Youth are strategic actors in their role as victims and victimizers.

**Description**

It is a model for the prevention of violence and criminal recidivism that operates through a network between civil society, companies and the government. Through this articulation we provide care to young people in conflict with the law. The program develops skills in young people through therapeutic care, access to education, employment and other services for their development. From this form we consolidate a cost-efficient public policy for the prevention of violence and recidivism, based on scientific evidence and with results in the short term.

**Aim**

Provide highly specialized therapeutic care and development opportunities to 1,000 young people (men and women between 15 and 29 years of age) on parole. In the states of Jalisco, Chihuahua and Nuevo Leon, during the next 3 years; in order to prevent around 10,000 crimes and consolidate a replicable, cost-efficient public policy model based on rigorous scientific evidence to support it.

**Methodology**

1) **Strengthening of individual capacities: Individual Capital**

Through the program, emotional self-regulation skills are developed through a specialized Mindfulness protocol based on scientific evidence. In addition, a life plan is offered for each young person and support to access to their basic rights: education, training for work, employment, among other services.
Only in 2018

8.25 million crimes were executed by persons under 25 years of age; official figures show that young people between the ages of 15 and 29 also represent the highest number of victims.

2) Strengthening collaborative capacities to prevent violence: Social Capital

We have and daily strengthen a multisectoral collaboration network that involves government, companies and civil society organizations; aimed at generating the ideal psychosocial conditions for the reduction of criminal recidivism of the young participants. In this line, we have developed public policy models, worktables, inter-institutional intervention systems and collaborative software to enable them to use their resources in an effective way.

3) Scientific Evidence

The program collaborates with the best specialists and universities to generate useful and applicable knowledge on strategies for reducing violence in young people. Thus, each part of the program has research models that constantly adjust, re-design and generate evidence, with a high level of rigor, of the impact on each strategy.

Partners and allies

Currently the project collaborates and articulates more than 100 institutions from both the public and private initiative and civil society. It is funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and a network of prominent entrepreneurs. Likewise, more than 60 local government institutions, 20 municipalities, 15 civil society organizations participate; in addition to the Universities of Guadalajara and New York Steinhardt.

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