



29 September 2014 – When fighting erupted between rival armed groups in her village in western Colombia’s Valle de Cauca province in 2001, Benedicia Benancia and her seven young children fled by boat. “We had to escape the gunfire around us. It was immediate. We ran for our lives”, [she recalled](#) .

Benedicia is one of over 50 million people have been forcibly displaced around the world. In total, there are more displaced people today than after the Second World War. Yet, rather than let her circumstances bring her down, Benedicia joined [the Butterflies](#) .

