Halving Violence by 2030 (SDG 16.1)
The Role of Cities, Evidence, and Faith Leaders in Getting Action Now?

The Significance of Faith-Based Organizations (FBOs)
Why Faith-Based Organizations?

• Religions are Major Stakeholders in Societies Throughout the World
• Religious Ideas Shape Consciousness and Behaviors
• Religions Impact Grass Roots Society: Values, Ethics, Politics, Economics, Family
• Majority of Human Beings are Believers
• Religious Actors are Socially Engaged
• Religious Actors are Motivated
• Religions Have Substantial Capacities
Grass Roots Capacities of FBOs

• Religions/FBOs Have Access to and Reach Millions/Billions
• Religions/FBOs Operate and Have Influence in Neighborhoods and Communities Among:
  • Youth
  • Parents and Families
  • Civil Society
  • Politicians
  • The Corporate World
• Religions/FBOs are Centers of Education
  • From the pulpit and Sunday School
  • Through after-church programs
  • Churches, Temples, Mosques Function as Classrooms
• Religions/FBOs Contribute to Social Capital, Social Order
• Religions/FBOs are Natural Allies in Crime Prevention and Violence Reduction
FBOs are Natural and Willing Partners in Effort to Reduce Violence

- Religions/FBOs are Natural Partners
  - With Community Organizations
  - With legislators
  - With police departments
  - With prison officials
  - With NGOs
What FBOs Do

- Religions/FBOs can offer
  - Mentoring programs for youth
  - Re-entry programs to reduce recidivism
  - Education aimed at prevention
  - Support to law enforcement
  - Support to victims
  - Support to offenders
  - Expand Networks
  - Organize Training Programs
  - Raise Awareness
  - Inspire People
What You Can Do

• Develop Your Religious Literacy
• Understand that Religion is More than Evangelism and Proselytization
• Engage with FBOs
• Form Partnerships
• Make Friends
• Build Alliances and Coalitions
  • City level
  • National Level
  • Global Level: UNODC

• Coalitionfbo.org