



FACT SHEET

REGIONAL ACADEMY FOR SECURITY ANALYSIS

USAID’s \$4.98 million Regional Academy for Security Analysis’ builds regional institutional capacity, promotes evidence-based policy, and disseminates best practices on citizen security, with the overarching objective of improving public safety in the Central America Northern Triangle region (Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador).

The project has three main components: 1) Provide training in quantitative methods and applied research to teams of justice sector officials and civil society organizations from the Northern Triangle countries; 2) promote evidence-based approaches to citizen security challenges in this region; and 3) develop regional capabilities and skills to gather and analyze violence and crime data. This process will be crucial to foster evidence-based assessments, recommendations, and monitoring for effective policy-making on violence interruption and crime prevention. This quantitative perspective for understanding violence and criminal behavior, combined with well-established qualitative and case-based practices, can help to better identify possible solutions to public security challenges in the region.

The project promotes interactions among government institutions, civil society organizations, and other national and international stakeholders to strengthen security regional networks that will allow to

provide a solid foundation for promotion, implementation, and dissemination of best practices on citizen security.

The training component of the project will be complemented by hands-on experience for participants in Pilot Policy Projects, developed and carried out by teams of participants in their countries. The goal of these projects is to capture lessons in citizen security, effective models of crime prevention, and best practices, and to promote replication. The policy proposals will be enhanced with research design and methodologies that will enable evaluating their impact in a rigorous manner.

A Policy Board will select two projects per year to be funded within each of the three participating countries. The results from the Pilot Policy Projects, which represent promising crime prevention initiatives that can be measured for impact using the methodologies taught in the Academy, will be included in a catalog of best practices on citizen security that will be disseminated within a network of governmental, non-governmental, journalistic, and academic participants through a series of regional and domestic forums.

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TOTAL INVESTMENT: \$4.9 million

TIME PERIOD: September 2016 – July 2020

GEOGRAPHIC AREA: Hosted in El Salvador, with participants from the three Northern Triangle countries

GRANTEE: John Jay College of Criminal Justice

PARTNERS:

- Justice and security sector agencies from Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador
- NGOs working in crime prevention

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