



Mexico Security Review 2016: Assessing the Outlook for the Rule of Law: Violence and Crime Prevention

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Observable
characteristics of
violence and crime

1 Violence concentrates geographically.

- In 2010 only 6% of municipalities accounted for 80% of homicides (Escalante, 2011)
- In 2013 only 2 municipalities concentrated 50% of homicides in Chihuahua State (Chioda, 2013)
- Concentration of violence is parallel to other social indicators
- It's sticky. 1 homicide this year predicts .8 next one (Chioda, 2013)

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Victims and perpetrators share demographic and socio economic profile.

(Merino, 2013 and Chioda, 2013)

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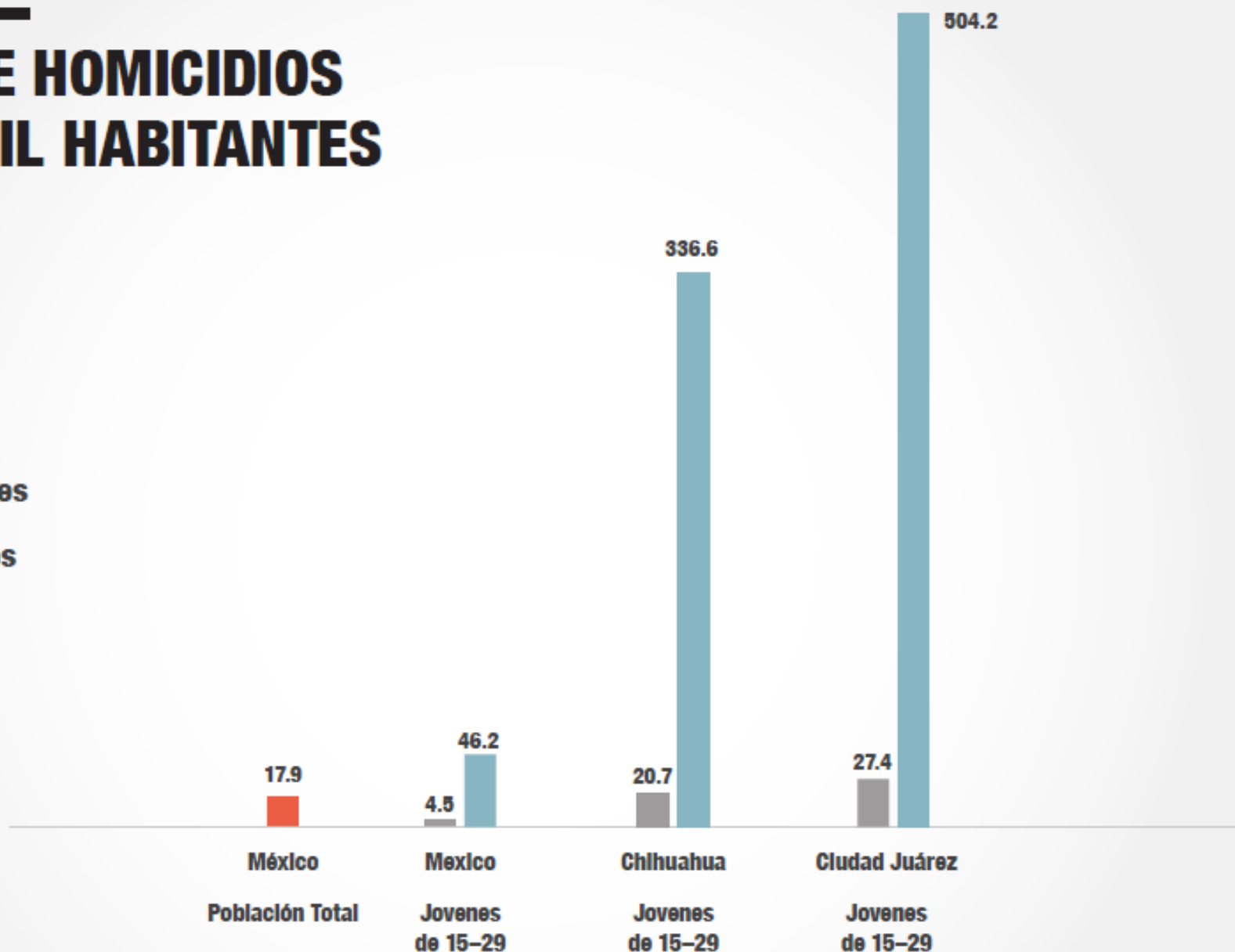


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3 Violence is driven by group dynamics



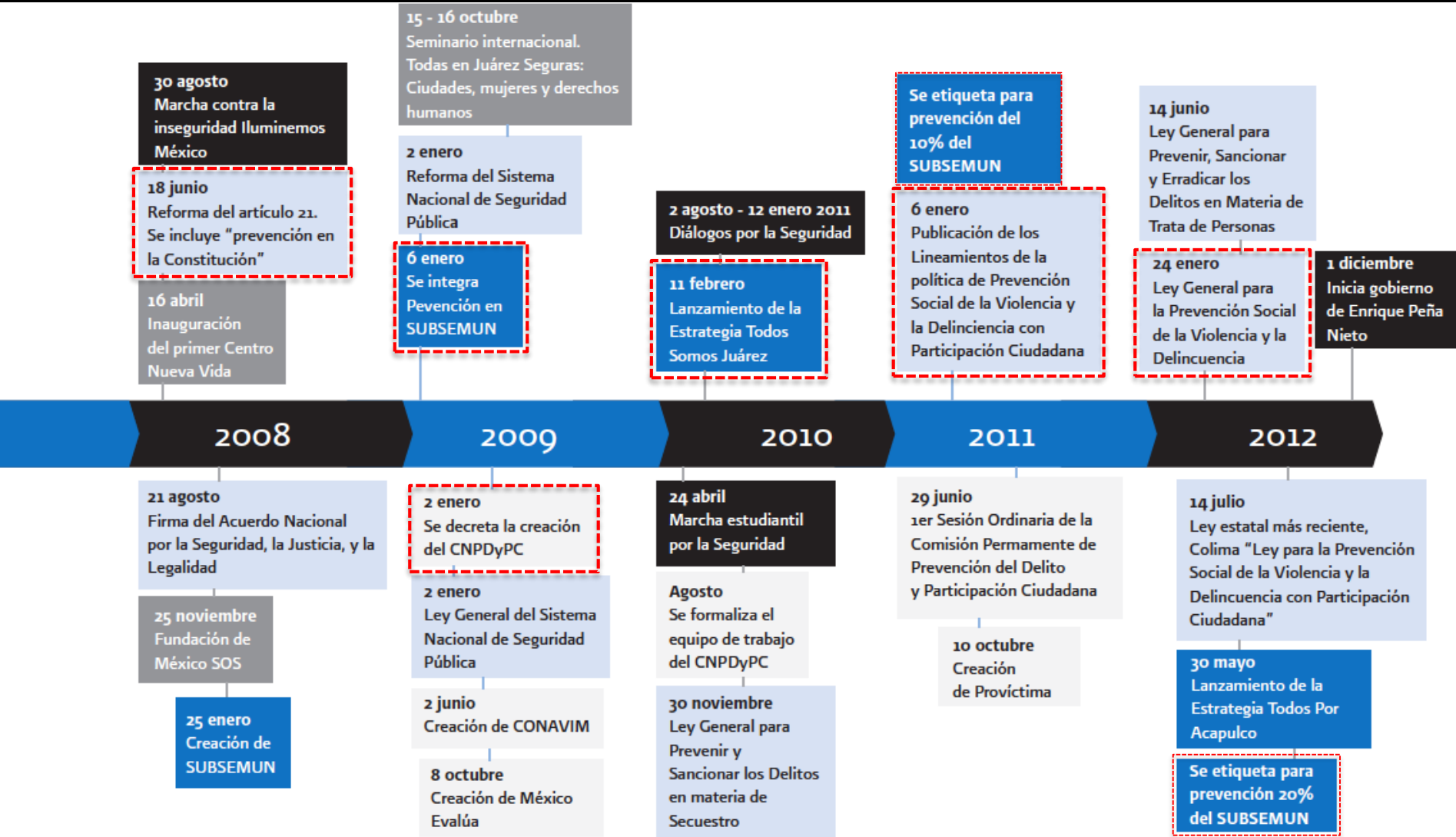
TASA DE HOMICIDIOS / 100 MIL HABITANTES 2010



1. Where we are?

2. Challenges

3. Policy recommendations



Since 2012: SUBSECRETARIA DE PREVENCIÓN DEL DELITO, PRONAPRED (120 Mo USD), ECOPRED

Challenges:

1. Lack of definition of the **problem** to address
2. Geographic and demographic **dispersion** of efforts
3. **Lack of evidence-supported** policy design and **detachment** from law enforcement and criminal justice measures
4. Institutional **weakness to deliver** (municipal governments, consultants and CSOs)
5. Too focused on root causes (primary prevention) and much less in more proximate drivers and triggers of violence (**reduction**)

Policy recommendation

1 Strategic specificity

- What type of violence or crime?
- When do we want to achieve this?
- Build a robust theory of change for it

Policy recommendation

2 Target, target, target

- Places, people, groups, behaviours, and time
- Build the tools to do so
- Prime quality of interventions over quantity (scalability still important)

Policy recommendation

3 Aim reduction first

- PREVENTION IS NOT RETROACTIVE
- Strengthen links and synergies with justice and law enforcement
- Focus on what has worked already (evidence)
- Prepare small local task teams



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