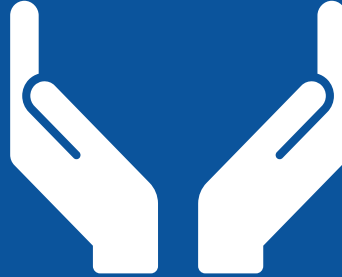


VIOLENCE PREVENTION

A WORTHWHILE ALTERNATIVE FOR VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE



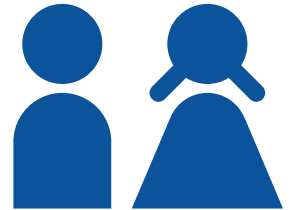
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ONE OF THE MOST RENOWNED CANADIAN ORGANIZATIONS IN INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, HAS BEEN WORKING IN AFRICA, THE AMERICAS AND ASIA SINCE 1958.



REALITY

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND ORGANIZED CRIME INVOLVING YOUTH ARE OF PARTICULAR GROWING CONCERN IN TERMS OF SAFETY IN CENTRAL AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN ISLANDS. URBAN CRIME, INCLUDING HUMAN TRAFFICKING, DRUGS, WEAPONS, HIGH CORRUPTION AND HOMICIDE RATES, AND VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN HAVE STYMIED DEVELOPMENT FOR INDIVIDUALS AND COMMUNITIES ALIKE, IMPACTING PROSPERITY AT THE STATE LEVEL.

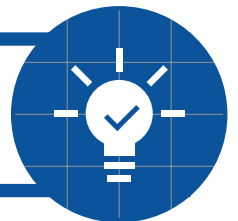


Since I received training and the proper tools, I have become a baker with my wife. I am happy and can also give advice to young people on how to stay busy and productive. I was the first to start this project and I am still on the right path.



Miguel Rivera,
professional training attendee,
La Chacra, San Salvador

REACTION



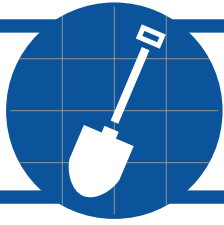
Once it determines the factors that trap people in a cycle of violence, CECI takes action to end that cycle. We believe that change begins with 1) better understanding of causes related to human security, and 2) increased awareness on the part of individuals, groups, and organizations about issues that compromise safety.

We believe that reducing violence requires people, organizations and state services to take a vested interest in cultivating a desire to change social and conflict resolution structures.

FOR EVERY SHARED PROBLEM, THERE IS A SHARED SOLUTION.

THE KEY TO THE SUCCESS OF CECI

and its partners lies in a preventative, action-oriented approach to violence, especially one that promotes the economic empowerment of youth, girls and women and that involves actions to educate and support authorities and justice systems.



ACTIONS

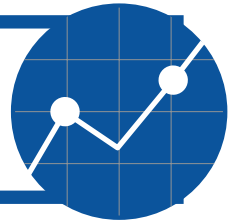
For nearly 20 years, we have involved entire communities to better prevent violence against women and violence involving criminal youth gangs. Our actions may include improving police stations, improving the handling of violence, and even implementing sports infrastructures to motivate youth to get out of street gangs. We are always driven by a desire to get people interested in working together with the common goal of reducing crime and violence.

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PROJECT TO STRENGTHEN INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITIES FOR PREVENTING CRIME BY OBSERVING SYSTEM INTEGRATION AND THE SAFETY OF DEMOCRACY IN CENTRAL AMERICA This initiative was staggered out over three years and operated on a \$ 1,8 million budget. It consisted of creating an observatory for developing and building the capacities of civil society organizations and member states. Thanks to the compiled statistics placed on online observatory platforms, these organizations and member states now have a greater understanding of the complex problem of violence, especially illegal immigration and arms trafficking. The platform also helps us to support prevention, intervention, better safety reforms, and promotion of greater human security.

700 WORKERS

IMPROVED THEIR ABILITY TO WORK TOGETHER AND NOW HAVE ACCESS TO A THOROUGH ANALYSIS OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPROVING PREVENTION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND VIOLENCE INVOLVING YOUTH GANGS.



ACHIEVEMENTS

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PROJECT FOR THE PREVENTION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS

Violence, particularly domestic and sexual violence against women and



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girls, is widespread throughout Central America. This 14-month project operating on a \$1.2 million budget made safety and justice systems more accessible and efficient and increased the ability of institutions as well as local, national, and regional organizations to take action. It also facilitated better coordination of prevention, awareness, training, and support interventions for victims of violence.

9,000 WOMEN

BENEFITTED FROM IMPROVED CONDITIONS.

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VIOLENCE AND CRIME PREVENTION PROJECTS

Both of these four-year projects, operating on budgets of \$3.2 million and \$1.44 million respectively, resulted in the implementation of community crime pre-



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vention programs. These initiatives were compatible with local development and governance activities and based on a citizen safety approach. They included a wide range of preventative measures targeting at-risk youth and women, about 50 local organizations, the police, small business, families and schools.

A SIGNIFICANT REDUCTION OF VIOLENCE AND CRIMINAL ACTIVITY AMONG

3000 BENEFICIARIES. 60% OF WHOM WERE WOMEN.

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