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In War as in Peace:
Youth Violence – A Challenge for International Co-operation
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Comprehensive public health strategies

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**In war as in peace: Youth violence –
A challenge for international cooperation
Loccum, Germany, 14-16 Nov. 2007**

Panel: non-war constellation: urbanization, social change and exclusion

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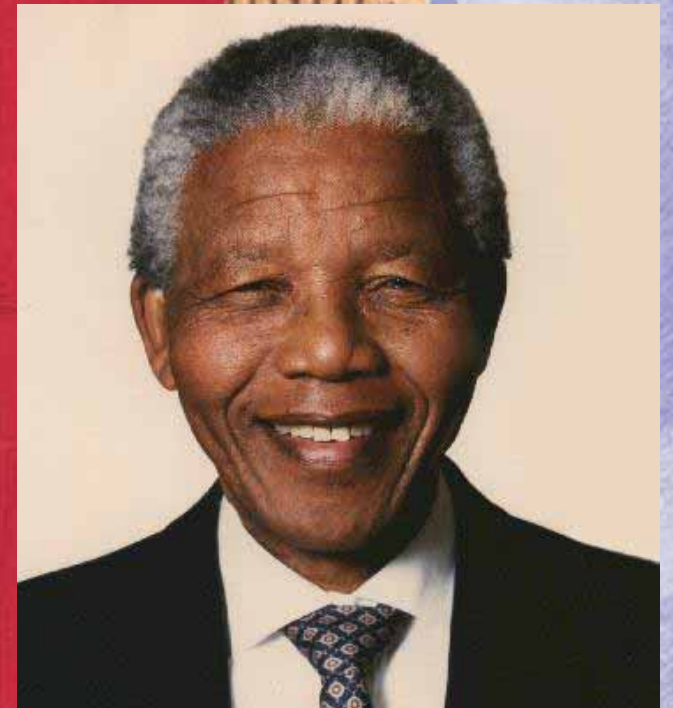


PAHO - WHO



“We must address the roots of violence. Only then will we transform the past century’s legacy from a crushing burden into a cautionary lesson.”

***Nelson Mandela,
foreword to the
World Report on Violence
and Health***

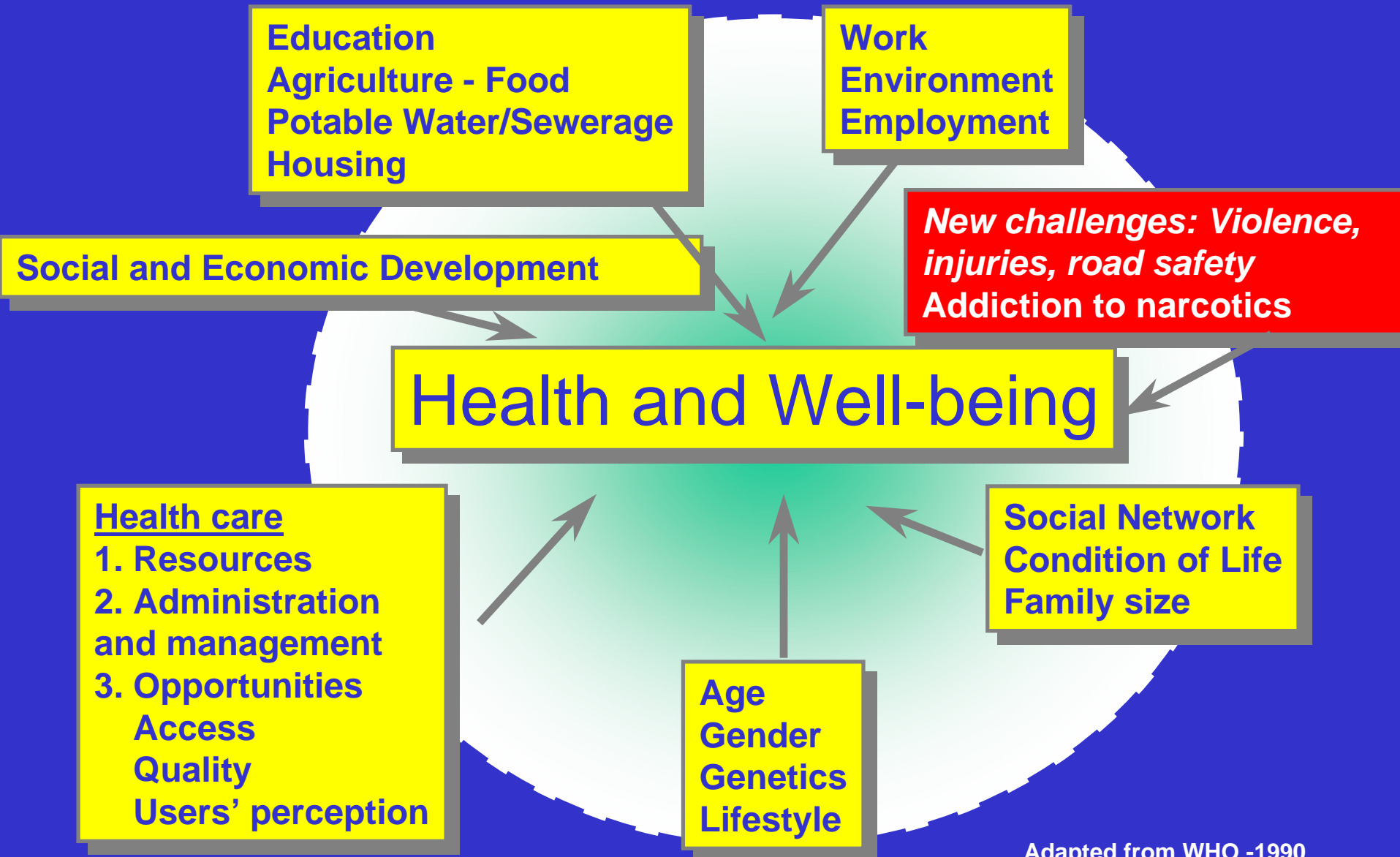


“Public Health is the collective intervention by the State and civil society to protect and improve the health of the people. It is a social practice of an interdisciplinary nature.”

Pan American Health Organization. *Public Health in the Americas. Conceptual renewal, performance assessment, and bases for action.* Scientific and Technical Publication No. 589. Washington, DC 2002.



HEALTH DETERMINANTS



**World report
on violence and health
WHO, 2002**

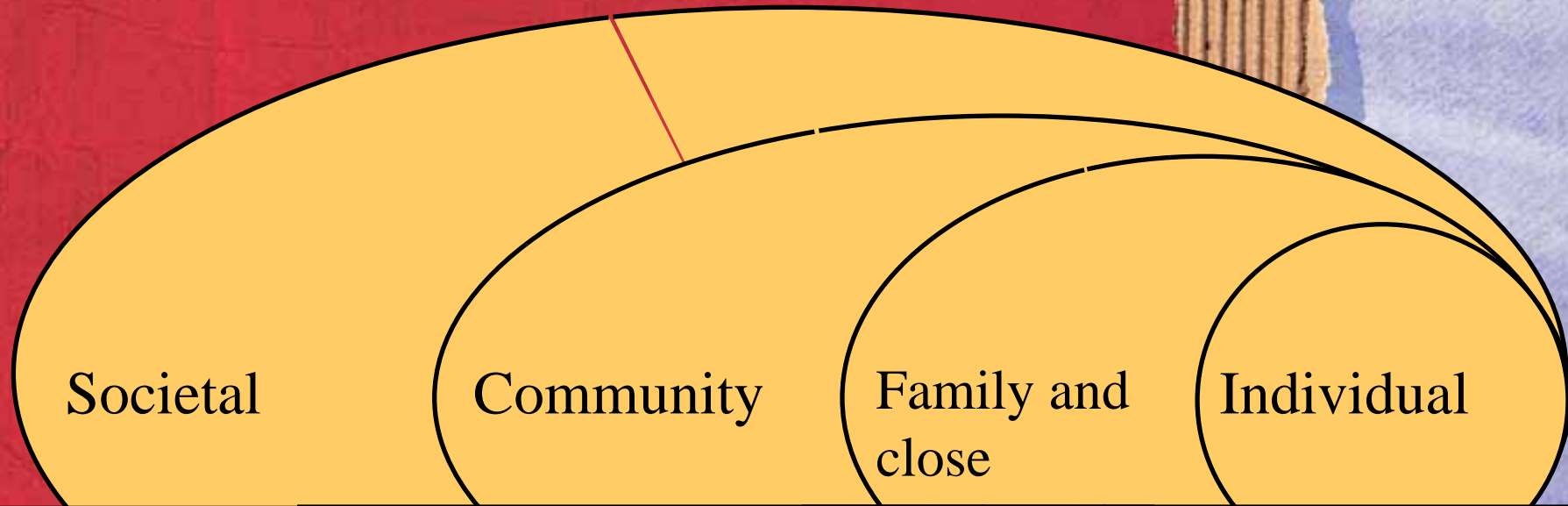


Definitions

“Violence is the intentional use of physical force or power, threatened or actual, against oneself, another person, or against a group or community that either results in or has a high likelihood of resulting in injury, death, psychological harm, maldevelopment or deprivation”

World report on violence and health

Risk factors - ecological model



Examples:

- Inequalities
- Norms that support violence
- Availability of weapons
- Weak police/criminal justice

Examples:

- High residential mobility
- Employment
- Isolation
- Drug trade

Examples:

- Friends who engage in violence
- Friends who engage in violence

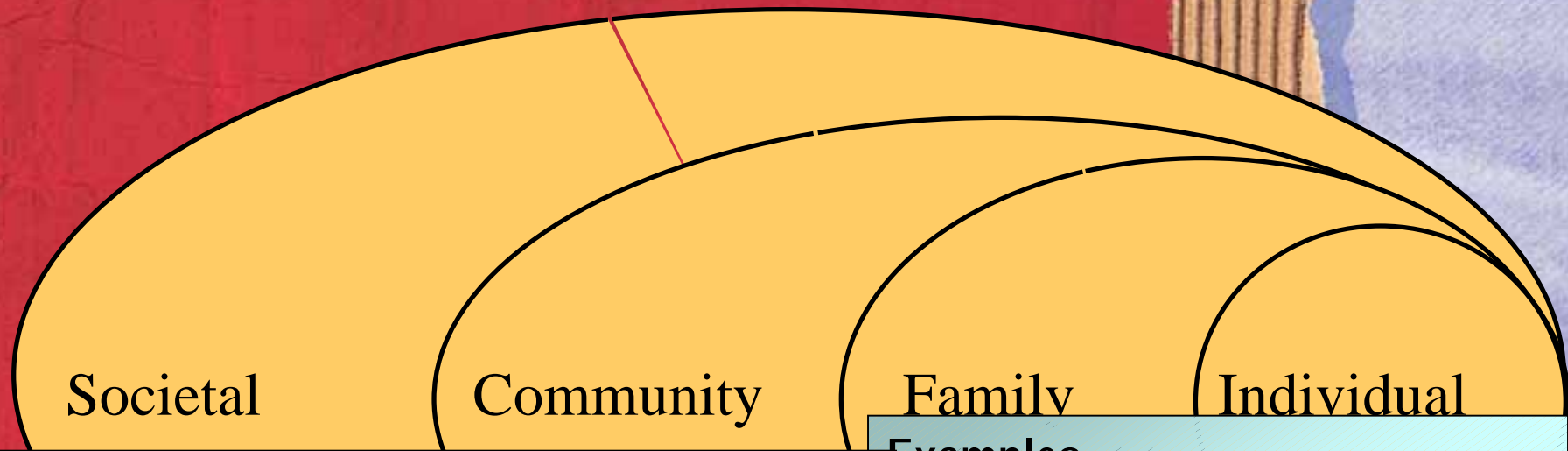
Examples:

- Genetic factors
- Psychological and
- Engage in violence
- Violent behaviour

- Experienced abuse

Solutions – WHO World report on violence and health (2002)

Preventing violence - ecological model




Examples

- Implementing CRC, WRVH, UN VAC, recommendations, guidelines, modules
- Strengthen police and judicial systems
- Reduce inequality
- Educational reform + supervised extracurricular activities
- Job creation programmes

Examples

- Work for violence programmes
- Family therapy
- Improve intrafamily dialogue
- Recognize and avoid abusive situations





Youth development and violence prevention: an Inter-programmatic initiative (PAHO/GTZ)

Matilde Maddaleno, PAHO, FCH/CA

Alberto Concha-Eastman, PAHO, SDE/RA

Ana Isabel Moreno, GTZ (Peru)

Sara Marques, PAHO, FCH/CA

Background: adolescents and youth in Latin America and the Caribbean



- 30% of the population is between 10 and 24 y (PAHO, 2004)
- 41% (15- 29 y) live in poverty (ECLAC, 2004), reaching 70-75% for indigenous youth (PAHO, 2006)
- Only 40% of youth graduate from secondary school and of the most poor only 12% graduate (ECLAC, 2004)
- Male youth ages 15-24 constitute 44-71% of the economically active population (ECLAC, 2001)
- Unemployment rate for youth: 16.6%, 2.8 times greater than that of the adult population (ILO, 2004)

Background: adolescents and youth in Latin America and the Caribbean

- Young people suffer disproportional mortality due to external causes - 29% of homicide victims are youth, 80-95% are men (PAHO, 2002)
- Recruitment of youth into collective violence is high –30,000-400,000 youth participate in Central American gangs (Centro de Estudios de Guatemala, 2005)
- Violence, HIV/Aids, alcohol and drug use risk behaviors are interrelated





Barrio adentro:

la solidaridad violenta de las pandillas

MARIA SANTACRUZ GIRALT
ALBERTO CONCHA - EASTMAN
HUMIES UNIDOS



Inside the neighborhood:
the violent solidarity of
youth gangs. 2000

*María Santacruz , J. Miguel
Cruz IUDOP-UCA, San
Salvador, El Salvador
Alberto Concha-Eastman,
PAHO.*

Factors Related to the Increase in Juvenile Gangs

- ∩ Accelerated Urbanization
- ∩ Armed Conflicts
- ∩ Privatization of Public Areas
- ∩ Loss of Family Structure
- ∩ Intra-family Violence
- ∩ Lack of Role Models for Child Socialization
- ∩ Violent Culture

Factors Related to the Increase in Juvenile Gangs

- ∞ Inequalities (Gini coefficient)
- ∞ Exclusion of young people from work force
- ∞ Exclusion from formal schooling
- ∞ Difficulty with Self-identity

Criteria

- **Young people are not problems to be solved, but problem solvers**
- **Young people can and are playing powerful roles in transforming their communities**
- **Young people are willing to become leaders of their own social movements**
- **The majority of the hemisphere's 100 million plus young people are busy, productive members of their communities**



Risk Factors for gang involvement

Unfavorable Life
Conditions

Dysfunctional family



Perceived Reasons for Gang Involvement

“Cost Benefit” being in Gangs

Hanging Out leads to Social Recognition

Access to Drugs



Involvement in Gangs

Socialization learned in the
Street

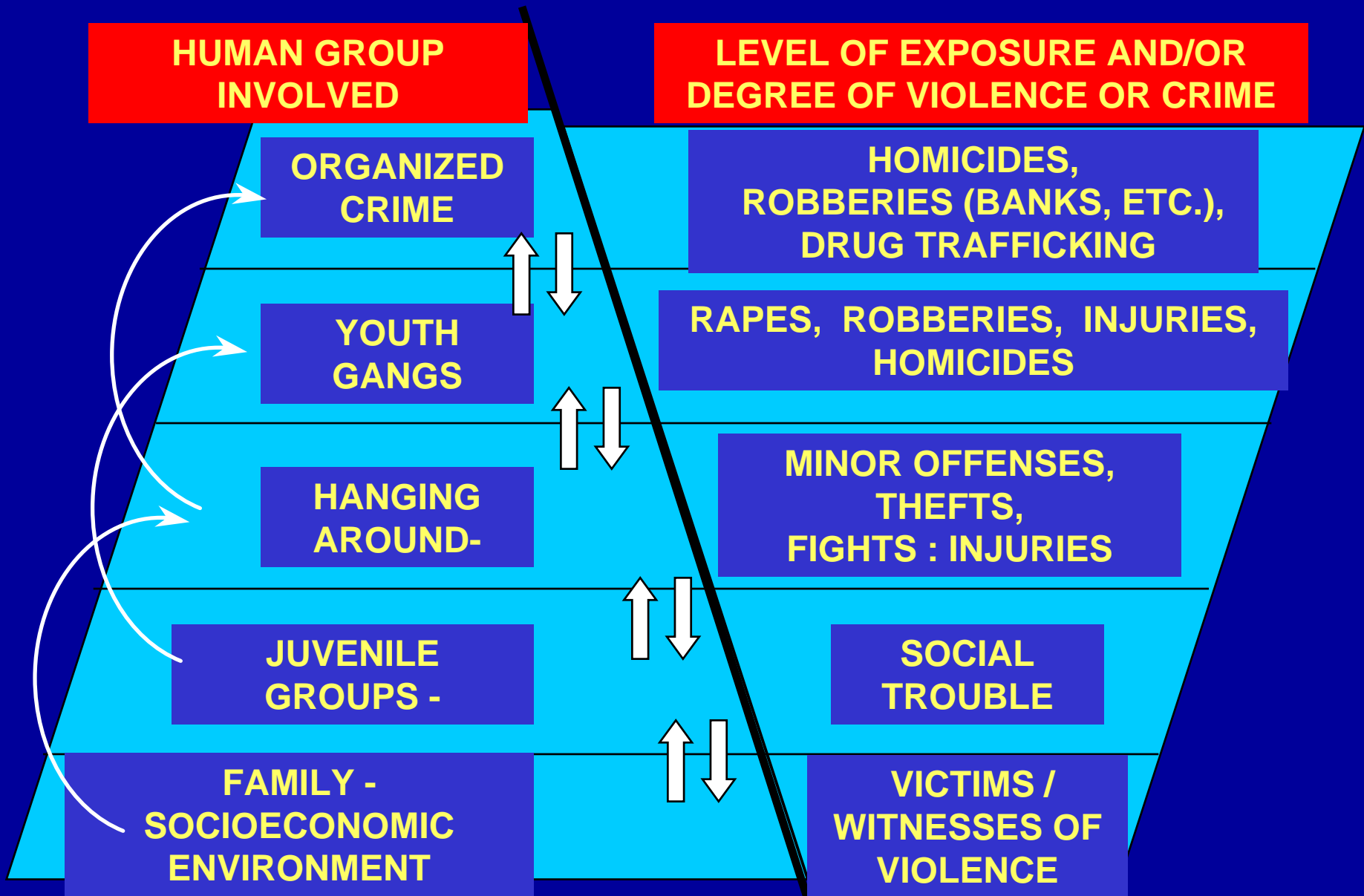
Increase in Drug use

Fulfilling Violent
Obligations to Remain
in the Gang

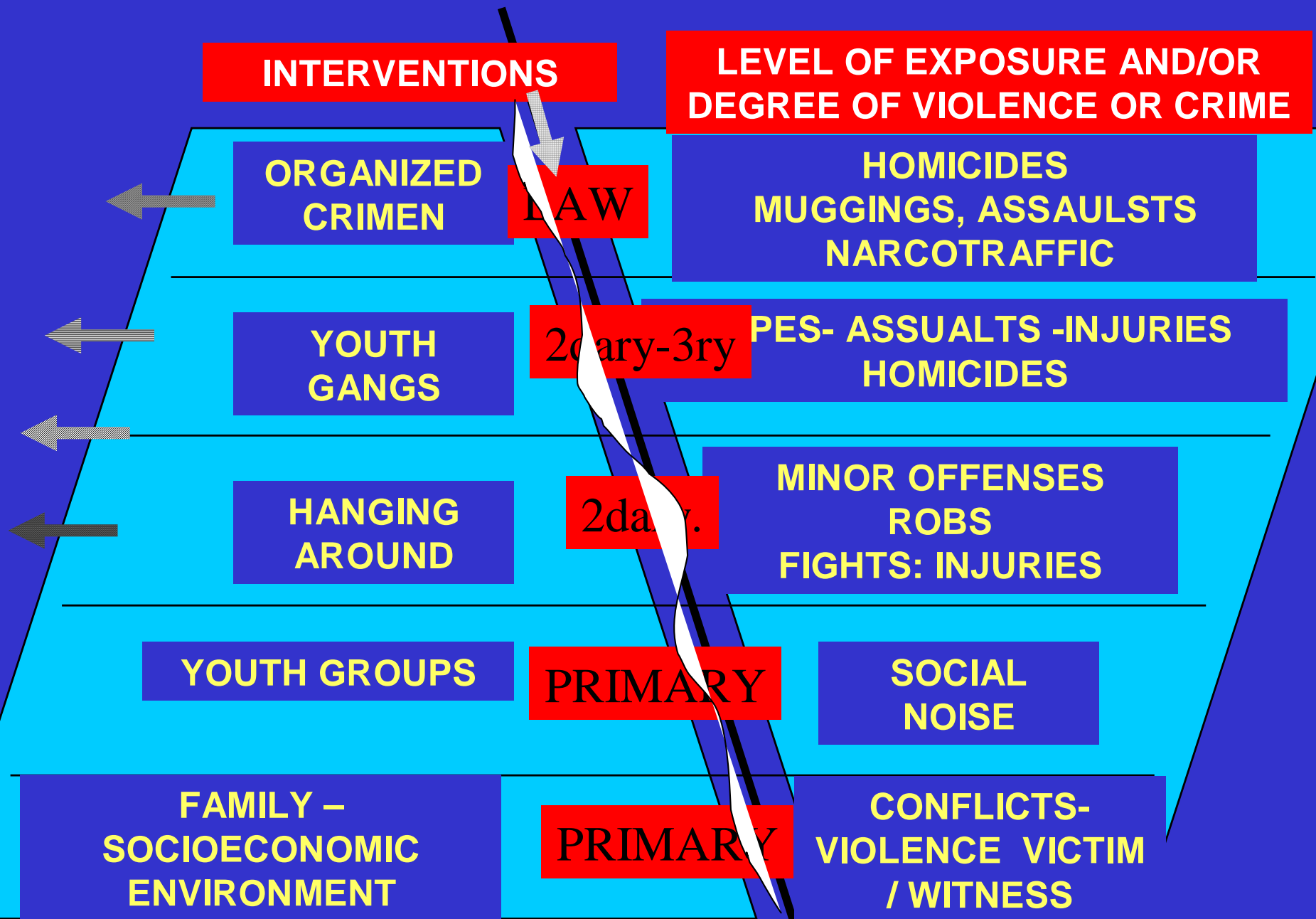
Barrio Adentro



The "COURSE" OF VIOLENCE (A. Concha-Eastman, 2001)

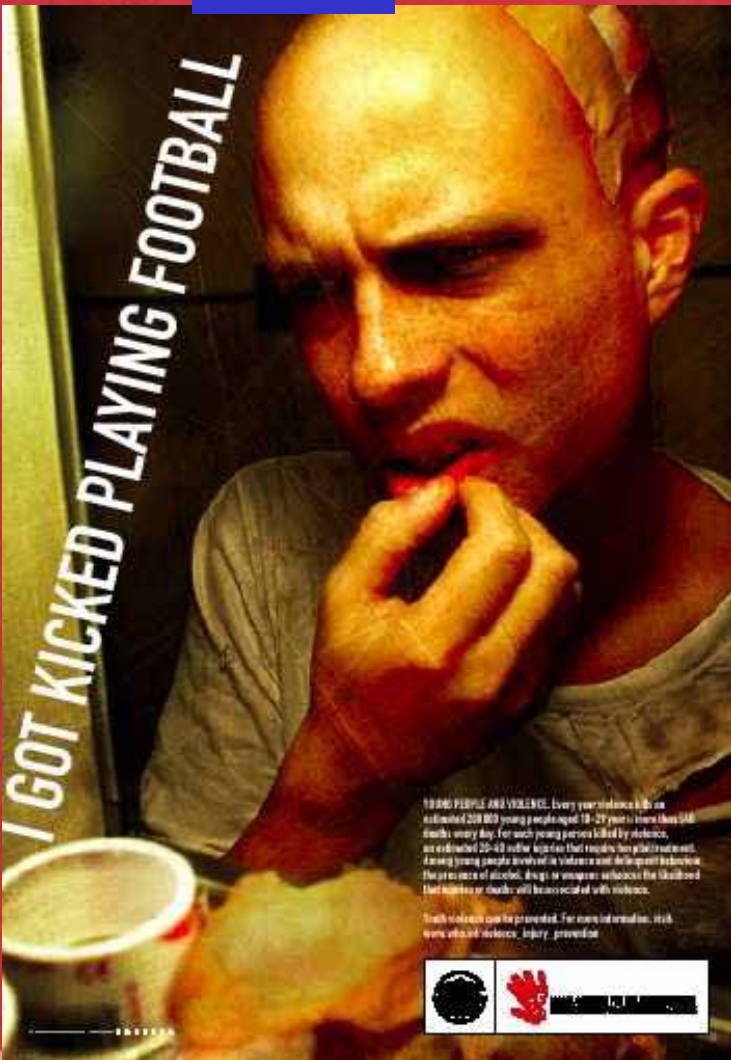


BREAKING THE "COURSE" OF VIOLENCE (A. Concha-Eastman, 2001)



Youth violence


False



I GOT KICKED PLAYING FOOTBALL

YOUNG PEOPLE AND VIOLENCE. Every year violence kills an estimated 200 000 young people aged 15-29 years in more than 140 deaths every day. For each young person killed by violence, an estimated 20-40 other victims that require hospital treatment. Young people involved in violence and delinquent behavior, the presence of alcohol, drugs or weapons increases the likelihood that injuries or deaths will be associated with violence.

Such violence can be prevented. For more information, visit www.violenceinjuryprevention.org



True



MORE THAN 540 ADOLESCENTS AND YOUNG ADULTS DIE EVERY DAY AS A RESULT OF INTERPERSONAL VIOLENCE: MORE THAN 20 DEATHS EACH HOUR.



PREVENT

What can be done to change this reality?

Moving from 0 tolerance to 100% support for promoting youth development and violence prevention

- *Knowledge building*
- *Strengthening Networking*
 - *Advocating*
- *Increasing youth participation*



Knowledge Management: Systematizing and Disseminating Evidence

6 evidence-based publications on preventing violence affecting adolescents and youth from distinct perspectives:

1. Public policies and legal frameworks
2. Communication programs
3. Community and family based programs using a gender perspective
4. Programs that promote youth development
5. School-based programs
6. Policies for the reduction of alcohol-related violence

Plus: National documents on public policies and participatory experiences for violence prevention: Colombia, El Salvador, Nicaragua, and Peru.



Projects, 8 Evaluating criteria – El Salvador

Maria Santacruz, IUDOP, Univ. Centroamericana, San Salvador

1. Systematization: design characteristics, objectives, human and monetary resources
2. Replicable: possibility of conducting a similar project in another environments
3. Sustainability: does the project last with local support and resources, or does it depend from external sources
4. Progress and process indicators: is monitoring applied? What indicators?

Projects, 8 Evaluating criteria – El Salvador

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5. Evaluation: objectives achievement. Internal or external
6. Institutional coordination and articulation: relationships with other similar or related programs, projects, institutions.
7. Youth empowerment and participation: youth strengthening (Hart's ladder), involvement
8. Efficiency: cost effectiveness analysis.

Criteria and scores for selected projects

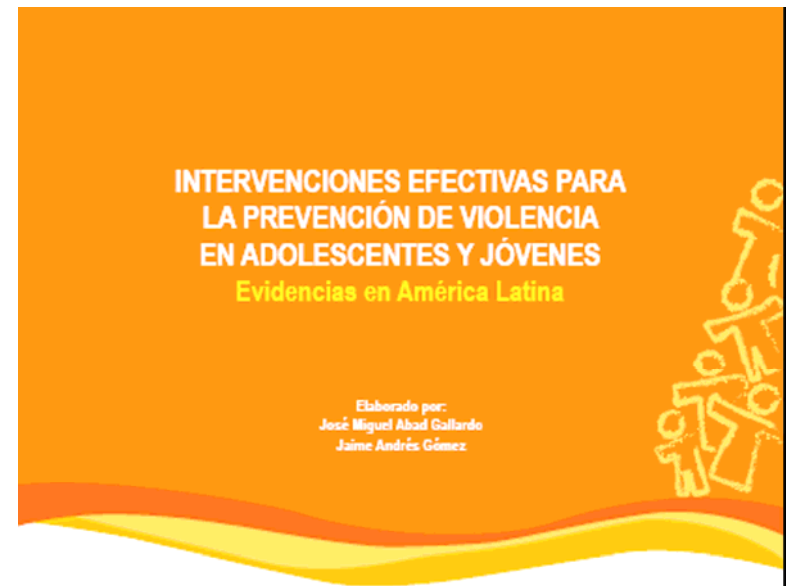
Projects	Criteria																											
	Systematization			Sustainability			Indicators			Evaluation			Coordination			Youth participation			Efficiency			Replicable			Average			
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	3	6	0	3	6	0	3	6	0	3	6	0	3	6	0	3	6	0	3	6	0	3	6	0	3	6	0	
Fellowships (OJJ/CSJ) Nehemias project																											70.5	
Youth in conflict/ MOJE																											87.4	
Education for all/ Fé y Alegría																											62.5	
Don Bosco Technical Polygon																											83.3	

Knowledge Management: Disseminating Evidence

- <http://www.paho.org/CDMEDIA/FCHGTZ/principal.htm> (Spanish)



Synthesis Document on Effective Interventions for the Prevention of Violence Affecting Adolescents and Youth (in editing)



Capacity Building Program: TEACH VIP Youth - Building Effective Programs for the Prevention of Violence affecting Youth- Certificate education program



Content: 4 course modules

- 1. Strengthening Youth Participation and Youth- Adult Partnerships**
- 2. Basic Concepts on Youth, Violence, and Program Development**
- 3. How to build a Impact based Monitoring System?**
- 4. Developing Project Profiles**

Lessons Learned



- This initiative has had greater impact in countries where multisectoral teams have been formed and have a designated coordinator
- Implementation and coordination with local and municipal levels shows promise – examples: Peru and Honduras
- Evidence base on effective interventions from the Region still lacking
- Increased emphasis on building capacity in M & E within the Region
- Cadre of human resources trained in design and evaluation of evidence-based programs, improves the effectiveness of programs

Healthy youth development projects oriented towards

- Strengthening bonding between Youth, Family, School, community, culture
- Strengthening resilience & social competence
- Encouraging self determination, spirituality, self efficacy



Next Steps

- Continue with advocacy efforts to shift from a punitive and control approach to one that embraces promotion and prevention
- Integrate efforts of UN agencies, the Banks, and NGOs at regional and country levels through the elaboration of joint plans of action, so as not to duplicate efforts
- Expand TEACH VIP Youth
- Involve local levels, and increase community and youth participation
- Use strategic moments, such as the UN Study on Violence against Children, to raise one voice



STOP
violence



ONE LOVE!!!

<http://www.safety2008mx.info>



MARCH 15 - 18, MERIDA, MEXICO **2008**



Drug crime in Rio, racist offences against immigrants, shootings at schools, harassment in Belfast's neighbourhoods, killing brothers and sisters in Ramallah, kids traumatized by war in Bosnia or in the Congo – the involvement of children and adolescents in political and criminal acts of violence in mega-cities, as well as in (post-)conflict zones of recent wars, is an increasingly disturbing phenomenon.

What do we know about the reasons and root causes of youth violence stemming from such a variety of political and cultural backgrounds and contexts? What do (post) war constellations have in common with the urbanized reality of western democracies? Do social exclusion, poverty, the absence of education, and the availability of small arms create contexts which enhance violence and may be considered as „grey zones“ between war and peace? How would we differentiate between politically motivated, socially, ethnically or religiously based, and other ritualized forms of violence? Which patterns of violence are specifically youth related?

The conference will look at recent results and findings of international research on youth violence. In order to better understand the driving forces behind, and to identify political strategies to deal with this critical development, we will try to compare and contrast (post) war and non-war constellations, and the causes or patterns of youth violence they present. What are promising approaches on communal and state levels, amongst civil society actors and those in the field of international co-operation, to tackle the challenge of youth violence?

You are cordially invited to participate in the discussions of this conference.

Dr. Corinna Hauswedell, Academy Loccum

Dr. Sabine Kurtenbach, Institute for Development and Peace (INEF)

Andrea Grimm, Academy Loccum

Dr. Fritz Erich Anhelm, Academy Director

Conference Fees/Registration:

Room and meals: € 180,--.

For students (age 30 or under), members of the armed services and alternative service as well as unemployed with proper identification: € 90,--. Conference fees are to be paid in cash at the time of registration.

We request that you register by name, address, institution/ organization at:

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E-mail: Karin.Hahn@evlka.de

Registrations will be confirmed as long as places are available. Should you have to cancel your registration, please inform us as soon as possible.

Accommodation and meals:

Participants will be accommodated in single rooms or double rooms, if preferred. All meals are served at the Academy. By prior arrangement, rooms and meals may be available before and after the conference.

Directions:

Loccum is located 50 kilometers west of Hanover in Lower Saxony. The nearest airport is in Langenhagen airport near Hanover. The nearest train stations are Wunstorf, Minden and Nienburg. Detailed instructions will be sent to all registered participants.

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HOUSE SCHEDULE:

8.30 MORNING PRAYER, 8.45 BREAKFAST

12.30 LUNCH, 15.30 COFFEE/TEA,

18.30 DINER.

Opportunity to visit Loccum Monastery, Thursday 13:30 Uhr

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■ Wednesday, November 14, 2007

- 15:30 Coffee/ Tea with cake
16:00 Welcome and introduction
Dr. Corinna Hauswedell, Loccum
- 16:15 **Youth violence in the globalized world**
- Introductions to the conference theme
- 18:30 **Context matters: violence in (post)war and non-war societies**
Dr. Sabine Kurtenbach, INEF, Duisburg
- Demographic data and findings concerning the social situation of youth in countries undergoing (post-)conflict and crisis-like situations of radical change**
Dr. Rüdiger Blumör, German Technical Cooperation (GTZ), Eschborn
Steffen Kröhnert, Berlin Institut für Bevölkerung und Entwicklung
Facilitator: *Dr. Corinna Hauswedell*
- 19:30 **Current state and perspectives of international research on youth violence**
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21:00 *Prof. Dr. Wilhelm Heitmeyer, Institute for Interdisciplinary Conflict and Violence Research, Bielefeld University*

■ Thursday, November 15, 2007

- 09:30 **Causes and contexts of youth violence – stocktaking** (work in two parallel sections)

SECTION I: Non-war constellations: urbanization, social change and exclusion

A world of gangs

Prof. Dr. John Hagedorn, University of Illinois, Chicago

Youth at risk programming – A crucial element to build citizenship

Clarissa Huguet, Children in Organized Armed Violence (COAV), Rio de Janeiro

Nigeria: Youth violence and the challenges in the age of globalisation

Dr. Nick Idoko, Centre for Peace in Africa, Lagos, Nigeria

Urban riots in France: History, patterns and the significance of institutional violence

Dr. Carsten Keller, Centre Marc Bloch, Berlin

Facilitator: *Dr. Rose Ngomba-Roth, Göttingen*
Rapporteur: *Dr. Peter Lock, Hamburg*

SECTION II: Post-war and continuous conflict constellations: ethnicity and identity, terrorism, religion

Israel-Palestine

Stephan Clauss, Akademie für Konflikttransformation, Bonn

Northern Ireland

Dr. Neil Jarman, Institute for Conflict Research, Belfast

West Africa

Prof. Dr. Paul Richards, Wageningen University, Netherlands

Afghanistan

Martin Hayes, Child Protection Specialist of the Christian Children's Fund (CCF), Richmond/Virginia

Facilitator: *Dr. Corinna Hauswedell*
Rapporteur: *Prof. em. Dr. Peter Waldmann, Augsburg University*

- 16:00 **Strategies for dealing with youth violence and its causes**

18:30 (work continued in two parallel sections)

SECTION I: Non-war constellations: urbanization, social change and exclusion

Juveniles as target group and partner in development co-operation

Günter Sohr, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), Berlin

Comprehensive public health strategies

Dr. Alberto Concha-Eastman, Regional Advisor, Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), Washington D.C.

Intercultural youth exchange: opportunities for young people to prevent and de-learn violence and experience alternatives (beams of hope)

Christa-Berta Kimmich, European play work association (e.p.a.), Hamburg

Neglect and trauma amongst young people in London – how to prevent and work with it at street level

Daniel Baltzer, Kids Company, London

Facilitator: *Erich Marks, Geschäftsführer, Deutscher Präventionstag, Hannover*
Rapporteur: *Andrea Grimm*

SECTION II: Post-war and continuous conflict constellations: ethnicity and identity, terrorism, religion

Linking development and peacebuilding: experiences from Bosnia

Dr. Martina Fischer, Berghof Centre for Conflict Research, Berlin

Strategies for working with youth in the immediate post accord period

Siobhan McEvoy-Levy, Butler University, Indianapolis

Demobilization and reintegration of children and adolescents – experience from the Congo

Achim Koch, German Technical Cooperation (GTZ), Eschborn

Strategies to confront youth violence – experiences from Nicaragua and Central America

José Luis Rocha, Universidad Centroamericana (UCA), Managua

Facilitator: *Prof. em. Dr. Franz Nuscheler, INEF, Duisburg*
Rapporteur: *Dr. Sabine Kurtenbach*

- 19:30 **Youth violence in cultural contexts: film and Hip Hop music**

21:00 *Katrin Lock, London*

■ Friday November 16, 2007

- 09:30 **Youth violence as a challenge facing international co-operation**

Final winding-up session, introduced by reports of the section rapporteurs

Ambassador *Friedrich Däuble*, Appointee for Conflict Prevention, Federal Foreign Office, Berlin
Dr. Winrich Kühne, Center for International Peace Missions (ZIF), Berlin

Nadine Lyamouri-Bajja, European Youth Centre, Council of Europe, Strasbourg

Facilitator: *Dr. Corinna Hauswedell*

- 12:30 Conference ends with lunch
12:50 Departure of shuttle bus to Wunstorf train station (arrival around 13:30 hours)

Conference languages: German and English;
simultaneous translation available