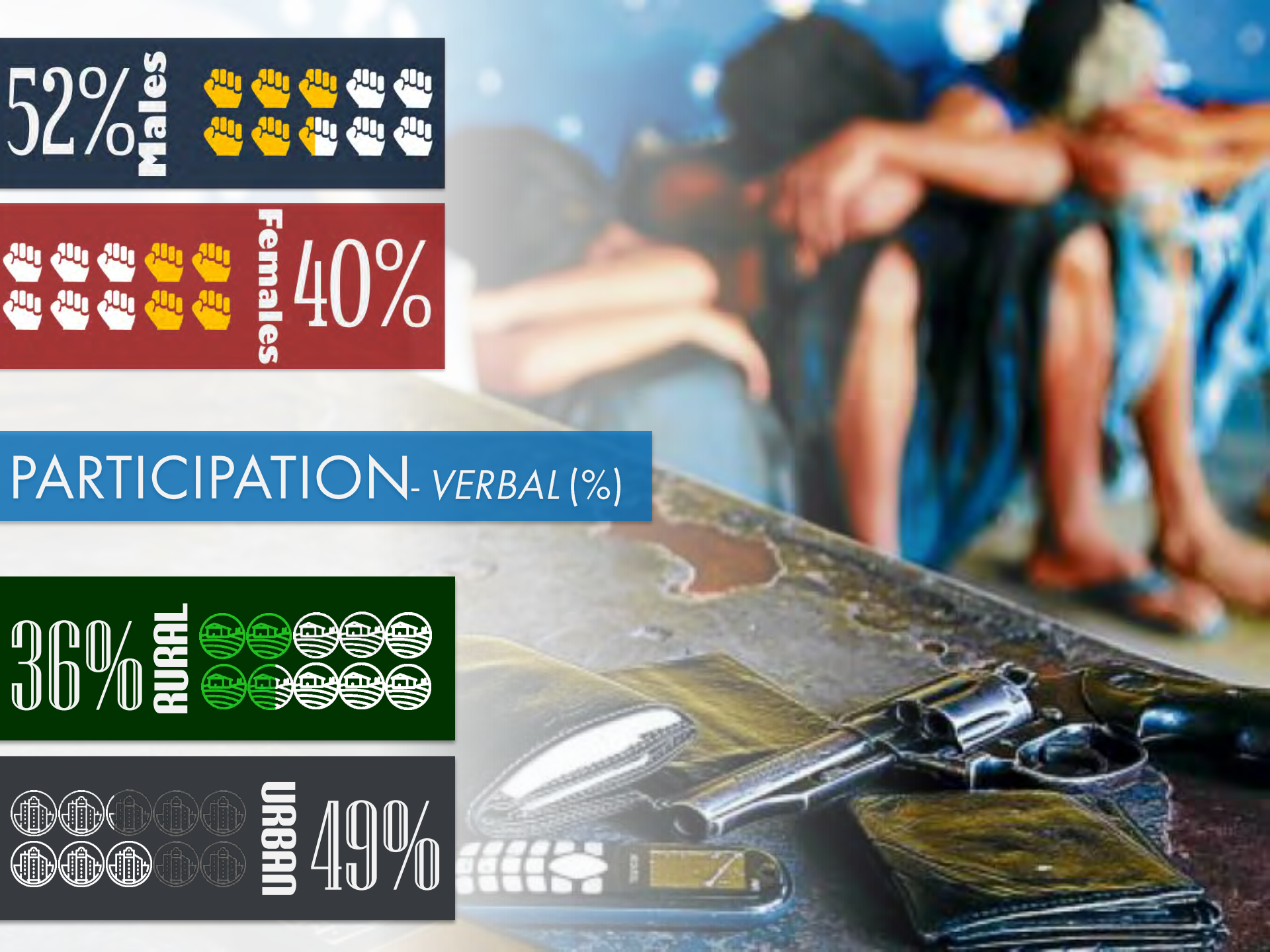
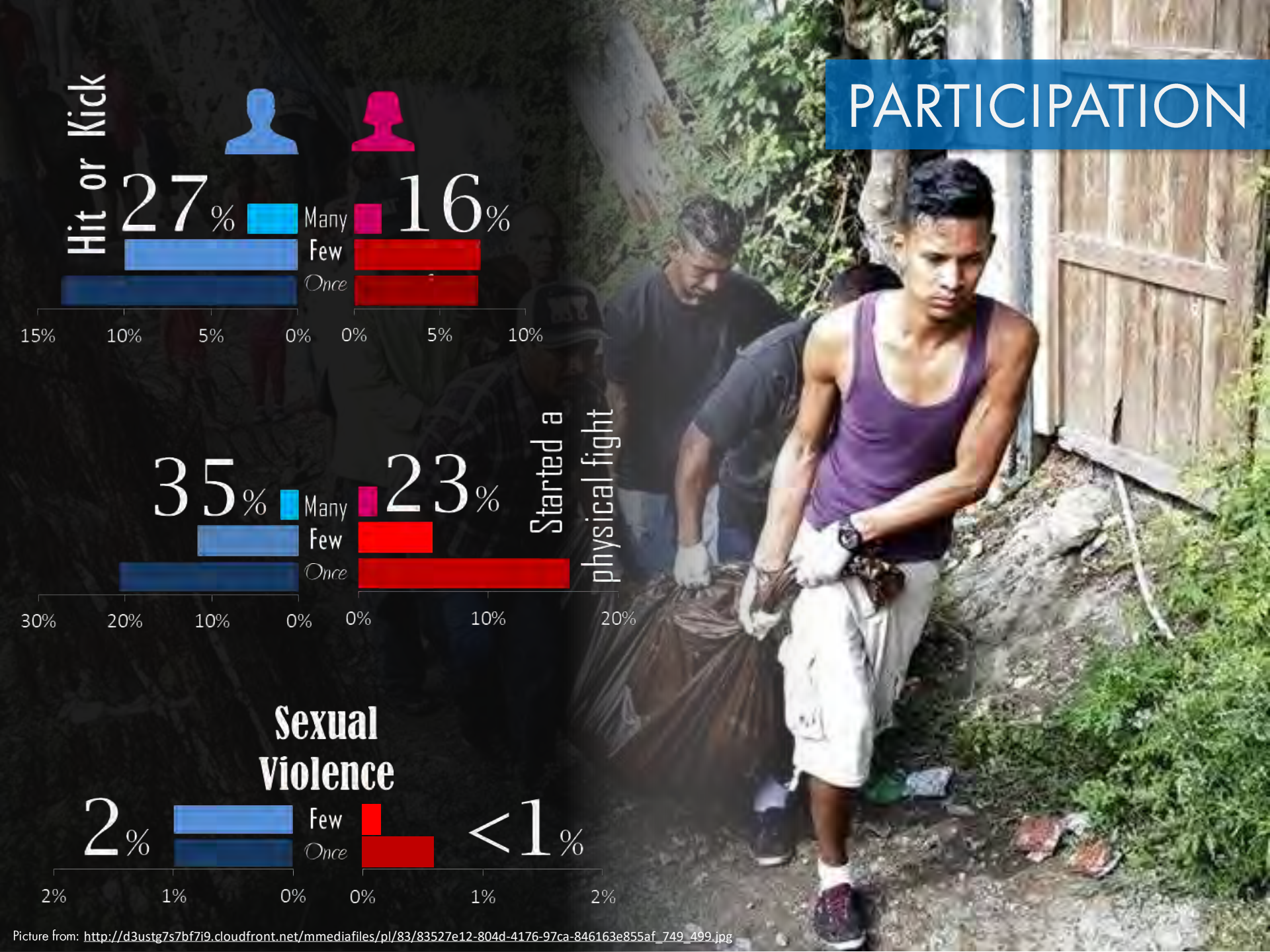

52% Males
Females 40%
PARTICIPATION- VERBAL (%)
36% RURAL
URBAN 49%

PARTICIPATION



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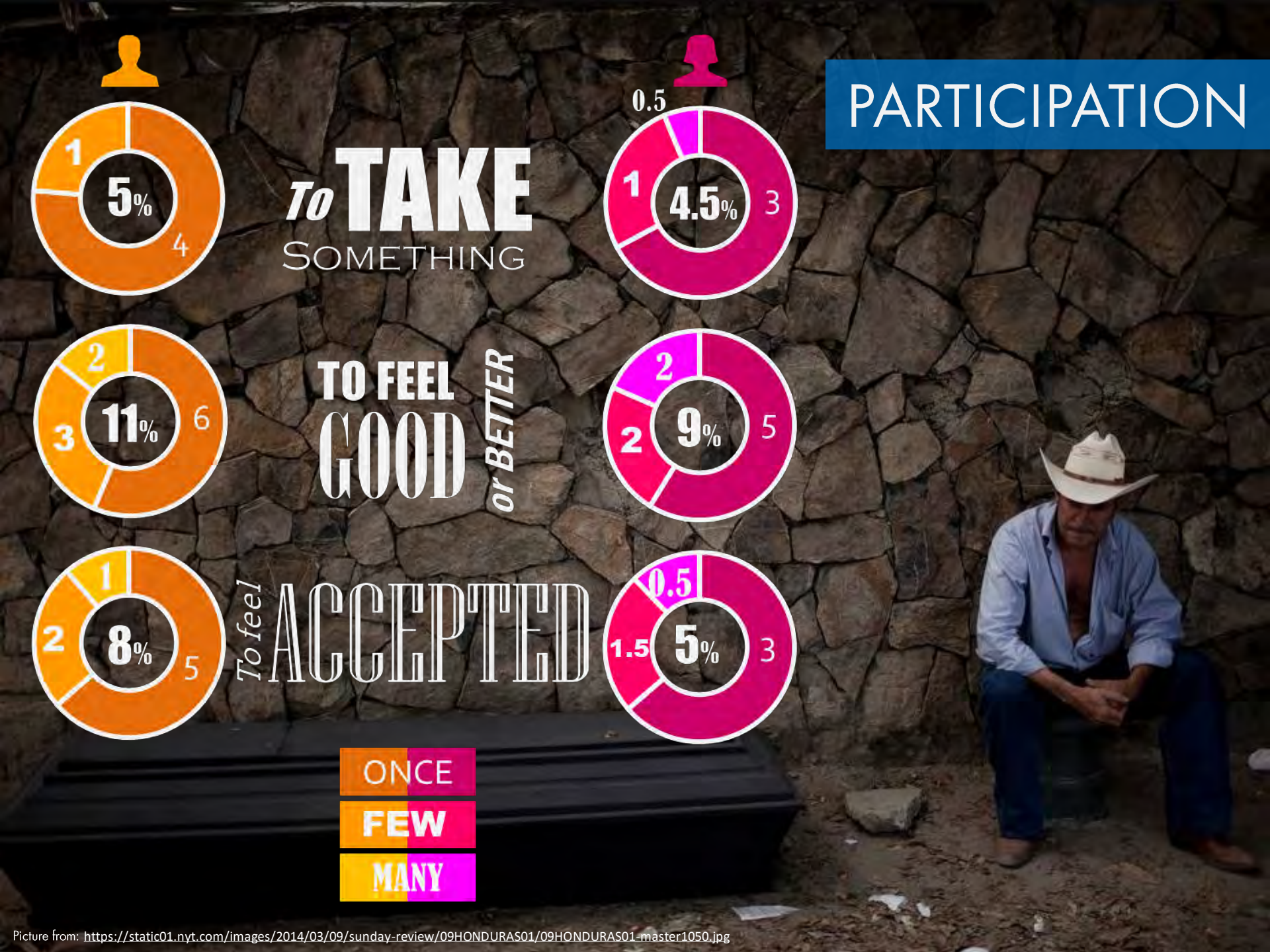

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PARTICIPATION

SENSE OF SELF

Victimization

Self-Esteem

Positive Attitude

Liking Oneself

IS **VERY** HIGHLY CORRELATED WITH

Participation

Non-Participation

A Lack of Feeling Pride

A Feeling of Capacity

IS HIGHLY CORRELATED WITH

Participation

Non-Participation

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ACCESS TO RESOURCES

A Lack of Places to Get Away from Family

IS **VERY** HIGHLY CORRELATED WITH

Participation

A Lack of Voice

IS CORRELATED WITH

Participation

Contribution to Decisions at Home

Non-Participation

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SENSE OF COMMUNITY

Trust in People

Community Member Concern for One Another

IS **VERY HIGHLY** CORRELATED WITH

Non-Participation

Feeling Identity in the Community

IS HIGHLY CORRELATED WITH

Non-Participation

Hope for the Future

IS CORRELATED WITH

Non-Participation

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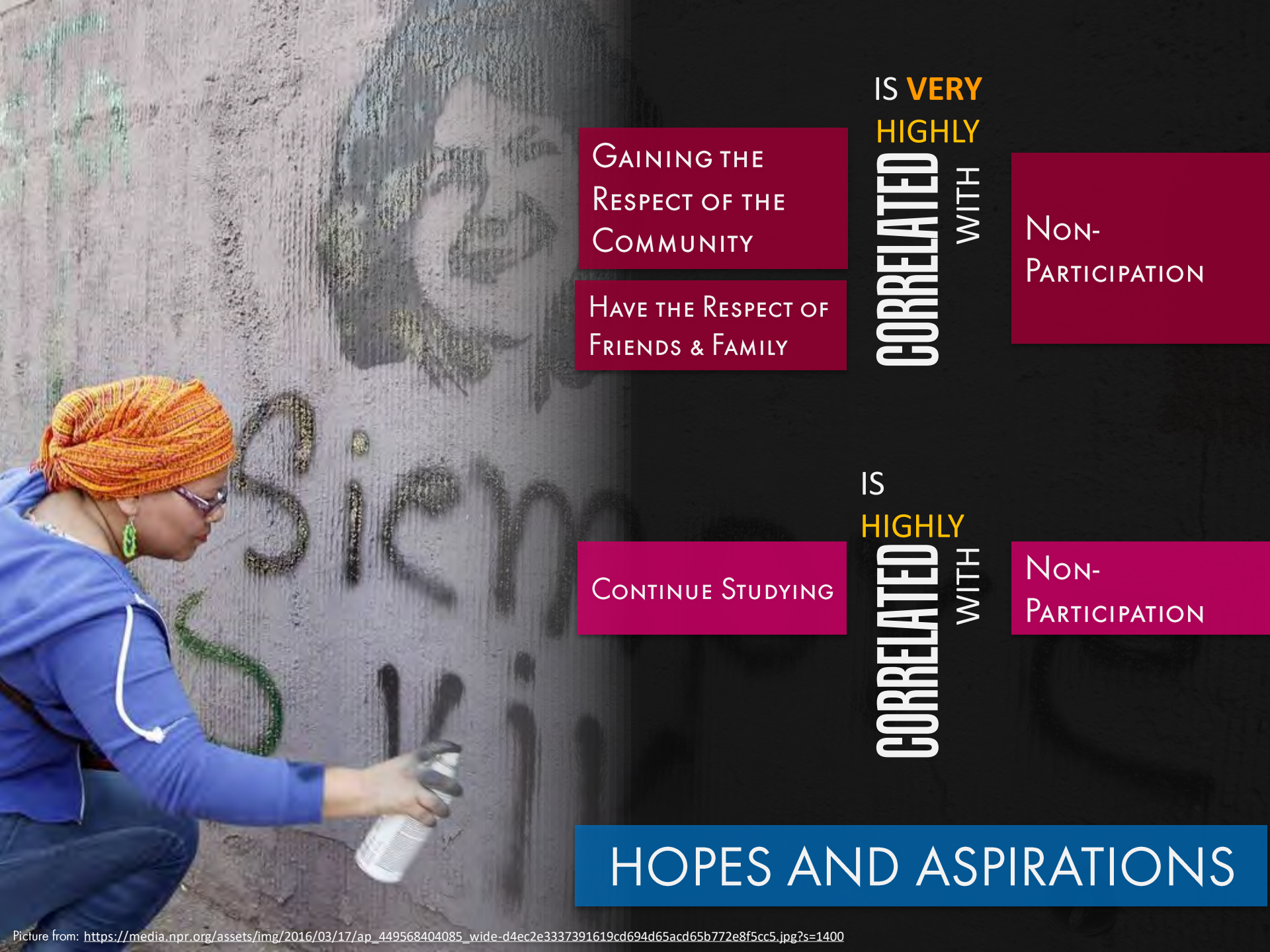

Gaining the Respect of the Community

Have the Respect of Friends & Family

IS **VERY** HIGHLY CORRELATED WITH

Non-Participation

Continue Studying

IS HIGHLY CORRELATED WITH

Non-Participation

HOPES AND ASPIRATIONS

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INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE

A Perception that Romantic Violence is Acceptable

IS **VERY** HIGHLY CORRELATED WITH

Participation

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WHERE RURAL HHs DIFFER

Trust in Others in Community

IS **VERY** HIGHLY

CORRELATED

WITH

Non-Participation

Are

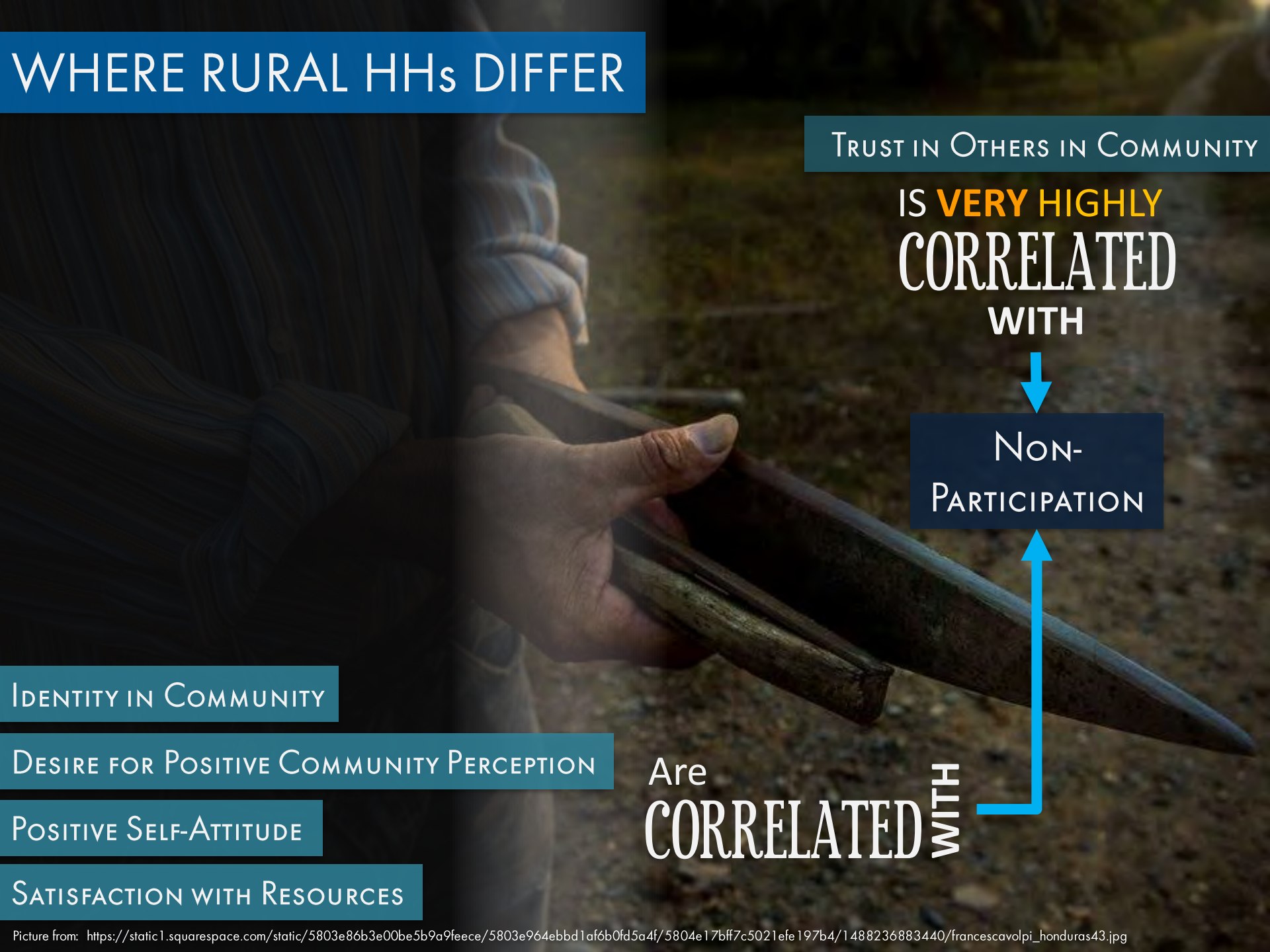
CORRELATED WITH

Identity in Community

Desire for Positive Community Perception

Positive Self-Attitude

Satisfaction with Resources



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PRELIMINARY CONCLUSIONS: RURAL LIVELIHOODS

QUANTITATIVE

Rural HH: Highly significant relationship to community cohesion, identity, & belonging

Connected to sense of personal satisfaction & resources link

Strong family, economic, and victimization connection regardless of R/U

QUALITATIVE

Mixed qualitative link

Perception of agriculture as "survival – linked to economic drivers of violence"

Perception of agriculture as an opportunity – **with adequate resources**

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PRELIMINARY CONCLUSIONS: Violence Participation

QUANTITATIVE

High levels of violence in and outside of home

High level of participation – male **AND** female

High importance of self-esteem, voice, sense of COMMUNITY, aspirations, & sense of contribution

Significant relationship between victimization and participation

Significant relationship between partner violence and participation

QUALITATIVE

Lack of resources

Violence in the home

Machismo, masculinities, influence (and lack of influence of fathers

Strong need for voice, sense of belonging, family, love – replacing with POWER

Social & peer-pressure

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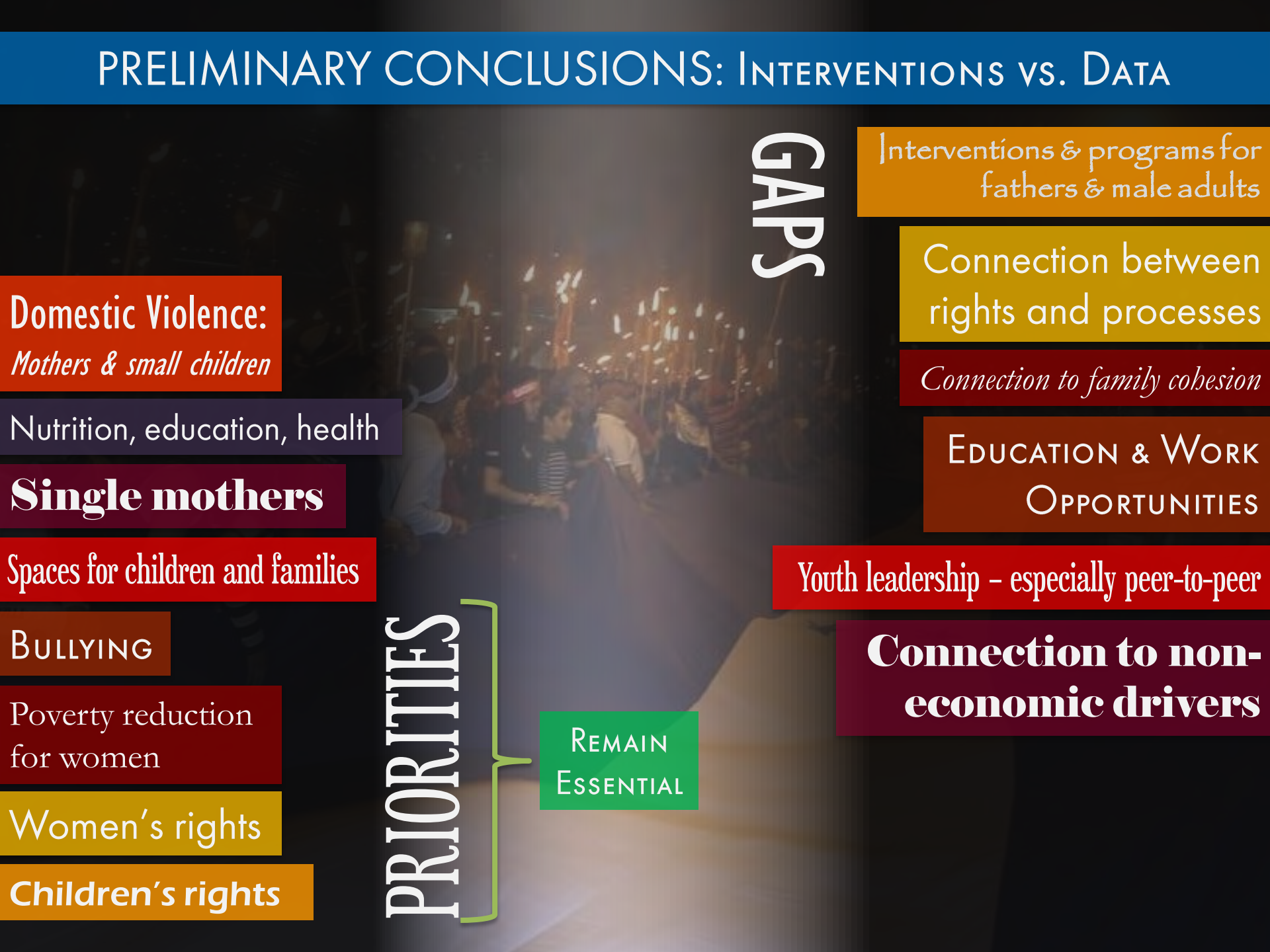
PRELIMINARY CONCLUSIONS: INTERVENTIONS VS. DATA



GAPS

- Interventions & programs for fathers & male adults
- Connection between rights and processes
- *Connection to family cohesion*
- EDUCATION & WORK OPPORTUNITIES
- Youth leadership – especially peer-to-peer
- **Connection to non-economic drivers**

PRIORITIES

REMAIN ESSENTIAL

- Domestic Violence: *Mothers & small children*
- Nutrition, education, health
- **Single mothers**
- Spaces for children and families
- BULLYING
- Poverty reduction for women
- Women's rights
- **Children's rights**

PART 1: Research Study

PART 2: Convocation:

Interventions & Indicators

CONVOCATION

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CONVOCATION

35 Persons
Representing
21 Organizations
+ 6 students

PARTICIPANTS

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Agenda

DAY 1

- Presentations on Youth Development and Violence Mitigation Efforts from Stakeholders
- Presentation of Study Results
- SWOT Analysis of Study Results in the Context of Organization Foci

DAY 2

- CONVOCATION
- Workshopping Gap-Filling Interventions
- Identifying Collaborators and Institutional Relationships
- Discussion of Leadership & Next Steps

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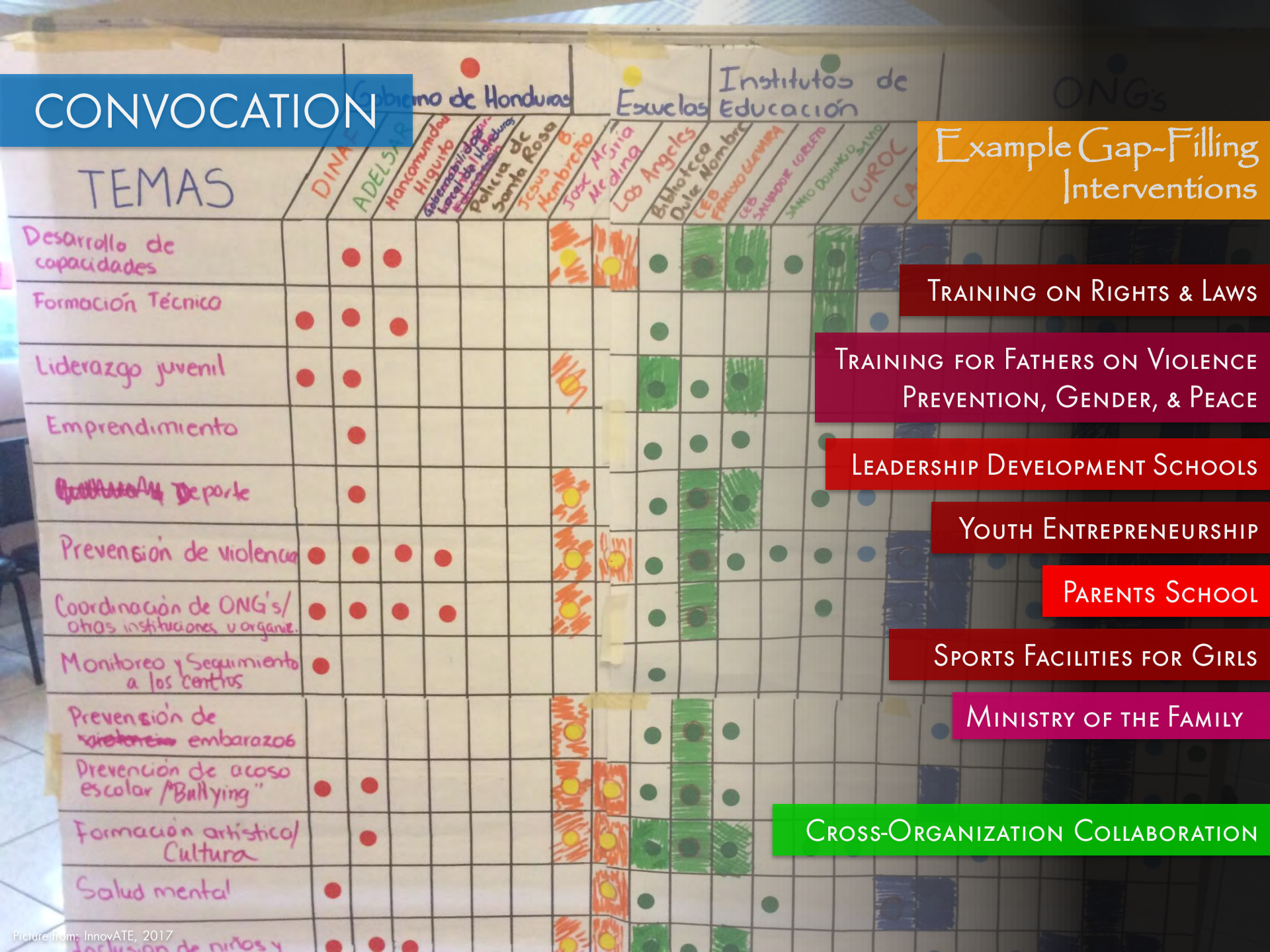
CONVOCATION



Example Gap-Filling Interventions

- Training on Rights & Laws
- Training for Fathers on Violence Prevention, Gender, & Peace
- Leadership Development Schools
- Youth Entrepreneurship
- Parents School
- Sports Facilities for Girls
- Ministry of the Family
- Cross-Organization Collaboration

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CONVOCATION (Examples)

GAPS	INTERVENTIONS	INDICATORS
Rights and Processes	Ministry of the Family	Ministry of Family & Secretariats created and $ funded
Family Cohesion	Training on Rights & Laws	Level of M&F parent knowledge on law, rights, and processes
Fathers & Male Adults – prevention & mitigation	Training for Fathers on Violence Prevention, Gender, & Peace	# of male HH adults trained
	Parents School	
Youth Leadership – especially peer-to-peer	Leadership Development Schools	Curriculum created & implemented
Non-Economic Drivers: voice, belonging, community	Youth Entrepreneurship	% of education institutions conducting training
Education & Work Opportunities	Sports Facilities for Girls	# "Red de Jovenes" meetings with community leadership & organizations
		# of youth trained

Cross-Organization Collaboration

of organizations involved

# of sectors represented

CONVOCATION

SUCCESSES

Participation & Representation

Youth and Educators Voice

Discussions (and output) heavily focused on gap-filling based on study results

Evaluations overwhelmingly positive — demonstrate desire to continue collaboration

Invitations to 2 more meetings

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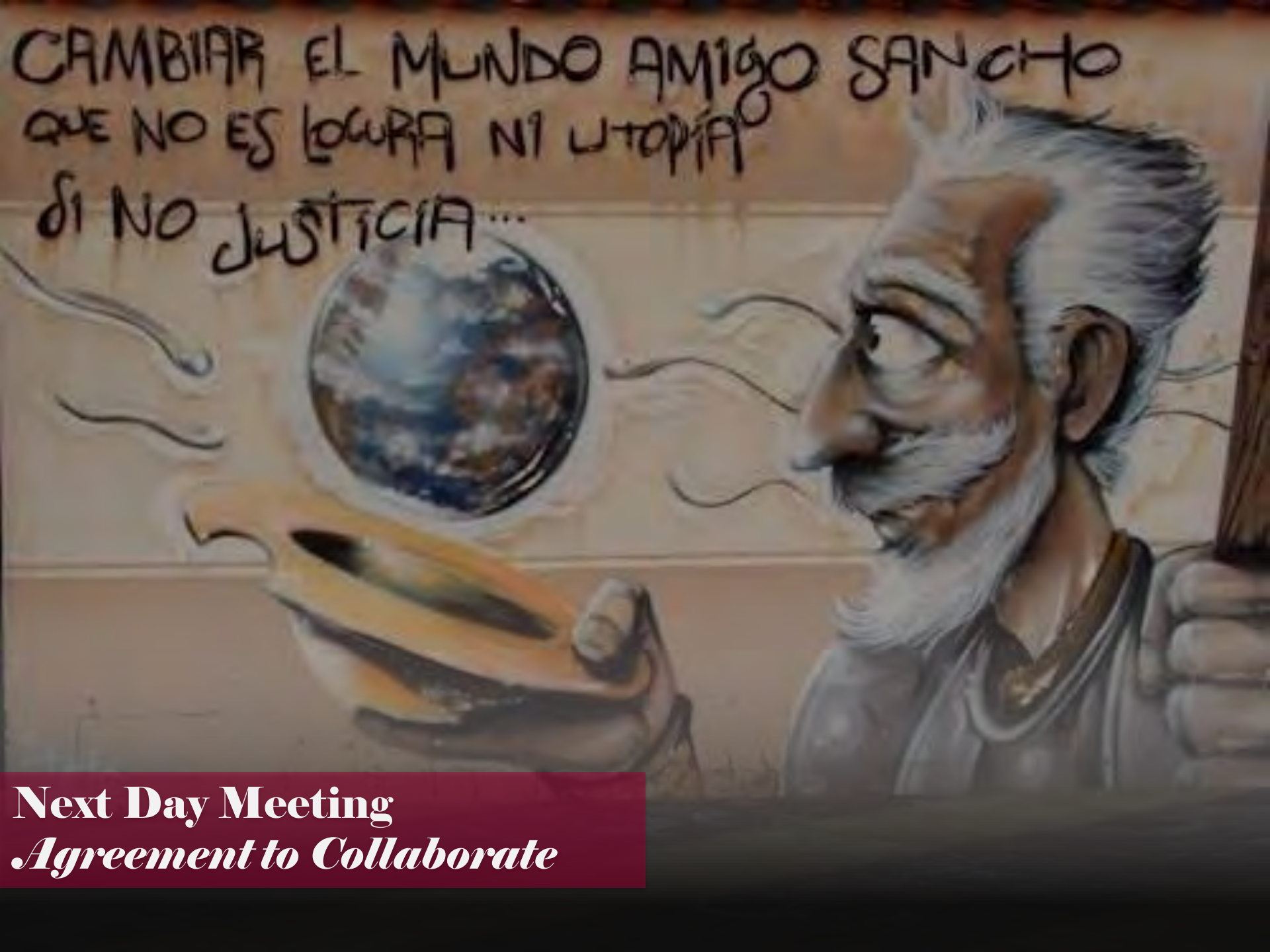

Next Day Meeting

Agreement to Collaborate

NEXT STEPS

Complete data analysis: reports & papers

Expand study – add food security, ethnicity, and immigration questions

Long-term: research → intervention → research + M&E

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