Urban Violence: Building Safe and Inclusive Cities in Latin America

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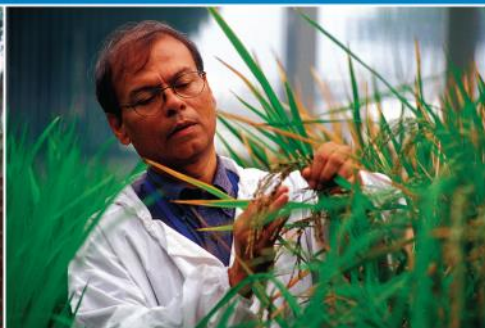Adriana Beltrán
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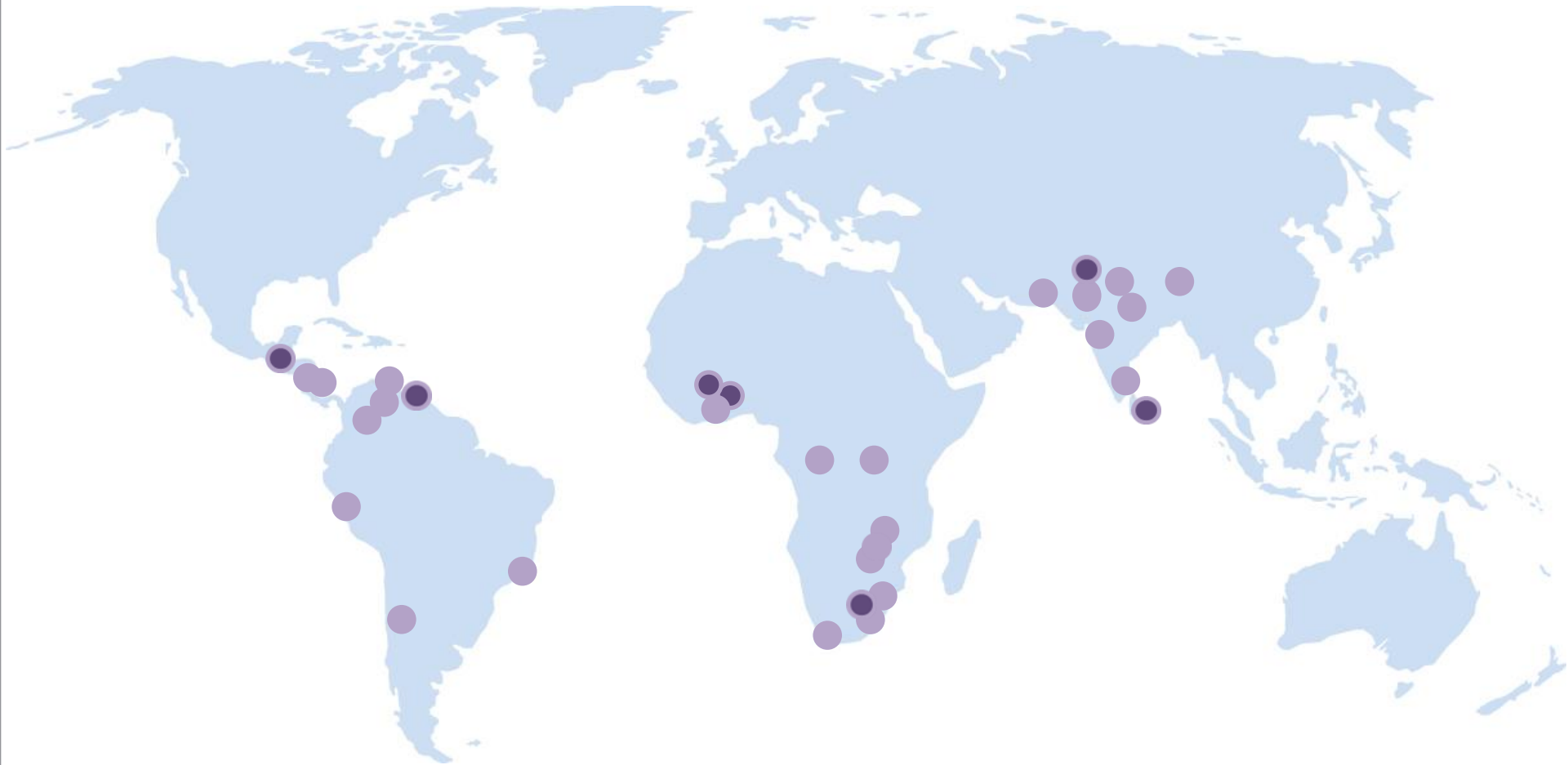
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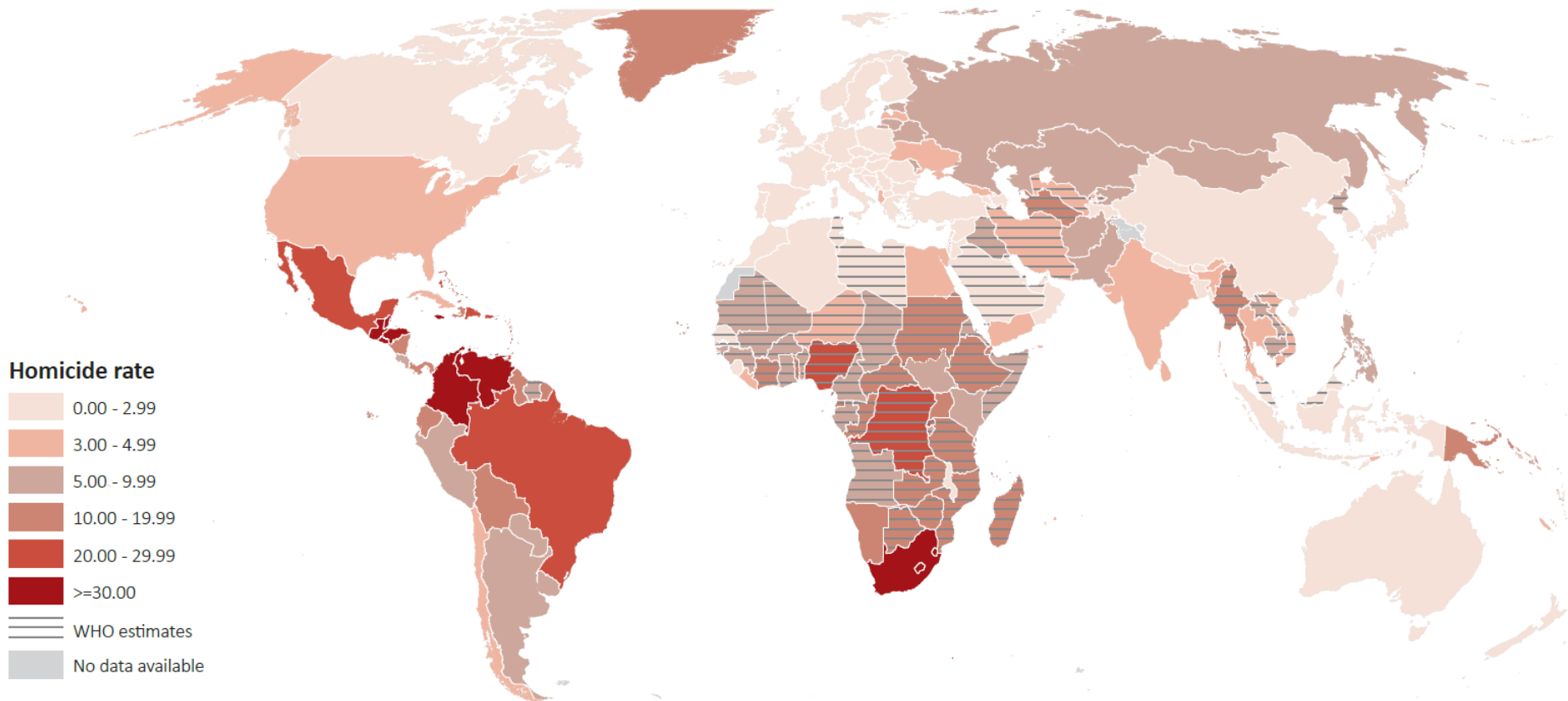Washington, DC

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Reducing urban violence, poverty, and inequalities

- $11M over 5 years (2012-17)
- 15 research teams in 40 cities

Why research urban violence?

Map 1.1: Homicide rates, by country or territory (2012 or latest year)

Homicide rate

- 0.00 - 2.99
- 3.00 - 4.99
- 5.00 - 9.99
- 10.00 - 19.99
- 20.00 - 29.99
- >=30.00
- WHO estimates
- No data available

Note: The boundaries and names shown and the designations used on this map do not imply official endorsement or acceptance by the United Nations. Dashed lines represent undetermined boundaries. The dotted line represents approximately the Line of Control in Jammu and Kashmir agreed upon by India and Pakistan. The final status of Jammu and Kashmir has not yet been agreed upon by the parties. The final boundary between the Republic of Sudan and the Republic of South Sudan has not yet been determined. A dispute exists between the Governments of Argentina and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland concerning sovereignty over the Falkland Islands (Malvinas).

Source: UNODC Homicide Statistics (2013).

SAIC in Latin America

- Venezuela
- Costa Rica, El Salvador
- Chile, Colombia, Peru
- (Brazil)

- Themes:
  - social cohesion
  - institutions
  - non-violent masculinities
  - spatial justice

Key lessons for (and from) the region

1. Effective policies need to adapt to micro-realities

2. Challenge the assumption that "communities" exist and function as a group

3. Unpack how challenges can be efficiently addressed by the state working at multiple levels and in different configurations

4. Engage with complexity and dynamism: five compelling but diverse case studies

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