

# The Inter-American Commission on Human Rights and Protection of Human Rights Defenders in Latin America

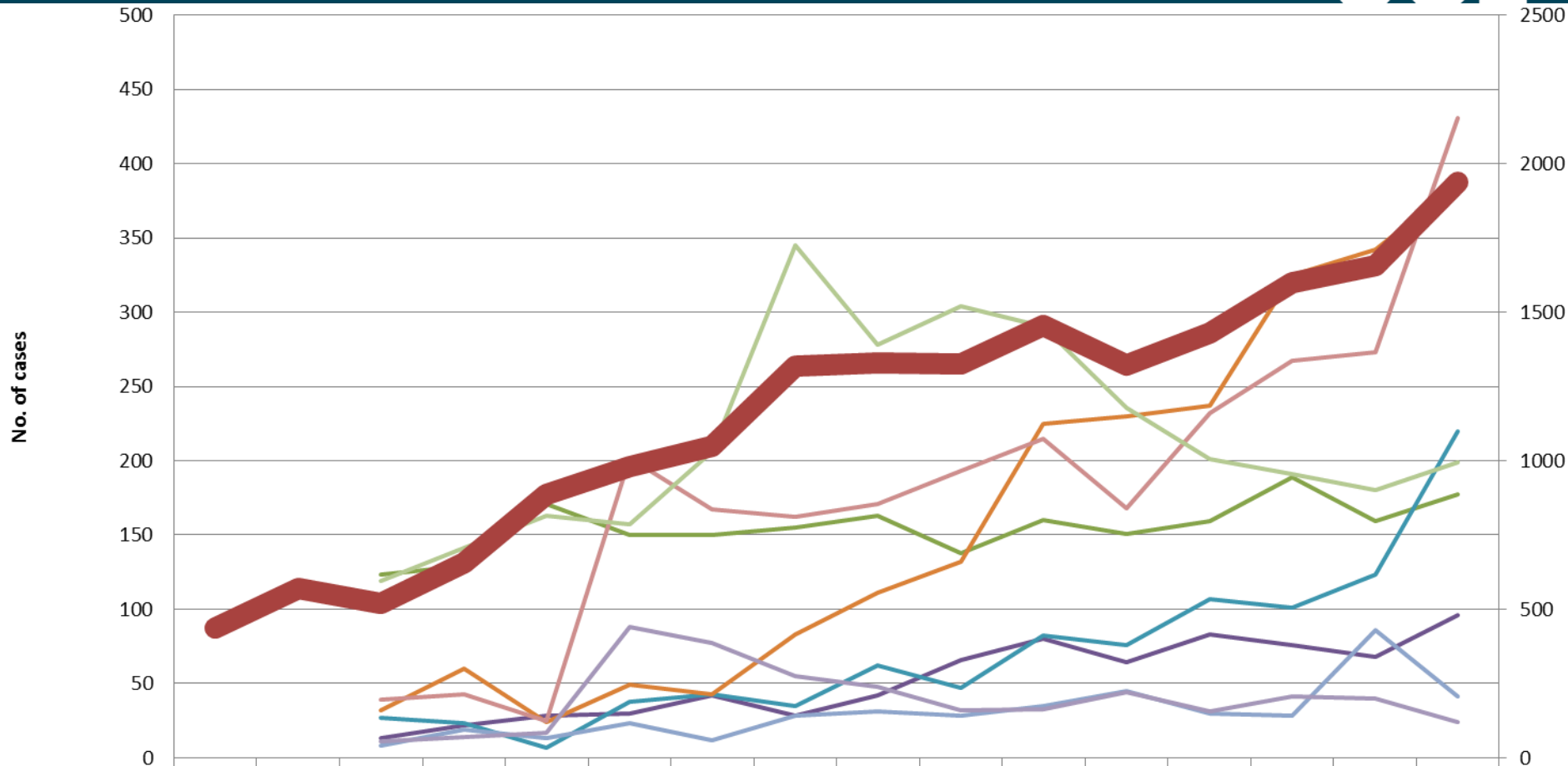
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## **Focus: Inter-American Commission on Human Rights and Precautionary Measures for HRDs**

- Why the IACHR?

# IACHR Petitions (1997-2012)



	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Argentina			123	129	171	150	150	155	163	138	160	151	159	189	159	177
Brazil			13	22	28	30	42	28	42	66	80	64	83	76	68	96
Chile			27	23	7	38	43	35	62	47	82	76	107	101	123	220
Colombia			32	60	24	49	43	83	111	132	225	230	237	325	342	386
Guatemala			8	19	13	23	12	28	31	28	35	45	30	28	86	41
Mexico			39	43	25	202	167	162	171	193	215	168	232	267	273	431
Peru			119	141	163	157	206	345	278	304	290	236	201	191	180	199
Venezuela			11	14	17	88	77	55	48	32	33	44	31	41	40	24
<b>Total</b>	<b>435</b>	<b>571</b>	<b>520</b>	<b>658</b>	<b>885</b>	<b>979</b>	<b>1050</b>	<b>1319</b>	<b>1330</b>	<b>1325</b>	<b>1456</b>	<b>1323</b>	<b>1431</b>	<b>1598</b>	<b>1658</b>	<b>1936</b>

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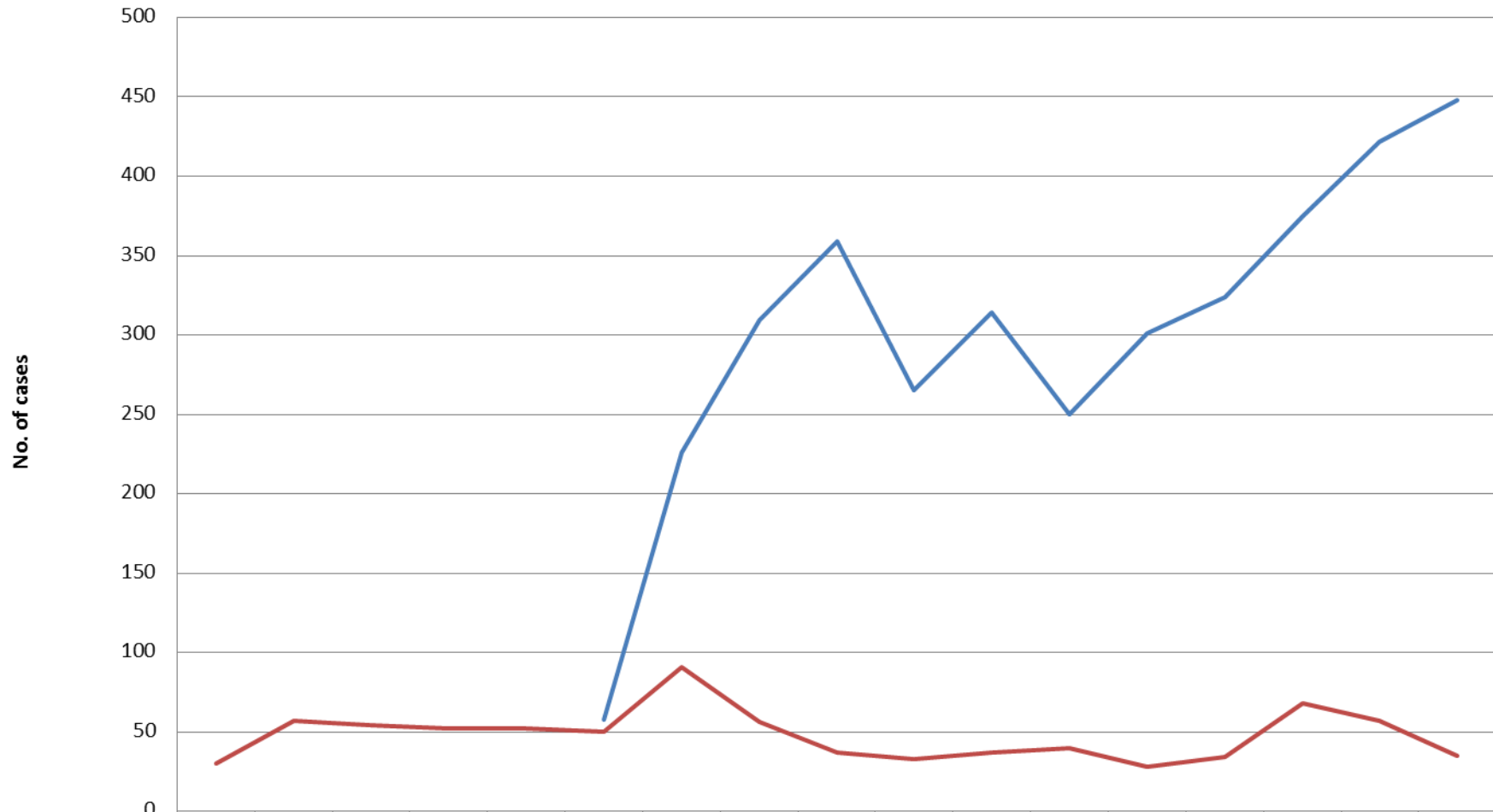
- Why the IACHR?
- What are Precautionary Measures (PMs)?
  - Interim
  - To prevent irreparable harm
  - Not exclusively designed for HRDs

## How are PMs meant to work?

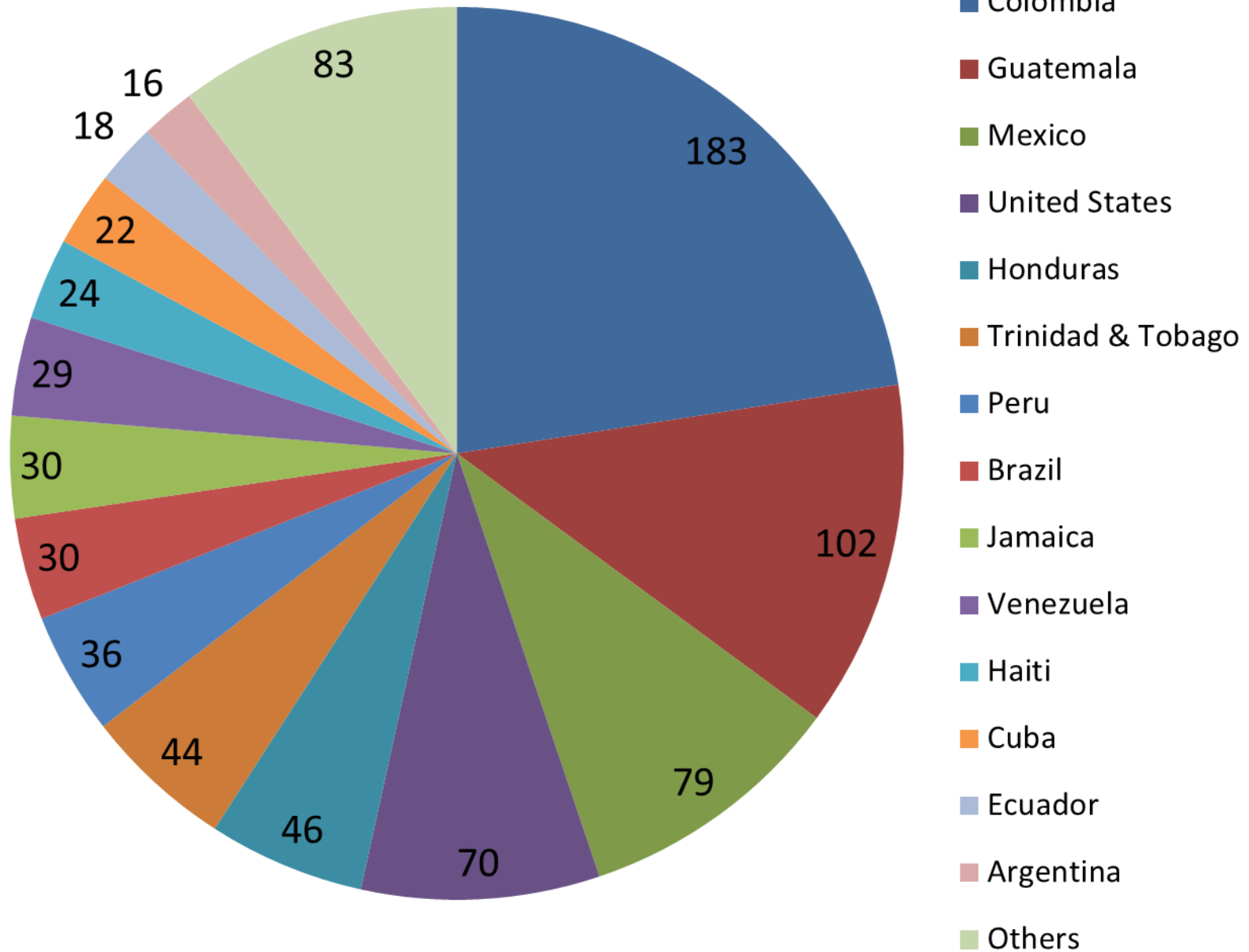
- Two key assumptions
  - IACHR intervention offers protection
  - State authorities with capacity and willingness to provide *effective* protection

## Evidence: main trends

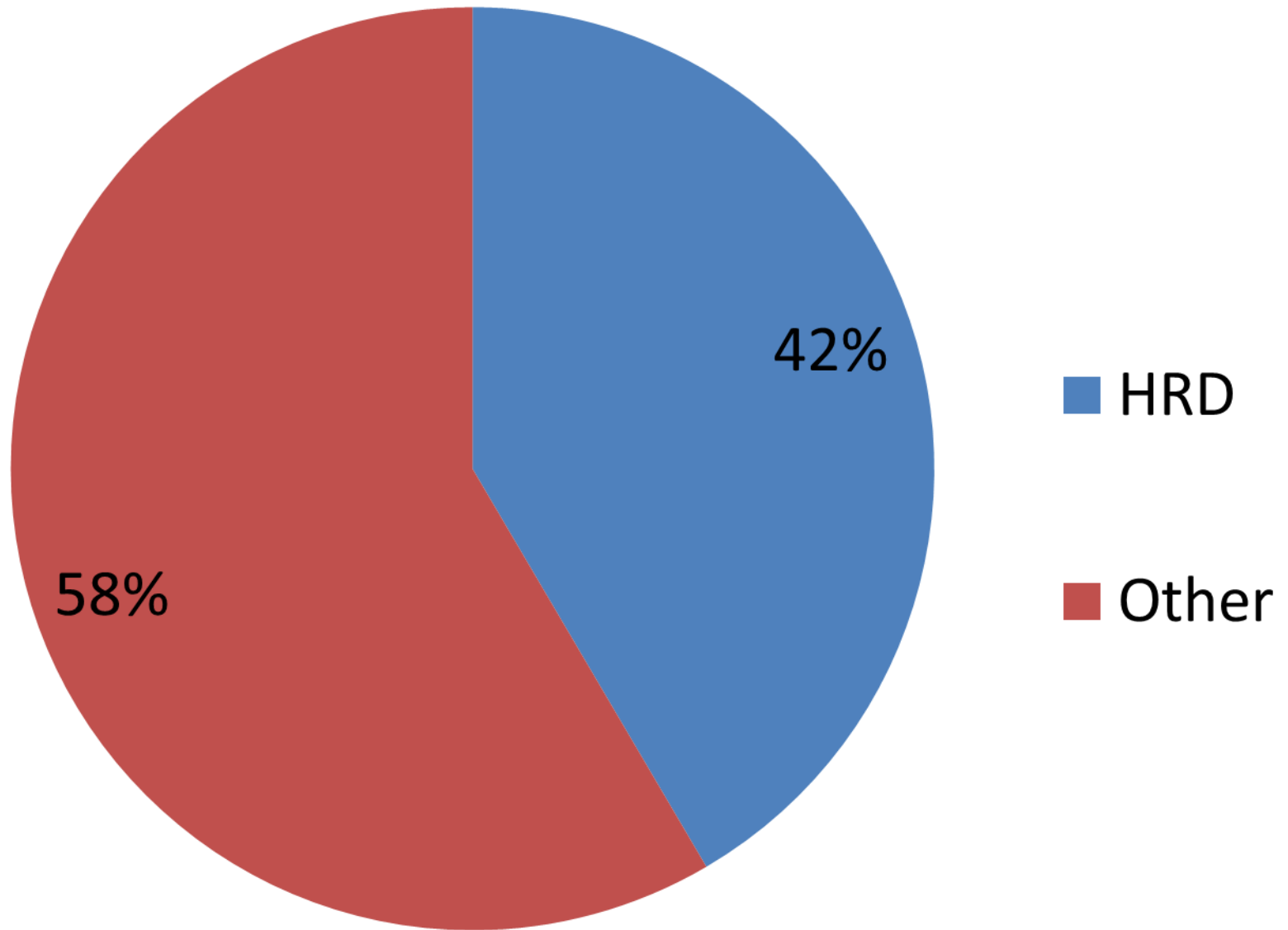
- Dataset of 811 PMs, period 1996-2012
  - Source: IACHR
- Many PMs seek to protect more than one person (e.g. groups, communities, prison populations)



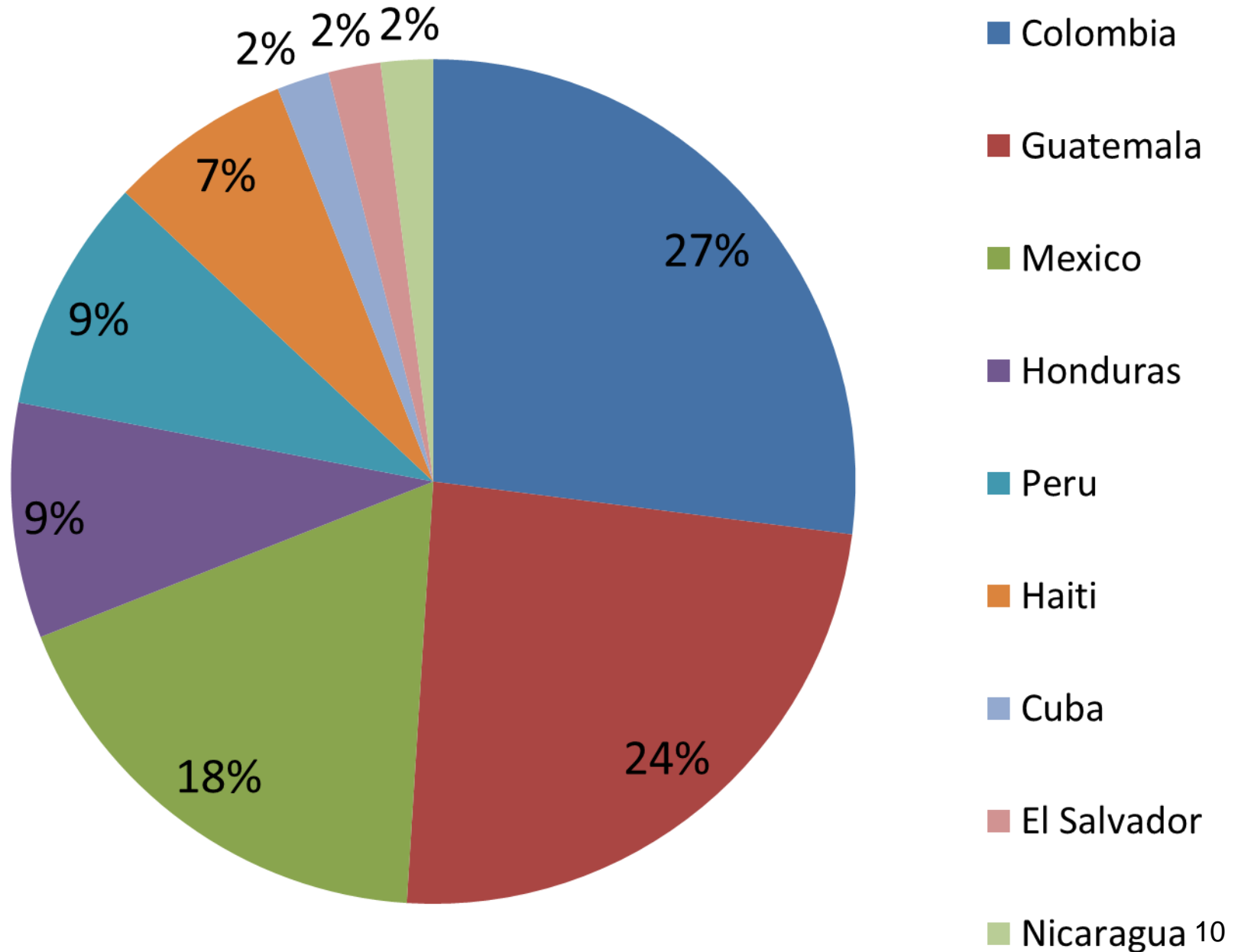
	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total requested						58	226	309	359	265	314	250	301	324	375	422	448
Total granted	30	57	54	52	52	50	91	56	37	33	37	40	28	34	68	57	35







# HRD with PMs in force 2006-2011 by country



# Evaluating effectiveness

1. Measuring against ideal
2. Counterfactuals
3. Systematic comparative analysis
  - Evaluating both how PMs are meant to work and how they *actually* work

## Next steps and feedback

- Identifying case selection criteria
- Examining possible key factors shaping effectiveness
- Methodological challenges
- Further input