

# USAID/Panama

## Results Framework for Assistance Objective (AO) GJ&D, 2009-2012



**ASSISTANCE OBJECTIVE GOVERNING JUSTLY AND DEMOCRATICALLY (GJ&D)**  
COMMUNITY YOUTH-AT-RISK ACTIVITY

**Strategic Focus Area 1: Expanded Opportunities for Youth at Risk in Target Geographic Areas**

**Performance Indicators**  
Indicator 1: Number of communities assisted in crime prevention with USG support  
Indicator 2: Number of communities with joint police-citizen groups actively operating to reduce crime activity

**Socio-economic Development Context:**

- Twelfth most unequal country worldwide (Gini Coefficient, 56.1)
- Low human development index (0.812)
- Insecurity indexes experiencing significant increases
- High homicide rates (33/100,000 in Panama City and 27/100,000 in Colon); a rate of 9/100,000 is reflective of a crime problem.
- Twenty-five percent of the population is between 15 and 29 years old
- Fifteen percent of the youth neither work nor attend school
- Fifty-four percent of the total number of homicide victims is between 15 and 29 years old

**Strategic Mechanisms:**

- Community Action Fund
- Community Policing
- Public-Private Alliances

**Critical Assumptions:**

- National and local institutions assign high priority to security and youth development to reduce youth participation in violence and crime.
- Justice system institutions steadfast in commitment to make necessary changes.

**Intermediate Results**

**Intermediate Result 1.1**  
Youth development opportunities in urban areas expanded

**IR Indicators:**  
- Number of youth at risk participating in new positive youth development programs  
- Number of youth peer leaders supporting positive youth and community development activities

**Intermediate Result 1.2**  
Opportunities for vulnerable youth in Darien region expanded

**IR Indicators:**  
- Number of Darien youth at risk participating in new positive youth development radio programming  
- Number of Darien youth reached with positive youth development radio programming

**Sub-Results**

- Local knowledge base of existing conditions and opportunities expanded
- Employment and continuing education opportunities enhanced
- Out of school time (OST) youth development activities functioning
- Youth engagement in community service and leadership activities increased

Youth engagement in community media and leadership activities increased

**Illustrative Activities**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ TA to develop local assessments</li> <li>▪ TA and training to implement mobile information and outreach mechanisms</li> <li>▪ TA and training in community youth development planning</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ TA, training, and grants in job and entrepreneurship skills</li> <li>▪ TA and training to develop a support network</li> <li>▪ Training in best practices in OST programming for key actors, i.e., school and community providers, parents, community volunteers and associations</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Training in youth leadership and civic participation</li> <li>▪ TA and training to establish leadership/promoter certification process</li> <li>▪ TA, training, and grants to develop youth participation mechanisms</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ TA for rapid assessment to support improved community youth-at-risk activities and radio programming</li> <li>▪ TA and training to develop youth leadership preparation tools for youth media engagement</li> <li>▪ TA and training to design and deliver new radio programming aimed at youth at risk</li> </ul> |
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