LESSONS LEARNT ON
RESTORATIVE JUVENILE JUSTICE
IN PERU

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PROJECT CONTEXT

• Violence: juvenile violence; gangs; drug, arm and human trafficking; schools and sports culture violence
• Huge fracture between rich and poor
• Use to copy solutions or models from somewhere else (or being imposed)
• > 50% of population is < 25 years old, however little concern about the Rights of the Child as well as Rights of the Victim
• Important lack of inter institutional coordination
• High level of corruption and distrust
• Mass media has generally a negative perspective and influence towards youth
PROJECT CONTEXT

• Quite good economical situation (Peru, Brazil)
• Quite good national law for children but rarely put into practice
• Awareness that prison is not the ideal solution
• Still exists community based organization
• Successful restorative practice results since 2005
• Important role of local and Inter. NGO’s
LESSONS LEARNT

1. Advocate for Restorative Juvenile Justice is a long process that requires patience, a use of common and simple language and communication; lots of key contacts (building a network); showing concrete results and best practices… to propose and convince as much as possible.

THIS IS HOW WE HAVE TRIED TO DO IT
MODELS OF JUSTICE ADMINISTRATION ALONG THE TIME

- **Retributive Justice Model**
  - Until the end of XIX Century

- **Neo Retributive Justice Model**
  - From the end of XX Century

- **Welfare Justice Model**
  - From the beginning XX Century

- **Restorative Justice Approach**
  - From the end of XX Century
WE ARE INCARCERATING OURSELVES, EVERYBODY!

• More watchmen in the streets
• More high walls recovered by electrical circle and sharp ground glasses
• More threatening advertisements, extremes advertencies
• More bars, gates and blocks in the streets, front of the houses
• More policemen and private security operators
• More sophisticated security equipment (cameras, sensors laser, protected doors and windows, central security enterprises connection… not always trustful
• More shocking news, creating more fear, more risks and distrustful

AT WHAT COSTS!
WHAT ARE THE SOLUTIONS?

1. Being more and more retributive and exclusive
2. Being supportive and responsible... but only on one side (offender or victim)
3. Let it go... being permissive, soft, doing nothing or simply ignore...
4. Or setting a restorative approach: responsible, proactive, responsive, participative, innovating social inclusive policies, resolution of conflict and promoting peace within the community...
COMMUNITY

FAMILY

OFFENDER

PENAL

OFFENSE

FAMILY

VICTIM

CULPABILITY / REVANCHE

- IMPUNITY / CORRUPTION
- PRISON (Rule)
- ALTERNATIVAS MEASURES (Excep.)
WELFARE LENSES

COMMUNITY

FAMILY
VICTIM

PENAL

DISCRECIONALITY
AND
PATERNALISM

Protection (Rule)
REHABILITATIVE LENSES

COMMUNITY

FAMILY
OFFENDER

PENAL
OFFENSE

VICTIM
FAMILY

RESOCIALIZATION

- ALTERNATIVES MEASURES (Rule)
- PRIV. OF LIBERTY (Excep.)
COMMUNITY ONLY FOR SERVICES AND PROGRAMMES

FAMILY
OFFENDER
Support
Church
Sport Club
Drug addict Service
School
Work…

VERY GOOD INTENTION BUT CREATES AN IMPORTANT DANGER, BECAUSE…
COMMUNITY

FAMILY

OFFENDER

FAMILY

VICTIM

MISUNDERSTANDING, FRUSTRATION, TENSION, DISTANCE, ANGER, REVANCHE...
FAMILY
OFFENDER
COMMUNITY
VICTIM

RESTORATIVE LENSES

PARTICIPATION, REPARATION OF THE HARM, RESTAURATION OF RELATIONS, SAFETY AND PEACE

▼ RESPONSABILITY, REPARATION, RESTAURATION, RE SOCIALIZACION, RE INTEGRATION, COMMUNITY CONECTION, SOCIAL PEACE

► DIVERTION (R1)
► ALTERNATIVE MEASURES (R2)
► PRIVACY OF LIBERTY (Excep.)
LESSONS LEARNTS

2. Involved as much as possible key persons and institutions (public and private) within the process (even media; politicians!), working as a network within the same philosophy (RP)

3. The context / environment should not be a barrier to apply best practice from outside; wherever they come from, they are welcome.

4. RJJ interesting in costs/benefits (economical and social benefits)
5. Going slowly with the process or journey, but taking care of going with success from the beginning!

6. Etc…
I HIGHLY DREAM AND HOPE THAT LIMA WILL BE ONE DAY THE FIRST BEST RESTORATIVE CAPITAL CITY IN LATIN AMERICA
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