Cannabis regulation and fiscal policy Opportunities for human rights in Colombia

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Fiscal policy in the regulation of adult-use cannabis in Colombia

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1. Context of cannabis use/production in Colombia

673 thousand people used cannabis along the last year. This is equivalent to 1.3% of the country's population.

72% of the people who use cannabis in Colombia are located in Bogota, Cali, the coffee belt region, and Medellin.

In 2015 the market had an approximate size of between 800 million dollar and 1.6 billion dollars.
Cannabis export routes

According to the Counternacotic Police web press review (2016 to 2019).
The objectives of cannabis regulation in Colombia

I. Reduce marijuana's share of illegal rents and drug trafficking networks.
II. Take public health seriously
III. Promote the provision of social rights and rural development for communities
IV. Restorative approach
2. PRINCIPLES FOR HUMAN RIGHTS IN FISCAL POLICY

10. States must mobilize the maximum of available resources to progressively achieve the full realization of economic, social, cultural and environmental rights.

5. States must use fiscal policy to eradicate structural discrimination and promote substantive equality, integrating in a cross-cutting manner the perspectives of populations who suffer from discrimination in the design and implementation of such policies, and adopting affirmative action when necessary.
What is the model that works for Colombia?

- What actors are we being left out of the discussion? police officers, illegal groups, and grey market players.
- Regulatory framework can initially prioritize certain elements over others (low prices over the discourage of the use).
- We think this four objectives and the principles of fiscal policy are the minimum standard.
... Thanks.

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