

Thinking outside the camp: urban profiling & assessment

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The problem of humanitarian evidence

Plenty of it (in some settings) ...

...But not accessible, utilizable, comparable.

What about urban settings?

The urban profiling project



Enumerators in Quito during profiling, June 2013

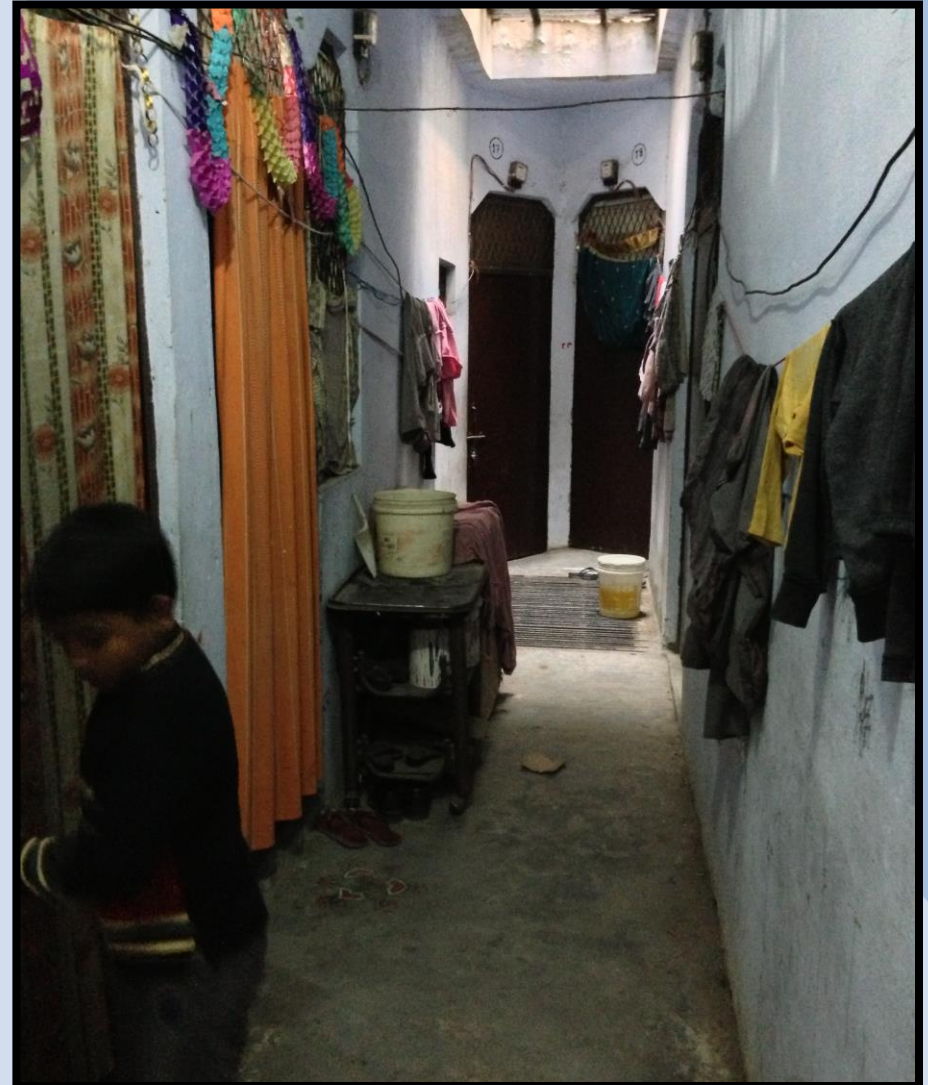
- Collaboration between JIPS, UNHCR & the Feinstein International Center
- **Delhi:** compared refugees from Myanmar, Afghanistan and Somalia, with their Indian neighbours.
- **Quito:** compared Colombians with different legal/refugee status

The urban profiling challenge

Complexity

Complex Populations → methodological problems

- Diverse backgrounds
- Diverse distribution
- Seeking invisibility
- Living arrangements
- Living locations

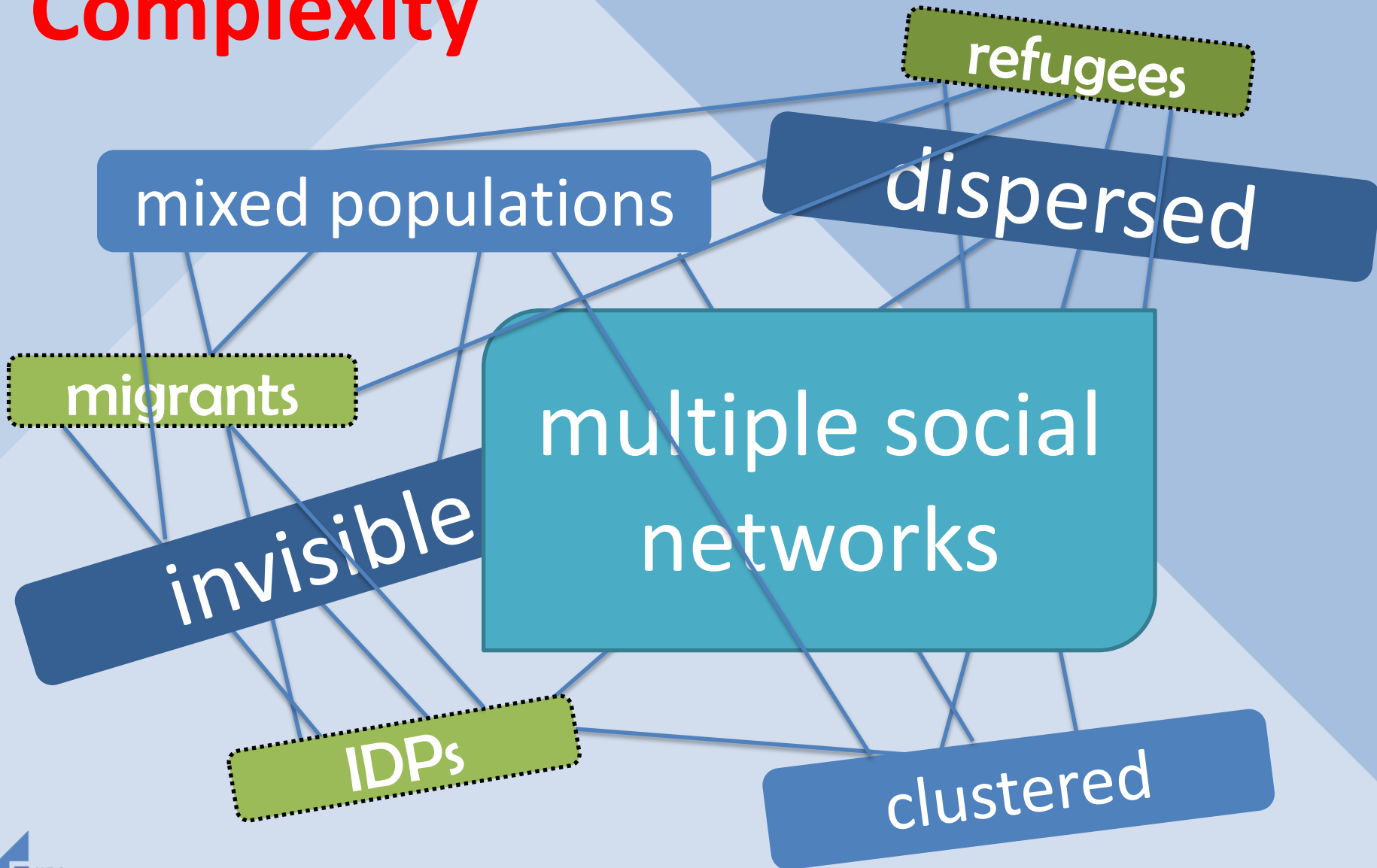


Complex Landscape → operational, logistical problems

- TRAFFIC
- City of God problem
- Decaying infrastructure
- Mobile populations
- Where to meet respondents?

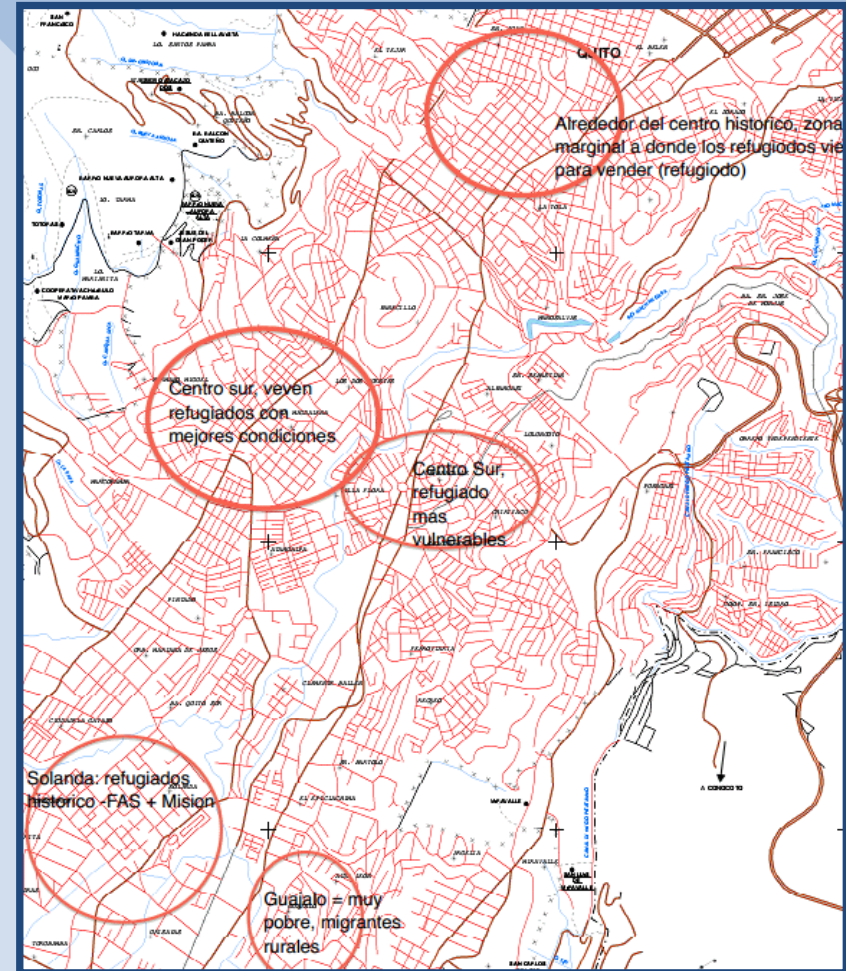


Complexity



How JIPS addresses methodological + operational challenges

- Wider stakeholder mapping
- Extensive mapping
- Diverse sampling approaches
- Creative approaches to dissemination
- Careful translation at all levels



Mapping of refugees in South Quito

Lessons from challenges: JIPS' approach works – but needs adaptation

Importance of

- **Profiling as a process**
- **Collaboration**



NEED FOR PROFILING?



ADVOCACY & LOBBYING



PROCESS MANAGEMENT



METHODOLOGY



QUESTIONNAIRES & ANALYSIS PLANS



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