

# 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**