THEY ARE KILLING US

He worked for his family

NOS ESTAN MATANDO
PEACE AT STAKE

2016 Peace Agreement Implementation- A Field Case Study of the Systematic Assassination of Social Leaders in Colombia

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OVERVIEW

TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED

- Context: 2016 Peace Agreement
- Transition
- The role of social leaders
- Public opinion
- What's next?
THE 2016 PEACE AGREEMENT

- Actors
  Colombian Government and FARC
- Putting an end to 50 years of war
- Victims
- Key points
  Truth, justice, no repetition
- Goals
  "Towards a stable, long-lasting peace"
Latin America's most unequal country regarding land distribution.
THE LAND

Land = power

Triggering factor

Rural guerrillas asking for social justice

Confrontations: guerrillas, paramilitaries, militaries

8.8 MILLION VICTIMS

1 million country families have less land than a cow has
TRANSITION: FROM THE PAPER TO THE FIELD
Territorial Areas for Training and Reintegration
Changing life paths
OBSTACLES

- VACUUM OF POWER
- strategic locations
- new wave of violence
THE ROLE OF SOCIAL LEADERS

Striving for rights

Struggle for land
Indigenous people
Farmers
Leaving the illegality behind
Crop substitution
Productive projects
Human rights
Education
Healthcare
Lives are in danger --> where's the protection?
¿Cuántos han matado?

Gráfico mostrando la cantidad de líderes asesinados por año:
- 2016: 99
- 2017: 144
- 2018: 100

Imagen de una manifestación con un cartel que dice: "Nos matan porque no pueden callarnos"
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EMPATHY AND RESPECT
CLASH OF INTERESTS

462 LEADERS
From January 2016 to January 2019

3 PER WEEK

1 EX COMBATANT EVERY 4 DAYS
Nos están matando!
Líderes sociales y defensores de derechos humanos asesinados en 2018

262 asesinados en
119 municipios

Número de asesinatos
- de 6 a 10
- de 3 a 5
- de 1 a 2
GEOGRAPHICAL COMPONENT

Áreas con cultivos de coca
- Afectado por cultivos de coca
- Abandonado en los últimos 3 años
- Con riesgo de expansión del fenómeno

Rutas de narcotráfico

Zonas priorizadas para el posconflicto
Planes de Desarrollo con Enfoque Territorial (PDET)
- 16 subregiones
- 170 municipios

Zonas donde líderes sociales y defensores de derechos humanos fueron asesinados en 2018
- Sierra Nevada - Perijá - Zona bananera
- Sur de Bolívar
- Sur de Córdoba
- Sur de Tolima
- Uraba antioqueño
PUBLIC OPINION
Systematicity of assassinations

"The State's negligence can suggest systematicity"
"A single homicide is enough to turn on the alarms. A single one is inadmissible and unacceptable in any society of the world"
UNITED NATIONS
VERIFICATION MISSION TO COLOMBIA
- STATE PRESENCE
Institutions
Address the systematicity
WHAT'S NEXT?

UNACCEPTABLE

Mulltilateralism as pressure tool
CONFLICT RESOLUTION
Words and ideas rather than guns

STATE'S LEGITIMACY

HONORING COMMITMENT

ACCESS TO JUSTICE AS GUARANTEE
WE OWE THEM
THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME