USAID’s “Juntos para la Prevención de la Violencia” Activity

**Objective**
The Juntos para la Prevención de la Violencia Activity of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) contributes to the reduction of violence and crime through the strengthening of capacities for adaptation and implementation of local prevention systems by:

1. Supporting the Mexican Federal Government in the improvement of the national policy of violence and crime prevention.
2. Improving the performance of the actors that are part of the local systems.
3. Assisting the local systems in the development and implementation of evidence-based prevention policy.

**Sustainable Approach to Local Systems**

**Strategy of Local Prevention Systems**
A Local Prevention System is comprised by interconnected actors, who belong to the public sector, academia, civil society and the private sector and work in collaboration to reduce violence and crime. The indicators of violence and crime reduction focus on an improvement in the perception of security, greater citizen participation, and coordination among local actors.

USAID works in 6 Local Prevention Systems, using a strategy of sustainability that empowers and partners with established and strategic actors in each location:

- Tijuana
- Juarez
- Chihuahua
- ZM Monterrey
- ZM Guadalajara
- Morelia

This initiative works with at-risk youth, the most vulnerable population to be victims or perpetrators of crimes.

**Anchor organization**
The anchor organization brings members of the Local Prevention System together around an objective or a common agenda. It takes into account the roles, relations, resources, the operating rules and the results the system generates.

**Strategic actor**
The strategic actor uses the following tools to strengthen the capacities and functions of system’s members: Governmental Organizations Performance Index (GOPI), Organization Performance Index (OPI) and Good Practices Scale (EBP per its Spanish initials).
Results accumulated at the end of the 3rd year of implementation:

- **6** USAID-supported recommendations have benefited prevention policy.
- **1,042** trained actors (government, civil society, academia and the private sector).
- **187** government agencies have received prevention training.
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- **3** local agendas of crime and violence prevention were developed.
- **23** multi-sector alliances were forged.
- **25** violence and crime prevention initiatives were supported.
- **1,137** people have been benefited by these prevention initiatives.
- **19** technical prevention assistance activities financed by local actors.
- **94.4 MDP** were invested by public and private actors in USAID-supported prevention initiatives.
- **12** research initiatives that documented and systematized evidence were developed.

**Technical Offer**

- **TRAINING**
  - Strengthening institutional and evidence generation capacities.
  - Government
  - Civil Society

- **TOOLS**
  - Strengthening institutional capacities and policy development.
  - GOPI
  - OPI
  - EBP
  - YTT (Youth Targeting Tool)

- **SOLUTIONS**
  - Evidence-based violence prevention.
  - At-risk youth
    - Therapeutic components
    - Generation of opportunities
    - Social reintegration
    - Crime prevention through environmental design
  - Institutional Improvement
    - Civic Justice System
  - Gender-based violence
    - Domestic violence
    - Sexual violence

**Strengthening institutional and evidence generation capacities.**

**Strengthening institutional capacities and policy development.**

**Evidence-based violence prevention.**

**TRAINING TOOLS SOLUTIONS**