What actions now by FBOs will halve violent crime by 2030:
Science and Secrets of Ending Violent Crime

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Role of Faith Based Organizations Globally

• UN Charter has led to agreements at the UNGA on prisons as rehabilitation, ending torture, treating Young offenders fairly, rights for Victims of crime and abuse of power, and more recently Prevention.

• The evidence shows most effective and cost effective way to deal with crime is Prevention. Ending violent crime reduces need for prisons, punishment and much more.

• A key role for FBOs is to:
  • share the evidence on Prevention,
  • encourage governments to prevent more and punish less, and
  • encourage FBO actions to reach out to persons at risk of committing violent crime

• The 2030 Agenda provides a lightning rod for action but requires support for it to achieve its objectives of saving lives, trauma and overuse of punishment.
Tragic Consequences of Ignoring Science/Data, Success and smart buy in

- **500,000 (US 16,000)**
  - Globally 475,000 victims of homicide each year - primarily young men - many more deaths than armed conflict and terrorism combined (UNODC 2019)

- **25,000,000 (US 1.2 million)**
  - Globally twenty five million or more women are raped each year, 1 in 3 lifetime, extrapolating from CDC Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey, (CDC 2011; Waller 2019)

- **1,000,000,000 (US 50,000)**
  - Globally one billion children and youth have suffered physical, sexual or psychological violence in the past year (WHO 2016).

- **$7 Trillion (7,000,000,000,000) (US Half trillion)**
  - Globally violent crime costs lives lost, persons injured and traumatized, lost GDP, corrupted criminal justice and failed democracy ...
  - 60% internal security, 20% homicide, 5% violent crime, 12% private security ... (Cities for Peace, 2019)
Science and Secrets of Ending Violent Crime provides proof and ways that crime reduction targets can be reached and secrets to get sustained buy-in

- **Solid Science of Violence Prevention**
  - What is solid basis
  - What has been effective in tackling risk factors
  - What is cost effective

- **What are essentials for implementation**
  - UN agreed essentials
  - Government short term success but return to more of same
  - Successful cities plan, using adequate and sustained funding

- **Secrets of getting buy in**
  - Cost effective and saves money
  - Affordable and popular
  - Advocate groups are succeeding to focus on Violence reduction
Today, we have “solid violence prevention science” on what is effective and cost-effective, easily accessible from government sources and national academies, but we are not using it.
Solid science identifies actions that have been more effective and cost effective than criminal Justice in preventing crime before it happens, including with young men, families, jobs, (sports), proactive policing, diversion, protecting potential victims, restorative justice.

Examples of solutions proven effective at 50% better than criminal justice:

- Youth inclusion outreach workers (e.g. YIP)
- Youth decisions (e.g. SNAP, life skills, 4th R)
- Family support and early childhood (e.g. MST, PPP)
- Health sector (e.g. Emergency room outreach)
- Changing male norms
- Police proactive partnerships
UN ECOSOC, Habitat and WHO Agree on 7 Essentials:
Successful cities follow them – National failures do not

Essentials for implementation and sustained success
1. Crime prevention boards;
2. Mobilising key sectors;
3. Diagnosis, planning, implementation and evaluation;
4. Applying prevention science;
5. Training of human talent;
6. Public engagement;
7. Adequate and sustained funding.

• Too many cities in US and Americas are facing epidemic levels of violent crime by ignoring science and successes, such as ...
• Bogota, Medellin and Recife are examples of reductions of more than 50%.
• Boston reduced gun violence by 60% in 1990’s but did not sustain success and reinvented strategy in the 2000s – several cities such as Oakland, Richmond, Stockton, imitated;
• Glasgow achieved a 50% reduction within 3 years of completing their diagnosis and plan and sustained further reductions – London adopting the unit and planning.
Adequate & sustained funding
- All orders of government combine for
- Funding for targeted programs
  - Equivalent to 10% of CJS
- Funding for crime prevention board, training, data
  - per citizen $1 or minimum cost of cup of coffee
- Public wants prevention

Prevention is Affordable
- Ten percent rule for investment
- An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure
- Saves unsustainable increases in expenditures on CJS
  - Prevention is Achievable
- Public wants prevention (violence stopped)
- Public wants social development solutions not CJS
- Victims of violence want prevention

Funding is affordable and achievable to achieve 50% better than standard CJS
Benefits of 50% reduction in violent crime are both lives saved but also economic and governance

**BENEFITS**
- 50% fewer victims & significant reduction in harm to victims within 5 to 10 yrs
- Reduction in corruption and failure of democracy
- Moderating costs of response and criminal justice
- Economic improvements in GDP and investments in community well-being

**Lives Saved Per Year**
- 250,000 (US 8,000) saved
- 12 million (US 500,000) fewer women raped
- 500 million (US 20 million) fewer childen victims of violence

**Economic Benefits per Year**
- 2% of global GDP (US $60 billion)
- *After smart investment of 10% equivalent of CJS)*
- Investment in futures of young men and women
Decisive actions to be implemented now to achieve 50% reduction in violent crimes before 2030?

Legislate national violence prevention center to:

1. Encourage civil society, FBOs, and mothers to foster transformations
2. Increase awareness about the evidence that the most effective and cost effective way to combat violence is prevention
3. Establish violence prevention boards
   1. Train human talent to achieve local and national plans to implement effective actions;
   2. Develop national and local violence prevention plans, using community safety maps, and mobilising key sectors able to tackle problems;
4. Identify goals for the reduction in the SDG logic of measuring indicators in 2020, set goals for 2025 and 2030, and plan the necessary transformation into policies and programs;
5. Sustained investment in proven programs that is proportional to loss of GDP and lives (and equate with increases to CJS)
Become part of International Movement to Accelerate Decisive Action Now on 2030 SDG Agenda to Reduce Violence by 50%

- Reducing Violent Crime in Latin America (Oct, 2019)
  - best practice reduce violent crime with senior government and city representatives from 17 countries, organized by UN Institute on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (ILANUD) in Costa Rica.

- The Peace in Our Cities campaign (Sept, 2019)
  - seeks to galvanize a movement of sub-national authorities, targeted thematic partners people, mayors, and city governments to halve and transform urban violence by 2030.

- Mobilising Faith Based Organizations (Nov, 2019)
  - Initiative to mobilise FBO to advance crime prevention action on SDG 16 at 75th anniversary of the signing of the UN Universal Declaration of Human Rights, San Francisco Cathedral

- UN system-wide Guidelines on Safer Cities and Human Settlements: (Dec, 2019)
  - UN Habitat Expert Governmental Meeting including Guadalajara strategy

- UN Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (April 2020):
  - “Advancing crime prevention, criminal justice and the rule of law: towards the achievement of the 2030 Agenda”; FBO events at 14th UNODC Congress

- European Forum on Urban Safety (October, 2020)
  - Exchange of best practice and evidence, Nice, France
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