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A drug rehabilitation center in Delicias, Chihuahua is visited by a volunteer restorative justice facilitator. The Government of the State of Chihuahua is exploring the possibility of instituting restorative practices with drug offenders.

Executive Summary

A visit from a U.S. Congressional Delegation (CoDel) to USAID/Mexico's Rule of Law Program (ROL) during the end of the second quarter of fiscal year 2009 provided the project the opportunity to highlight its objectives in support of the criminal justice reform at Mexico's state and federal levels. The CoDel was able to review the activities contractor and implementer MSD/Proderecho promoted. MSD/Proderecho continued to provide technical support and training toward institutionalization of the reforms in criminal justice and anti-trafficking in persons in the states of Chihuahua, Oaxaca, and Morelos. In addition, the state of Zacatecas joined these three states in its march toward the implementation of the new justice system as it legislated the reforms in January, 2009. Coordinators from Proderecho/MSD were present as the Congress approved the transition into the new criminal code of procedure. The focus on training judges during this quarter was evident as judges from Canada and the U.S. were invited to participate in monitoring Mexican judges during trials in the states of Chihuahua and Morelos. A commitment to increasing the number of trainers for the justice reforms was manifested as the first Training of Trainer's (TOT) course for prosecutors, defense attorneys, and judges was held in March in Cuernavaca, Morelos. Over 44 participants from the three areas of the justice sector are in attendance. The first TOT course will end March 24, 2009 and will produce multipliers for the justice reforms. Attention to the juvenile justice system at the state and national level continued to be a priority as the Superior Court for Justice, the Office of the Attorney General, and the Commission for Human Rights of the Federal District plan for an international seminar in juvenile justice and invited Proderecho technical directors to present. Efforts to expand collaboration between and among the international community and Mexico for its justice reforms resulted in continued orientations presented in the U.S. for justice sector personnel who wish to assist in the training of Mexican justice sector personnel. A forum sponsored by Proderecho enabled foreign embassies and international donors to discuss their intervention and support for projects in Mexico. These exchanges also make it possible to see what opportunities for collaboration exist and build strength in the rule of law project. These and other highlights are featured below:

- Secretary of State Hilary Clinton visited the US Embassy in Mexico in March and visited with Mexico Mission and ROL administrators, as did a Congressional Delegation. The visits of these high profile individuals provided them with information on the progress of justice reforms in Mexico.
- The Congress of Zacatecas approved the transition into the Criminal Code of Procedure and that the law for adolescents be applied as a supplementary law when the general law initiated January 5, 2009
- During the final week of January, Mexican State Attorneys General from four states and five Deputy Attorneys General traveled to Las Cruces New Mexico USA, to meet with the NM State Prosecutor and District Attorney in order to strengthen ties between the two countries.

- On March 18 a Trainer of Trainer's Course initiated in Cuernavaca, Morelos. Proderecho Technical Director and technical staff developed the curriculum which addresses training for judges, prosecutors, and defense attorneys in the new system of justice.
- The long-term course on Alternative Justice Methods was initiated for the Secretary of Public Security in the Federal District in March. The course is being provided by Proderecho Alternative Justice staff for one week each month from March to June in Mexico City. This course initiates the future activities and collaborations between the SSP and Proderecho.
- A forum sponsored by Proderecho enabled 9 foreign embassies and several international donors to discuss their intervention and support for projects in Mexico.
- Technical trainers and the technical director developed training manuals for operators of the new system of justice. Manuals for prosecutors, defense attorneys, and judges which highlight their duties on the new criminal code of procedure are intended to standardize the training curriculum on the new justice system.
- Alternative justice team members developed manuals on mediation and conciliation and are finalizing the manuals for use in quarter three.
- An orientation on criminal justice reform in Mexico was held March 20-21 in San Francisco, California. In attendance were members of the U.S. justice sector.
- Members of Proderecho technical staff met with Los Angeles Police Department detectives to develop a training exchange program for Mexican law enforcement officers.

Reform of Criminal Justice System

Legislation and Justice Reform

As Chihuahua, Oaxaca, and Morelos committed to implementing the advances of the justice reforms within the second quarter of FY 2009, the training demands of the current MSD/Proderecho staff increased as well. These increasing demands lead to the creation and implementation of a Trainer of Trainer's course in order to create a pool of Mexican trainers in justice reform. Early in January, Zacatecas became the fourth state to adopt the justice reform package and began implementation of the new system of justice. Baja California continued to prepare to initiate implementation at the end of the third quarter of the fiscal year. The urgency of states to participate in the implementation of the new justice system, based on the passing of the constitutional reforms the previous year, was heightened, as states and the Federal Government realize that the eight year deadline for national implementation will quickly be upon them. There continued to be involvement of officials from the three powers of government at the state levels, as Hidalgo, Tabasco, and Coahuila requested technical support for legislation and implementation of the new justice reforms. The activity regarding juvenile justice increased, as states implemented the laws for adolescents and began to address this oft overlooked portion of the population that often inundates the justice system.

Other states which continued to express their interest in acquiring technical assistance and training include Sonora, Tamaulipas, Jalisco, and Aguascalientes, Nuevo Leon, Puebla, Veracruz, and Estado de Mexico.

As the new justice reform package went into effect in Zacatecas in January, a meeting was held for the media and presses to publish the information on the implementation of the justice reforms. In attendance were representatives from the Government of the State of Zacatecas, the Superior Court of the State, the Office of the Attorney General, and of the Public Defense. Present during the implementation ceremony of the justice reforms were the same Government officials, as were members of congress.

Proderecho's presence did not end at the initiation ceremony. During the first week Proderecho trainers and consultants were there to provide technical assistance and reinforce oral trial skills, and were there during the first pre-trial hearing on January 9.



The state of Morelos has experienced some difficulty with the implementation of the new oral trials relative to decisions by judges, and the inappropriate diversion of cases for restorative justice resolution. As a result of these issues, both the reform and implementation, and the alternative justice teams of Proderecho have gone to Morelos to review case files, monitor hearings, and assess diversion of cases to alternative justice; as well as provide direction and assistance in resolving these difficulties.

In January, Proderecho advisors went to Oaxaca to revise the criminal code of procedure and to Chihuahua to report on the progress of the reforms before the State Superior Court. In February, a conference was held to discuss the progress of the reforms and the possibilities of the conditions of release in Zacatecas. Meetings with magistrates to review their duties in the new oral system were held in as Zacatecas began to implement the reforms. These meetings were repeated in March in Zacatecas.



Report on the progress of the reforms before the State Superior Court in Chihuahua

Task One: Reform of Criminal Justice System

During the 2nd quarter of FY2009, the Rule of Law Project (ROL) continued train justice sector personnel at various levels of the Criminal Code of Procedure (CPP).

FY2009 Training for Justice Sector on CCP		Quarter 1				Quarter 2			
	State	Oct 08	Nov 08	Dec 08	Totals	Jan 09	Feb 09	March 09	Totals 09
# of Justice Sector Personnel Receiving Training	Chihuahua	304	16	15	335	3058	102	22	3182
	Morelos	197	19	-	216	95	559	50	704
	Oaxaca	-	-	-	162	18	53	30	101
	Zacatecas	441	327	176	-	600	862	191	1653

The work of Proderecho in supporting the continued movement toward legislation of the justice reforms for Mexico is evident. The support for states like Chihuahua, Oaxaca, and Morelos and Zacatecas during the second quarter of FY2009 continued to increase in numbers, with particular growth in the states of Chihuahua and Zacatecas. States like Baja California and Hidalgo looked to Proderecho for trainings in the area of reform, while the Federal District had limited participation during this quarter, but this initial attempt has given Proderecho entry into the Federal District. As ever, Proderecho continues to provide training and technical support to those states that express an interest, with priority given to those states implementing, legislating, or drafting the reforms.

Interstate and International Events

Interstate events

Interstate events to support and build relationships between state governments, universities, and non-governmental agencies continue to be supported by MSD/Proderecho. The state of Chihuahua, as the leader in the implementation of the reforms had its judges and prosecutors invited to Zacatecas to provide guidance. On January 12, the Office of the Attorney General of the State of Chihuahua sent prosecutors to participate with Proderecho technical advisors in monitoring and assessing the best practices of prosecutors in Zacatecas. The Office of the Attorney General of Zacatecas has sent its own judges to Chihuahua to observe oral trials, as well as visit the Center for Alternative Justice in the Offices of the Attorney General.

Within the state of Chihuahua there are exchanges from the districts which are already implementing the reforms, to those that are in the process of working toward implementation. On January 14 Proderecho techs collaborated with the University of Chihuahua and went to Delicias, Chihuahua to monitor the volunteer participants of the newly opened Center for Alternative Justice. In addition, team members from the Alternative Justice team from Chihuahua and Oaxaca have visited Zacatecas to observe and review the functioning of the centers and facilitators.

The Alternative Justice team from Oaxaca and Chihuahua went to the state of Morelos to review case files being diverted to the Center for Alternative Justice and discern their appropriateness, as well as providing technical assistance for the backlog of cases being referred. This same team traveled to Baja California in March of the quarter to present a workshop on the planning and operation of a Center for Alternative Justice, held discussions with the justice sector operators to develop an awareness of alternative justice methods, and met with non-governmental agencies to introduce them to the themes of alternative justice.

The Training of Trainer's course begun in March and continuing through the third quarter in April hosts 44 judges, prosecutors, and defense attorneys from the four states that are implementing the reforms. Chihuahua, Oaxaca, Morelos, and Zacatecas have participants who will complete the course, take an exam for certification, and will be considered trainers in the new system of justice. The cross section of trained individuals will be a pool from which the states moving toward implementation in the future will draw trainers.

Study/observation tours continue being held in Chihuahua in order to observe the new system of oral trials in operation and to visit the forensic laboratory, attend training courses, and see how the Attorney General of Chihuahua has organized her staff and resources to deliver justice and services for victims of crime.

International events

The significant development of relationships with justice sector individuals of the United States, particularly judges who are being invited to Mexico to teach, has been fortified through a series of planned orientations on the new criminal code of procedures, and the use of alternative justice practices. The purpose of the orientations is to build constituency not only among the justice sector, but also among civil society and NGO's of the United States, as these individuals may be

invited to Mexico to train Mexican justice sector and NGO participants in litigation, and working with civil society. The better these individuals know the Mexican system as it existed, and as it exists, the better able they will be to assist in training in Mexico. The orientation held this quarter (March 20-21) was held in San Francisco, California and had an attendance of 42 justice sector individuals. Others are planned for Quarter 3 in the Washington/Pittsburg area.

Other collaborative events between the U.S. and Mexico are the study/observation tours which focus on visits from the Mexican justice sector individuals to courts, social service projects, law enforcement agencies, and civil society organizations. During the final week of January, Mexican State Attorneys General from four states and five Deputy Attorneys General traveled to Las Cruces New Mexico USA, to meet with the NM State Prosecutor and District Attorney in order to strengthen ties between the two countries. The Attorneys General visited the Las Cruces Police Department and the Third Judicial District Court. Memoranda of Agreement between the states of Chihuahua, Mexico and New Mexico, USA were renewed and buffeted with the purpose of fighting border crime, monitoring the growth of trafficking in persons, collaborating in capture and prosecution of criminals, and fighting organized crime. In addition to the meetings held by the Attorneys General of both countries, a visit to a Domestic Violence Shelter in Las Cruces was conducted, which addressed the organization and resources necessary to provide services for victims of violence and trafficking.

Another collaborative effort between Mexico and the U.S., was the visit by Forensic expert and consultant, Lance Gima in February of the quarter. Mr. Gima is working with the Forensic Laboratory in Chihuahua to establish the lab as a first class, nationally certified lab for processing evidence. Issues for discussion include Quality Assurance which is supported by accreditation and auditing a quality system; Courtroom Testimony; Forensic Science which includes standards of identification of firearms, DNA, toxicology, controlled substances; Court Challenges; Drugs and Clandestine Laboratories; Toxicology; Hairs, Fibers, Paints; Firearms; New Technology; Forensic DNA, DNA Statistics, Digital Evidence, Crime Scene Investigation; and Advanced Instrumentation and Techniques.

The Alliance Partnerships which include the Conference of Western Attorneys General (CWAG) invited Proderecho to participate in an Orientation held in Denver, Colorado in January. The attendance at this event, although not sponsored by USAID/Mexico, attests to the flexibility of the project to collaborate with other s in the area of justice reform.

On March 19, USAID/Mexico sponsored a meeting with International donors and representatives of Embassies working on justice reforms in Mexico. In attendance were representatives from the embassies of France, the United Kingdom, Canada, Sweden, Spain, and Germany; and representatives from the MacArthur Foundation, Friedrich Ebert Stiftung Foundation, Office of the High Commission of the United Nations for Human Rights, Amnesty International, The Spanish Agency for International Cooperation, the British Council, and the Canadian Agency for International Development. These agencies and embassy representatives discussed their work in Mexico and expressed an interest in continuing work with USAID and Proderecho.

Other international collaborations included a meeting with representatives of the Canadian government in February, in order to see what possibilities exist for collaborating in the area of

justice reforms. Although judges from Canada are already participating in monitoring the current practices in Morelos relative to decisions and judicial practices, the Canadians expressed an interest in becoming more involved on a long-term basis, perhaps working with their law schools and Mexican law schools to develop and institute a law curriculum. They also expressed an interest in developing legal clinics, although the process in Mexico may be more difficult, as law students are not necessarily permitted to give legal counsel.

Training and Education

During the Quarter, USAID/Mexico staff presented numerous educational seminars designed to offer a better understanding of the new system of justice from the investigative process to the actual oral trial to the termination methods in a system based on oral advocacy. Specialized courses were presented by MSD/Proderecho coordinators directed at the operators of the Criminal Justice System through the use of simulations of oral trials with the objective of receiving feedback and subsequently providing practice sessions with judges, district attorneys, and defense attorneys..



The Medical Forensic Laboratory of the State of Chihuahua continued to serve as a training facility for prosecutors, public defenders, and law enforcement personnel to familiarize themselves with the line of investigation. The training covered preparation for the work of the investigative team, criminal laboratory evidence findings, analysis of interviews, and analysis of individual witnesses involved in the cases, psychological assessment interviews, and a review of the protocols for an autopsy. The Center for Criminal Studies of the Attorney General's Office of Chihuahua sponsored continued training for prosecuting attorneys. The purpose of the training was to present the benefits and results of forensic techniques and share the experience of the expert presenter on skeletal forensics.

Trainings for justice sector personnel in the area of reform and implementation were offered throughout the 2nd quarter and are charted below:

Training and Education Activities

Date	Location	Course/Event	Institution of Participation	Participants
Jan 04	Zacatecas	Media and Press Event	Superior Court for Justice; Office of the Attorney General; Public Defense; State Government Officials	Judges, Prosecutors, Defense Attorneys
Jan 05	Zacatecas	Meeting with professors of the University of Zacatecas	Universidad Autonoma de Zacatecas	Professors
Jan 05-09	Zacatecas	Technical assistance on oral trial procedures	Public Defense of the State of Zacatecas; Superior Court for Justice	Public Defenders and judges
Jan 12-16	Zacatecas	Monitoring of Prosecutors in oral trials	Office of the Attorney General Zacatecas	Prosecutors
Jan 13-16	Zacatecas	Monitoring of Defense Attorneys in oral trials	Office of the Public Defense Zacatecas	Public Defenders
Jan 19 - 23	Morelos	Technical assistance on oral trial procedures	Office of the Attorney General Morelos	Prosecutors
Jan 19 - 23	Zacatecas	Technical assistance on oral trial procedures	Office of the Public Defense Zacatecas	Public Defenders
Jan 20	Baja California	Visit to Police Academy of Office of Public Safety	SSP and Baja California and Mexicali Police	Technical Director of Project
Jan 21	San Diego, CA	Meeting with Judge Louisa Porter, Federal US District Court Judge; ,Director of Pre-trial Services, Local Prosecutors		Technical Director of Project; Assistant to Tech Director
Jan 22	Chihuahua	Presentation of Results of Reforms	Superior Court for Justice of the state of Chihuahua	Proderecho & Justice Sector Individuals
Jan 25	Las Cruces, NM	Observation & Study Tour	Office of the Attorney General	Prosecutors, members of the oOffice of the

				Attorney General
Jan 26-30	Mexicali, Baja California	Provide the training for Magistrates	Superior Court for Justice of the state of Baja California	Proderecho & Magistrates from Chihuahua
Jan 26-30	Zacatecas	Provide training for Defense Attorneys	Office of the Public Defender	Proderecho & Public Defenders from Chihuahua
Jan 26-30	Hidalgo	Technical Assistance in writing the CPP	Participants in the drafting of the code	Proderecho & cibsytabs
Jan 26-30	Morelos	Revisions of CPP	Participants in the drafting of the code	Proderecho & consultants
Feb 3-6	Morelos	Evaluation and feedback on the CCP	Implementation Committee	Proderecho & consultants
Feb 4	Zacatecas	Monitoring and feedback for operators of the new system with focus on preliminary hearings	Defense Attorneys	Proderecho & Chihuahua Defense Attorneys
Feb 5	Chihuahua	Assessment of the functioning of the new system of justice	Office of the Attorney General, Superior court for Justice, Public Defense	
Feb 9 -13	Morelos	Evaluation and feedback on new system of justice	Operators of the system	Proderecho and consultants
Feb 9-13	Zacatecas	Monitoring and Shadowing for feedback to Public Defense	Public Defenders	Proderecho and consultants
Feb 10-13	Zacatecas	Monitoring and Shadowing for feedback to Prosecution	Prosecutors	Proderecho and consultants
Feb 11	Zacatecas	Conference on the CPP and conditions of release		
Feb 12	Zacatecas	Structuring and Coordination of Office of the AG	Office of the Attorney General of Zacatecas	Attorneys and Coordinator of the implementation of the New Justice System
Feb 12	Zacatecas	Meeting with Magistrates of Superior Court	Superior Court for Justice of Zacatecas	Magistrates
Feb 13	Zacatecas	Course of new	Human Rights	Personnel of

		Criminal justice system and human rights commission	Commission	Human Rights Commission
Feb 17-19	Zacatecas	Monitoring and feedback with prosecutors	Office of the Attorney General	Prosecutors
Feb 21	Zacatecas	Course of new Criminal justice system and human rights commission	Human Rights Commission	Personnel of Human Rights Commission
Feb 23-26	Zacatecas	Monitoring and Feedback with prosecutors	Office of the Attorney General	Prosecutors
Feb 24	Zacatecas	Discussion of the new system of criminal justice	Office of the Attorney General	Early intervention unit
Feb 25-28	Chihuahua	Assessment of procedures and protocols of forensic laboratory	Forensic laboratory of state of Chihuahua	Personnel of forensic lab
Feb 26	Zacatecas	Discussion of structure and organization of Office of the Attorney General		Attorney General of the state of Zacatecas
Feb 27	Zacatecas	Monitoring of the new criminal justice system		
Feb 27	Zacatecas	Seminar on the Oral Adversarial system		The General Public
March 2	Baja California	Technical assistance in drafting of CPP	Baja California	Drafting commission
March 2 -5	Morelos	Monitor practice of new CPP	Office of Attorney General	Prosecutors
March 5-9	Zacatecas	Monitor prosecutors	Office of the Attorney General	Prosecutors
March 5-6	Hidalgo	Assistance with writing of CPP		Drafting Commission of CPP
March 6-7	Zacatecas	Course on CPP for superior court	Superior Court for Justice	Magistrates
March 9-10	Chihuahua	Follow-up on the functioning of the new system of justice	Superior Court for Justice	Magistrates
March 9	Hidalgo	Assistance for Drafting	Implementation Commission	Members of Implementation Commission
March 11-13	Washington D.C.	Presentation on Mexican Justice	Woodrow Wilson International Center	

		System Reforms	for Scholars	
March 12-14	Zacatecas	Follow-up with magistrates on new justice system	Superior Court for Justice	Magistrates
March 17-19	Mexico City	Course on New Criminal Justice System	National Human Rights Commission	Members of NHRC
March 17-20	Hidalgo	Course on New Criminal Justice System	Justice Sector individuals	Prosecutors, Defense Attorneys, Judges
March 17-20	Zacatecas	Course for Magistrates in new CPP	Superior Court for Justice	Magistrates
March 18-April 23	Zacatecas	Course for Investigators	Investigative Police force	Investigative Police
March 17-20	Hidalgo	Drafting of CPP	Implementation Committee	Members of Implementation Committee
March 17-20	Zacatecas	Course for Prosecutors	Office of the Attorney General	Prosecutors
March 23 – April 8	Morelos	Trainer of Trainers	Justice Sector individuals from Chihuahua, Oaxaca, Morelos, Zacatecas	Prosecutors, Judges, Defense Attorneys
March 23-25	Mexico City	Technical Assistance to Secretary of Public Security	SSP	Secretary of Public Security

Task Two: Access to Justice

The component of the project which addresses bringing access to justice for marginalized populations such as juveniles, women and children, and the indigenous focuses on juvenile justice, gender-based violence, civil society and non-governmental agencies, and access to justice for the indigenous. The following areas describe the events and activities addressed during Quarter 2.

Alternative Justice Training

An integral and innovative portion of the justice reforms includes the commitment to alternative justice for victims and offenders through mediation and restorative justice. MSD/Mexico Coordinators take a fundamental role in bringing training to the operators of the new system of justice in these areas. Coordinators consistently present courses on Restorative Justice in a series of Modules. The Modules are designed to serve as a foundation for an Alternative Justice Process for both victims and offenders in a more humane and just method of justice. The First Module “Conflict, Communication and Needs” enables participants to reflect critically on general theories of conflict, practice the application of knowledge in exercises of restorative

justice, and engage in conflict transformation. The Second Module entitled “Restorative Justice, Origins, Principles, and Programs” exposes participants to the origins, history and concepts of Restorative Justice and how it differs from other types of justice. The Third Module the “Accusatory Court System” introduces participants to the new transparent system of justice. The Fourth Module in the Restorative Justice course of study entitled “The Offender” keeps its focus on the offender’s needs, interests, and emotions during the restorative process. Module Five of the Restorative Justice course focuses on “Community”, with in-depth attention on the restorative process relative to community needs and the follow-up after restorative conferences.

Workshops on the Restorative Justice Models, Alternative Methods for the Solution of Conflicts, Mediation and Conciliation were held and planned for the implementing states, and those that are working toward implementation.

FY2009 Training for Alternative Justice		Quarter 1				Quarter 2			
Activities	State	Oct 08	Nov 08	Dec 08	Totals	Jan 09	Feb 09	March 09	Totals 09
Workshops, Courses, Awareness Courses on Mediation, Conciliation, Restorative Justice	Chihuahua	82	16	-	98	91	49	-	140
	Morelos	24	4	-	28	30	484	-	514
	Oaxaca	-	-	-	Aggregated by 162 hrs.	30	125	-	155
	Zacatecas	30			30	-	59	34	93

Trainings in the area addressed by access to justice were offered throughout the 2nd quarter and are charted below:

Date	Location	Course/Event	Institution of Participation	Participants
Jan 5	Zacatecas	Meeting with Faculty Professors	University of Zacatecas	Faculty of Law School
Jan 14	Delicias, Chihuahua	Monitoring of Center for Alternative Justice	Office of the Attorney General’s Center for Alternative Justice	Facilitators of Alternative Justice
Jan 16	Morelos	Evaluation and Feedback of Alternative Justice cases addressed in Center	Center for Alternative Justice of the Office of the Attorney General	Facilitators and staff of Alternative Justice Center
Jan 19	Chihuahua	Review of cases selected for Alternative	Secretary of Public Security	Supervisor and 2 facilitators of Alternative

		Justice		Justice Center
Jan 29	Chihuahua City, Chihuahua	Trauma Workshop	Center for Attention to Victims	Victim's Assistance Facilitators and Psychologists
Jan 30	Cd. Juarez, Chihuahua	Trauma Workshop	Center for Attention to Victims	Victim's Assistance Facilitators and Psychologists
Jan 30	Chihuahua	Monitoring Pre-meeting conferences	University of Chihuahua Alternative Justice Center	Facilitators and Volunteers
Jan 30	Chihuahua	Trafficking in Person's conference presentation	Secretary of Public Security	Federal Preventative Police
Feb 2-5	Mexico City	Work on Mediation and Conciliation Manuals	Proderecho	Alternative Justice Team
Feb 5	Zacatecas	Meetings with operators of Centers for Addiction and Public Health Agencies	Public Health Organizations	Personnel from Public Health Organizations
Feb 5	Zacatecas	Presentation to operators of Centers for Addiction and Public Health Agencies	Public Health Organizations	Personnel from Public Health Organizations
Feb 9	Oaxaca	Crisis Intervention Course	Office of the Attorney General	Personnel from Office of the Attorney General
Feb 9	Oaxaca	Workshop on Trafficking in Persons	State Commission of Human Rights	State Commission of Human Rights personnel
Feb 10	Chihuahua	Monitoring Pre-meeting facilitation of Restorative Justice Conference	UACH	Secretary of Public Security
Feb 11	Oaxaca	Crisis Intervention Course	Office of the Attorney General	Personnel from Office of the Attorney General
Feb 11	Oaxaca	Workshop on Trafficking in Persons	State Commission of Human Rights	State Commission of Human Rights personnel

Feb 13	Mexico City	Presentation of Leadership Program for Adolescent Victims of Trafficking	Casa de Camino	Adolescent victims of trafficking and violence
Feb 14	Mexico City	CoDel Visit to Casa de Camino	Casa de Camino Shelter	Adolescent victims of trafficking and violence
Feb 16	Morelos	Evaluation and feedback for operators of Alternative Justice Practices	Center for Alternative Justice	Facilitators of Alternative Justice Centers
Feb 16	Mexico City	Development of Manuals for Alternative Justice	Proderecho	Alternative Justice Team
Feb 16	Morelos	Evaluation of Alternative Justice Center	Office of the Attorney General	Alternative Justice Center
Feb 17	Morelos	Monitoring of practices for Alternative Justice	Office of the Attorney General	Alternative Justice Center
Feb 19	Chihuahua	Monitoring of practices for Alternative Justice	Office of the Attorney General	Alternative Justice Center
Feb 23	Oaxaca	Assessment of Center for Restorative Justice	Office of the Attorney General	Office of the Attorney General
Feb 28	Chihuahua	Detection of Human Trafficking	Proteja	Office of Attorney General , Secretary of Public Security
March 3	Zacatecas	Review of case files to be addressed in Center for Alternative Justice	Office of the Attorney General	Office of the Attorney General



Juvenile Justice

The importance of having judges and litigators who specialize in the Juvenile Justice System is critical in the new system of justice, thus USAID/Proderecho focused on assisting at the state and federal levels, by training operators of the system and having provided technical assistance in drafting of the laws. Activities in Juvenile Justice for Quarter 2 of FY 2009 included the completion and submission of the Adolescent projects created by the attendants of the McAllen, Texas study tour by committees comprised of a social worker, a psychologist, a police officer, a judge, a prosecutor, and a community representative to develop and submit an adolescent justice project for potential funding by Proderecho. A committee consisting of legislative and adolescent legal expert, Carlos Rios, a psychologist, a social worker who focuses on adolescents, and the deputy director of the project will select the most plausible and effective project for implementation. The selection will take place for initiation in May.

On February 14, Proderecho staff took members of a U.S. Congressional Delegation to visit a Shelter for Adolescent victims of Trafficking in Persons, run by local religious and community leader Rocy Diaz. Proderecho is developing an adolescent leadership program for the adolescent victims. The initial visit to make introductions and develop a relationship took place on February 13 by Proderecho staff and USAID ROL CTO.

Juvenile Justice continues to be a priority in the states implementing and planning to implement the justice reforms. Oaxaca and Morelos will be implementing their Adolescent System of Justice in the next quarter. Proderecho will continue provide technical assistance and training in the field of criminal juvenile justice. PRODERECHO recognizes that this is an important task as more and more adolescents are getting involved in gangs, trafficking in persons and criminal activities.

Evaluative and Diagnostic Procedures

The continuing collaborations within states and other countries assist USAID/Mexico as it monitors its move toward a new criminal justice system and provides a system of consistent training and evaluation.

As the work on the reforms of the justice system in Mexico continue in states that are implementing and have passed the criminal code of procedures into law, it is essential that continual and consistent evaluation of the process and of the technical assistance Proderecho is providing take place. In addition, there are diagnostic procedures that Proderecho administers in order to assess the outcomes of the training and the practice of the justice reforms.

Police Training

On January 20, the Secretary of Public Safety, the Attorney General, the Secretary of the Interior, Deputy Secretary for Justice Affairs, the Secretary of Public Safety for the Penitentiary System, Deputy Director of the Institute of Public Safety, and the Director of the Police Academy in Tecate, were all present as they discussed the issues surrounding the new criminal code of procedure, and how its implementation will affect the police training. The group and the visitors from Proderecho also visited the new “Judicial City” and participated in a meeting with police officials from Mexicali and Tijuana, Baja California.

A visit was made by Proderecho Technical Director and his assistant to the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) on January 22-23 to work out a schedule for training Mexican investigators in the Detective Training Academy of the LAPD. The visitors from Mexico visited with LAPD Detective Alejandra Sampson from the Detective Training Academy and Sterling Johnson from the SWAT training.

The Technical Director spoke to a group of police from the Secretary for Public Security relative to the Criminal Code of Procedure and its effect on police work in trafficking in persons cases. In attendance were Federal Preventative Police from the Office of the Attorney General, who specialize in violent crime against women and trafficking in persons.

The course for the training of the investigative police from the Office of the Attorney General of Zacatecas began March 23 and continues into April.

CONCLUSION

The number of events reported above enumerates the work of USAID/Mexico during the Quarter from January 1 to March 31, and demonstrate the successes of the project in its different phases of moving toward criminal justice reform in Mexico. The many workshops, trainings, seminars, and meetings are examples of the productivity of the staff as they continue to increase the technical assistance and training in districts ready to join the implementation within those states that have already begun to implement reform. In addition, the MSD/Proderecho staff continues to expand their reach by including states that are close to passing the reforms. The expansion of USAID/Mexico’s influence and support is recognized by states that are interested in the march toward justice reform and respected by the Federal government.

Since there are various levels of the justice reforms taking place, staff must work diligently to respond accordingly. For states that are at the entry level, basic inquiries regarding the reform are addressed with fundamental training. Needs assessments are conducted to assist in allocation of resources and to determine the current level of commitment from states inquiring and seeking initial assistance from USAID/Mexico.

For those states that are reviewing and evaluating reforms and are moving toward legislation of the reform package, USAID/Mexico continues assisting with training and technical support to the maximum extent possible. The assistance to review, revise, promote, and pass the reforms continues. For Chihuahua, Oaxaca, and Morelos, and Zacatecas, USAID/Mexico continues to expand the areas of support and provide support in shadowing and evaluation, and follow-up training with more depth, so that the systems now implemented can be implemented successfully and smoothly. For Baja California, USAID/Mexico is prioritizing the technical assistance for the third quarter, as they expect to have the reforms go into effect in June.

USAID/Mexico continues to allocate its resources with efficacy and prudence, and targets the states which have committed their personnel, share costs, and continue to move more expansively toward the justice reforms, while continuing to attempt to address requests for assistance by states that are exhibiting political will. It is important however that USAID/Mexico continues to help develop an infrastructure that will provide a solid foundation for legislative, judicial, law enforcement, civil and social, and academic institutions in Mexico; so that the new and transparent system of justice will be embraced, supported, and carried out by the operators and bring civil rights and human dignity to the recipients of the system.