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1. Policies that advice to provide information about the use of contraceptive methods and the 'life plan' in the context of internally displaced adolescent mothers are rather irrelevant. (chapter 2)
2. Internally displaced adolescent mothers show agency and survivorship but they consider themselves primarily as victims. (chapter 3)
3. Internally displaced adolescent mothers build their identities as an accumulation of – often stigmatizing–experiences as 'women', 'adolescent mothers', 'victims', and 'displaced'. (chapter 4)
4. The way in which professionals construct internally displaced adolescent mothers and themselves simultaneously as heroes and as villains, influences how they use their discretionary space. (chapter 5)
5. Many policies for vulnerable populations in Colombia do not take in to account the voices of the target population. (Anastas, 2019)
6. Anthropology should be a key element in any medical curriculum, as an anthropological perspective goes beyond medical, statistical and epidemiological perspectives to understand major health issues (chronic diseases, mental health, infectious diseases, etc.) (Lock, 2010; Kleinman, 1995)
7. While Colombia is still dealing with internally displacement due to armed conflict, receiving 1.4 million Venezuelan migrants (UNHCR, United Nations Refugee Agency) is a major challenge.
8. The use of research methodologies such as workshops involving activities like painting, writing, writing on the wall, clay, singing, or role-playing, permits mutual engagement between a researcher and participants, and between participants. It constitutes an opportunity of 'valorization while doing'.
9. 'El gato no es como lo pintan'. The cat is not how they paint it. (Popular saying).
10. Colombia is not about violence and drugs but about Coffee, bananas, biodiversity, soccer players, bikers who win, fat draws and One Hundred Years of Solitude.
11. "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." (Exodus 33:14)