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Community Scorecard Brainstorming Session

JPV begins work on its ambitious set of technical tools with partner municipalities highly engaged



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This photo was taken in early March during a two-day Community Scorecard brainstorming session that gathered 25 Mexican experts from the public sector, private sector, civil society and academia.

“There are significant sources of data for us to draw from in support of our scorecard factors. Some of it will need to be obtained from stakeholders, but in general there is plenty of data. There are gaps in key areas. The team must be creative about how we maneuver around or bridge these gaps through parallel data sets or novel ways of collecting data.”

— Resilient Solutions 21

The goal of Community Scorecard tool is to map, at the community level, risk factors and drivers related to violence and crime, using a combination of data layering and visual analytics, in order to inform policy making and resource allocation. The 2-day session enabled participants to share relevant experiences of mapping initiatives in the country, as well as learn about state of the art initiatives supported by JPV partner Resilient Solutions 21. Importantly, two of JPV’s Year 1 municipal counterparts (Guadalupe, Nuevo Leon and Morelia, Michoacan) were active participants in order to ensure the design process takes into account the interests and perspectives of end users.

After the brainstorming session, JPV formally requested the two municipalities to review their data sets and to report back to JPV regarding data availability, following a matrix developed by RS21. In addition to the data requirements, the task also validated municipal commitment, as they had to report back on the availability of 84 indicators in very short period of time.

JPV was very encouraged when both municipalities completed the task according to expectations, a strong indication of their interest and continued engagement during the follow-up to the session. The responses will enable JPV to better understand existing data limitations and challenges, and also help identify areas requiring new data collection efforts. A preliminary analysis of Guadalupe and Morelia data responses was performed by Resilient Solutions 21, and suggests good news.

The next steps for the development of the tool include the design of a beta version to establish functionality, that will be shared with Morelia and Guadalupe for feedback and input, and eventually will be populated with real time data and shared with other JPV Platform cities. We expect the Community Scorecard will be the first of a slate of technical tools that JPV will pilot and test with Platform members. Given the need for holistic, data-driven solutions globally to understand and mitigate youth violence, we believe this tool could be a valuable contribution – not only to cities in Mexico, but also developing regions across the world.