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**LOCAL ILLICIT DRUGS MARKETS**  
**PROPOSAL TO REDUCE AVAILABILITY OF ILLICIT DRUGS IN COLOMBIA**

# Local illicit drugs markets

## Proposal to reduce availability of illicit drugs in Colombia

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# Problems and challenges associated to local illicit drugs markets



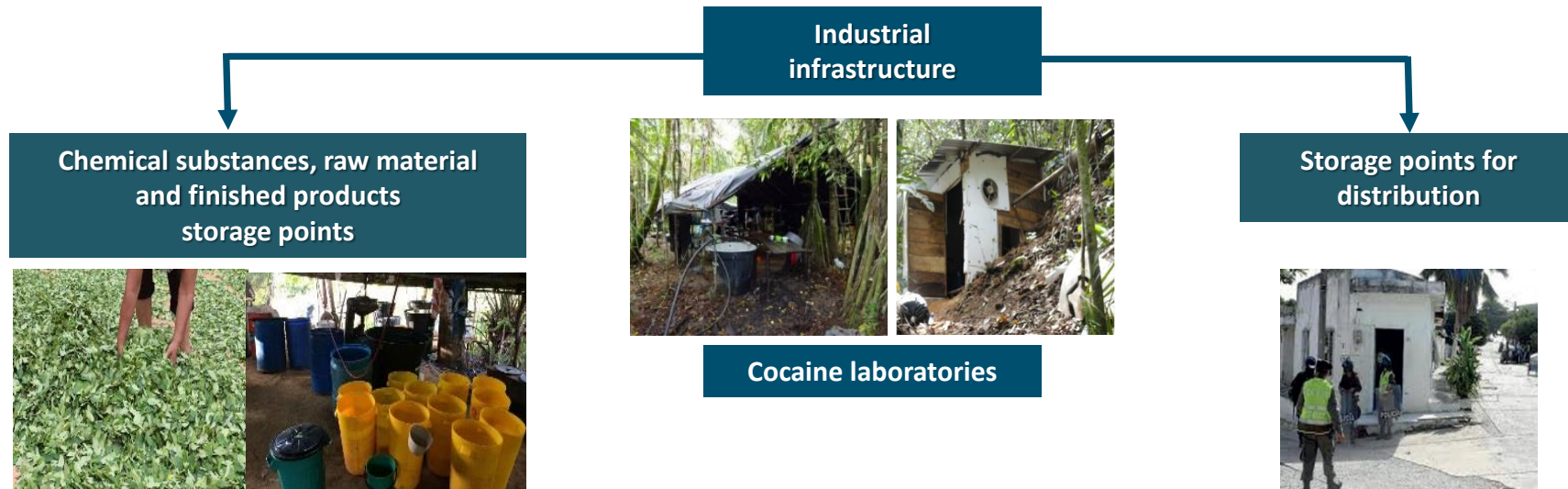
Fotografía 2: La Calle del Cartucho en 1997. Fuente: Jorge Parga.



- 3 generations have been raised among conditions of illegality and marginality.
- In the case of Bogotá, 40% of persons involved in the local market are **youngsters and children**.
- There is a large % of population detained for offenses related to trafficking of small drug quantities.
- There is a need for **strengthening control on territories by dismantling drug storage points**.
- There is a need for social inclusion and **institutional support focusing on youngsters**.

# Efforts should be directed on dismantling drug production infrastructure and storage points for local distribution

## Reducing availability of illicit drugs



# INTEGRAL MODEL OF INTERVENTION

## TERRITORIAL CONTROL

### CENTROS DE ACOPIO

Las CALETAS en zonas de producción son el primer objetivo de valor en términos de lucha contra el microtráfico.



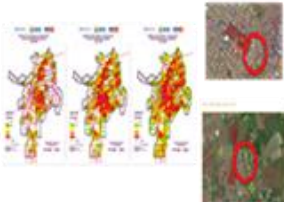
### CARRETERAS

Atacar la distribución en carreteras y puertos aéreos y terrestres son el segundo objetivo de valor en términos de lucha contra el microtráfico



### OLLAS DE COMERCIALIZACIÓN

Aumentar las capacidades para identificar, focalizar, priorizar y dismantlar zonas de expendio ("ollas") en contextos urbanos.



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## SOCIAL INTERVENTION

### FOCALIZACIÓN Y PRIORIZACIÓN DE TERRITORIOS



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### FORTALECIMIENTO COMUNITARIO

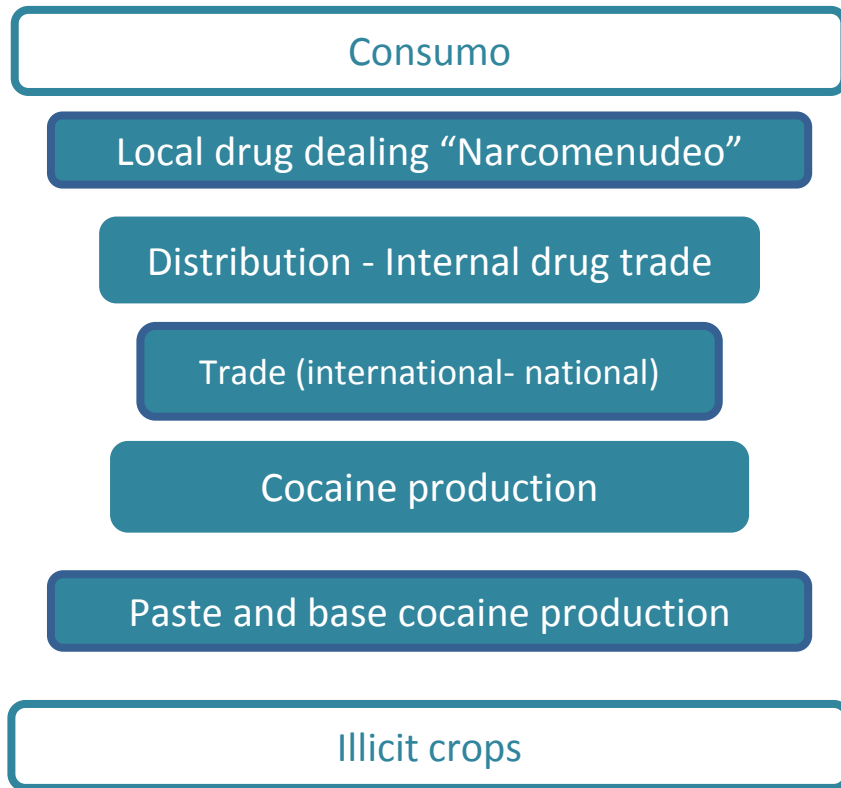


# Current drug policy approach



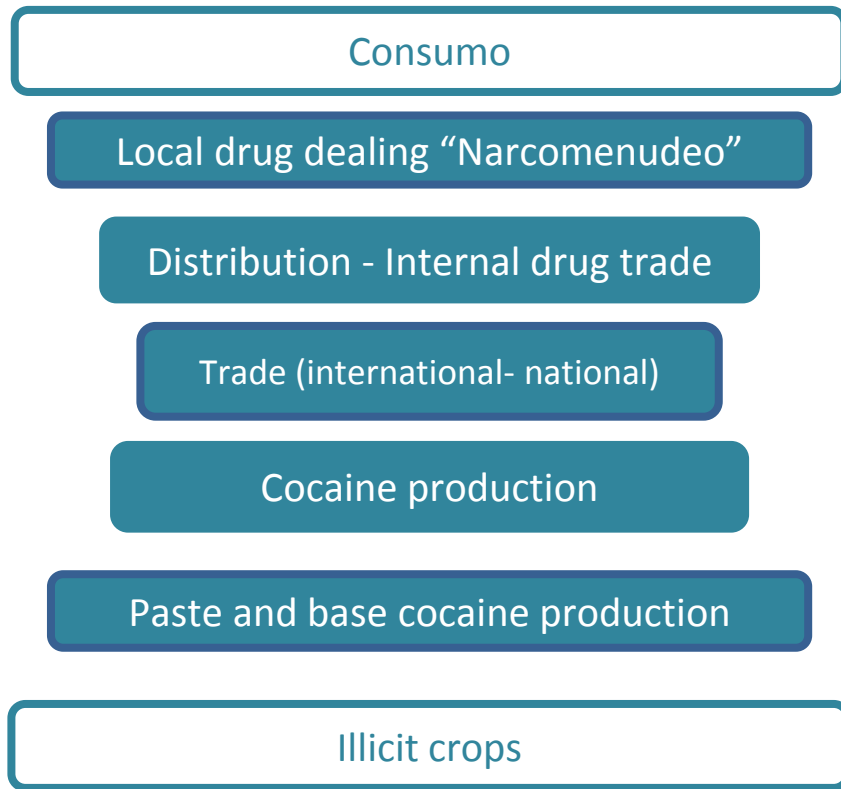
Despite relevant successes on dismantling drugs cartels and criminal organizations, efforts had been focused on **consumers** and **illicit crops**.

# Propuesta para el cambio de enfoque de la política de drogas



Targeting criminal prosecution and increasing public surveillance against criminal structures and economies (key actors on drug trade value chain)

# Propuesta para el cambio de enfoque de la política de drogas en materia de tráfico interno



Increase the efficiency and effectiveness on dismanteling structures and storage points in order to reduce drug availability



# SHORTAGE EFFECTS

The most expected effect, with no available evidence, is PRICE INCREMENT. If that occurs, some possible effects are:

## EFFECT

**Inelastic demand:** Less drug means higher prices and more incentives for production. More income and gains for producers and distributors that remained involved on drug market.

Risk of **increasement in violence** among criminal structures due to competition for remainings of local drug market and other illegal economies

Transit from big drug amounts distribution model to a little amounts model

**Storage** points Fragmentation.

**Less** drug users

**Less consumption rates** of some drugs and possible tranfer to others

Dificulties derived from withdrawal syndrome in some heavy drug users

## RESTRAINT MECHANISMS

Directing efforts to structures that remain succeeding on increasing their drug stock

Authorities (specially officials from Police surveillance) tackle down the most violent structures

None. Desired effect that contributes elevating drug costs

Police units strikes those points at local level

None. Desired effect

Early Warnings. Prevention of consumption displacement to other drugs. Care services for problematic drug users.

Immediate availability of **Health care services**. Strengthening institutional programs and actions related to: education, social inclusion, art, culture, leisure and sports

# THANK YOU



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