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I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On September 30, 2015, the Cooperative Agreement No AID-A-12-0002 entitled “Dominican Republic At-Risk Youth Initiative,” coined in Spanish as “Alerta Joven” between USAID and Entrena, reached its three-year anniversary. A total of 21 months remain for actual implementation with project close-out scheduled for July 5, 2017.

Alerta Joven is an ambitious initiative aiming to reduce levels of crime and violence through integrated and multi-disciplinary activities that provide increased opportunities in education, employment insertion, and health for youth with risk factors caused by marginalization and disenfranchisement. The initiative includes policy issues, information systems, and partnerships to positively impact the capability of our youth to become productive citizens.

Summarized numerical results are the following:

Total amount of participating youth with defined at risk categories registered to date in the tracking system is 90,104 of a target population of 85,000 which is 106%. Of these, 60,936 were registered during year 3.

The overall gender distribution is 56.3% female and 43.7% male. Age distribution is 64.7 % 11 to 17 years and 35.3% 18 to 24 years.

Budget execution stands at 59% and cost share at 65%. (See Attachment 4)

A total of 23 implementing organizations with sub-awards carry out activities in the targeted Duarte Corridor geographic zone covering 9 provinces and 748 *barrios* or high crime urban neighborhoods. To date, Alerta Joven has worked with 6 Dominican government (GoDR) ministries and over 10 municipal governments. A total of 20 private-public partnerships have been developed.

The major focus during Year 3 was Entrena working closely with the partner implementing organizations to significantly improve the quality of their services, compliance with the tracking system, and overall technical and financial management. This included performance ranking systems, evaluation workshops with each partner, increased field visits, and specialized trouble shooting for the tracking system and employment insertion component.

The results have been increased numbers, upgraded credibility of Alerta Joven interventions, and substantial empowerment by our partners. Unique products during this year were high level research on future jobs in the Dominican economy and training requirements, regional and national self-employment fairs, and consolidation of school retention and re-insertion programs.

This third annual report starts with a recap of Alerta Joven and then summarizes the numbers, presents the faces of our youth, reviews the results, and finalizes by examining the challenges. The Attachment 14 describe each partner organization, present the detailed indicators and results, and review the most important activities of the year. But most importantly, we hope this report transmits the enthusiasm and commitment of our youth. Despite all their conditions of risk and being surrounded by environments of crime and violence, they are hopeful and only await that one opportunity to make a positive difference.

II. RECAP OF ALERTA JOVEN

The name Alerta Joven was selected from a competition of participating youth in September 2012. The author is Genesis Sosa (17) from the *barrio* of Los Minas in northeastern Santo Domingo. The name stresses that Dominican youth need to be alert – on the lookout – to not cave under the pressures and temptations of crime and violence in their communities, but rather to make the best of the opportunities that become available to them.

The purpose of Alerta Joven is to create a sustainable, multidisciplinary safety net for at-risk youth implemented to prevent crime. This safety net is a back-up support network where a young person who may be a first offender, deserted from school, or a teenage mother can come into *confianza* or confidence to rediscover hope, and connect with practical solutions and opportunities to improve and move on with their lives. Crime is prevented because conditions of risk are significantly ameliorated when youth have viable alternatives and thereby can access practical options to improve their educational, employability, health, and legal status.

The project has identified different risk conditions where the highest include the following: 59.5% participants with STI risks, 52% participants with labor risk (under exploitative labor conditions or with low incomes), 36.7% with pregnancy risk, and 35.6% at risk for criminal activity¹. Alerta Joven operates primarily in urban settings in seven provinces that make up the “Duarte Corridor.” The target population is distributed into two major age groupings – 11 to 17 years and 18 to 24 years with equality of gender. The prime organization is Entrena, a Dominican organization, along with 26 partner organizations, of which 23 are local Dominican, two international, and one of mixed Dominican/international origin. The total budget, including cost share, is \$ 23,626,630, and the project duration is five years, ending in July 2017.

Alerta Joven will produce three major results:

1. Improve the Youth Protection Policy in Practice – This includes empowering youth stakeholders to participate in policy decisions, making sure that all agencies understand and comply with the legal framework for youth in the DR, and increasing the documentation of at-risk youth.
2. Create opportunities for at-risk youth to become productive citizens are increased through education, employment insertion, and health services.
3. Develop an integrated youth system incorporating a state-of-the-art information system, innovative solutions to reduce crime through multi-disciplinary groups, and the creation of public-private partnerships for support and advocacy.

The geographic distribution of Alerta Joven activities is in Attachment 1, and the detailed results framework for the project can be found in Attachment 2.

Alerta Joven has a commitment to long-term sustainability once funding from USAID ends, and based upon the experience and opportunities during the first three years, is currently evaluating the final strategy and mechanism that gives us the best shot at reaching the goal of sustainability.

¹ According to the web platform report “Vulnerability Risk Scale”

Alerta Joven – Accumulated 3 Year Total of Participants

July 5, 2012 to September 30, 2015

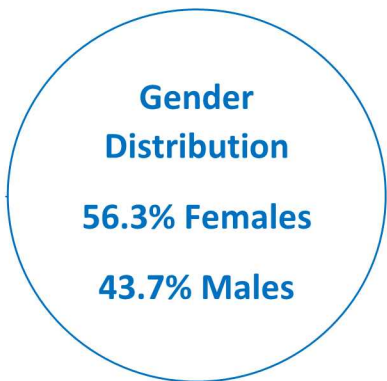


III. ALERTA JOVEN IN NUMBERS

At the three year mark, Alerta Joven has exceeded the original target population number of 85,000 participants. By September 30, 2015, our tracking system verifies that 90,104 youth have benefited from the services provided by Alerta Joven. Age groupings are predominately adolescents and younger youth from the 11 to 17 years age group.

- Between 11 to 17 years: 64.4%
- Between 18 to 24 years: 34.1%
- Less than 11 years: 0.3%
- More than 24 years: 0.9%

8% or 7,208 have been in conflict with the law
31.5% are sexually active
55.7% use condoms



95.9% Documented
4.1% Undocumented

15% reported working on baseline survey
57.1% of youth who received the job insertion survey are currently working
Less than RD\$10,000 (US\$200) Estimated monthly income from those that work

Education Component Results

- **12,090** participated in school retention programs in **131** schools.
- **8,750** participants have attended the EpC school retention model and **2,678** completed the program.
- **200** new teachers received Quantum Learning training in accelerated learning methodologies during year 3
- **150** new EpC's operated in 10 municipalities during year 3
- **1,013** participants were mainstreamed into public schools resulting from their participation in school insertion programs.



Documentation

- **2,073** participants identified without birth certificate.
- **379** have successfully obtained their legal documentation.
- **1,193** participants received extensive legal assistance and counseling for obtaining documentation.

Health Results

More than 30 peer to peer networks were formed with more than 6,000 youth multipliers in 10 municipalities.

49,947 youth received HIV and pregnancy prevention information.

21,489 completed the PEPFAR minimum requirements.

2,927 received youth friendly medical care at 8 clinics distributed in Duarte corridor.

2,024 received HIV tests and results were delivered.

144 participants from Most at Risk Population have been reached over these three years. **47.9%** are considered by themselves as commercial sex workers.

68.1% of the males and **63.9%** of females reported using a modern contraceptive method.

Employment for Youth Increased

17,341 participants have participated in vocational, entrepreneurship and microcredits courses.

7,862 of the above received entrepreneurship training sessions

9,137 participants completed technical and vocational training courses.

672 participants presented 169 new business ideas at the regional/national self-employment and entrepreneurship fair.

1,970 received new or better employment after technical training from Alerta Joven.

60 participants received microcredit loans and **20** were awarded seed capital money as winners of the national self-employment fair.

Empowerment of Youth Stakeholders to Influence Policy Decisions

26 youth committees actively engaged

3,062 participants have received training in the application of the youth legal framework

Comprehensive Information System Developed

89,150 visits to the Alerta Joven Web Site and Social Media Networks

212 users from 24 organizations feed the system on a daily basis

Solutions to Prevent Delinquency and Promote Non-Violence and Dialogue

7,024 participants received orientation to improve and practice social interaction skills

8,467 participants received workshops on crime prevention

IV. THE FACES AND BACKGROUNDS OF OUR YOUTH

The Dominican Republic is a middle-income country with an impressive average growth rate of 5.5% between 1991 and 2013 ^[2]. With an economy fueled by tourism, mining, free zones for goods and services, and remittances from the large Dominican diaspora abroad, the outlook for sustained growth is bright. The major problem is the unequal distribution of growth. Like most urban areas in the DR, Santo Domingo and major cities are surrounded by rings of misery. Many of these *barrios* emerged after the assassination of the dictator Trujillo in 1961 and the resulting rural to urban migration. This trend still continues. This is where the youth of Alerta Joven survive.

Living in these conditions means you are a survivor. You are marginalized and disenfranchised. Your access to formal and reliable public services, such as education, health, decent housing, water, sewage, and electricity, is limited. Your escape routes are extremely challenging. In education, graduating from high school is a farfetched possibility; graduating from college is a dream. Plus, what you have witnessed from peers indicates that improved education does not necessarily translate into improved income. Obtaining a decent job in the formal sector of the economy is a long shot; and once employers know where you live, they will pass you over. You know the easier shorter routes are wrong but nevertheless produce money – micro-trafficking, prostitution, gangs, etc. or getting on a *yola* headed to Puerto Rico.

Recent Alerta Joven supported studies with the Attorney General Office show that those who take the easy but wrong route have similar characteristics – they began having sex around 13 years of age, 57.3% dropped out of school before completing 8th grade, 71.3 % lived alone with their mother, and only 47% had seen their father every day in the last year. The studies surveyed youth currently in detention centers and in conflict with the law ⁽³⁾.

Alerta Joven identifies and works with those youth in high-risk situations who have not yet taken the wrong path but could easily do so. Alerta Joven develops their self-esteem, encourages them to discover their talents and potential, and gives them access to educational, employment, and health opportunities.

The following paragraphs are brief stories of our youth participants – each one different and from various areas of the country – but each one trusting that Alerta Joven can make a difference in their lives.

Fleudy Elias de Jesús, 22 years – IDDI in Bonaó



Fleudy Elias lives in Bonaó, in the humble neighborhood of Villa Liberación. Before joining the Alerta Joven Project he was just another troubled young man in the community and was marginalized due his bad behavior. Fleury spent most of his time on the streets and rarely missed opportunities to steal.

However, he had the opportunity to attend vocational training opportunities offered by IDDI through Alerta Joven. Through these courses he realized that the future he was searching for could not be found on the streets.

Fleudy said that thanks to Alerta Joven, he is a new person. He now has a profession as a barber. He believes that his dream to become a better person came true due to the Alerta Joven training he received from IDDI in

Bonaó, where he continues benefiting from support and guidance.

Joel Luis Nuñez, 18 years old – Universidad Católica Nordestana (UCNE) in San Francisco de Macorís

Since he was a child, Joel's passion was baseball. He started to play at the age of 10, dreaming to become a professional baseball player from his home town of San Francisco de Macorís. By the age of 14, he had caught the eyes of several MLB scouts. But his dream vanished when he suffered a terrible shoulder injury and his family didn't have the money to pay for the therapy he needed to recover.

Losing his dream of baseball, he became severely depressed, with no goals or motivation to move on with his life. But one day he showed up at the Ercilia Pepin School and joined an entrepreneurship and employability course held by Alerta Joven. There he learned to plan for and initiate his own business, a music production company.



Joel Luis found a new dream and motivation. Several months later he took part in the regional self-employment fair and received a prize for winning first place with his business called the "056 Studio".

Maria Mercedes Rosario, 17 years – Children International, Santo Domingo East

Maria Mercedes Rosario is the second of five siblings. She lives with her mother and also has a son of her own. Maria didn't have a birth certificate which limited her access to formal education. She was only allowed to sit in and monitor classes without certification to prove her successful completion of the coursework and tests required for each grade.



As a result of the Alerta Joven documentation program implemented by Children International in the community of Mendoza, she received her legal birth certificate. Her attendance and completion of each grade in school is now correctly documented and certified.

In addition, Maria Mercedes participated in the vocational and life skills training program entitled "The Company". This course provides participants with an opportunity to practice what they are learning, promotes personal responsibility and helps them to determine their vocation.

Odalis Miguel Lora García, 21 years, Sur Futuro, Villa Lisa, Haina – San Cristóbal

"Making mistakes is human, but when we don't forgive, our mistakes walk into a labyrinth that causes us to doubt our humanity" stated Odalis Lora, a young man from Villa Lisa, Haina.

"Previously I did not respect my colleagues nor my neighbors, I treated others badly and was very rebellious", testified Odalis.



"I was raised by my grandparents. It was so terrible for me when my grandmother passed away. After that, I started the bad behaviors in my life, "el tigueraje". I began committing crimes and fell into the trap of hard drugs. I began to spend all my time stealing. I began to lose control of my life. This was so strong that I did not know what to do, I felt I was totally lost", he added.

"I thank God that when I was abandoned by everyone else, the Lord held me in his hands and took me to a youth camp organized by Alerta Joven – Sur Futuro. That started a change in my life with no turning back. The Bible says in Psalm 10: "Though my father and mother forsake me, the LORD will receive me. I thank God for his love and mercy."

"I also thank Alerta Joven for accepting me with my past, my mistakes, for giving me an opportunity and the confidence I need to move forward. They are now training me in a technical course so I can get a job and find a better future."

Katiulca Santos, 12 years old – CEPROSH, Puerto Plata



Katiulca Santos is 12 year old and lives in one of the most vulnerable areas of Puerto Plata where she encounters dangerous situations such as prostitution and drug sales. Katiulca says she looks like a “tomboy”, and as she herself tells, the formation of her personality was influenced by the company of young males. Since childhood her behavior was rebellious and careless. This attitude resulted in her expulsion from several schools.

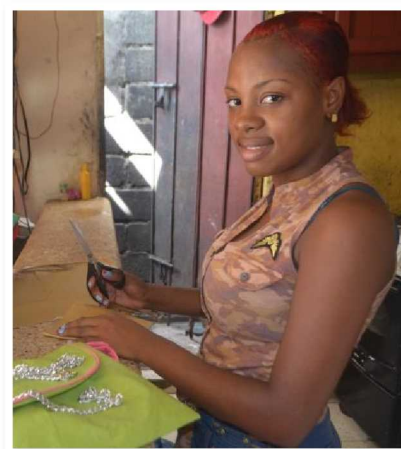
Alerta Joven came to her community with the Spaces to Growth program (Espacios para Crecer), giving her an opportunity to improve her behavior, go back to school and change the type of friends she had. With the support of Alerta Joven, Katiulca received a letter of recommendation and she was accepted at a

school in the city.

Grecia Leticia Castillo Jesus, 20 years, Children International Santo Domingo East

Grecia Leticia Castillo Jesus, better known in the community with the nickname “Letty” is a 20 year old young adult without documentation, which limited her possibilities to overcome the cycle of poverty.

Letty’s dreams are ambitious. She yearns to start her own company, “D’Letty Carteras”, dedicated to the production of creative and customized handbags for retail and wholesale. But in order to achieve this and to enter the world of entrepreneurship, she has discovered that she needs a birth certificate.



To make it happen, Letty has participated in various training courses in entrepreneurship. Letty took part and won first prize at the Santo Domingo Regional Entrepreneurship Fair sponsored by Alerta Joven earlier this year. She also qualified for the 2015 National Self-Employment and Entrepreneurship Fair celebrated in August, where she took 9th place.

Letty discovered that it was important to have documentation to participate in these and other events and that to access the monetary awards received at the fairs, she had to open a bank account - an impossible task without a valid birth certificate.

She is in the final steps of the documentation process. In the meantime, D’Letty Carteras remains as the symbol for young people who wish to fulfill their dreams, become a self-sufficient adult and overcome poverty.

Angel Miguel Rodríguez, 15 years – CEPROSH, Puerto Plata



My name is Miguel Angel Rodríguez; I was born on November 22, 1999. I live in Puerto Plata with my grandparents and my father. I am the oldest of three brothers. I was motivated to go to school because I want to be somebody in life and to prove that that no matter which neighborhood you live in, you can succeed.

Thanks to Alerta Joven I have recognize the importance of returning to school. Now that I am part of this project, I feel that my life has changed and the community now sees me in a different way.

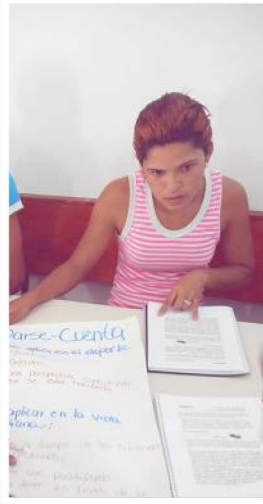
Before, I was fighting everyone all the time, and because of that I was expelled from the school. Alerta Joven really changed my life. I'm transformed because of all the support I have been receiving.

Rosanny Sanchez Menna, 20 years old – Dream Project, Sabaneta de Cangrejos

Rosanny's success story is one that not only makes us proud but also spreads the word about excellent programs of the Alerta Joven project, by demonstrating how employment opportunities are generated. At 20 years old, Rosanny is currently in her fourth year of high school and has had no prior job experience nor has she ever participated in a technical training course.

Throughout the A Ganar program, she was one of our most motivated students, but her determination particularly stood out at the end. During the professional development and employability phase, the students are required to take part in an employment interview with local business managers.

Rosanny was so convincing during her interview that the owner of Mojito Bar, one of the most famous restaurants in Cabarete, contracted her on the spot. The next morning, Rosanny began work as a bartender at Mojito. She graduated from the A Ganar course and four months later continues to work at the bar.



Yeidi Yadira Castro, 11 years, Children International Santo Domingo East



Yeidy Yocaira Castro is an 11 year old girl who participates in the Space for Growth program (Espacio para Crecer - EpC) located in Colegio Las Frutas, in the Mendoza neighborhood.

She was an extremely shy girl, with low self-esteem and poor academic performance.

She herself expressed, “To be participant of an EpC has been a unique experience”. Yeidy adds that the “EpC has transformed her life from the inside”.

As a result, Yeidy now takes full advantage of her classes and is motivated to excel. “When I grow up I want to be a doctor. That's my dream, and my dreams can come true with focus and perseverance” says Yeidy.

Jose Miguel Flores, 20 years old - Universidad Católica Nordestana (UCNE) in San Francisco de Macorís

Jose Miguel Flores, a young man of 20, is from San Francisco de Macorís. Before participating in a vocational training course sponsored by the Universidad Católica Nordestana through Alerta Joven, he was considered a Dominican “Ni – Ni”, the expression in Spanish applied for youth who neither work nor study.

With the encouragement of his instructor Eddy Guava, he took part and completed a job skills training course on residential electrical installation and repair. After receiving his diploma and persevering in his search for employment, Jose Miguel found a job in Telenord, a large TV cable company in San Francisco de Macorís.

Currently Jose Miguel works in Telenord and he is deeply grateful to Alerta Joven and his teacher/mentor for helping him to become more than just another unproductive statistic.



Arisleyda Hernandez, 16 years – CEPROSH, Puerto Plata



Arisleyda Hernandez is the third of four children living with her parents in a rural area near the city of Puerto Plata. At age 13 she became pregnant, forcing her to drop out of school.

Arisleyda has had to work to provide for her one year old baby as the father never assumed responsibly and her parents earn just enough to support their own children.

Alerta Joven came to the community where Arisleyda lives with a program of getting back in school. In one of the meetings held in her community, she expressed motivation and eagerness to return to school in order to provide a better life to her son.

Through Alerta Joven, Arisleyda was reinserted into school, and at this moment is attending 7th grade in the evening shift. Teachers state that she is putting forth her best efforts. Arisleyda

is also participating in the health program components of Alerta Joven.

Ángel Javier Feliz, 17 years – CSA, Santo Domingo

Ángel Javier Feliz Javier is a 17-year-old from Batey Caballona in western Santo Domingo. He became aware of the benefits of Alerta Joven through an initial workshop organized in his community to introduce the program. Since then, his life has been transformed.

In his own words he states: “On a personal and professional level I have benefited from Alerta Joven. My community has had the opportunity to receive technical trainings and more importantly, we have acquired skills to get a job. My family has also benefited, as my sister participated in the Space for Growth program (Espacio para Crecer, EPC)”.

Thanks to the project, Angel feels very motivated and focused. “I want to keep moving forward, and help in my community too”, stated Angel. That’s why he is forming a nonprofit organization to contribute solutions for his community and stimulate an environment free from bad habits and addictions.



Arismendy De Jesús Hernández, 17 years – CEPROSH, Puerto Plata

My name is Arismendy De Jesus Hernandez, I was born on May 4, 1998. I have five brothers and I live with my parents, my brothers and my nephew in the city of Puerto Plata.

I left school because I started to work in a furniture upholstery business and had no time to study. I heard about the Alerta Joven project which offered me the chance to study and helped me to get enrolled in school. Ever since I've been involved in the project, my behavior has improved at home and on the street. I feel that I am a better person now.

My dream is to go to college and become an engineer. I'm sure that I can be a good man and serve my community. I want to thank Alerta Joven, because they gave me the opportunity to return to school.



Rosilenny Rosario Reyes, 15 years – Children International Santo Domingo East.



Rosilenny Rosario Reyes is a 15 year old adolescent living in extreme poverty and overcrowding in the community of Mendoza. For Rosilenny, being able to study was a priority. But her dreams and expectations were blocked because she didn't have the birth certificate required to enroll in school.

Rosy (her nickname) obtained her birth certificate through the Alerta Joven documentation program. As a result, her self-confidence and self-esteem have increased. She has enrolled in school and is closer to realizing her dreams.

According to Rosy, "Alerta Joven has already made two of my dreams come true, to get a birth certificate and to return to school both of which are basic requirements to become a productive person".

V. GOALS AND RESULTS TO DATE

This section of the report provides a summarized overview of the results of Alerta Joven at the end of year 3. This data is organized by the project's three major intermediate results and their three main outcomes. Each one has a brief introductory narrative, graphs where available portraying indicators and results, and an analysis of the results. More detailed results and indicator performance can be found in Attachment 3 - Indicators and Results.

IR 1 – Improvement of Youth Protection Policy

The gap between laws and their actual implementation is significant in the DR, and the youth sector is no exception. Alerta Joven provides support for youth stakeholders to become more engaged in the formulation of the policies which affect them, works with organizations for improved understanding and compliance with the legal framework affecting youth, and provides guidance and support for improved documentation of at-risk youth.

IR1.1 – Empowerment by Youth Stakeholders to Influence Policy – Alerta Joven continues working closely with United Nation Populations Fund (UNFPA) and the Ministry of Youth (MJ) in the development of the National Youth Plan incorporating report recommendations with suggestions for insertions channeled to the Ministry of Youth

Additional empowerment actions during year 3 included the following:

Santiago- Strengthening of the *Consejos Municipales* (Municipal Councils) of El Punal, Villa Gonzalez and El Cantaro. Participation by the MJ local representative in the process of summing youth demands to the council. He also participates in all project planning meetings for the area. These councils were able to access from the municipalities funds for youth empowerment activities such as local forums, round tables to discuss youth issues, and organization of youth fairs.

Boca Chica: The Consejo Municipal of Boca Chica continues to gain momentum in the local agenda of the municipality of La Caleta. Due to the demands by the council, the municipality reopened their youth office.

Haina: Local youth agenda developed until 2017. Includes an action plan to receive funding from the municipality. Currently funding transportation for all youth taking technical vocational training under Alerta Joven.

Los Alcarrizos: During year 3, JADOM signed an agreement with COCDELA, which is the local network of organizations. They agreed to create a sub-committee called Coddela Joven which focuses on coordinating activities for youth with the local municipality.

One major weakness we face in this area is the institutional debility and politicization of the Ministry of Youth (with the exception of Santiago), which is the GODR agency that should take the leadership role in youth policy.

A complete inventory of interventions, agreements and achievements reached by partner organizations related to youth policy during the first 3 years of the project can be found in Attachment 5.

IR1.2 - Institutional Understanding/Compliance with Legal Framework for Youth – During year 3, Entrena continued to strengthen the capabilities of implementing partners for compliance with the youth legal framework component. Organizations have taken ownership of this themes and their influence has grown within the ongoing development of public policy in their municipalities. Organizations like Sur Futuro, Project Hope, Casa Abierta, Ceprosh and Children International have taken additional steps in the formulation of local agendas and plans which include municipal stakeholders. A sample plan can be reviewed on Attachment 2 – Agenda de Desarrollo Local Juventud, Municipio de Haina of Quarterly Report April – June 2015. As a result of these efforts, more than 110 representatives from 82 community based organizations are participating in compliance oversight of the youth legal frameworks within their municipalities.

Gravidelvis Paulino Mercedes, 16 years old, from Profamilia in San Francisco de Macorís, is a good example of commitment in sharing information concerning youth. “I have the opportunity to share information with other young people. It is important to me to give to others what I have received because giving the information means saving lives.” He is part of a team of Multiplicadores de Espacios Informales (METI) or Multipliers of Informal Spaces whose main role is visiting the local business (markets, barbershops, hair and beauty salons, mechanic and repair shops, and internet cafes) and delivering information about HIV prevention and correct usage of condoms.

IR 1.3 – Increased Documentation of Youth – The documentation component has been incredibly challenging for the project during this period. The grace period of the National Plan for Documentation of Migrant Population (Plan Nacional de Regularización) ended on June 17, 2015. Most of the cases of regularization from Alerta Joven are currently in stages of processing. Despite the bureaucratic complexities associate with the process, we have been able to complete documentation for 379 participants to date.

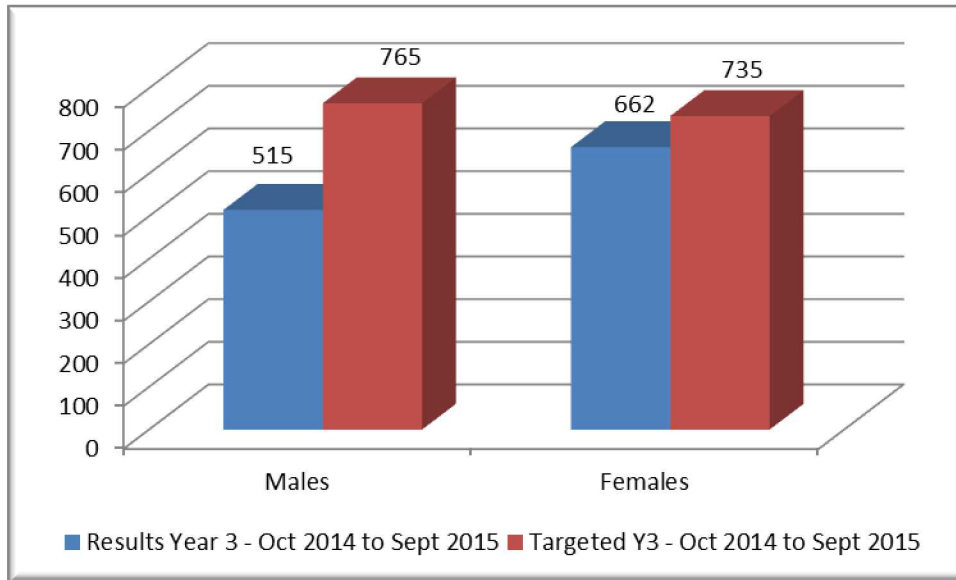
Most cases for non-documented youth during this year 3 are concentrated in the areas of Haina, Boca Chica, Villa Mella, Distrito Nacional and Santiago.

Plans for year 4 will follow up with these steps. Alerta Joven is keenly aware that the at-risk youth population of Haitian descent born in the DR (who do not speak Creole or have ever been to Haiti) continues to be disenfranchised due to documentation issues, and the potential for delinquent and violent activities is exacerbated.

Year 3 and accumulated Project indicators for the documentation component as of 9/30/15 are the following:

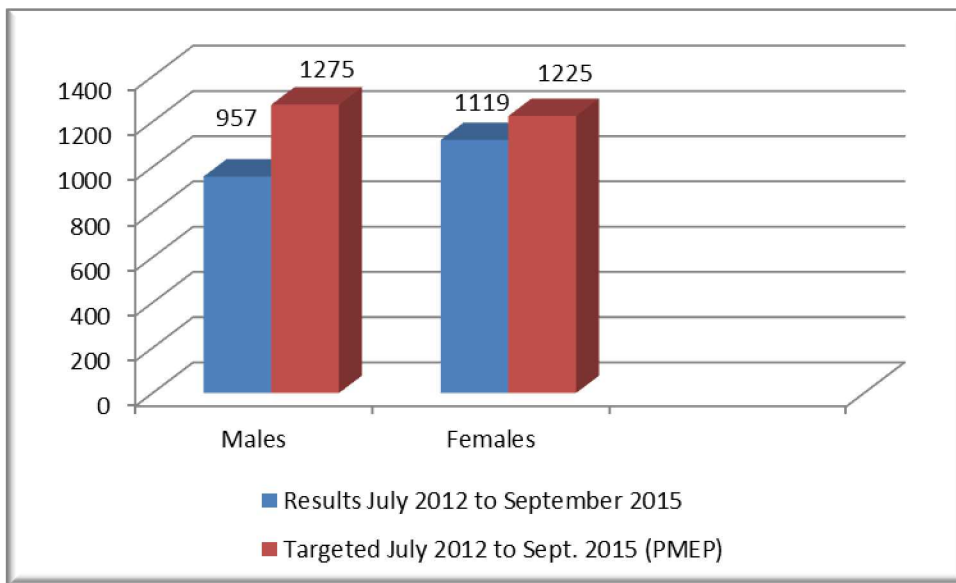
I10: Number of undocumented youth who are identified

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I10: Number of undocumented youth who are identified

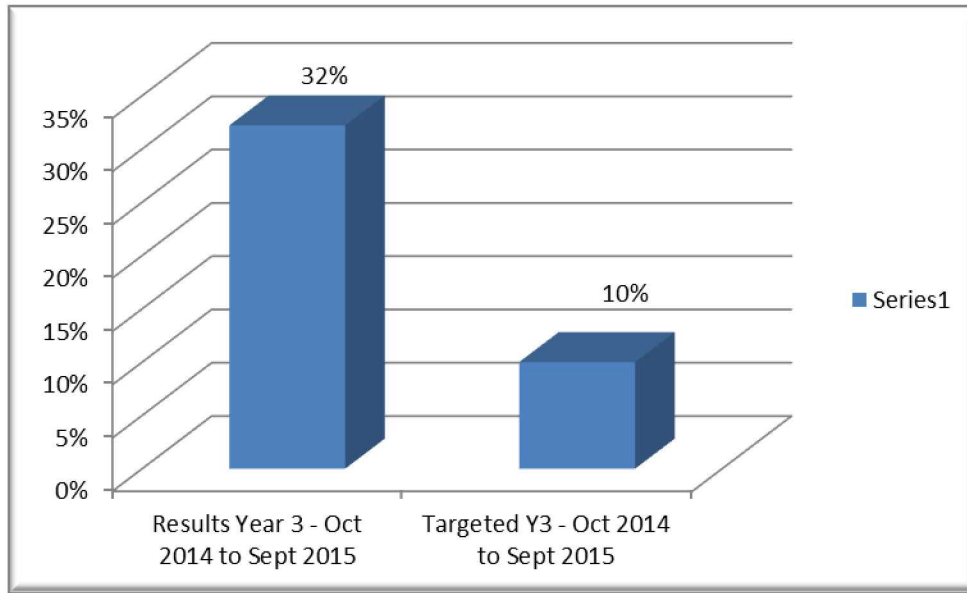
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Indicator 10: For year three, the project identified 1,177 participants from of a total target of 1,500. Of these cases, 56% were females and the 44% males. The accumulated three year totals show 2,076 participants identified as undocumented, which represents 83.20% of the total target of 2,500 participants. The accumulative three year distribution between male and female is 46% and 54% respectively.

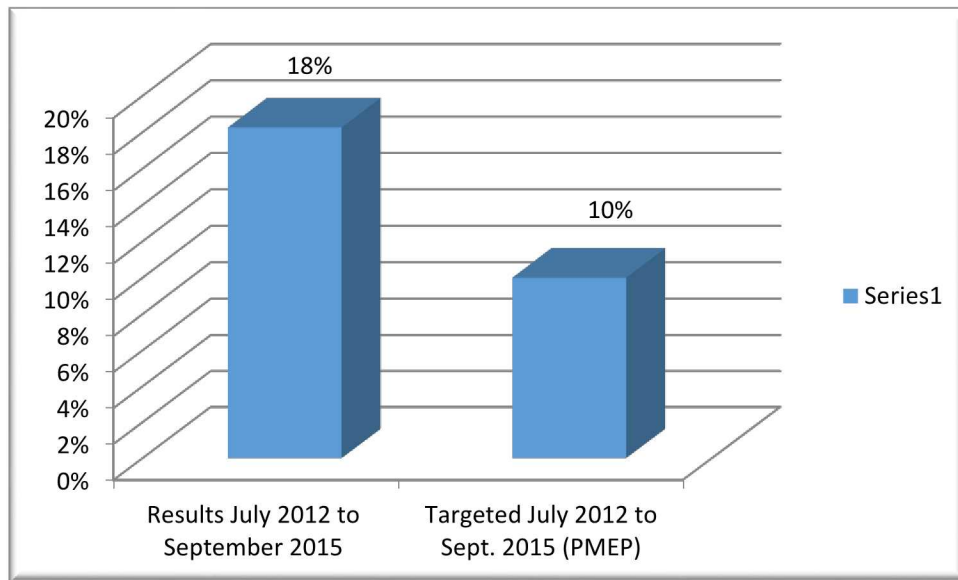
I11: Percent of identified youth who obtain documentation

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I11: Percent of identified youth who obtain documentation

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Indicator 11: For year 3, a total of 379 participants previously identified as undocumented, obtained their documentation. This number represents 32% of the total undocumented participants identified in the same period which is considerably higher than the 10% established as the target. The accumulated three year total is 18% which is also higher than the 10% established as the accumulative target.

An analysis of documentation indicator results reveals that we have the correct strategy and are on the right path for proper documentation. The DR Constitutional Court Ruling No. 168-13, regardless of its controversial nature, has generated an established protocol for documentation through the corresponding governmental organizations. We continue to expect an increase in youth being documented as an increasing number participate in educational and employment insertion activities where documentation is required.

IR 2 – Increase of Opportunities for Youth to Become Productive Citizens

Creating viable access and linkage for at-risk youth to employment, educational, and health services is critical for helping them to continue on with their lives, distance themselves from crime, and become productive citizens and help others in their community to escape from marginalization and potential crime.

IR 2.1 – Formal and alternative education opportunities increased

The following section summarizes the Alerta Joven educational component. For detailed information and data, please see Attachments 6, 7 and 8.

The educational component of Alerta Joven continues to focus on school retention (students in risk of dropping out) and reinsertion (students who have already dropped out and need to be mainstreamed back into school). The focus on these two factors directly takes into account the direct link between delinquency and dropping out of school.

Our educational activities directly integrate the use of accelerated learning methodology. Adolescents who have left school or are over aged in their respective classrooms need learning tools which allow them to discover their potential to learn and then allows them to acquire new information and learning in the fastest way possible. This is the only way in which adolescents and youth with high risk factors can “catch up” and not fall behind for the rest of their lives. We are well aware of the relationship between less years of school and future income production and social stability.

Our educational models need to make learning fun and have the flexibility to deal with all the outside factors which influence our target population. This is why we use tested and creative models such as the *Espacios para Crecer* (EpC) (Spaces to Grow), *Las Ventajas de Permanecer en la Escuela* (LVPE) (The Advantages of Staying in School), and Quantum Learning programs for students and teachers.

During year 3, the following educational activities were carried out:

152 EpCs for a total of 4,560 participants between the ages of 11 and 14.

4,857 participants reached in LVPE program between the ages of 11 and 17

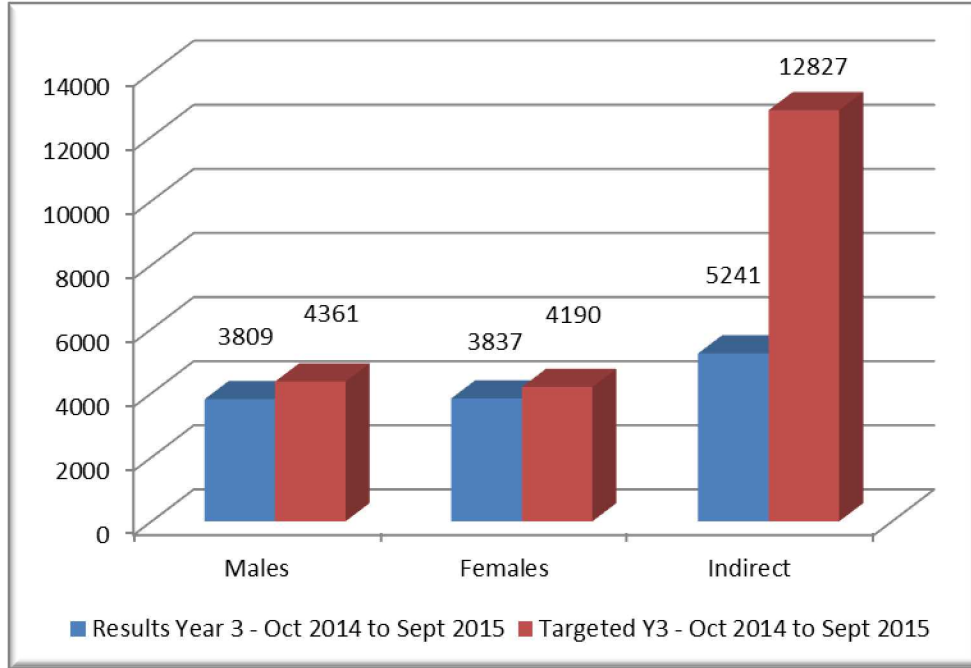
Quantum Learning for students focusing on individual learning skills for 217 participants.

7 Quantum Learning workshops on accelerated learning methodology for 420 public school teachers and directors.

Year 3 and accumulated Project indicators for the educational component as of 9/30/15 are the following:

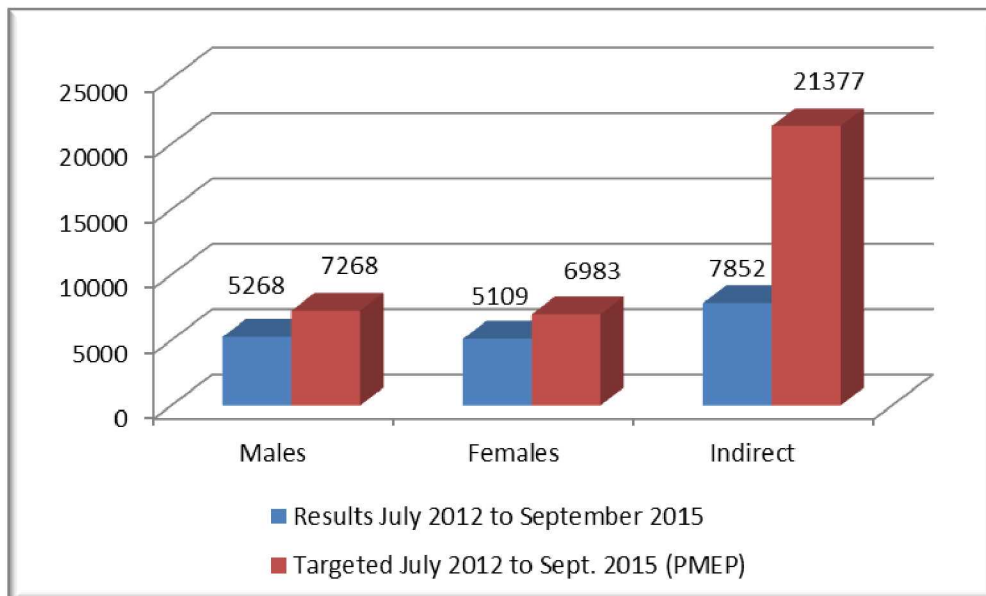
I14: Number of learners enrolled in primary schools and/or equivalent non-school-based setting with USG support

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I14: Number of learners enrolled in primary schools and/or equivalent non-school-based setting with USG support

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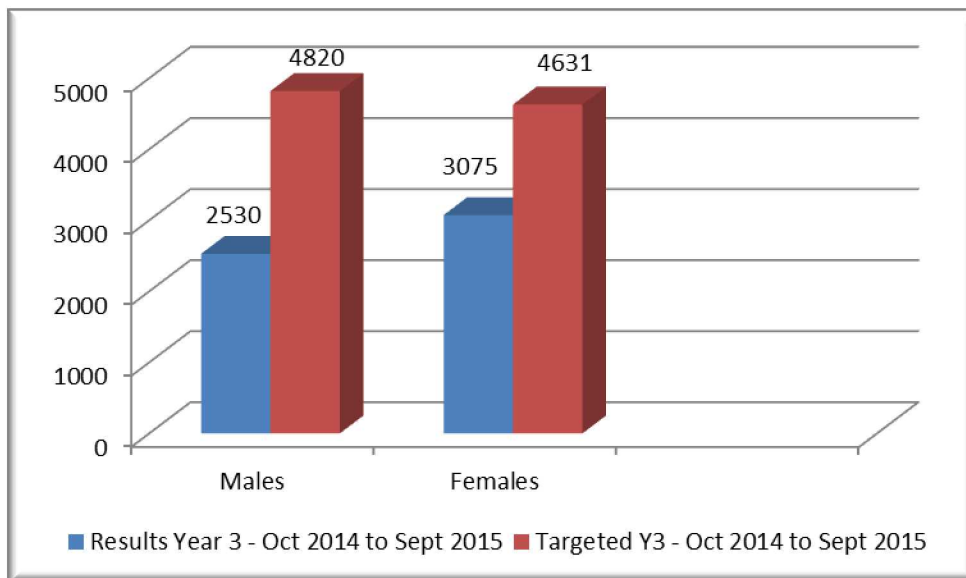
Indicator 14: 89.43% of the target for primary school for year 3 was achieved and 72.82 % has been achieved for the entire three year period as of 9/30/15. Gender distribution for direct participants continues to be equal – during year 3, a total of 3,809 participants were male and 3,837 were female. The accumulated three year totals have 5,268 males and 5,109 females.

Indirect participants are individual stakeholders who either support or are benefited by these activities without being registered as unique participants in the Alerta Joven tracking system. In the proposed PMEP for FY16, the project plans to reduce considerably the target amount of indirect participants because all Alerta Joven educational interventions are specifically focused on direct beneficiaries.

Reasons for improved results include (1) Increased strengthening and empowerment by implementing organizations which consolidated educational interventions during year three (2) Increased credibility based upon proven results from previous years (3) Increased buy in and support from public school officials at the community level once they witnessed improved students’ performance (4) More experienced and empowered EpC facilitators and local teachers and (5) Inclusion of new programs such as LVPE and QL for students.

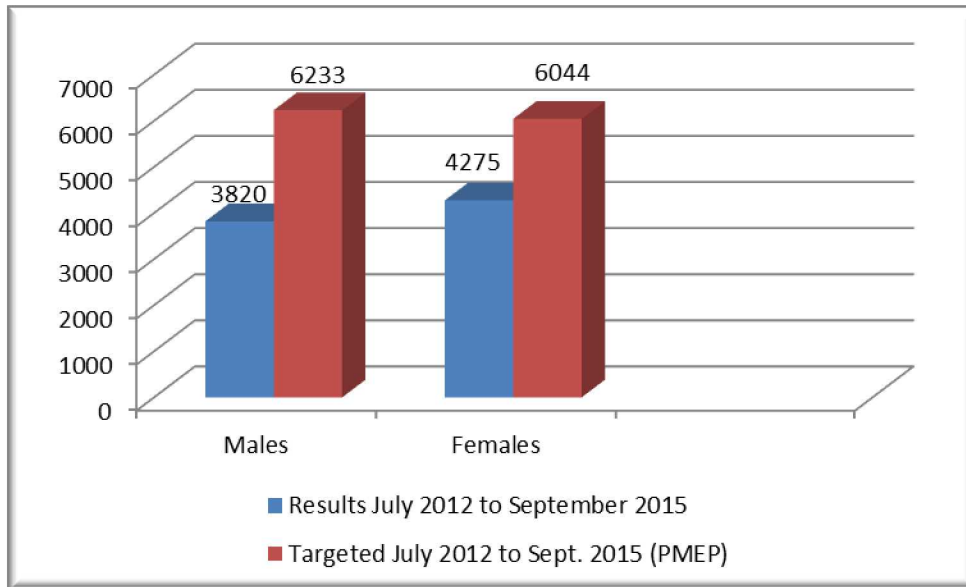
I15: Number of learners enrolled in secondary schools and/or equivalent non-based setting with USG support

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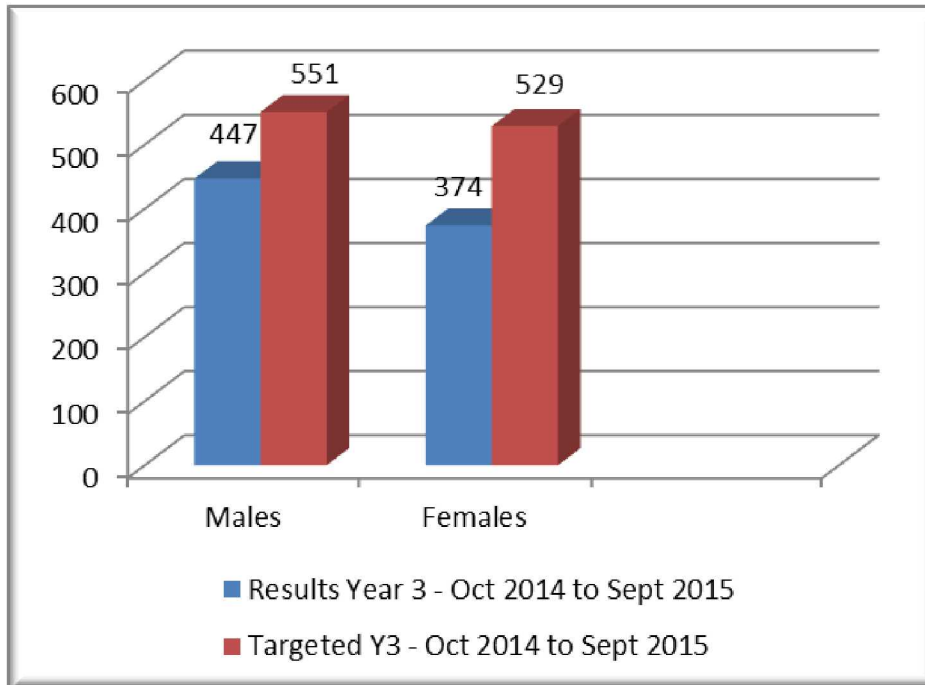
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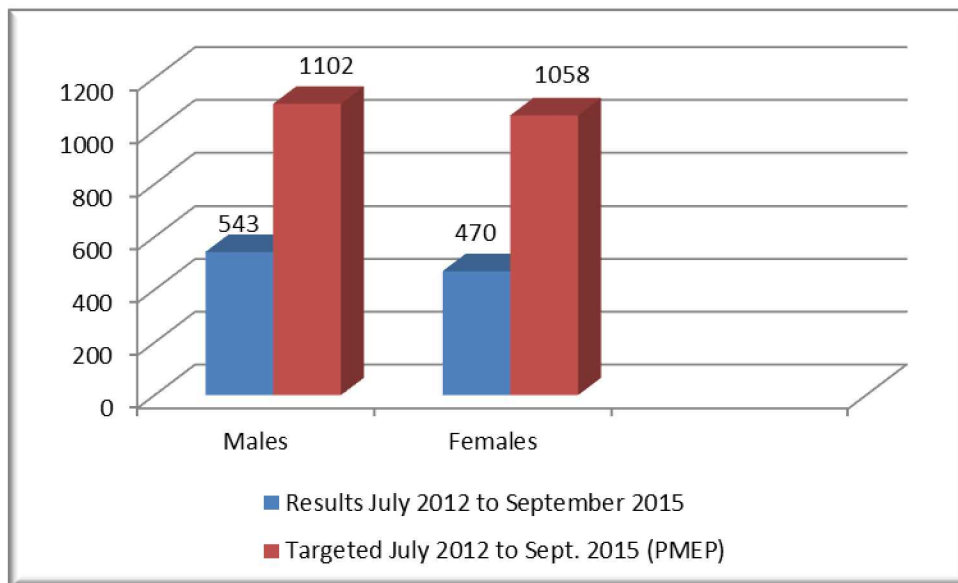
Indicator 15: 59.44% of the target for secondary school for year 3 was achieved and 66.01% has been achieved for the entire three year period as of 9/30/15. Gender distribution for direct participants continues to favor greater female participation – during year 3, a total of 2,530 participants were male and 3,075 were female. The accumulated three year totals have 3,820 males and 4,275 females.

Increases in results for this high school population group are due to the factors of increased empowerment, experience, and credibility as highlighted for the activities for the 11-17 year age group. However, two additional factors were (1) The inclusion of Quantum Learning for students, which is more individually focused for this age group and (2) The LVPE program which is more focused for high school students, many of whom are overaged.

I16: Number of VYC reinserted into formal schooling
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I16: Number of VYC reinserted into formal schooling
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Indicator 16: 75.91% of the target for school reinsertion for year 3 was achieved and 46.85% has been achieved for the entire three year period as of 9/30/15. Gender distribution for direct participants slightly favors greater male participation – during year three, 447 participants were male and 374 were female. The accumulated three year totals have 543 males and 470 females. This is a reflection of more males out of school and correlates with the entry participant survey.

Significant increases in results occurred during year 3 due to (1) Higher level of compliance demanded by Entrena of implementing organizations for this specific indicator (2) Best practices identified and replicated through partner organizations which ensures more direct follow up and intervention per participant (3) Reinsertion is an ongoing process and we are seeing the investments in activities from previous years and (4) Schools under construction during previous years were finished thereby increasing the number of available spaces and classrooms.

IR 2.2 – Improved Access to Quality Health Prevention and Care

The following section summarizes the Alerta Joven health component. For detailed information and data, please see Attachment 9.

Our at-risk youth population in the DR is frequently exposed to unhealthy lifestyles. A combination of early initiation in sexual activity, unprotected sex, and the difficulty in accessing direct health services that are youth-friendly and caring are major obstacles.

Out of a total of 51,914 registered Alerta Joven beneficiaries who completed the health survey, 31.5% were sexually active in the baseline survey; from those 53.1% were males who initiate at 13 years. 55.7% used condoms in their last sexual intercourse.

Staying healthy, using protection when having sex, not getting pregnant at an early age and avoiding abusive relationships, are important factors for Alerta Joven participants. Achieving these health goals are central for our target population since they enhance the possibility of youth moving forward with their education and employment. Alerta Joven integrates a variety of educational, training, employment insertion, and self-employment services for young people who are starting their working lives. Nonetheless, an unwanted pregnancy or sexually transmitted infection (syphilis, HIV) can dramatically change that young person's life and growth opportunities, and this often occurs due to a lack of information.

The Alerta Joven health component is a combination of HIV, education, prevention programs, and to a lesser scale, direct health services. Health activities for at-risk youth use innovative interventions based on evidence, diminishing risk factors, motivational interviews, and behavior change. These are supported by training workshops carried out by CAI (CICATELLI). While these interventions are focused on health, they also strengthen the young person's ability to make sound decisions related to health and employment, thereby strengthening the overall impact of Alerta Joven.

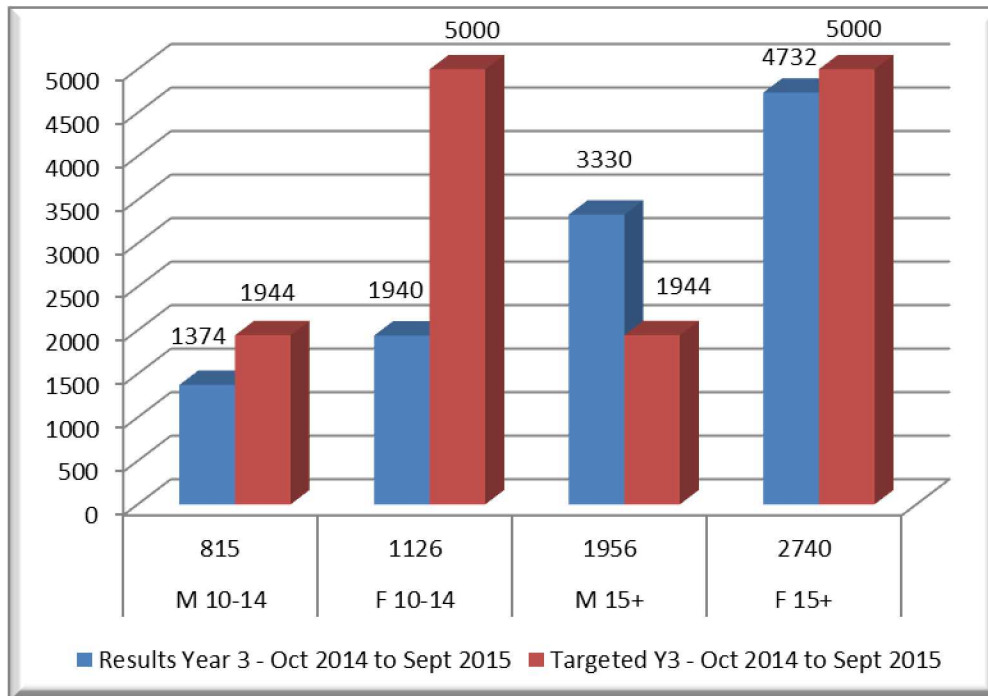
Year 3 marks the end of the active implementation of these health services for Alerta Joven due to the modified priorities in target populations by PEPFAR which resulted in the elimination of funding for health activities. However, due to the impact achieved with the at risk youth

participants, selected Alerta Joven implementing partners will continue with interventions in the health components with funding from the GoDR and other sources.

Year 3 and accumulated Project indicators for the health component as of 9/30/15 are the following:

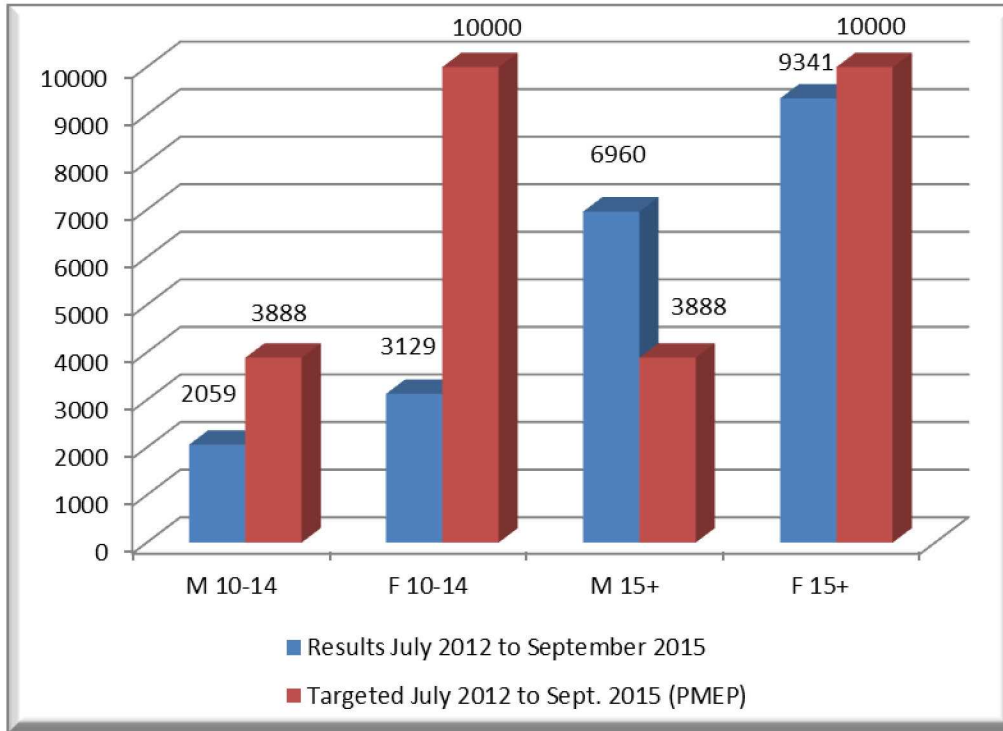
I 18: Number of the targeted population who completed HIV preventive interventions that are based on evidence and/or meet the minimum standards required (PEPFAR)

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Indicator 18: Results for the total three year period of the indicator “Population Receiving Health Prevention Services as of September 30, 2015 are the following:

Results for year 3 for the indicator 18 are the following:

- Males 10-14 – 70.68% of target achieved.
- Females 10-14 – 38.80 % of target achieved.
- Males 15-24 – 171.30 % of target achieved.
- Females 15-24 – 94.64 % of targets achieved.

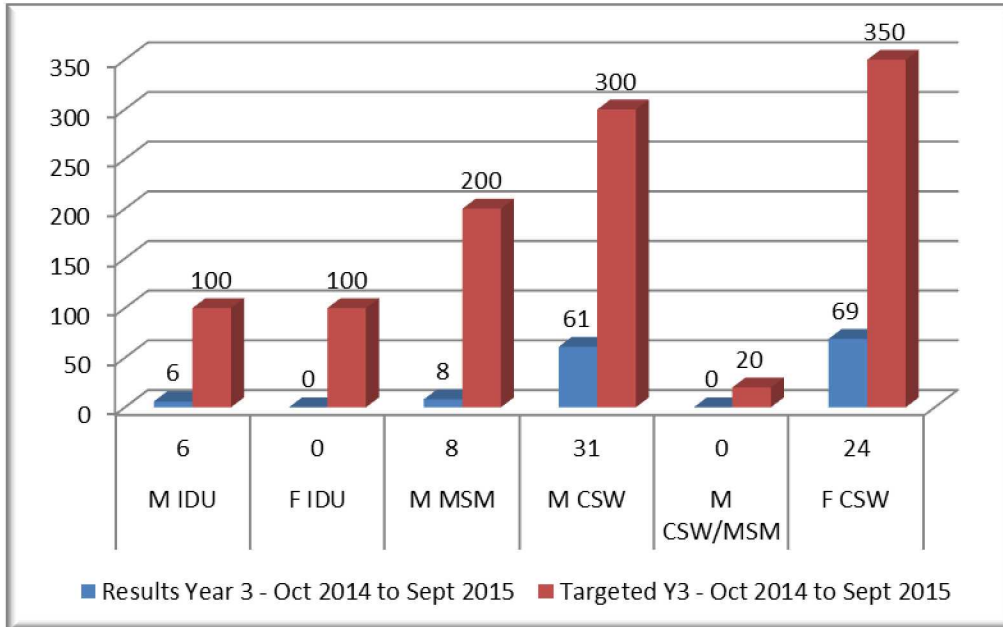
Results for the accumulated three year period for indicator 18 are the following:

- Males 10-14 – 52.96% of target achieved.
- Females 10-14 – 31.29 % of target achieved.
- Males 15-24 – 179.01 % of target achieved.
- Females 15-24 – 93.41 % of targets achieved.

Target for the age group of 15 – 24 years are much easier to achieve since youth these ages can access this information within the public schools while there are restrictions for the age group of 10 -14. Nevertheless, we still have until December 31, 2015 to complete all the data in this category.

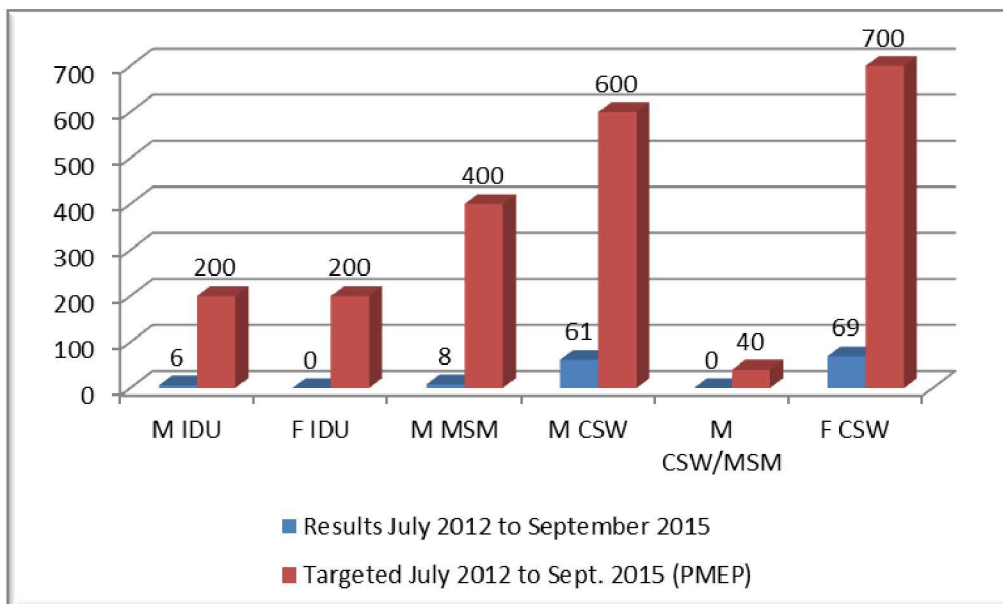
I 20: Number of Most At Risk Populations (MARP) reached with individual and/or small group level HIV preventative interventions that are based on evidence and/or meet the minimum standards required.

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I 20: Number of Most At Risk Populations (MARP) reached with individual and/or small group level HIV preventative interventions that are based on evidence and/or meet the minimum standards required.

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Results for year 3 of indicator 20 are the following:

- Males M IDU - 6% of target achieved.
- Males F IDU – 0% of target achieved.
- Males M MSM - 4% of target achieved.
- Males M CSW – 20.33 % of target achieved.
- Females M MSM/CSW - 0 % of target achieved.
- Females F CSW – 19.71% of target achieved.

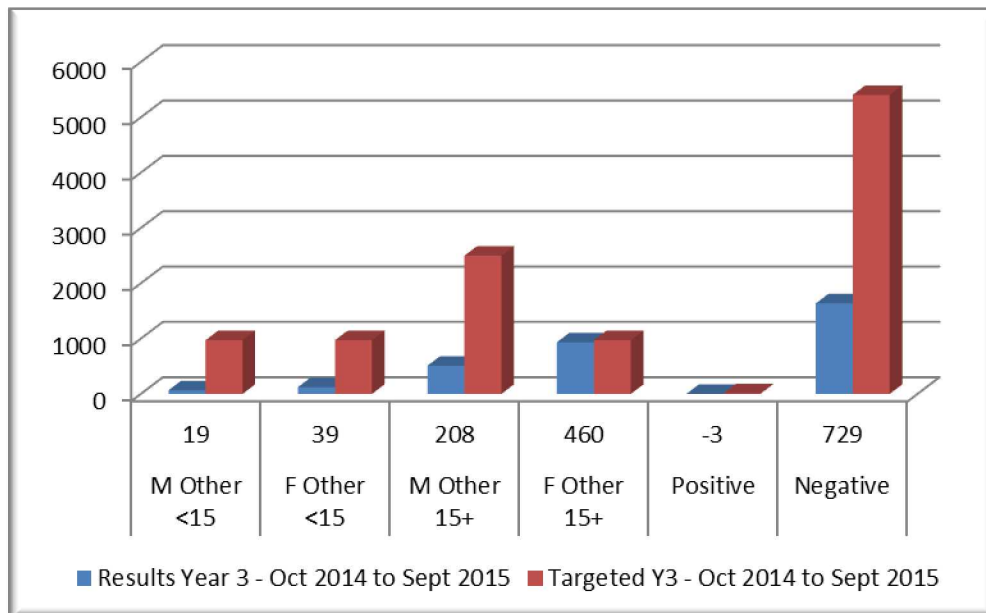
Results for the accumulated three year period for indicator 20 are the following:

- Males M IDU - 3% of target achieved.
- Males F IDU – 0% of target achieved.
- Males M MSM - 2% of target achieved.
- Males M CSW – 10.17 % of target achieved.
- Females M MSM/CSW - 0 % of target achieved.
- Females F CSW – 9.86% of target achieved.

Low level of target performance is due to (1) PEPFAR modified priority population two years into the implementation of Alerta Joven refocusing the indicator on MARP population and (2) this population is traditionally difficult to identify in the registration process.

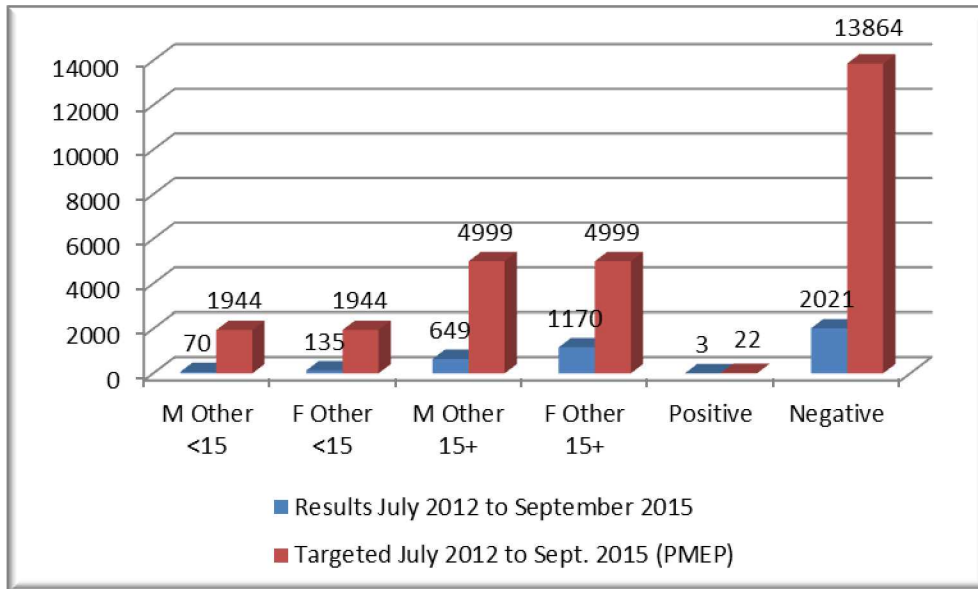
I21: Number of individuals who received Testing and Counseling (T&C) services for HIV and received their test results.

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Results for year 3 of indicator 21 are the following:

- M Other <15 – 6.89% of target achieved.
- F Other <15 – 12.76% of target achieved.
- M Other 15+ - 20.41% of target achieved.
- F Other 15+ - 96.09% of target achieved.

Results for the accumulated three year period for indicator 21 are the following:

- M Other <15 – 3.60% of target achieved.
- F Other <15 – 6.94% of target achieved.
- M Other 15+ - 12.98% of target achieved.
- F Other 15+ – 23.40% of target achieved.

Low achievement results for indicator 21 are due primarily to unexpected shortages by the Dominican Ministry of Health in their stock pile of HIV tests during year 3.

IR 2.3 – Increase of Employment for Youth

The following section summarizes the Alerta Joven employment component. For detailed information and data, please see Attachments 10, 11 and 12

The Alerta Joven strategy for employment insertion integrates assessment and identification of emerging and future job opportunities in the Dominican economy, job skill training in consonance with these opportunities, life skill employability training applicable to all employment demands,

and the facilitation of entrepreneurship and self-employment possibilities coupled with micro-credit.

Accumulated figures for three years as of September 30, 2015 are the following:

- 17,915** youth participating in job skills training program
- 469** received orientation and follow up on how to obtain a microcredit loan
- 8** employment and self-employment fairs implemented
- 9,170** receiving orientation on entrepreneurship

The major activities during year 3 for the employment component were the following:

Comprehensive study and research focused on emerging job tendencies and training requirements in the DR entitled “Estudio Prospectivo sobre Demandas de Cualificaciones Tecnico-Profesionales en República Dominicana” (Study of Technical-Professional Qualifications demanded by the Dominican Labor Market). This study is unique and different from previous research because (1) it covers the largest sample of any business survey carried out previously (2) the focus on technical skills and vocational training which is the strength of Alerta Joven and (3) this projects the most demanded job skills by the Dominican economy until 2020.

Total of 6 regional and self-employment fairs culminating in one national event with a total of 169 new self-employment and entrepreneurship proposals.

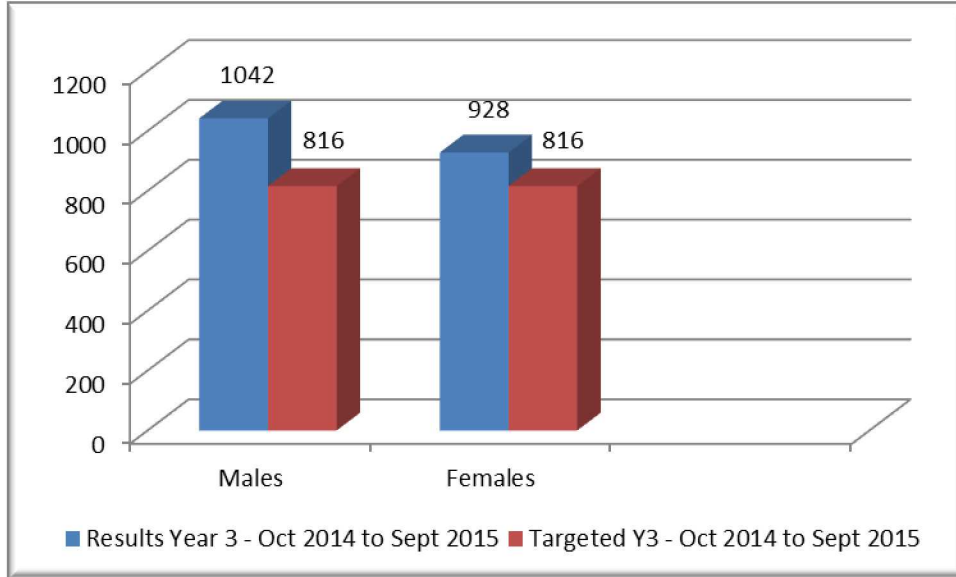
Implementation of best practice employment insertion and self-employment models such as A Ganar and the Chilean FOSIS program.

Direct conversations with business sponsored organizations such as CAPEX in Santiago to directly implement job skills training for Alerta Joven youth and follow up job opportunities.

Year 3 and accumulated Project indicators for the employment component as of 9/30/15 are the following:

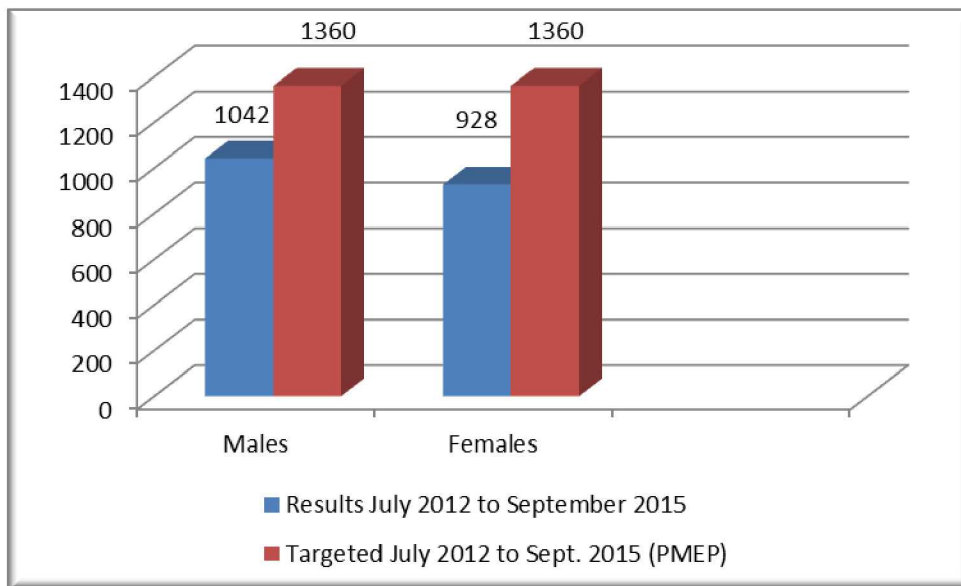
I22: Number of persons receiving new employment or better employment (including better self-employment) as a result of participation in USG-funded workforce development programs

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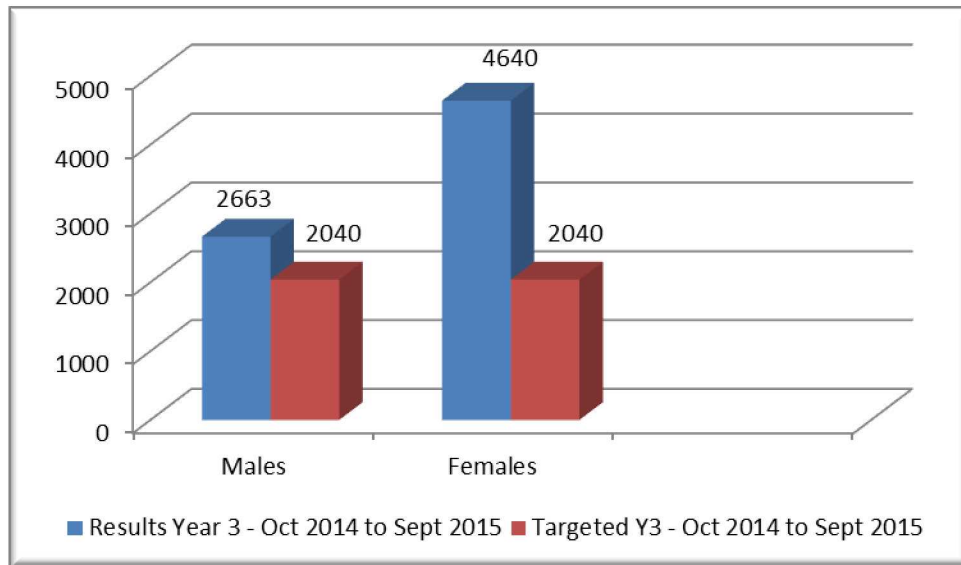
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Indicator 22: 120.71% of the target for year 3 was achieved for total participants and 72.43% of the accumulated target for Population with New or Better Employment covering the three year period has been achieved. 127.70% of the target of male participants for year 3 was achieved and 76.62% of the accumulated target covering the three year period has been achieved. 113.73% of the target for female participants for year 3 was achieved and 68.24% of the accumulated target covering the three year period has been achieved. Reasons for these numbers are the following: (1) The M&E team from Alerta Joven designed a labor survey which allowed each implementing organization to identify and closely follow participants from training courses who obtained new or better employment including self-employment (2) Increased credibility by the business sector of the quality of training received by Alerta Joven participants and (3) Direct follow up by the nine labor insertion specialists with the private sector.

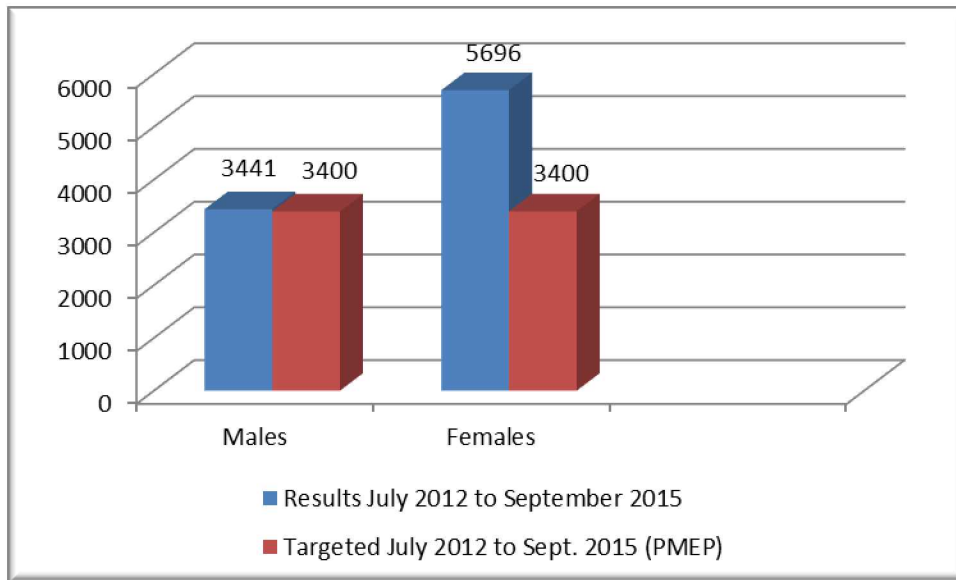
I23: Number of persons completing USG-funded workforce development programs

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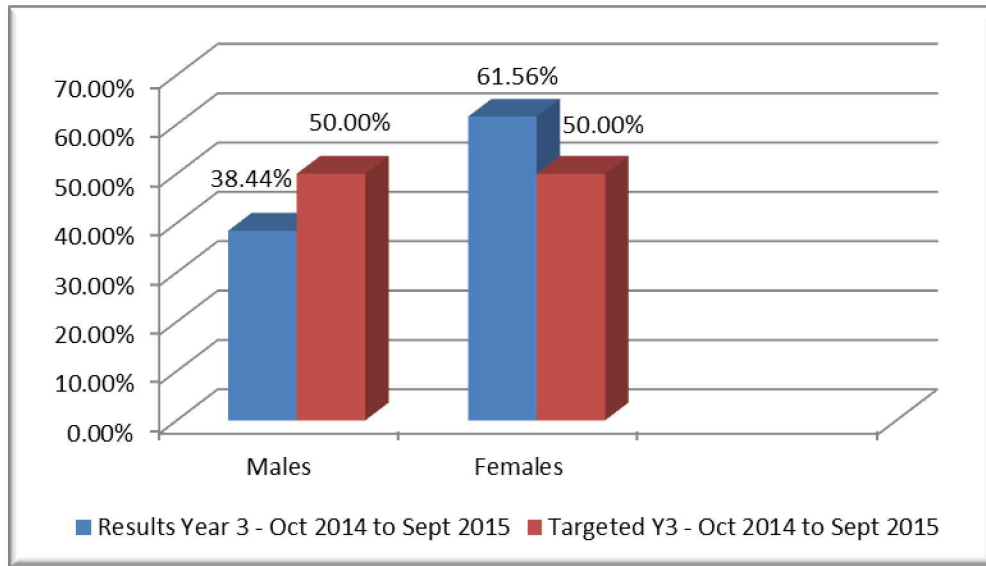
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Indicator 23: 179% of the target for year 3 was achieved for total participants and 134.37% of the accumulated target for the three year period has been achieved. 130.54% of the target for year 3 was achieved for male participants and 101.21% of the accumulated target for the three year period has been achieved. 227.45% of the target for year 3 was achieved for female participants and 167.53% of the accumulated target for the three year period has been achieved. Reasons for these high percentages are (1) Increased credibility and experience in the employment component by implementing organizations (2) Organizations were more empowered and focused in this component due to increased oversight and leadership by Entrena (3) Inclusion of nine labor insertion specialists assigned to each province under the direct supervision of the Entrena employment specialist and (4) Increased availability and linkage with INFOTEP in providing training opportunities for the Alerta Joven at risk populations.

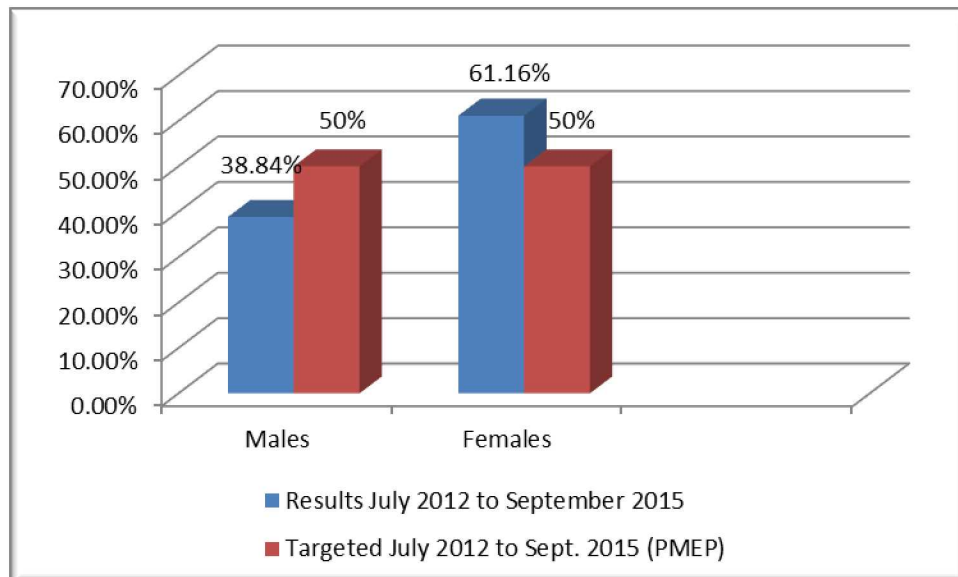
I24: Proportion of female participants in USG-assisted programs designed to increase access to productive economic opportunities

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I24: Proportion of female participants in USG-assisted programs designed to increase access to productive economic opportunities

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Indicator 24: The target is to have equal gender participation. During year 3, the percentage of female participation is 61.56 % and the accumulated three year total is 61.16%. The majority percentage for female participation is due to (1) Higher percentage of female participation in educational and training based activities reflected in all national surveys (2) Training courses, while

having a non-gender focus, have content more attractive to female participation and (3) There is a higher percentage of female participation across the board in Alerta Joven which is a reflection of our participating at-risk population.

IR 3 – Development of Integrated Youth System

Alerta Joven expects to integrate a state-of-the-art information and tracking system, model community based crime prevention committees and public-private partnerships as part of the overall safety net for our at-risk youth.

IR 3.1 – Implementation of Comprehensive Information System

Significant progress was made on the web platform during year 3. The most important improvement over this period was the increased stability and robustness of the web platform which has positively impacted the project by increasing the level of trust among our partners and also the quality of the data. As of September 2015, the web platform had a total of **123,508** Registration Forms (Direct and Indirect), **49,815** Survey forms, and **20,471** Attendance Lists. A total of **104,307** beneficiaries (Direct and Indirect) have received at least one service from the Alerta Joven multidisciplinary safety network.

The Alerta Joven web platform allows us to uniquely identify each beneficiary across the multidisciplinary safety network. The services provided to each beneficiary can be easily tracked down using the different modules of the web platform. These services can be classified by program or by service type for convenience of the users. Furthermore, the web platform allows both analysts and evaluators to access the information in a multilevel granularity. To illustrate this, Figure 1 shows fine grain information about the total number of services received by a set of beneficiaries, while Figure 2 shows higher level of detail regarding the total number of beneficiaries in the project.

Figure 1

UUID	Last Name	First Name	Gender	Provincia	Age	Services Received
000H375WZ	Meran Carmona	Anabel	F	SANTO DOMINGO	16	10
000VAV2W1	Suarez M.	Mariel Mercedes	F	Santo Domingo	16	3
003GJ887P	Candelario	Juan Emilio	F	SANTO DOMINGO	16	1
0057TW8B9	Lopez	Antonia	F	SANTO DOMINGO	15	2
005XHV8Z5	Montero	Paola	F	SANTO DOMINGO	14	9
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00N692VWWW	Contreras	Martin	M	SANTO DOMINGO	19	2
00QPY9BN*	Morales	Geicha	F	DISTRITO NACIONAL	14	3
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Figure 2

Totals for Sex and Age by Organization, Program and Activity Type

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ACOPRO	All Programs	All activities	1036	627	4	4	1244	414	1	4
Alianza para el Servicio Comunitario - CSA-	All Programs	All activities	596	451	0	15	751	279	2	0
Caminante Proyecto Educativo	All Programs	All activities	1212	861	1	23	1324	700	20	7
Caritas Arquidiocesana	All Programs	All activities	1942	1585	22	5	1952	1445	114	33
Casa Abierta Inc.	All Programs	All activities	1138	1047	9	10	1444	614	100	26

Throughout the year, the M&E team maintained an active exchange of ideas and suggestions with the RTI technology team in order to implement improvements to the platform. The constant feedback allowed new features to be implemented such as: validations for data entry fields, alerts, confirmation messages, make distinctions between collateral/non-collateral beneficiaries, and multiple view options for downloading surveys and registrations, among others. Additionally, several errors and/or unexpected behavior were detected by both the M&E team and our partners while using the platform. These issues were corrected as soon as they were detected or put on-track to be picked up on the next task.

In order to fulfil the demand for summarized data and knowledge extraction from the M&E team and the operative team, a new module for reports was created for the web platform. The module had a total of eight (8) reports released by December 2014, and now it has a total of twenty-one (21) reports. Some of the most relevant reports available by this module are, 'Total participants for Gender and Age by Activity Amount, Organization, Program and Activity type', 'Comparing Exit Forms and Survey Forms', 'Totals for Closing Activities', 'Comparing Exit Form and Survey Form', '110: Youth without Birth Certificate', '113: Youth NiNi', and '117: Usage of Contraceptive Methods'.

During this year, the auxiliary team of data entry clerks continued processing the attendance lists that were accumulated over the early years of the project. Incorporating the auxiliary team had positive effects on the project. First, it accelerated the upload of attendance lists into the database allowing the M&E team to have an up-to-date status of the project. Secondly, the load of work on the partners' side was reduced significantly allowing them to have time to catch-up with their

backlog of pending forms. The auxiliary team finished processing 6,365 attendance lists as of March 2015.

On May 2015, RTI handed over the web platform to ENTRENA. In order to manage the web platform and continue with its development, ENTRENA hired an Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Specialist. After June 2015, RTI stopped contributing to the development of the web platform.

Once the ICT Specialist was fully on-board, she conducted an initial analysis of the status of the web platform along with a list of critical tasks that needed immediate attention. One of the most critical problems found in the initial analysis was the coexistence of two database engines: MySQL and CouchDB. Some modules are built using the CouchDB database, while other modules are supported by the MySQL database engine. The mentioned software architectural design was causing ongoing problems and errors on the web platform. Due to shortages in the software architecture, ENTRENA decided to perform a migration of all the information to a unique and centralized database engine: MySQL. This migration was successfully developed and implemented during August-September 2015. The web platform is now more stable, robust, and with a centralized database. The errors reported by our partners have reduced dramatically as a result and have been all but virtually eliminated.

Furthermore, in the reporting period, ENTRENA was able to implement new reports to support the computation of Indicators, update existing reports, and implement the new exit activity form. ENTRENA also performed several critical housekeeping activities such as automating the backing-up process of the MySQL database, upgrading the servers hosted on Amazon AWS, changing beneficiaries from Collateral to Non-Collateral, changing forms from incomplete to complete, and updating beneficiaries' year of birth.

IR 3.2 – Innovative Solutions by Multi-Disciplinary Groups to Reduce Crime

The major component of this IR 3.2 is the creation and eventual replication of a community based crime prevention model which has been established in Los Olivos neighborhood in the sector of Herrera in western Santo Domingo. One of the products of this model is the **Foro of Santo Domingo Oeste**. The process incorporated 55 organizations including state agencies such as the Ayuntamiento del Municipio Santo Domingo West (West Santo Domingo Mayor Office), the Policía Nacional (National Police Department) and the Ministerio de la Juventud (Ministry of Youth), which formed the " Forum for the Prevention of Violence in Santo Domingo West", whose motto is " You are also part of the change, join us".

A coordination team was created comprising six (6) civil society and three (3) governmental institutions which are:

- Alcaldía de Santo Domingo Oeste (ASDO)
- Ministerio de la Juventud (MJ)
- Policía Nacional (PN)
- Confraternidad de Jóvenes Evangélicos

- Casa Comunitaria de Justicia Las Caobas
- Red Comunitaria Nueva Visión
- Fundación Voluntad Educativa
- Asociación de Industriales de Herrera y Provincia Santo Domingo

Additionally there are five sub committees: a) Education and training, b) Advocacy and communication, c) Territorial Link, d) Planning projects, monitoring and evaluation and e) Finance and logistics.

A total of 83 activities were developed during this project implementation between meetings, workshops and meetings attended by 1,780 people. The *Foro* also organized another series of meetings to present the plan and its achievements and challenges to the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Youth in SDO.

During year 3, the *Foro*, with the support of the PC, produced the following documents, which are key to the success of the operations and sustainability of the pilot:

Rules of engagement and coordination of the *Foro*

The following three project profiles identified from the plan

Project for the reduction of domestic violence in the Los Olivos neighborhood in the Santo Domingo Oeste municipality

Project for the reduction of dropouts in mid-level (secondary) schools in the Los Olivos neighborhood in the Santo Domingo Oeste municipality

Project to improve the articulation of the civil society organizations in the Los Olivos neighborhood in the Santo Domingo Oeste municipality

The *Foro*, with the support of PC, have completed their violence prevention plan as scheduled

The impact measurement of the first *Foro* of SDO, which looked at qualitative and quantitative factors, was carried out. RTI delivered to Entrena a complete document of analysis of findings, conclusions and recommendations.

The other major product of this model is the Violence Prevention Plan to implement in preselected *barrios* (neighborhoods) such as Manoguayabo, Las Palmas, Las Caobas and Buenos Aires. This plan has the objective of contributing to the decrease of crime and violence levels in the municipality of western Santo Domingo and improving citizen security and peaceful social co-existence. Channels for follow up and the articulation of public policy are also contemplated at the local level.

The following chart depicts the different components of the violence prevention plan:



Alerta Joven carried out the impact verification for the first *Foro* of the SDO pilot experience through RTI. The following activities were carried out:

The measurement of qualitative factors was conducted during the first week of September 2015 through three workshops organized by PC and with the collaboration of the key actors (e.g., civil society organizations, SDO Municipality, nongovernmental organizations, and members of the *Foro* coordinating committee). For this workshop, a questionnaire was administered to each participant, which they were to respond to individually. This was followed by a set of eight questions that were asked and discussed in an open group discussion.

As a complement to the qualitative evaluation, the Alerta Joven monitoring and evaluation (M&E) team concluded the intermediate evaluation based on statistical data from the victimization survey in SDO.

Using all the information stated above, RTI presented an evaluation report and a set of recommendations for consolidation of the Pilot in SDO and possible replicas.

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Santo Domingo Oeste.-Decenas de organizaciones de la sociedad civil, la Policía Nacional, el Ayuntamiento, la Asociación de Industriales de Herrera y Provincia Santo Domingo realizaron en el día de hoy una concentración de prevención de la violencia en Santo Domingo Oeste, como parte de las actividades que realizarán en conmemoración del Día Internacional de Eliminación de la Violencia Contra la Mujer, donde la República Dominicana está atravesando por una situación alarmante, a la fecha 71 mujeres han sido asesinadas a manos de sus parejas, lo que significa dos mujeres más que a la misma fecha el año pasado.

Dicho evento fue realizado este sábado 22 de noviembre desde las 3:00 p.m. y se extendió más allá de de Manoguayabo con Prolongación 27 de febrero en Santo Domingo Oeste.

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IR 3.3 – Support and Advocacy by Public-Private Partnerships (PPPS) for Vulnerable Youth and Children

At the end of Year 3, Alerta Joven has developed the following partnerships:

PPPS Integrating Private Sector and Universities



Messenger Multimédios SRL – A specialized social marketing firm which evolved from the original largest PR and marketing firm in the DR, **Young Rubicam, and Damaris**, Messenger Multimédios SRL will become the major public relation support behind Alerta Joven. A service agreement has been reached which will bolster the project’s path to increased public awareness

and projected sustainability.



The **Banco de Reservas** and their foundation **Fundación BanReserva** provides financial support to the youth employment fair for prizes for the

best businesses, and are discussing with Alerta Joven how to create a specialized micro-credit fund for at-risk youth to support entrepreneurship and self-employment. This governmental bank is the largest in the DR and the current administration is focused on expanding the bank's social commitment. Alerta Joven has a significant niche here.



Banco ADEMI is the first Dominican finance organization designed to channel micro-credit to small business. In conjunction with the **Asociación de Ahorros y Crédito** de La Vega (ALVR) and partner organization UCNE, they are providing credit access to the at-risk youth entrepreneurs trained in the Chilean cooperation model of self-employment.



The **Grupo Ramos**, famous for the large one-stop malls called **La Sirena**, is the largest single employer in the geographic zone covered by Alerta Joven. This business group provides access for at-risk youth to first time employment and internships through JADOM.



CAPEX (Centro de Innovación y Capacitación Profesional) is the training arm of the Free Zone Industrial Park in Santiago and the Association of Free Zone Businesses in Santiago. CAPEX and Alerta Joven are finalizing an agreement whereby CAPEX will directly recruit at risk youth participants in the poor neighborhoods surrounding their installations to provide first time employment and internships to a target population of 1000 youth in the three most sought after technical skills – industrial diesel mechanics, accounting assistants, and warehouse assistants. Previously CAPEX had coordinated actions through three partner organizations in Santiago. This new agreement will directly impact their immediate geographic area.



The largest privately owned Dominican bank, **Banco Popular Dominicano**, has credit programs with several implementing partners and was a co-sponsor and cost share provider of the October 2014 EDUCA sponsored APRENDO event focused on youth and employment.



MLB (Major League Baseball) has provided baseball T-shirts to at-risk youth in conflict with the law who participated in two recent studies, and will act as a channel through its Baseball Tomorrow Fund to develop a proposal for the construction of playing fields in the youth detention centers.



UNIBE (Universidad Iberoamericana República Dominicana) and **INTEC** (Instituto Tecnológico de Santo Domingo) are two Dominican universities that carried out research on perceptions of causes of delinquency by adolescents and their neurocognitive profiles. All participants were ages 12-18 currently in conflict with the law and incarcerated in youth detention centers



Both the **Fundación Inicia**, the nonprofit arm of the wealthiest business consortium in the DR and **EDUCA**, the business sector advocacy NGO for education, have partnerships with Entrena in the **NEO (New Employment Opportunities)**. The NEO receives financing from the IDB (Inter-American Development Bank) with the major goal of improving the quality of the human resource capability and employability levels of 32, 000 youth in the DR. The role of EDUCA is to coordinate the activities and provide technical support to the different organizations and components that make up NEO-DR. The role of Fundación Inicia provides financing for the development of detailed technical profiles for the emerging economic sectors of the Dominican economy. Entrena will assist with these profiles as well as the development of the “go to” youth friendly webpage. Other **NEO** partners include the Ministry of Education, Ministry of Labor, and Ministry of the Presidency Special Programs (DIGEPEP), National Technical and Professional Training Institute, Ministry of Youth, Business Initiative for Technical Education (IET), Fundación Sur Futuro, the private Company Implementos y Maquinarias CxA (IMCA) and municipal youth councils.

PPPS Integrating Dominican Governmental Organizations



MEPyD (Ministry of Economy, Planning, and Development) – The corresponding governmental ministry for foreign development assistance in the DR, Alerta Joven, maintains constant communication with the MEPyD. We coordinate directly with the office of the Vice-Minister for International Cooperation, keep them informed of all activities, and coordinate through them with other ministries as necessary.



MINERD (Ministry of Education) – A significant component of Alerta Joven is focused on education with retention and reinsertion programs. Alerta Joven has involved MINERD staff in a variety of activities including training, research, and coordination with local school districts in coordination with the implementing partners



Ministry of Youth – Alerta Joven works with the Ministry of Youth in the areas of public policy and legal framework for youth. As a result of this alliance, the first “user friendly” didactic guide for understanding the General Youth Law 49-00 was developed, as well as the first national guide for youth entrepreneurship.



Ministry of Labor – This ministry provides financing for at-risk youth participants to cover travel costs during the training course on entrepreneurship using the methodology piloted by the Chilean cooperation. It has also collaborated in the development of the first national guide for youth entrepreneurship.



Ministry of Public Health – This alliance is through an agreement with the Department for the Control of Sexually Transmitted Diseases and AIDS (DIGECITTSS) which provides Alerta Joven with technical support and facilitate materials for training in the prevention workshops developed by the project, including registration and informed consent of youth for HIV testing.



MIC – (Ministry of Industry and Commerce) – This alliance covers collaboration in the development of the first national guide for youth entrepreneurship.



INFOTEP – (National Technical and Professional Training Institute) – A major contributor of Alerta Joven programs, INFOTEP provides the bulk of technical skill and entrepreneurship training through our partners. They provide the facilitators trained in the Chilean model of self-employment who, in turn, will train our youth participants in this model. INFOTEP has also collaborated with the development of the first national guide for youth entrepreneurship.

PPPS Integrating International Development Organizations



Agencia Internacional de Cooperación Chilena-AGCI (Chilean International Cooperation Agency) and the Fondo de Solidaridad e Inversión Social de Chile – FOSIS (Chilean Social Investment and Solidarity Fund). The AGCI is the institutional liaison agency with the DR, and FOSIS is the technical counterpart for the Alerta Joven project. Their role is to train certified instructors from INFOTEP who then train 1,284 at-risk youth participants from Boca Chica through Alerta Joven partner Caminantes, and in San Francisco de Macoris through partner UCNE.



United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) - Alerta Joven has received significant support from the UNFPA, which supported follow up studies, recommendations, and a road map for future actions for the first National Youth Forum celebrated in September 2013. UNFPA has provided support for National Youth Day activities, has underwritten printing costs for the youth entrepreneurship guide, and spearheaded a campaign to reduce adolescent pregnancies.



Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) – The bank through its FOMIN department provides the external financing for the NEO-DR alliance of which Alerta Joven is a member.

VI. GOING FORWARD – CHALLENGES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

The last annual report (Year 2) identified five challenges: (1) Web platform and tracking system (2) Diversity of our implementing partners (3) Working with our donor USAID (4) Working with the Dominican government, and (5) Fostering long-term sustainability. What follows is a description of progress made during year 3 in these challenges and the inclusion of a new one – creating synergy with USAID partners.

Web Platform and Information System

As discussed in the section of this report for Intermediate Result 3.1, significant progress was made on the WEB platform over the course of the recent year of the Alerta Joven Project (October 2014 – September 2015). The most important improvement over this period was the increased stability and robustness of the WEB platform which has positively impacted the project by increasing the level of trust among our partners and also the quality of the data. The new Entrena staff person for the position of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Specialist seamlessly managed the transfer of the system from RTI to Entrena.

Partner Organizations

Significant time, energy, and resources were devoted by Entrena during year 3 to upgrade the performance of 21 implementing partners for Alerta Joven. RTI was excluded from this activity since their role is specifically confined to the tracking system and M&E. This process included full day evaluation meetings and workshops for each partner focusing on reaching targets, quality interventions, and overall management. A performance ranking system was developed grading the capability of each partner in the following areas:

Entrena Performance Criteria for Evaluation of Implementing Partners for Alerta Joven (carried out from May to July 2015)	
Component Evaluated	Maximum Points Assigned
Education Programs	10
Health Programs	10
Employment Programs	10
Documentation Support	3
Engagement in Public Policies for Youth	5
Yearly Operational Plan	10
Communications	5
Monitoring and Evaluation	20
Compliance with Reports	5
Management of Sub-Agreement	15
Supplying Data for Indicators	7
Total Possible Point Total	100

Results from the performance review were the following:

Excellent (90-100 points) – Total of 4 partners: DREAM, IDDI, Children International Santo Domingo East, Fundacion Pediátrica por un Mañana.

Good (80-90 points) – Total of 6 partners: Caritas, Profamilia, Casa Abierta, JADOM, Sur Futuro, Children International Boca Chica

Satisfactory – (70-80 points) – Total of 3 partners: UCNE, ACOPRO, Acción Callejera

Not Satisfactory – (Below 70 points) – Total of 8 partners: CEPROSH, MOSTCHA, Grupo Clara, CEFASA, Caminante, Project Hope, CSA, COIN

Please note that this scale should not be used in a comparative nature. Challenges, levels of risk, high crime areas, “tough” neighborhoods, and other factors vary between sub-agreements so we should avoid comparing apples with oranges. Nevertheless, the performance evaluation gave each partner a clear snapshot of where they stand and what needs to be improved. Each organization was provided feedback and action plans for improvement, regardless of their score. In the case of COIN and Grupo Clara, their sub-agreements were rescinded and target groups assumed by other partners.

Entrena also increased field visits and oversight, provided additional teams of providers to enter data in the tracking system, and assigned 9 employment insertion specialists for each province of the project. This investment coupled with the feedback to the partners produced the results we were striving for – quality improved, targets were reached, and participants were registered. The celebration of these achievements was shared by all at the year 3 convention of Alerta Joven from July 29-31, 2015. We can affirm that by the end of year 3, we achieved the levels of productivity from our partners that met our original expectations.

Working with Our Donor

Year 3 also witnessed improved coordination with our donor. Communications, approvals, concurrences, coordination with field and public events, anticipating technical and financial modifications, and overall troubleshooting were managed expeditiously. At the end of year 3, USAID has received the final budget realignments and revised Program Description for Alerta Joven, whose approval we expect during the first quarter of Year 4. We express our gratitude to the USAID team for their support, guidance, and commitment with the goals of Alerta Joven.

Working with the Dominican Government

There has been little change in this area since the last report for Year 2. The only difference is that the country is heading into an electoral campaign culminating in May 2016 which will probably produce increased government lethargy for coordination of actions. We continue to work with the seven ministries with whom we have signed agreements and in the case of the larger entities such as MINERD, with a multiplicity of departments and school districts. Plans continue to include following up on meetings with the Ministry of the Presidency; continuing coordination with Ministry of Economy, Planning and Development; deepening a productive relationship with the National Attorney General office and strengthening recent productive relationships with the Ministry of Education. However, we realize our expectations are tempered by the strong personalization and weak institutionalization of the GoDR institutions.

Sustainability

The model for long-term sustainability proposed in the Alerta Joven program description is an eventual co-financing mechanism with financial support from the government and private sector, but with operational autonomy. This continues to be the model, but how we get there has been tempered by our experience during the first three years. Alerta Joven undoubtedly has a clear competitive niche – solutions for at-risk youth who are one step away from potential delinquency and violence, which is the number one issue for Dominican society today. Yet we are aware that any relationship with the Dominican government, especially one that has financial support underpinnings, can easily disappear in one decree. The challenges posed by the political need for the government to be an implementer of activities versus an enabler of actions by society seem unlikely to change. Achievements during year 3 include the following:

- Developed strategy with Messenger Multimedios SRL for social marketing campaign to support sustainability.

- Design of Year 4 work plan for sustainability with eight specific tasks to be completed by 5/31/16.

Synergies between USAID Partners

USAID carried out a two day workshop on September 2-3, 2015 to promote synergies between partners. Alerta Joven has identified three specific areas to create synergies with other partners. These are improved reading skills and safe schools, climate change, and local crime prevention networks.

VII. ATTACHMENTS

This Year 3 Report has a wealth of information that further details and describes the scope and impact of our interventions, and provides detailed indicators and results, profiles of our implementing partners, success stories and most important activities during the year.

Acronyms

ACOPRO- Acción Comunitaria por el Progreso, Inc.
AGCI- Chilean International Cooperation Agency
AIDS-Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome
ALVR- Asociación de Ahorros y Crédito de La Vega
ANJE- Young Business Leaders Association in the DR
CAI Global- Cicatelli Inc.
CAPEX- Innovation and Professional Training Center
CEFASA – Centro de Formación, Acción Social y Agraria
CEPROSH- Centro de Promoción y Solidaridad Humana, Inc.
COIN- Centro de Orientación e Investigación Integral, Inc.
CONEP- Consejo Nacional de la Empresa Privada
COP-Chief of Party
CSA- Community Service Alliance
CSW-Commercial sex worker
CVPC- Crime Violence Prevention Committee
DIGECITTSS- Department for the Control of Sexually Transmitted Diseases and AIDS
DIGEPEP- Ministry of the Presidency Special Programs
DN-National District
DR-Dominican Republic
DREAM- Dominican Republic Education & Mentoring Project
EBA- Accelerated Basic Education
EDUCA- Acción por la Educación
EpC- Espacios para Crecer
ENDESA- Health and Demographic National Survey
FOMIN – Fondo Multilateral de Inversiones
FOSIS- Chilean Social Investment and Solidarity Fund
GODR- Dominica Republic Government
HIV-Human Immunodeficiency Virus
ICT-Information and Communications Technology
IDB- Inter-American Development Bank
IDDI – Instituto Dominicano de Desarrollo Integral
IEET- Business Initiative for Technical Education
IMCA- Implements & Machinery Company
INAFOCAM- Ministry of Education Teacher Training Institute
INFOTEP- National Technical and Professional Training Institute
INTEC- Technological Institute of Santo Domingo
IR- Intermediate Result
IT- Information Technology
JADOM- Junior Achievement

M&E- Monitoring & Evaluation
MARP-Most At-risk Population
MEPyD- Ministry of Economy, Planning, and Development
MI- Motivational interviewing
MIC- Ministry of Industry and Commerce
MINERD- Ministry of Education
MJ – Ministry of Youth
MLB- Major League Baseball
MOSCTHA-Movimiento Socio Cultural para los Trabajadores Haitianos Incorporados
NEO-DR- New Employment Opportunities-Dominican Republic
NGO-Non-governmental organization
PC- Participación Ciudadana
PEPFAR- President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief
PPPS- Public-Private Partnerships
PREPARA- Ministry of Education High School Program for Out of School Students
QLN- Quantum Learning Network
RCD- Research Computing Division
RD-Dominican Peso
RTI- Research Triangle Institute
STI- Sexually Transmitted Infection
TTM- Transtheoretical Model of Behavior Change
UCNE- Universidad Católica Nordestana
UN- United Nations
UNIBE- Universidad Iberoamericana República Dominicana
UNFPA- United Nations Population Fund
USAID- United States Agency for International Development
USDOL- United States Department of Labor
VAK – Visual, Auditory Kinesthetic
YPS- Youth Participant Survey

Spanish Terms:

“Barrio” - Refers to urban slum areas in the Dominican Republic. These are the areas targeted in the Alerta Joven project.

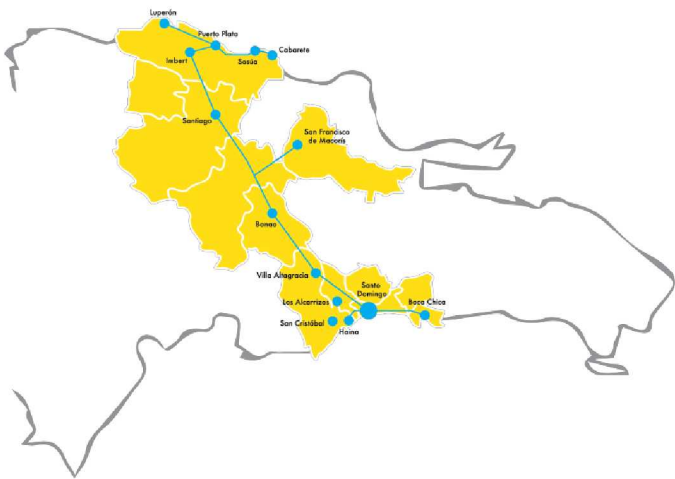
“Charlas”- Refers to informal speaking presentations led by community leaders or trained specialists in a conversational style.

“Colmadones” - A neighborhood corner store, or small grocery store where people frequently gather.

“Confianza”- Refers to having “trust in” an individual or entity due to these having proved themselves. Once you have "confianza" in an individual or entity, one can be completely honest and open with these.

“Yola” - Refers to a shoddily constructed small boat containing more people than what is advisable. The boats are usually used to immigrate illegally into the United States from the Dominican Republic.

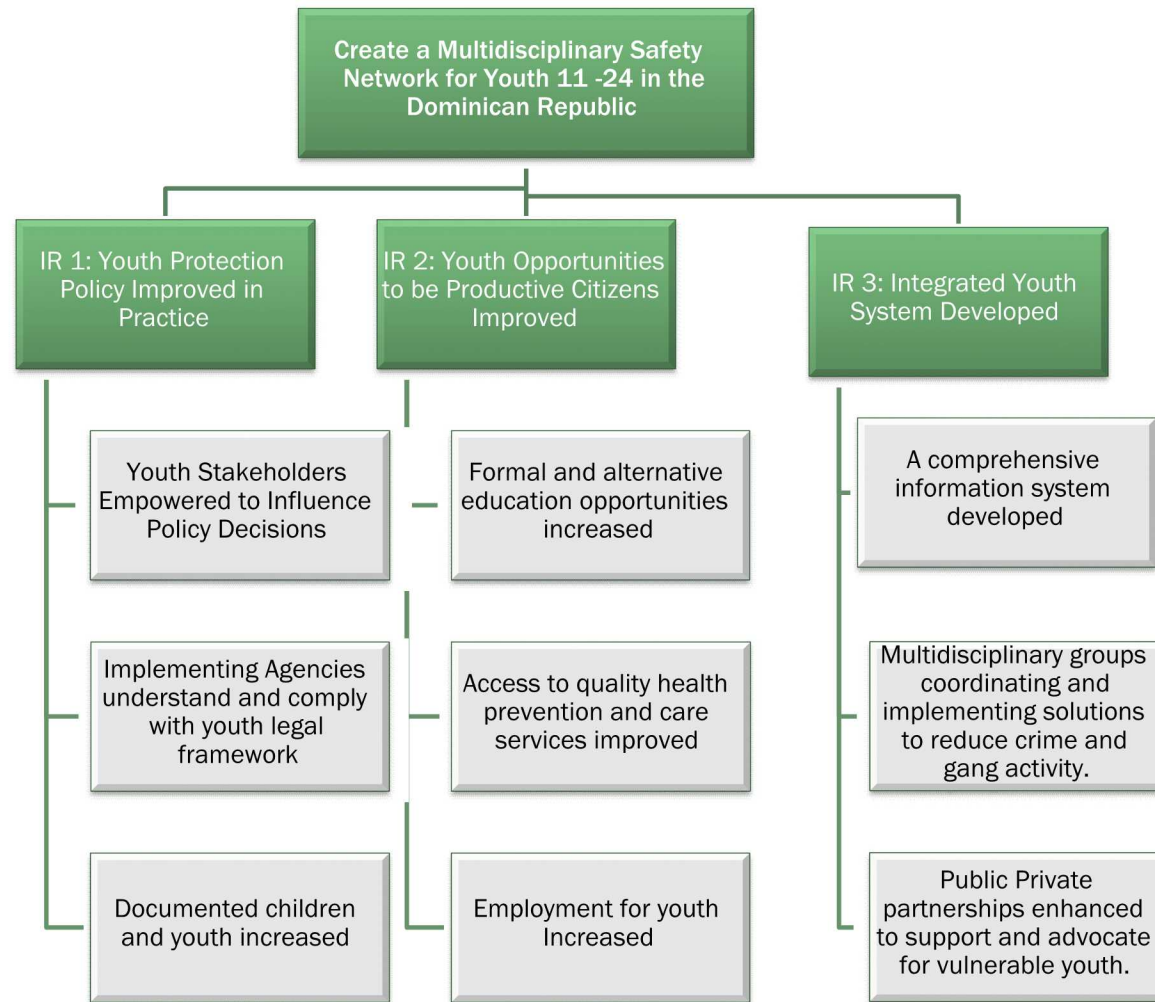
ATTACHMENT 1: GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION



Alerta Joven works in the geographic corridor linking Santo Domingo - Santiago - Puerto Plata, focusing on their urban population centers. The project also includes Haina, Boca Chica and San Francisco de Macoris. Our actions are directed to those areas with the highest levels of violence and crime.



ATTACHMENT 2 – RESULTS FRAMEWORK



ATTACHMENT 3 - Indicators and Results for Year 3 and Accumulated as of September 30, 2015

Source: Alerta Joven Web Tracking System by Unique Participant.

Data downloaded on October 18, 2015

Performance / Impact Indicators	Year 3 data - October 1, 2014 to September 30, 2015				Accumulated data - July 5, 2012 to September 30, 2015			
	Four Quarter July-September 2015	Results Accumulated Y3 October 2014 - September 15	Target Y3 - October 2014 to September 2015	% Results for Y3	Accumulated Results July 2012 to September 2015	Accumulated Target July 2012 to September 2015	% Accumulated Results vs. Target July 2012 - September 2015	
Indicator 1: Percent of youth involved in crime and violence	7%	7%	550	7.10%	8%	515	Different sources, not comparable	
Indicator 2: Citizen perception of the police	Biannual Frequency	80.0%	N/A	80.0%	76.1%	44%	181.82%	
Indicator 3: Citizen perception of security	Biannual Frequency	61.6%	N/A	61.6%	64.0%	63%	97.78%	
Indicator 4: Percent of victims of crime	Biannual Frequency	18.5%	N/A	18.5%	17.0%	37%	50.00%	
Indicator 5: Recidivism rates among juvenile (18 and under) offenders	Transport by Police	No data available	No data available	N/A	No data available	No data available	TBD	
	New Charge by Fiscalia						TBD	
	Sentenced Detention						TBD	
Indicator 6 *: Percentage of juveniles (18 and under) housed separately in juvenile incarceration facilities	-5.12%	77.54%	95%	78%	77.54%	95%	82%	
Indicator 7 **: Number of juvenile (18 and under) offenders processed via diversion/alternative rehabilitation programs	Males	27	116	107	108.41%	116	107	108.41%
	Females	-5	8	9	88.89%	8	9	88.89%
Indicator 8: Number of USG-funded organizations representing marginalized constituencies trying to affect youth government policy or conducting government oversight	23	52	46	113.04%	52	46	113.04%	
Indicator 9: Number of civil society organizations receiving USG assistance engaged in advocacy interventions	13	154	44	350.00%	154	44	350.00%	
Indicator 10: Number undocumented youth who are identified	Males	170	515	765	67.32%	957	1275	75.06%
	Females	217	661	735	89.93%	1116	1225	91.10%
Indicator 11: Percent of identified youth who obtain documentation	19%	32%	10.00%	322.28%	18%	10%	182.83%	
Indicator 12: Percent of audience who recall hearing or seeing a specific USG-supported FP/RH message	0.00%	25.3%	50.00%	50.60%	32.2%	50%	64.37%	
Indicator 13: Percentage of youth unemployed and not in school-based setting	4.32%	10.32%	19.00%	54.32%	8.37%	19%	44.08%	
Indicator 14: Number of learners enrolled in primary schools and/or equivalent non-school-based setting with USG support	Males	649	3809	4361	87.34%	5268	7268	72.48%
	Females	749	3837	4190	91.58%	5109	6983	73.16%
	Indirect	1663	5241	12827	40.86%	7852	21377	36.73%
Indicator 15: Number of learners enrolled in secondary schools and/or equivalent non-based setting with USG support	Males	910	2530	4820	52.49%	3820	6233	61.29%
	Females	1213	3075	4631	66.40%	4275	6044	70.73%
Indicator 16: Number of VYC reinserted into formal schooling	Males	244	447	551	81.13%	543	1102	49.27%
	Females	157	374	529	70.70%	470	1058	44.42%

Indicator 17: Modern method contraceptive prevalence rate (MCPR)	Males	1.36%	68.93%	41%	168.12%	68.14%	41%	166.20%
	Females	0.00%	65.54%	49%	133.76%	63.92%	49%	130.46%
Indicator 18: Number of the targeted population who completed an HIV preventive interventions that are based on evidence and/or meet the minimum standards required (PEPFAR)	M 10-14	815	1374	1944	70.68%	2059	3888	52.96%
	F 10-14	1126	1940	5000	38.80%	3129	10000	31.29%
	M 15+	1956	3330	1944	171.30%	6960	3888	179.01%
	F 15+	2740	4732	5000	94.64%	9341	10000	93.41%
Indicator 20: Number of Most At Risk Populations (MARPs) reached with individual and/or small group level HIV preventative interventions that are based on evidence and/or meet the minimum standards required.	M IDU	6	6	100	6.00%	6	200	3.00%
	F IDU	0	0	100	0.00%	0	200	0.00%
	M MSM	8	8	200	4.00%	8	400	2.00%
	M CSW	31	61	300	20.33%	61	600	10.17%
	M CSW/MSM	0	0	20	0.00%	0	40	0.00%
Indicator 21: Number of individuals who received Testing and Counseling (T&C) services for HIV and received their test results.	F CSW	24	69	350	19.71%	69	700	9.86%
	M Other <15	19	67	972	6.89%	70	1944	3.60%
	F Other <15	39	124	972	12.76%	135	1944	6.94%
	M Other 15+	208	510	2499	20.41%	649	4999	12.98%
	F Other 15+	460	934	972	96.09%	1170	4999	23.40%
	Negative	-3	0	10	0.00%	3	22	13.64%
Indicator 22: Number of persons receiving new employment or better employment (including better self-employment) as a result of participation in USG-funded workforce development programs	Positive	729	1635	5405	30.25%	2021	13864	14.58%
	Males	335	1042	816	127.70%	1042	1360	76.62%
Indicator 23: Number of persons completing USG-funded workforce development programs	Females	136	928	816	113.73%	928	1360	68.24%
	Males	1324	2663	2040	130.54%	3441	3400	101.21%
Indicator 24: Proportion of female participants in USG-assisted programs designed to increase access to productive economic opportunities	Females	2384	4640	2040	227.45%	5696	3400	167.53%
	Males	-0.39%	38.44%	50.00%	N/A	38.84%	50%	N/A
Indicator 25: Number of unique visitors to website	Females	0.39%	61.56%	50.00%	N/A	61.16%	50%	N/A
	Indicator 25: Number of unique visitors to website	5387	6180	15000	41.20%	89150	30000	297.17%
Indicator 26: Number of working groups created that include first offenders, gang members, and adolescents	1434	3065	200	1532.50%	8467	400	2116.75%	
Indicator 27: Effectiveness of working groups that include first offenders, gang members, and adolescents	Effective	Effective	Effective	Effective	Effective	Effective	Effective	
Indicator 28: Number of workforce development initiatives created through USG assisted public-private partnerships	0	20	9	222.22%	20	9	222.22%	
Indicator 29: Number of vulnerable people benefitting from USG-supported social services	Males	7941	26058	29475	88.41%	39332	52576	74.81%
	Females	10644	34840	29475	118.20%	50772	52575	96.57%
	Vulnerable children (under 18)	11647	41781	30000	139.27%	58387	60000	97.31%
Indicator 30: Number of people benefitting from USG-supported social assistance programming	Males	9429	31231	30500	102.40%	47245	61000	77.45%
	Females	14158	45711	30500	149.87%	66159	61000	108.46%
	HIV Affected	-3	0	26	0.00%	3	52	5.77%
Indicator 31: Percentage of USG-funded NGO or other international organization projects that include activities or services designed to reduce specific risks or harm to vulnerable populations	0.00%	120.00%	100.00%	120.00%	120.00%	100%	120.00%	

Notas importantes sobre las fuentes usadas:

Indicador 1: Como numerador se tomo el dato de encuesta de participante correspondiente a los casos que han reportado cometer algun delito (participantes de 15 a 35 años). Como denominador, se utilizo la poblacion que corresponde al rango de 15 a 35 años que fue encuestada, de acuerdo con la ley General de Juventud 49-00.

Indicador 2: Encuesta comunitaria intermedia a Abril 2015. P58. Se siente seguro en presencia de la policia?

Indicador 3: Encuesta comunitaria intermedia a Abril 2015. P37. La delincuencia es el mayor problema en su barrio?

Indicador 4: Encuesta comunitaria intermedia a Abril 2015. P60A_4 Ha sido usted asaltado en la calle?

Indicador 5: La informacion no esta disponible en el DINAI u otra fuente del sistema de justicia.

* Indicador 6: De acuerdo al estudio de Auto-percepcion de factores causales de la delincuencia, el numerador se calculo como el total de jovenes a Septiembre 2014 que estan en centros de atencion integral y como denominador el total de jovenes en ambas condiciones (no privados, sancionados y sentenciados). A Julio 2015, el DINAI reporta 530 jovenes en centros de atencion, mas no se contaba con el dato de los no privados de libertad, razon por la que el dato no pudo actualizarse al 2015.

** Indicador 7: Poblacion no privada de libertad a Septiembre 2014, de acuerdo al estudio Auto-percepcion de factores causales de la delincuencia en adolescentes en conflicto con la ley penal. USAID, Entrena, Ministerio Publico, UNIBE. La diferencia se debe a un error que existia en la fuente utilizada en el anterior reporte.

Indicador 26: Suma de asistentes unicos en programas de Jovenes Mediadores y Reduccion de Crimen y Violencia.

Indicador 10: La fuente es el reporte I10: Jóvenes sin acta de nacimiento.

Indicador 11: La fuente para este indicador son las actividades de cierre del programa Documentacion relacionadas a palabras claves como: obtiene, documentado, cedulado.

Indicador 16: La fuente para este indicador son las actividades de cierre dle programa de Insercion Escolar, con palabras claves como: insercion escolar, ficha de cierre, clausura, reintegrados, reinsertados.

Indicador 20: Los participantes son los jovenes idenificados por la organizacion como TRSX, MARP, HSH, gay, lesb, GLTB.

Indicador 22: La fuente es la encuesta de insercion laboral con los casos a Junio 2015, contandose como nuevo o mejor empleo los criterios de: trabajo actualmente, en los ultimos 12 meses y tengo microcreditos gracias a Alerta Joven. En base a los casos que confirman haber recibido servicio de Alerta Joven. Esta base de datos fue limpiada con los casos duplicados y organizaciones que no reportan a este indicador.

Indicador 23: La fuente para este indicador son las actividades de cierre del programa Capacitacion Tecnica, Autoempleo con palabras claves relacionadas a graduacion: cierre, entrega de certificados, finalizacion, clausura, graduacion, terminacion, entre otras.

Indicador 25: De acuerdo a Google Analytics, se calcula en este caso solo los usuarios unicos para los periodos consultados. Se calculan los pageviewers, sessions, instagram, twitter y facebook, pues son repeticiones de asistencia de un mismo usuario.

Indicador 26: Se refiere al numero de jovenes que han participado en acciones de prevencion de crimen y mediacion de conflictos como programa de pares para sensibilizacion sobre cultura de paz.

ATTACHMENT 4 – FINANCIAL SUMMARIES

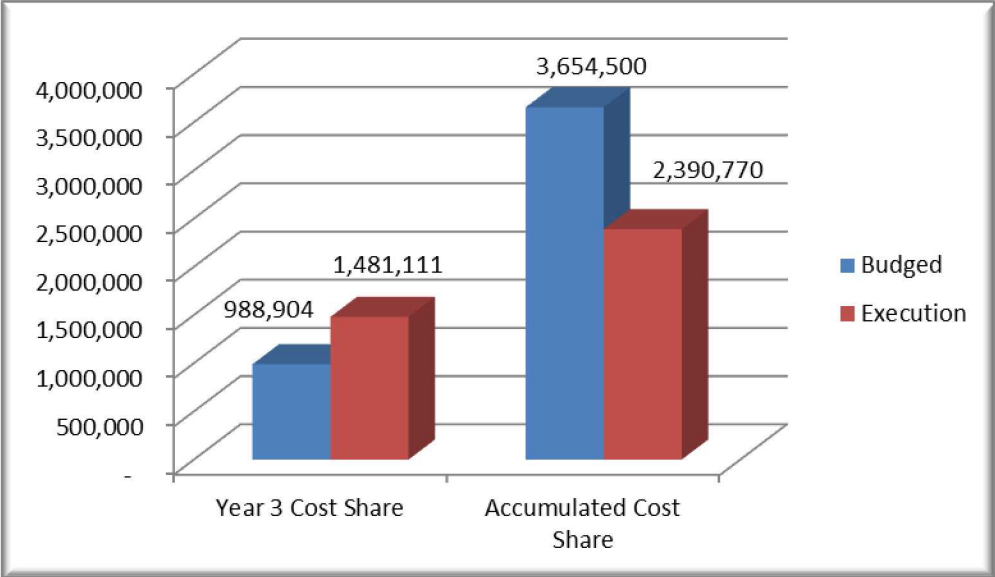
ACCOUNTABILITY - Alerta Joven is committed to upholding the highest standards of financial integrity. We believe we are fully accountable to our valued donor and each young participant for the appropriate allocation of all funds, which is why we strive to *keep administrative costs as low as possible* to ensure that USAID funds have the maximum impact in the aid of 85,000 at risk youth in Dominican Republic.

BUDGET EXECUTION

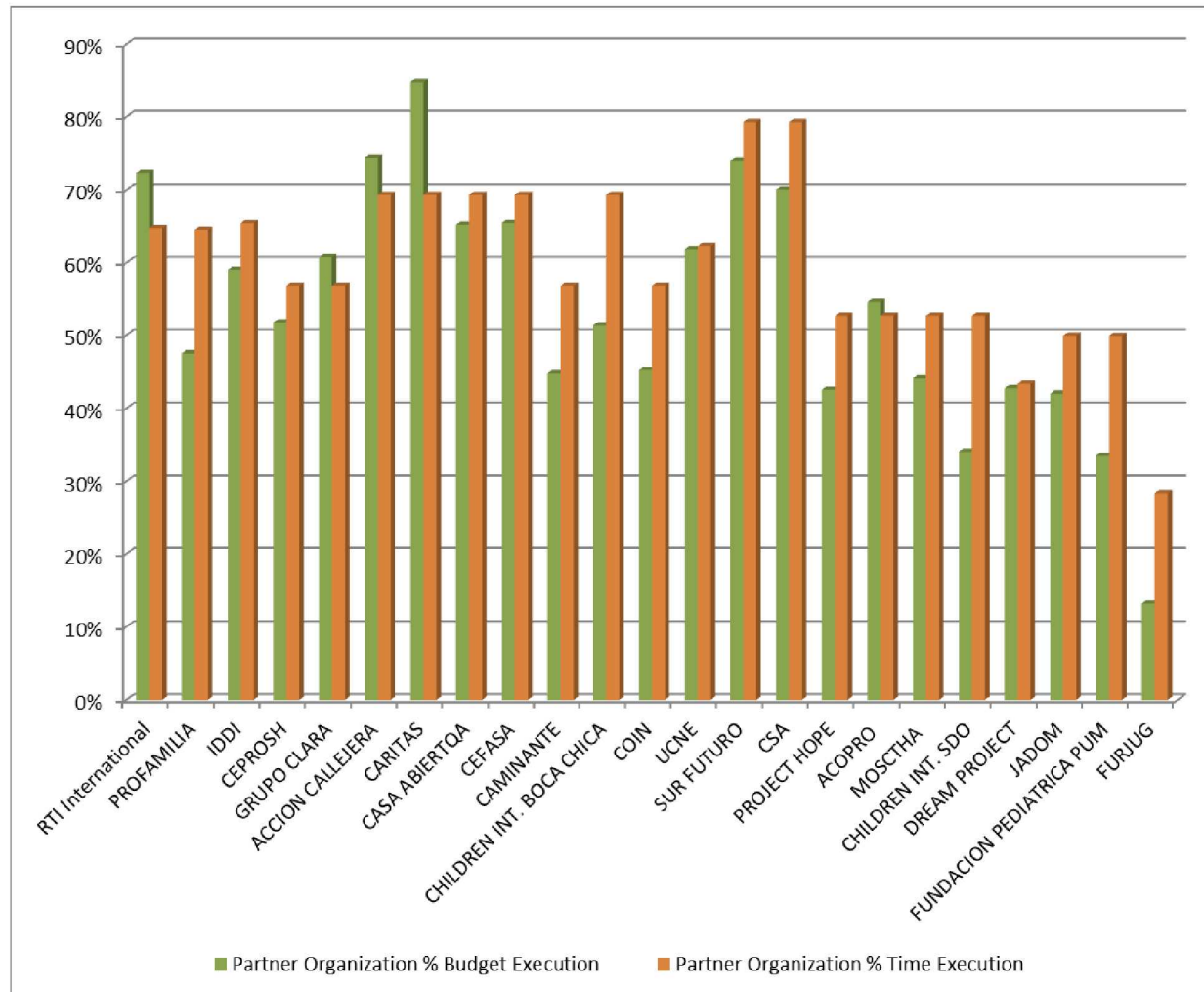
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BUDGET EXECUTION FROM 7/05/2012 TO 09/30/2015			
Budget Category in DR\$	Approved Budget DR\$	Cummulative Expenditures Through::	Percentage of Execution
LABOR	70,506,359.00	38,653,082.35	55%
FRINGE BENEFITS	28,996,044.00	13,664,124.60	47%
CONSULTANTS	39,901,823.50	25,663,688.28	64%
TRAVEL AND PER DIEM	11,629,387.00	1,837,124.18	16%
OTHER DIRECT COSTS	55,484,630.53	35,591,030.20	64%
EQUIPMENT	4,656,421.00	5,012,650.10	108%
SUB-AWARDS	452,291,955.50	268,076,725.87	59%
TOTAL IN RD\$	663,466,620.53	388,498,425.58	59%
Budget in US\$			
TRAVEL	41,892.00	7,713.32	18%
OTHER DIRECT COSTS	99,323.00	90,137.54	91%
SUB-AWARDS	2,598,015.00	1,535,415.44	59%
TOTAL US DOLLAR COSTS	2,739,230.00	1,633,266.30	60%

59% of total budget
executed

COST SHARE EXECUTION IN US\$



Data of execution from our partner organizations:



ATTACHMENT 5

Inventory Partners Organizacions Intermediate Result 1.1 - Youth stakeholders empowered to influence policy decisions

From July 5, 2012 to September 30,2015

Partner Organization	Activity Description	Agreements	Results	Lessons Learned	Future Actions
Santiago Consortium	Active promotion and participation in the bi-monthly meetings of the "Round Table of Organizations in the Children, Adolescents and Youth Protection System" to promote strategic alliances the generate guarantees of the rights of youth within the Alerta Joven Project		Sustained active participation during the two year period of an inter sectoral and inter institutional space to share experiences, expertise and council.	Strategic and assertive follow-up of cases and policy is possible despite system weaknesses and unexpected political changes with negative affects in the development process.	Continued follow-up and support of the Round table and its participating organizations.
Casa Abierta (with the support of the Santiago Consortium)	Formation and strengthening of Municipal Youth Councils as defined in the National Youth Law and the National Youth Council System with sub activities: 1. Education processes prior to the formation of councils. 2. Legal formation of youth councils. 3. Continuous support and follow-up with formed councils.	Santiago Local Municipalities	10 Municipal Youth Councils in the province of Santiago constituted.		Follow-up with the National Youth System.
			7 Municipal Youth Councils with active programs with the support of the Federation of Dominican Municipalities (FEDOMU)	Obtaining sufficient economic support from the governing municipality is vital in order for the youth council to operate and conduct meaningful interventions	Continue to support municipal youth councils as they change leadership and seek additional economic support from the municipalities.
	Implemented 2 specific spaces and activities to provide orientation and education of the National Youth law as it applies to municipalities with local elected officials. (City Councilmen and councilwomen).		Promote sustainable interest and priority for youth, along with the continued support of the youth councils within municipal government after the conclusion of the Alerta Joven Project and USAID financial support.		
	Formation and support of the Santiago Youth Council	Regional Offices - Ministry of Youth	1 Provincial Youth Council constituted in Santiago with the participation of the 10 municipal youth councils.		Follow-up with the National Youth System.
Action Callejera (with the support of the Santiago Consortium)	Forum for Socialization, Analysis and Recommendations of the Dominican Committee for Children's Rights.		The forum successfully communicated the recommendations from the Dominican Children's Rights Committee regarding the compliance of applicable policies and laws with school psychologists in the Santiago district.	Although the theme of children's rights is brought up with more frequency, there are still numerous sectors that are not aware of, or do not comply with the norms and laws.	
Children International Boca Chica	Formation and strengthening of Municipal Youth Council in the municipality of La Caleta	Municipality of La Caleta	10 Municipal Youth Councils in La Coleta with 60 participants trained in General Youth Las 49-00, Municipal Law 176 , and multiple themes including public policy, budgeting, and planning.	Creating alliances and agreements with public and private entities is required to insure sustainability.	Continued support and follow-up with the council.
		Ministry of Youth, Technical Office in La Caleta	Council trained to hold first election of formal leaders.		
	Creation of 2 youth leadership schools.	Children International Program for Internal Leadership	Creation of 2 youth leadership schools in the municipality of Boca Chica with 50 trained youth.	Participation in the leadership schools and municipal youth councils promotes a vision of the future and increases sustainability.	Continue to strengthen the youth with feedback workshops and establish collaboration with other public and private institutions.
	Creation of the Youth Development Agenda in La Caleta	Centro Bonó, Ayuntamiento de Boca Chica.	Completion of the development agenda with participating youth from the communities of La Caleta, and Tanquecitos.	In order to prepare an effective agenda the following factors must be taken into account: local environment and realities, the youth, focus on rights, priorities, multisector and multidisciplinary participation.	Offer technical consultancy and advice as the youth begin to implemented their agenda.

Acopro, Inc.	Creation of the Youth Promoters of Care, Obligations and Rights Network.		Creation of a structured network of 220 youth trained in current youth norms and laws. The network takes an active role in programs of employment insertion, cultural activities, as well as promoting a culture of peace, assertive communication and harmonious coexistence.	Youth networks are an ideal structure for youth to spend time constructively to express opinions, develop creativity, solidarity, tolerance and a sense of self, while acquiring tools for political action within their communities.	Continue to support and train network members as they support Alerta Joven and community initiatives.
	Youth march for employment and Center for Cultural Events	Alliances formed by: Alianza Juvenil, Comité para la Defensa de los Derechos Barriales (COPADEBA), Ciudad Alternativa, Sports clubs and neighborhood associations.	The successful execution and large scale participation of both youth and adults of this public manifestation raised awareness within the community, the press and governmental institutions with regards to employment needs for youth as well as the construction of the cultural center.	Large scale public manifestations of this nature require extensive planning and coordination between participating groups with close attention paid to details such travel routes during the march, assigning responsibilities and promotion prior to the event.	Follow-up meetings with youth organizations to continue, as well as the public and private sectors of the community to increase opportunities for youth employment.
Movimiento Socio-Cultural de los Trabajadores Haitianos (Mosctha)	Creation of the Youth Network "United in Alert" (Unidos en Alerta) in the communities of La Victoria and Villa Mella.	Multiple organizations from both the private and public sectors.	Creation of 2 youth networks with defined vision, mission statements along with articulated objectives and values.	The consolidation process of the networks is a long term project that will require more investment in training, planning, monitoring and evaluation.	Implement a workshop in the creation of annual operation plans with a chronogram of prioritized actions.
	Implemented meeting, lectures and workshops on the General Law for Youth, Municipal Law for Youth along with related topics with multiple groups and organizations including; youth networks, schools and technical /vocational training courses.		Participating youth increased their knowledge of laws and policies along with tools to apply in advocating of their rights within these laws.		
Fundacion Sur Futuro	Prepare and execute the Local Development and Social Oversight Agenda	Multiple organizations from both the private and public sectors.	Established roundtables (committees) in the areas of Youth Policy, Education, Health, Protection, Culture, Sports, Vocational Training and Youth Employment. All the committees include youth as full members.	Positive results can be achieved if all community sectors come together to establish social policies for the resolution of problems.	Public presentation of the agenda and continued technical support during its implementation.
	Creation of three youth networks (Haina, El Café de Herrera and Quitasueño).	Municipality of Haina	The municipality of Haina provides daily transport to youth taking part in technical/vocational training courses.	Persistence is needed to reach and maintain agreements with local authorities.	Planning to hold additional meetings in order to obtain access to participative budgets for youth activities from the Haina city government.
	Participated in the #Yo Campaign (Me Campaign) for commitment to education	Local Districts of the Ministry of Education.	School directors and teachers ratified their personal commitment to provide a higher quality education in the classrooms in the presence of youth enrolled in Alerta Joven.	Although commitment was clearly manifested during the campaign, continued support and periodic monitoring is required to achieve real improvement through specific activities connected to that objective.	Continued support and follow-up between the networks and Alerta Joven in order to increase collaboration with both the private and public sectors in planning and implementation of the Local Development Agenda.
				Utilize meetings, visits and other strategies to promote rapprochement with local authorities and influence decision making.	Select and train school directors and teachers with Quantum Learning accelerated learning methodologies with the support of the Entrena Education Department.

Children International Santo Domingo Este	Preparation of the work agenda of the Community Youth Council in Mendoza.	54 participating organizations of the Mendoza Community Development Council, Local District of the Ministry of Education	Preparation of the agenda to address community problems with a focus on issues that most affect youth.	Awareness of youth issues must be increased within the community participants along with more community based educational spaces / opportunities in order to facilitate a common agenda prepared by youth and adults together.	Continue to encourage and strengthen youth participation in actions implemented to address the identified problems on the agenda. Work to integrate youth into other spaces at the community and provincial level.
	Realized 2 forums: 1. Municipal Youth Forum 2. Intermunicipal Forum for Youth Public Policy		Active interchange of experiences in the areas of health, education and employment with increased youth integration into the Youth Council.	There are additional themes, of both rights and obligations that could be included in the forums.	Promote the involvement of additional youth groups and governmental institutions.
	Implemented Institutional Fair for Sharing Experiences		Created a child protection protocol; a guide for employers to care for and protect boys and girls enrolled in their programs that was produced as a result of the sharing ideas and strategies during the fair between youth and participating organizations.	Sharing strategies fortifies the best practices and the development of effective youth protection policies and agendas.	Continue to disseminate the protocol and increase awareness of key actors in youth protection policy and enforcement.
	Prepared the action plan, "Medoza Road To Peace" (MECHAL PAZ).		Youth mediators prepared and presented project plan as a result of the training included in this activity.		A second community project plan workshop will be held to further increase youth participation.
Community Service Alliance (CSA)	Integrate youth into Neighborhood Associations and Community Councils as formal spokespersons regarding youth related issues and decision making.	Various neighborhood associations	17 youth have taken spokesperson roles with neighborhood association. Neighborhood associations are more aware of the need for youth involvement and are taking into account their input in the decision making process.	Participation in neighborhood associations increases youth confidence, leadership and feelings of identity as part of the community. It also increases adult members appreciation and respect for the opinion of youth.	Continue promoting and expanding youth involvement in neighborhood associations.
Universidad Catolica Nordesteana (UCNE)	Implement 3 simulations of municipal government using the United Nations Simulation model for youth.	Multiple neighborhood level organizations such sports clubs, Parent / Teacher organizations and youth groups.	Using this model, participating youth were able to express needs such as sports facilities and meeting places along with possible solutions such as fundraising activities.	This methodology demonstrates how city government works. Internal and pontifical issues within the local city government impedes the putting into practice of proposed solutions.	Follow-up meetings with the youth department of the San Francisco de Macoris city government.
	Organize and implement neighborhood level working groups (round tables) to discuss problems and seek solutions in youth related issues.		14 neighborhood working groups formed and collaborating with Alerta Joven in promotion of its programs in education, technical / vocational training and apprenticeships. Members help identify and motivate high risk youth to participate.	The working groups face challengers due to lack of extensive community involvement which require new strategies to approach and motivate youth.	Montly follow-up meetings with neighborhood committees
	Organize and implement street theatre performances by youth groups to increase awareness of the General Youth Law and youth rights.		Increased awareness as to youth rights and obligations and increased participation of youth in social programs in their communities.	This activity has a multiplier effect in the community.	Contine street theatre events coupled with follow-up activities.
Fundación Sur Futuro, Children International Santo Domingo Este, Acopro, Inc., Community Service Alliance (CSA), Project Hope.	Implemented meeting, lectures and workshops on the General Law for Youth, Municipal Law for Youth along with related topics with multiple groups and organizations including; youth networks, schools, EpCs, and technical /vocational training courses.	Local Districts of the Ministry of Education, Various local organizations, centers from the INFOTEP System of Operation Centers (COS)	Participating youth increased their knowledge of laws and policies along with tools to apply in advocating of the their rights within these laws. Improved internal organization within the youth groups.	Replication by youth multipliers with their peers can be effective for reaching more participants.	Implement additional lectures and workshops to strengthen youth involvement in decision making at the provincial level. Organize forums between community members and local representatives of the National Ministry of Youth.

ATTACHMENT 6



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PROYECTO ALERTA JOVEN

Espacio para Crecer (EpC) Model

Alerta Joven uses the EpC model as the major tool for achieving educational goals in school retention and re-insertion. EpC provides our at-risk adolescents from ages 11 to 14 the opportunity to improve academic skills, acquire social skills, and achieve levels of personal growth and self-esteem. This helps them to remain in school, avoid over-aging in the classroom, and, in the case of being out of school, provides a channel for mainstreaming them back into school. This is critical since there is a direct relationship between dropping out of school during grades 5-7 and initiation in delinquency. As of 9/30/14, Alerta Joven had registered a total of 1,598 participants in this model. The following provides background information about EpC and its successful application in other countries.



The EpC model was created in 2004 as an educational initiative (USDOL funding) to eliminate the worst forms of child labor in the Dominican Republic. Over 11,000 children ages 6-13 successfully completed the program by 2010 measured by reinsertion in school, at-risk students staying in school, grade advancement, and reduction of overaged students. In the DR and later in Colombia, the EpC became a learning revolution and viable low-cost solution for

creating a full school day. Content incorporates national school curriculum. The EpC has three important components: personal growth, social skills, and academic support, and can be a 3 hour before or after school program. Success indicators are attendance, academic success, parent, family and community involvement, and personal growth. The EpC uses Quantum Learning © (QL) methodology which promotes the idea that learning is natural and every student is gifted. As of September 2014, the EpC has been successfully implemented in the Dominican Republic, Colombia, Nicaragua, Panama, and Ecuador.

The EpC model has received important recognition and awards; including being one of the 30 finalists in the WISE 2010 Awards for Educational Innovation and being internationally acclaimed

by Sen. Tom Harkin in his June 2009 address to the 98th session of the International Labor Conference by the following quote”

Wellington Sánchez is the facilitator in the Space for Growth or “Espacio Para Crecer” (EpC) located in the Santa Ana grade school in San Francisco de Macorís. Wellington, starting his third year as an EpC facilitator is a role model for his fellow facilitators due to his dedication, responsibility, creativity, dynamism and outstanding performance in his work with the boys and girls in his EpC. The results speak for themselves; Jorden de la Cruz was stuck in third grade, having failed pass on to fourth grade. After only three months of attendance in the Santa Ana EpC, Jordan improved his reading and writing skills enough to be promoted up to fourth grade in midterm. Another example is Ángel Gabriel Correa, identified as a youth at risk due to his constant disruptive behavior in and out of the classroom. After attending the EpC , Angel won the Meritorius Student Award due to his improved behavior and academic achievement. The school’s principal, Francisca Joaquín attributes this change to Wellington and is great full for the help that the EpC program has brought to this education center.

The EpC is innovative due to its low cost, community insertion and empowerment, use of a highly engaging methodology which accelerates learning, and is totally integrated with the public school system and connected to the daily school day of a child. It is relevant because it serves marginalized populations unable to access quality reading and math programs, leverages and consolidates community resources currently under-utilized, and has strong potential for rapid replication and expansion.

EpC demonstrates that personal growth develops self-image in adolescents and children, which is vital in unleashing their learning potential. When a child gains confidence in his/her ability to read and understand numbers, the sky is the limit. We observed how social skills were formed through recreational reading. Reading in groups, friendly reading competitions, and reading out loud all promote socialization patterns that promote teamwork, caring, and solidarity, especially in environments where all learning is celebrated. This carries over to family and immediate community where anger and violence is replaced by dialogue. Academic support was provided through language and reading skills. Participants quickly connected their improved performances in the classroom with their extra curricular activities.

Fours key indicators underscore the EpC model. The first indicator is attendance: adolescents and children regularly attend both the EpC as well as school, with enthusiasm and on time! The second indicator is academic success: participants achieved higher grades in school and were promoted to the next grade during the school year. The third indicator has been parent, family and community involvement: they see how their children were changing, thereby changing themselves, becoming more engaged with their children’s education. Community leaders volunteered time, goods and services and communities become more empowered with their local schools. A fourth indicator, and perhaps the one where we will see the most success, is at a personal level: Participants started to enjoy learning, unwrapping their potential to continue

learning, and made education and personal growth their top priority at this time in their lives. They acquired the confidence and social skills to successfully continue on with school.

The EpC model uses an “asset-based” approach to development, focusing on what works instead of being problem-oriented. EpC shows how a highly structured and scripted program can function in an unstructured situation. The EpC model is sustainable, low-cost, low-tech, applicable in any setting (rural, urban, slum) and requires only very basic infrastructure.

The quality of learning in the EpC model is anchored in the Quantum Learning methodology and relevant content. QL has evolved from the best educational practices including accelerated learning, multiple intelligences, experiential learning, cooperative learning, elements of effective instruction, and brain-compatible learning. All EpC participants receive text/workbooks, facilitators receive guides, and instruction is completely orchestrated, scripted, and sequenced into a four-hour class plan in which “everything speaks, everything has a purpose, and all learning is celebrated.”

ATTACHMENT 7

THE IMPACT OF THE EpC PROGRAM ON SCHOOL RETENTION AND ACADEMIC SKILLS IMPROVEMENTS



PROYECTO ALERTA JOVEN

Spaces for Growth (Espacios para Crecer -EpC) is an educational program for children between the ages of 6 and 15 based upon the methodology of Quantum Learning. The program is structured in daily lessons of 3 hours for 10 months. The program focuses on three areas: academic, personal and recreation. All three areas have the same level of importance in order to provide integrated development with balance between academic knowledge and concepts, personal experiences and the need for recreation by the participating boys, girls and adolescents. The spaces are managed by facilitators trained in the Quantum Learning methodology. These facilitators are selected from the communities in the impact zones of Alerta Joven. Each EpC is equipped with didactic materials such as work books and facilitator manuals.

In the project framework, this program is aimed at youth between the ages of 11 to 14, demonstrating a high risk potential for dropping out of school or who have already dropped out of school. For youth with a high potential for dropping out of school, the program objective is to keep participants in school, while the objective for children who have already dropped out, the program serves as a trampoline towards school re-insertion. As such, the EpC program can address both the education retention and insertion indicators.

The following report summarizes academic results of youth completing the EpC program in the following areas: attendance percentages in the EpCs, percentage of participants promoted to the next grade at the end of the school year, the percentage of participants held back to repeat the same grade at the end of the school year, and the average academic achievement scores by subject, grade, gender and age.

Report Methodology

The EpC program is being implemented by 12 Alerta Joven partner organizations with a total of 152 Spaces with a capacity of 30 youth per space. The EpCs for the 2014-15 school year initiated services for the youth in October and finished in May for an average of 8 months of service.

Each partner organization was asked to collect and submit the data on the assistance and academic achievement of their youth in the EpC program. Eight partner organizations responded to the request within the required time frame. The academic results were obtained from the schools in which the youth were enrolled. For this report, the participant names from the academic reports were cross checked with the digital data base to insure that the youth were indeed enrolled and had attended the EpC program. Table 1 shows the distribution by organization of EpC students for this analysis.

Table 1. Distribution of beneficiaries digitalized, included in the data base and enrolled in an EpC

Organization	Digitalized Beneficiaries	Confirmed in Data base	In EpC
Acción Callejera	30	14	14
Caminante	35	15	15
CEPROSH	691	449	406
Children International (Boca Chica)	31	11	11
Children International (Santo Domingo Este)	69	63	58
MOSCTHA	86	58	50
Sur Futuro	117	73	68
Universidad Católica Nordestana	294	139	113
Total	1353	822	735

The academic scores were digitalized into an Excel data base by a team of two auxiliary data entry personnel contracted by Entrena. A total of 1,353 cases were processed into the data base. The Monitoring & Evaluation department confirmed that these names were in the Alerta Joven web based data platform and had at least one recorded attendance in the EpC program. 50% of the academic scores sent by the partner organizations are from EpC participants with at least one recorded attendance.

Results

Of the 735 youth enrolled in EpCs, 56% are male and 44% female. This contrasts with enrollment percentages in Dominican public schools where female enrollment tends to make up slightly more than 50% of the student population. Participants ranged in age from 6 to 19, however 89% of the data sample are from 11 to 14 years old.

The number of services received ranges from just one recorded attendance to over 20 events attended and recorded in the data platform. The average attendance in the data base is 16 during the EpC school year. EpC attendance should be entered into the system once per month per participant regardless of the number of activities (camps, meetings, workshops, etc.) that they may have participated in during that month.

Upon entering the EpC program, 69% of the beneficiaries were enrolled grades fourth through eighth. We were unable to determine the grade level of 26% the participants as this data was not included in academic results submitted by the schools. The average grade level of the beneficiaries was sixth. 34.7% of the participants attended school in the morning and 35.1% in the afternoon. The hours of school attendance for the remaining 30.2% was not identified.

Attendance and Academic Achievement

Attendance and promotion to the next grade at the end of the school year was high for EpC participants with average attendance of 92% and promotion at 93.6%. The average academic achievement was 77 for all EpC beneficiaries and 78 for those that were promoted. 5.5% of EpC participants were held back and not promoted to the next grade. They will repeat the same grade in the next school year. These

participants had an average score of 63. Table 2 breaks down academic scores for each semester and the year-end final score.

Table 2. Average Academic Scores

	1st Semester Average Score	2nd Semester Average Score	Final Score
All EpC Participants			
Average	76	78	77
Max	96	97	97
Min	57	52	55
Promoted EpC Participants			
Average	76	79	78
Max	96	97	97
Min	61	61	65
Held Back EpC Participants			
Average	63	63	63
Max	69	68	65
Min	57	52	55

Academic achievement data was also submitted for the four principal subjects, math, Spanish, Social Sciences and Natural Sciences. Score averages are similar across all the subjects with the highest average scores occurring in social and natural sciences. In analyzing the data of participants that were promoted, we find the minimal score of 67, the high at 97 and the average score of 77 points. Table 3 summarizes these scores for each subject by semester.

Table 3. Average Score by Subject

	1st Semester Average Score	2nd Semester Average Score	Final Score
Spanish			
Average	75	77	76
Max	98	98	97
Min	50	53	52
Math			
Average	75	77	78
Max	97	98	97
Min	53	51	65
Social Science			
Average	76	76	77
Max	98	100	99
Min	54	50	52
Natural Science			
Average	76	78	77
Max	98	99	99
Min	58	52	55

In conclusion the data demonstrates that Spaces for Growth participants have stayed in school and that over 94% were promoted the next grade at the end of the school year.

ATTACHMENT 8



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The Advantages of Staying In School (LVPE)

PROYECTO ALERTA JOVEN

The Advantages of Staying in School (LVPE – Las Ventajas de Permanecer en la Escuela) program is designed to demonstrate to students in the 8th grade and students in the first and second year of high school the importance and value of education. Through the ASIS program participants are brought to realize how formal education and staying in school provides them with the skills they need for personal and professional development. In the ASIS program, students discover the life altering implications that can occur if they leave school. The program includes activities that help students recognize and develop their individual talents and preferences and gives them tools to help them make decisions as they plan for the future, with an overall result of increasing the motivation of participants to stay in school and complete their formal education. The program consists of five modules (60 minutes each one)

Module 1: “The Road to Personal Realization” - This module introduces participants to the concept of personal realization and education as medium to acquire the tools needed to increase future employment opportunities. The students play a board game where they make common lifestyle choices and see the consequences of those decisions.

Module 2: “The Advantages of Staying In School” - In this module, the students work in teams with the objective to analyze the education system of the Dominican Republic. Within this analysis they will discuss the current situation and compare it with the employment needs in the country as it relates to their own level or grade of academic advancement.

Module 3: “The Cost of Deserting School” - In this module the student reviews how completing education through high school and beyond can provide the skills and tools needed to increase the possibility of employment. The methodology includes having the students look at the “Help Wanted” advertisements of daily newspapers and calculate the salary levels of these jobs. With this information the students prepare personal budgets with the expenses they would incur as independent adults.

Módulo 4: “Confronting Our Problems” - This module has the students dramatize different situations that could lead a student to drop out of school. This methodology allows the participants to express their feelings and thoughts when confronting difficult situations. The activity concludes with each student writing a letter to friend explaining the advantages of staying in school.

Module 5: “Projecting into the Future” - The students review the main concepts from the previous modules. They explore their skills and interests within the context of projecting themselves into the future. They are asked to choose a profession or job that they would like to have and develop a plan to achieve this goal. This module also reviews the components of a successful employment interview coupled with simulations of an actual interview.

This school retention program is managed by our new partner Junior Achievement Dominicana (JADOM), an organization with established links to the Dominican private sector. LVPE is strategically important to Alerta Joven because it uses an educational platform within the public school linked to future employment insertion. This model will reach 7,674 participants enrolled in primary and secondary schools.

Thirteen partner organizations started LVPE under the coordination of JADOM in April 2015 with a total of 4,968 students representing 69% of the goal. The full goal should be achieved by the end of semester of the 2015 – 2016 school year.

ATTACHMENT 9
CICATELLI Methodology Results and
Systemization with Partner Organizations.



PROYECTO ALERTA JOVEN

Sexual and reproductive health is one of the areas which present some of the highest levels of risk in youth in the Dominican Republic, which manifests itself through high adolescent pregnancy rates. Alerta Joven participant surveys to date present the following data regarding sexual health practices:

Sexual and Reproductive Health Statistics

	Total Responses	%
Youth Surveyed	53,255	100%
Female Participants	29,036	54.5%
Female Participants under 18 with children	1,015	3.5%
Participants that have had sex	18,685	35.1%
Participants that have used a condom (as a percentage of participants who have had sex)	10,506	56.2%
Participants that have had sex without using a condom (as a percentage of participants who have had sex)	7,353	39.4%

The sub segment of homeless youth demonstrates even higher risk levels in the area of sexual and reproductive health. The Alerta Joven participant survey includes 39,674 youth between the ages of 11 to 18 of which 1408 do not attend school. Survey results indicate a higher percentage of adolescent pregnancy with youth who do not attend school. Several studies indicate that youth in this sub segment have lower awareness levels of birth control methods and proper use of condoms coupled with increased negative responses when asked about their willingness to use these methods. This sub segment also tends to have more frequent use of drugs. All of these factors raise the risk for unplanned pregnancy and exposure to STDs/HIV/Aids.

The health program of Alerta Joven was focused specifically on sexual and reproductive health in order to reduce unplanned pregnancy and the presence of STDs/HIV/Aids in youth between the ages of 11 to 24 in marginalized communities using evidence based approach. A sub component of this program sought to increase the conceptual capabilities of the people who work in these

thematic areas with the final results being improved skills and abilities when providing sexual health services for high risk youth.

The specific interventions in this sub component were developed following a needs assessment of youth leaders and key beneficiaries of the partner organizations. This needs assessment helped identify which innovative interventions would be most useful to obtain project goals and to insure that the training was adapted to the needs of partner organization personnel. Based upon the assessment findings, training included the following segments:

- Applying evidenced based practices when working with adolescents using levels 1 and 2 of the Transteórico Model of behavior change, risk reduction and motivational interviews.
- Supervisor Workshops for applying evidenced based practices using the Transteórico Model of behavior change.
- Train the trainer workshop on evidence based models for approaching youth and adolescents with motivational interview techniques.

All the training workshops followed adult learning principals. The principal methodology used was the “Existential Learning Cycle” where participants would share and process their personal experiences in order to apply the new techniques to their “real life” situations.

The training was supported by visits to the partner organizations; Children International, Instituto Dominicano de Desarrollo Integral, Inc. (IDDI) and Asociación pro Bienestar de la Familia (PROFAMILIA) from the global director of CAI New York, local office personnel and Alerta Joven staff. These visits included interviews and focus groups with partner organization staffs. This follow-up insured the implementation and systematization of evidenced based practices. The partner organization staffs were questioned as to changes and observations following the implementation of the CICATELLI methodologies with the following responses:

- Improved counseling techniques, with counseling more focused on risk reduction.
- Greater rapprochement between partner organization staff and management
- Improved communication between working groups.
- Structural changes at the institutional level of the partner organizations.
- Increased integration of organization personnel
- Increase in the amount services to youth.
- Positive attitude changes towards work.
- Improved communication between staff.

The partner organizations provided several examples of strategy changes following the CICATELLI workshops.

IDDI had previously divided their youth volunteers into working groups by function as facilitators, mediators or multipliers, with each group using a different methodology. Following the workshops, all the groups began to utilize the motivational interview and behavior change methodology and in effect became one group of facilitators. This new structure increased and

integrated more actions by the volunteer and paid staffs working with youth and optimized economic and human resources for the organization.

In Profamilia, the staff and volunteer multipliers offered birth control methods directly to participating youth without taking into account the level or stage that the participant was in. (Was the participant really prepared to abandon high risk lifestyles and adapt new ones?) Following the CICATELLI workshops, the staff evaluates the stage of the participating youth (Pre-contemplation, Contemplation, Preparation, Action, Relapse, and Sustainable Change) in terms of their willingness and ability to initiate behavior change before suggesting birth control methods. These changes are now being replicated throughout the organization.

A full analysis and report of the results of the workshops will be presented by CICATELLI in the month of November 2015.

Photographs: Follow-up visits and focus groups by CICATELLI and Entrena Staff with partner organizations.



ATTACHEMENT 10 Brief Summary of Objective, Conclusions and Recommendations of Study of Technical-Professional Qualifications demanded by the Dominican Labor Market



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A PROSPECTIVE SURVEY ON TECHNICAL AND PROFESSIONAL TRAINING AND EDUCATIONAL DEMANDS IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

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According to the National Labor Force Survey of 2014, the economically active population (PEA) totaled 4.9 million people. Of that total, 976,000, equivalent to 20%, were between the ages of 16 and 24 years. In this young PEA group (16 y 24 year olds), 29% (close to 282,000 people) are unemployed equivalent to twice the rate of the total active population, which is 14.5% (expanded rate).

This study is a contribution to the provisions of the "National Pact for Education Reform 2014 2030" on what to do with education and professional technical training, and also aims to provide reference information for the design of training policies and training of human resources to meet the demands in occupational performance areas that require technical skills of a specific nature.

General objective:

Measure the demand for present and projected, technical-professional qualifications in the formal employment sector for the purpose of improving the design of public policies for Technical Education and Vocational Training in basic and middle levels of the occupational pyramid.

Specific objectives:

1. Establish general characteristics for occupational profiles requiring specific technical training in basic and middle levels of the occupational pyramid..
2. Estimate the number of job vacancies or need of employment of technical nature on a national scale.
3. Estimate the demand for technical profiles by sector, branch of activity, performance areas and occupational fields.
4. Establish the level of difficulty for employers to fill vacancies requiring profiles of a technical nature.
5. Estimate the length of the learning curve for new employees once they enter available jobs at companies.
6. Examine the expectations of creating new jobs or jobs of a technical nature during the next six years, according to industry branch , occupational areas and fields.
7. Establish assessment guidelines for the employer sector in training programs and /or training institutions.
8. Examine the available programs to educate and train technicians in occupational fields and areas in high demand.

Target Objective No.1: “Estimate the number of job openings of a technical nature e at the national level”.

Conclusion: Based on the ENFT 2014, of the 4.2 million employed (formal and informal employment), we have estimated at 2.7 million, the number of people in employment positions, which require professional qualification

Target Objective No.2: “Establish the general characteristics of career profiles, requiring specific technical training, at both base and mid-level of the occupational pyramid.

Conclusion: Most employers require that formal candidates for jobs in the basic and middle levels of the occupational pyramid, have at the very least, a high school education. A little over 60% confirm this. Similarly, about 20% on average require they have specific technical training.

Among the most important transversal key skills for employers are included "Teamwork" and "Oral and Written Communication skills". Of those surveyed, 48% and 43%, respectively, will reflect this.

Target Objective No.3: Estimate the demand for technical profiles by considered; sector, branch of activity, performance areas, occupational areas and fields. "

Conclusion: Given the estimated current demand and what is projected for the next six years (2020). The entities involved in providing vocational and technical training, can use the information in the report to revise its offer and making relevant adjustments (see Annex 1 of this excerpt, in which growth estimates by occupational fields are specified until 2020)

Target Objective No.4: "Establish the challenges faced by employers when hiring profiles requiring a technical nature "

Conclusion: Challenges vary by performance and occupational areas; however, in those where the functions and tasks to be performed require specific skills related to the command of "hard" technology (the areas of Natural Sciences, Applied and related occupations, processing, manufacturing and assembly, and Occupations requiring Equipment and transportation), a little over 70% of those employers surveyed, who have positions in these areas, say they confront serious challenges finding candidates with the desired profiles in the current labor market. Occupational areas in which employers reported facing challenges when hiring, 100%, of the time, according to the survey, are: Occupations in the area of construction, Mechanical Equipment and Heavy Machinery, Stationary Machine Operators, Printing Machine Operators, Electrical and Electronics Technicians .

Target Objective No.5: "Estimate the length of the learning curve for new employees once they enter the jobs available in companies "

Conclusion: Duration varies according to occupational areas; however, 46% of employers said that on average, learning lasted three months, 16% two months, and 31%, only a month.

Target Objective No.6: Forecast the creation of new positions of a technical nature during the next five years, according to industry, occupational areas and fields

Conclusion:

The Performance areas "Sales and Services", "Finance and Administration" and "Processing, Manufacturing and Assembly" are those with the greater number of available jobs. A detailed examination of occupations related to occupational areas included in those areas of performance is available in the report, and may be considered useful by organizations with a common interest in education, training and job placement.

Target Objective No.7: "Examine the educational and training provisions available to technicians for the occupational fields and areas in rising demand."

Conclusion: (1) The available technical-professional training (for young people with expectations of entering the labor market at an early age), is led by the Ministry of Education and INFOTEP. (2) PTE figures for middle and upper level indicate that the amount of available education is somewhat limited given the magnitude of the estimated demands, especially those associated with occupational areas in hard technologies (3) Meanwhile INFOTEP plays an important role, especially in providing training for employed and unemployed people. Their contribution covers roughly about 27% of the demand for continuous training for the employed population.

RECOMENDATIONS

1. Elevate the level of schooling for young people who are not in the educational system, so that they can complete high school and meet the growing demand of employers ,who require candidates who possess skills and knowledge acquired through a secondary education
2. Government agencies should identify young people in vulnerable situations or at risk, and along with non-governmental organizations identify and reintegrate those who are outside the formal and non-formal education circuits.
3. The entities involved in technical and vocational education and training, require a thorough review of current of market demands in order adjust their curriculums accordingly, with occupational fields and areas in highest demand.
4. The study has highlighted the imminent need the country has for a National Dictionary of Occupations (DNO), a National Qualifications Catalogue (NCC) and to jumpstart the projected National Qualifications Framework (NQF). The MNC would solve major pitfalls related to the organization of the portfolio of secondary, higher education and vocational training. MINERD has taken important steps for the conceptualization of an MNC.
5. Also necessary for the development of these instruments, is coordination between public and private institutions involved with labor issues, employment regulations, regulations of vocational training and higher levels of education and the guidelines for formal and non formal education.
6. The balance of the relationship between the demand for training and available training reveals the need for greater coordination, not only on the basis of global or sectorial studies conducted from time to time, but also based on consensus and permanent implementation of mechanisms like recordkeeping, monitoring and systematic assessment of demand and supply of education

and training. There have been initiatives in this direction, which should to be evaluated in an institutional manner and assigned a budget to assure continuity.

7. One of the contributions of this study is its benchmark for determining demand; In this regard the International Standard Classification of Occupations (ISCO-2008 ILO). It is recommended that future studies take their occupational structure from the National Dictionary of Occupations and this classification, to achieve international comparability.
8. Seek a balance in the availability for Vocational Technical Education. Of all the training available, MINERD concentrates 70% of its training in the Service sector, 25%, to the Industrial Sector, but only 5% to the Agricultural sector, and in the Mining sector, only 0.02%.
9. In terms of technical training, it is a bit more balanced, with new training available in the Agricultural Area (14%), Industrial Area (38%) and services (48%). We should ensure these areas with the necessary technological provisions to meet their demands.

ATTACHMENT 11 – FOSIS Employment Insertion Program



FOSIS MODEL: Employment Insertion for Vulnerable Youth Promotion Program (Programa de Promoción para la inserción laboral para jóvenes en situación de vulnerabilidad en la República Dominicana)

The Chilean Agency for International Cooperation (AGCI), the United States Agency for International Development International (USAID) and the Dominican Ministry of Economics, Planning and Development (MEPyD) signed a three party agreement with the objective of supporting the integration of vulnerable youth into the labor market through salaried employment or self-employment. This program takes place in Boca Chica and San Francisco de Macorís and benefits 1,280 youth between the ages of 15 and 24. It is a two year project with the implementation taking place from 2015 through 2016.

The program is implemented by Entrena through the Alerta Joven Project, the National Institute for Technical Professional Formation and the Dominican Ministry of Labor. The Chilean Solidarity and Investment Fund (Fondo de Solidaridad e Inversión - FOSIS) provides technical support.

The 80 hour program, entitled “Entrepreneurship and Employability” contains 4 modules: 16 hours of life skills, 16 hours employability, 40 hours of entrepreneurship, and 8 hours of practical applications. The Entrepreneurship component is based upon the methodologies CEFE and the Canvas Business Model. FOSIS has extensive experience applying these methodologies for employment and entrepreneurship with the poor and other vulnerable populations.

FOSIS Program Results as of September, 30, 2105:

632 youth are taking part in training programs, representing 49% of the original goal.

44 facilitators have been trained and certified by INFOTEP in the CEFE methodologies used in FOSIS.

262 youth have graduated the Entrepreneurship and Employability Course.

44 business plans generated through the course took part in regional self-employment and entrepreneurship fairs.

17 business plans generated through the course took part in the National Self-employment and Entrepreneurship Fair.

3 business plans generated through the course were awarded prizes, including the first prize winner at the National Self-employment and Entrepreneurship Fair.

3 micro businesses are development phase with seed capital of RD\$125, 000.00.

33 businesses have been contacted to provide apprenticeships or employment insertion opportunities for program graduates.

46 youth have completed apprenticeship programs or have obtained a new or better job.

Public / Private agreements have been signed with the Chamber of Commerce in the Province de Duarte and the San Francisco de Macorís Regional Office of the Ministry of Education to support employment insertion.

Based upon the successes of this program in 2015 in the original target communities, Alerta Joven has decided to replicate it throughout all the geographical zones of the project. Alerta Joven will train new facilitators in November, 2015. This facilitator will begin to implement the FOSIS model in January, 2016

ATTACHMENT 12



TESTIMONIES FROM PRIVATE SECTOR ABOUT INTERNSHIPS AND JOB INSERTION

PROYECTO ALERTA JOVEN

Partner Organization: Children International, Santo Domingo.

Business Name: Teruel Co, S.A.

Type of Business: Motorcycle Sales and Repair

Testimonial Given By: Sr. Alexander Teruel / President

Since the beginning of 2015, Children International witnessed the radical life changing transformations that their work is generating with thousands of vulnerable youth in the municipality of Santo Domingo Este. In April of this year, organization staff held a meeting in the offices of Teruel Motors, a motorcycle sales and Repair company that confirmed this transformation.

Teruel Co, SA gave the opportunity to seven youth graduates from the Alerta Joven sponsored motorcycle assembly and repair course to complete their apprenticeships. The business owner, Mr. Alexander Teruel expressed the following: “I’m content because these young men come prepared”, words that were echoed by the workshop supervisor who noted, “I like them, because you can tell they are educated. These boys are different from the others, because they come with a base and an education. They show respect. I like to see their strong commitment and you can see they are grateful to the institution.”

Mr. Teruel went on to say, “The qualities that Teruel Co. look for in an employee are respect, responsibility and a commitment to learn. These young me have these qualities, at the entry level, in assembly and as mechanics. Here, after they have a foot in the door, they have the opportunity to grow and could become a group leader. I am willing to help them. This group has been the best because they demonstrate gratitude and you can see that they strive to do their best and not fail.”

“ At Teruel Co, S.A., we will always be available to those that need us, if they are prepared like this last group, we will always have the doors open to Alerta Joven.”

Partner Organization: Universidad Católica Nordestana, San Francisco de Macorís

Business Name: Colchonería Rosado (Rosado Mattress)

Type of Business: Furniture and Mattress retail store

Testimonial Given By: Sr. Edickson Rosado / President

Alerta Joven implementing partner UCNE conducted an interview with Mr. Edickson Rosado, owner of the *Colchonería Rosado*. The *colchonería* has taken two Alerta Joven graduates from the Entrepreneurship and Employability course for apprenticeships.

Mr. Rosado expressed his extreme satisfaction with the level of preparation and enthusiasm to learn demonstrated by both of the apprentices. They were treated like regular employees, not as apprentices

and he feels that both had positive experiences in the company. They were very attentive in their work and the conclusion of their apprenticeships the company decided to reward them with bonus payments of RD\$3,000.00 each

Following the apprenticeship period, Mr. Rosado needed an additional employee and contacted Alerta Joven for candidates. Alerta sent him three graduates for interviews. Mr. Rosado chooses José Adri Abreu Villar, who had completed his apprenticeship in the cloth cutting and dispatch department of the *colchonería*. Jose has just completed his second month as a full time employee.

Mr. Rosado stated that the work being done by Alerta Joven and USAID is very good, emphasizing that youth want to learn but often to not have the opportunities that the Project is offering. He hopes that the project will continue working for youth because society is very corrupt.

On a personal level as a businessman, he will continue collaborating with the youth of Alerta Joven – UCNE.

Partner Organization: Caminante. Boca Chica
Business Name: Restaurant Bocana
Type of Business: Food and Beverage Restaurant
Testimonial Given By: Sra. Luz Acosta/Administrator

Alerta Joven in Caminante has received valuable support from the Restaurant Bocana and its administrator, Mrs. Luz Acosta. The business has left its doors wide open for apprenticeships by youth completing technical courses in waiter, bartender, maître d' and restaurant captain.

Almost 80% of the youth that complete their apprenticeship in the restaurant were subsequently hired as full or part-time employees, to the great satisfaction for the Alerta Joven Project in Boca Chica.

Mrs. Acosta always provides a warm welcome to the youth emphasizing, "These young people have good development, capacity, management and sympathize with the clients, all of which they demonstrate during their time in the restaurant".

Luz and her regular staff express enthusiasm and satisfaction regarding the performance of the apprentices during every supervisor or monitoring visit. The support from Restaurant Bocana in acknowledging the apprentice's work is a true success story.

ATTACHMENT 13.1 - SUCCESS STORY NO. 1



PROYECTO ALERTA JOVEN

Partner Organization: Fundación Pediátrica por un Mañana (FPUM)

Project Result Indicator: IR 2.1 – Formal and Alternative Education Opportunities Increased



Illustration: Jerica Nieves Martínez, 12 years old wearing her chef uniform as she is participating in baking courses

From Stress to a new Jerica

Jerica is the firstborn of five brothers and sisters that her mom had with 3 different men. She lives in Pantoja – Herrera, a high risk zone with her father. Jerica is not sexually active.

Jerica came to the Alerta Joven program through the Fundación Pediátrica por un Mañana (FPUM) in order to continue her studies, to reduce her stress and discomfort due to frequent communication problems with her father. She was so afraid to talk to her father that every morning she waits until he leaves the house before getting out of bed.

After a clinical interview Alerta Joven – FPUM counselors identified Jerica's stress generators: her father and home environment. Since moving in with him and his new wife, he would constantly assault her physically and verbally. Living with a new family was extremely stressful for this young girl and this manifested itself in unsafe or disruptive behaviors such as: not locking the door after leaving her house, not bringing her keys with her when she goes out to run errands and having frequent fights with friends.

Once the stress generators, risk factors and circle of violence were identified, Alerta Joven – FPUM provided educational and psychological counselling for Jerica, validating her, encouraging her and reinforcing her self-esteem. She developed a personal life plan based on personal integrity, family values, and education.

Later, her mother also came to the center to get therapeutic help. The mother has met the father to discuss the situation and he has agreed to help Jerica economically.

Jerica is now living in Villa Altagracia with her mother and returns three days a week to FPUM for follow-up. Jerica has completed a baking course and is now enrolled in a candle making course.

ATTACHMENT 13.2 – SUCCESS STORY No. 2



PROYECTO ALERTA JOVEN

Partner Organization: Dream Project

Project Result Indicator: IR 2.3 –
Employment for youth increased



Illustration: Javier Jose Javier, 18 years old while participating in technical vocational training held by Alerta Joven – Dream Project in Cabarete.

“Turning the full circle”

This story is one of the most successful for the Alerta Joven - DREAM Project. Javier, 18 years old, began the program “A Ganar” with no professional experience.

He studied hard in an English school in the community to reach a high level of English as he always knew that this language would open doors to success in Cabarete.

Although a shy student when he started this program which fosters life and employability skills, Javier was a motivated and active participant in the course.

After completing the employability component of the course, he found a job washing dishes at the restaurant “Los Gringos”, a famous place on the beach of Cabarete.

Shortly thereafter, Javier was promoted from washing dishes to kitchen assistant, and later to waiter. He graduated from A Ganar in December 2014 and only six months later, he was put in charge of the restaurant and bar.

The restaurant expanded with a second location in Sosua and Javier was promoted to manage it with an excellent salary. There he was able to work with three other A Ganar graduates.

By June, 2015 things have turned full circle as Javier contacted DREAM Project to request two more employees from the Alerta Joven – A Ganar program.

ATTACHMENT 13.3 – SUCCESS STORY No. 3



Partner Organization: Community Service Alliance (CSA)

Project Result Indicator: IR 1.3 – Documented children and youth Increased

Jimmy: “Now I legally exist”

“Bateyes” communities that originated with sugar cane workers face multiple development challenges. Health and education levels are significantly below the national average while poverty is far above the national level. As an example, 30% of children over 10 years living in these communities are illiterate, three times over the national average of 11%. Secondary school attendance is limited due to several difficulties including the lack of birth certificates or other identification documents to complete enrollment requirements beyond the eighth grade. Approximately 22% of “batey” residents are undocumented.

Alerta Joven has partnered with Community Service Alliance (CSA) to provide an integrated program for youth at risk in Batey Lecheria in northwestern Santo Domingo which includes: documentation, educational support, health services, vocational training and assistance for employment insertion. The program currently serves more than 1,000 young people in Batey Lecheria and its surrounding communities.

CSA with additional support from Centro Bonó has helped more than 50 participants to obtain their legal documentation.



Illustration: Jimmy presenting his new identity card after completing the complex legal documentation process

Jimmy, a young man of 18 from Batey Lechería, spoke about how Alerta Joven has helped him obtain legal documentation.

Jimmy proudly presented his identity card and stated: "Before entering the project I did not know how to get my documents and had no money to pay for the process. Alerta Joven helped me with resources and guided me through the process". Jimmy has received vocational training, giving him more options to improve the quality of his life and progress towards a brighter future.

ATTACHMENT 13.4 – SUCCESS STORY No. 4



Partner Organization: Asociación Pro Bienestar de la Familia, Inc. (PROFAMILIA)

Project Result Indicator: IR 2.2 – Access to quality health prevention and care services improved

“Quitting gangs to serve his community”



Illustration: Gravidelvis is serving now his community as a volunteer of the METI Team from Alerta Joven - Profamilia

The influence of friends in the lives of young people is strong. Gravidelvis Paulino Mercedes, 16 years old from the community of Los Grullón in San Francisco de Macoris, is a confirmation of this statement.

Prior to being part of Alerta Joven, he joined a gang motivated by close friends that were always pushing him to come into crime, but once he was there, they told him he could not leave. "When I entered into the gang I immediately regretted it; the lifestyle of the gang I don't wish it for anyone", said Gravidelvis.

He joined Alerta Joven motivated by the multifaceted activities developed by Profamilia with their volunteers. Gravidelvis is now one of them as part of the METI Team, (*Multiplicadores de Espacios Informales*) promoting HIV/AIDS prevention and the correct use of condoms in local – informal businesses.

"Before I came to Alerta Joven I was an antisocial, had many behavioral problems and my sex life was problematic: I had sex almost with anyone, and had multiple partners, I did not think about prevention. Once I joined this project I have changed, I only have sex with a condom and I have only one partner", he added.

Gravidelvis Paulino now has a plan for his life and is focused on three goals: enter into college, work to buy a house for his mother and continue working as a volunteer in benefit of his community bringing information on sex rights and HIV prevention.

ATTACHMENT 13.5 – SUCCESS STORY No. 5



PROYECTO ALERTA JOVEN

Partner Organization: Dream Project

Project Result Indicator: IR 2.3 –
Employment for youth increased

“A Ganar” (literally I won!)



Illustration: Paulino during his intervention in the “A Ganar” course graduation

At the end of September 2015, Alerta Joven partner Dream Project celebrated the graduation of 29 young men and woman youth from its highly successful “A Ganar” youth employment program.

During the ceremony, graduate Paulino Africa Joseph asked to speak some impromptu words of thanks.

The 21 year old Paulino told the group, “I had been out of work for over a year when I started A Ganar. Not long after we finished the course, I submitted my resume to a business”.

They called me for an interview and a friend said, “Write down what you are going to say so you don’t mess up.” I replied, “No I have been preparing for this for over six months.” I went to the interview and when it was over the manager told me I could leave now. I thought to myself, “I must have messed something up.”

But before I left the building, they called me back and asked if I had a change of clothes. I said, “I am always ready”. They responded, “Good because you’ve got the job and you can start right now.” I am now working for this company in Sosua.

Paulino lives in the barrio of Sabaneta de Cangrejos in Sosua and helps support his mother and siblings with the money he earns. He was recognized by Dream Project for his leadership skills and was chosen by them to represent Sosua youth in the Youth Empowerment in Public Policy Forum conducted by CEPROSH in September, 2015 with Alerta Joven sponsorship.

ATTACHMENT 13.6 – SUCCESS STORY No. 6



Partner Organization: Caminante

Project Result Indicator: IR 2.3 –
Employment for youth increased

“A genuine entrepreneur founded”

It is usually hard to identify a young entrepreneur, but in the case of Roberto Tolentino (22 years old) we realized it at the first glance. This young man stood out from the beginning, offering great ideas that described his business plan and in turn helped him to take full advantage of the course content.

It was almost by chance that Tolentino enrolled in a course of entrepreneurship and employability held by Alerta Joven / Caminante. He didn't know what it was all about, but he was motivated to attend. As the course progressed, he became more involved in the processes, his interest grew each day and he realized that he had the personality of an entrepreneur.



Tolentino's challenge was to identify the perfect business that would satisfy needs and permit him to achieve success in his community, barrio Monte Adentro, which is located in Andres – Boca Chica, a touristic destination rich in resources, but extremely poor in the quality of life of its habitants.

After completing a field study, he came upon a simple idea that would fill a need in his community, an office supply store and cafeteria. He prepared and presented his business plan and was chosen to participate in the first Self Employment and Entrepreneurship Fair.

Tolentino won second prize at the fair with a good presentation that demonstrated to the judges the soundness of his business plan. He is now putting his business plan into action using his home and with the support of his family, especially his mother.

His experience has served him well at his young age and has made him a young entrepreneur in his community. His example serves as an inspiration of other youth who have dreams, but up till now do not take the risk to begin.

Attachment 14

**23 Implementing Partners Profiles
and Results**

ALERTA JOVEN IMPLEMENTING PARTNER PROFILE

Name: Acción Callejera
Address: Calle del Sol #131, Santiago de Los Caballeros, Dominican Republic
Website: www.accioncallejera.org
Year Founded: 1989



Principal Scope of Activity: Accion Callejera was founded to address the causes and consequences of the rising number of homeless children on the streets of Santiago. Since then its programs for children have expanded to include the areas of school reinsertion, nutrition, life skills lessons, creativity workshops, psychological support, legal support, and public policies.

Sub Agreement with Alerta Joven

Duration: 36 months
Budget Executed as of 9/30/2015: 78%
Total Budget: RD\$ 21,519,751
Alerta Joven Budget: RDS \$ 17,215,801
Cost Share: RD\$ 4,303,950
Total Target Population: 5,752
By age: 11-17: 3,861 - **18-24:** 1,891
Total Participants to date: 2,468
By age: 11-17: 1,887 - **18-24:** 547
Geographic Focus: Santiago de los Caballeros
Principal Activities: Violence prevention, legal assistance, education, counseling, school retention and reinsertion, health education/prevention
Contact Person: Miguelina Ureña – murena@accioncallejera.org

Year 3 Achievements

627 youth have taken part in Spaces for Growth (Espacios para Crecer- EpC).
106 youth have been reinserted into school.
470 youth have received technical/vocational training courses.
69 youth have taken part in entrepreneurship courses.
82 youth have obtained a new or better job or apprenticeship.
378 youth have received services in order to obtain legal identification documents.
277 youth have obtained legal documentation.

Major Highlights

Acción Callejera expanded EpC program in the 2014/15 school year by 19%, reaching 570 youth.

Through their alliances with the public sector, they were also able to fund and add a summer camp for these youth. Accion Callejera is also working in conjunction with law students at two Santiago area universities to accelerate and upgrade their documentation program.



Illustration: Workshop on Human Sexuality for the students of the school retention program



PROYECTO ALERTA JOVEN

ALERTA JOVEN IMPLEMENTING PARTNER PROFILE

Name: Acción Comunitaria por el Progreso, Inc. (ACOPRO)

Address: C/ Respaldo 13, #13, Barrio Restauración, Sabana Perdida, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic

Website: www.coalicioninfanciard.org

Year Founded: 1994



Principal Scope of Activity: ACOPRO has maintained a 20 year presence in Sabana Perdida and the northern portions of Santo Domingo working to reduce poverty and increase social equality. They maintain a health clinic and various programs in the areas of health, equality, education and social justice.

Sub Agreement with Alerta Joven

Duration: 36 months
Budget Executed as of 9/30/2015: 58%
Total Budget: RD\$ 18,919,955
Alerta Joven Budget: RD\$ 13,489,363
Cost Share: RD\$ 5,430,592
Total Target Population: 3,400
By age: 11-17: 2,040 - **18-24:** 1,360
Total Participants to date: 1,658
By age: 11-17: 1,246 - **18-24:** 407
Geographic Focus: Sabana Perdida
Principal Activities: Violence prevention, documentation, health, workforce development, education
Contact Person: Julio Castillo – acopro@gmail.com

Year 3 Achievements

318 youth have taken part in Spaces for Growth (Espacios para Crecer - EpC).

506 youth have taken part in education retention programs.

375 youth were involved in activities to increase youth participation in public policy.

112 youth have received the **7** PEPFAR components of Sexual Health, Reproduction and ITS / HIV/Aids Prevention program.

324 youth have received technical/vocational training courses.

287 youth have taken part in entrepreneurship courses.

33 youth have obtained a new or better job or apprenticeship.

Major Highlights

Awarded the Premio Alertado 2015 by Entrena at the annual convention for developing community alliances. ACOPRO created the “Care, Rights and Obligations Youth Network” with 220 community based youth advocates taking action in the areas of youth related policies and rights, employment, as well as social/cultural activities.



Illustration: ACOPRO graduates from technical – vocational courses



PROYECTO ALERTA JOVEN

ALERTA JOVEN IMPLEMENTING PARTNER PROFILE

Name: Caminante

Address: C/ 20 de Diciembre no. 27 (altos) esq. 24 de Junio, Boca Chica, Santo Domingo, D.N.

Website: www.caminanteprojectoeducativo.org

Year Founded: 1994

Principal Scope of Activity: Caminante works with children and young adults in the tourist area of Boca Chica. Caminantes' areas of expertise include public school reinsertion and management / prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse.



Sub Agreement with Alerta Joven

Duration: 44 months

Budget Executed as of 9/30/2015: 50%

Total Budget: RD\$ 16,925,631

Alerta Joven Budget: RD\$ 13,540,505

Cost Share: RD\$ 3,385,126

Total Target Population: 3,600

By age: 11-17: 2,160 - **18-24:** 1,440

Total Participants to date: 2,044

By age: 11-17: 1,264 - **18-24:** 689

Geographic Focus: Boca Chica

Principal Activities: Violence prevention legal assistance, vocational training, school retention and reinsertion, HIV education/prevention

Contact Person: Feliberto Saviñón – proyectocaminante@hotmail.com

Year 3 Achievements

459 youth have taken part in Spaces for Growth (Espacios para Crecer - EpC).

264 youth have taken part in education retention programs.

416 youth have received technical/vocational training courses.

53 youth have taken part in entrepreneurship courses.

199 youth have obtained a new or better job or apprenticeship.

121 youth have received the **7** PEPFAR components of Sexual Health, Reproduction and ITS / HIV/Aids Prevention program.

118 youth have participated in life skills programs.

Major Highlights

Caminante was awarded the Premio Alertado 2015 for Employment Insertion by Entrena at the annual convention. The organization signed youth employment agreements with a number of tourism based businesses including hotels and restaurants such as: Dominican Bay, Hamaca, Don Juan, Neptuno and Bocana to foster apprenticeships and the creation of jobs. Caminante also implemented educational reinsertion and retention programs with Public School District 10-05.



Illustration "Espacios para Crecer- EpC" graduation of Caminante in Boca Chica



PROYECTO ALERTA JOVEN

ALERTA JOVEN IMPLEMENTING PARTNER PROFILE

Name: Caritas Diocesan de Santiago
Address: Calle 30 de Marzo N° 1 esquina
Avenida Circunvalación, 3° nivel Santiago,
República Dominicana.
Website: <http://caritassantiago.org>
Year Founded: 1961

Principal Scope of Activity: The organization aims to respond to the fundamental needs of the most vulnerable groups in society, through education, organization and management of resources in order to implement projects geared towards promotion of the integral development of the person, the family and the community.



Sub Agreement with Alerta Joven

Duration: 36 months
Budget Executed as of 9/30/2015: 82%
Total Budget: RD\$ 20,123,414
Alerta Joven Budget: RD\$ 16,098,731
Cost Share: RD\$ 4,024,683
Total Target Population: 3,585
By age: 11-17: 1,285 - **18-24:** 2,300
Total Participants to date: 3,488
By age: 11-17: 1,953 - **18-24:** 1,419
Geographic Focus: Santiago de los Caballeros
Principal Activities: Violence prevention, micro-credit, entrepreneurship, vocational training, school retention and reinsertion, HIV education/prevention
Contact Person: Denisse Ramos-
caritassantiago@claro.net.do



Illustration: Graduation of 400 Alerta Joven- Caritas Diocesana Santiago participants in job skills training courses

Year 3 Achievements

1,654 youth have received technical/vocational training courses.
599 youth have taken part in entrepreneurship courses.
95 youth have obtained a new or better job or apprenticeship.
42 youth have participated in micro credit programs.
308 youth have participated in education insertion programs.
269 youth have taken part in education retention programs.

Major Highlights

Caritas completed its three year goal for school retention within the first two years of partnership with Alerta Joven. Caritas also began homework and tutoring labs for at risk youth with a focus on adolescents re-inserted into the formal education system. Caritas looks to expand this program for the 2015/16 school year. Their technical /vocational training courses continue to be well received in the areas they work with over 1,000 youth taking part in courses in 2015 to date.



PROYECTO ALERTA JOVEN

ALERTA JOVEN IMPLEMENTING PARTNER PROFILE

Name: Casa Abierta

Address: Av. 27 de Febrero, No. 15, Segundo Nivel, Ensanche La Julia, Santiago de los Caballeros, Dominican Republic

Website: <http://casaabierta.org.do/sede-santiago/>

Year Founded: 1974



Principal Scope of Activity: Casa Abierta is the first Dominican nonprofit institution that emerged to support communities in the design and implementation of strategies to prevent the phenomenon of drugs and other psychosocial problems. The organization focuses its efforts on the most vulnerable target populations, promoting projects that benefit children, adolescents, young people, adults, adults in school, families and communities.

Sub Agreement with Alerta Joven

Duration: 36 months

Budget Executed as of 9/30/2015: 71%

Total Budget: RD\$ 14,956,019

Alerta Joven Budget: RD\$ 11,988,815

Cost Share: RD\$ 2,997,204

Total Target Population: 3,045

By age: 11-17: 1,827 - **18-24:** 1,218

Total Participants to date: 2,135

By age: 11-17: 1,447 - **18-24:** 611

Geographic Focus: Santiago de Los Caballeros

Principal Activities: Workforce development, school retention

Contact Person: Raydiris Cruz-
raydiriscruz@yahoo.com

Year 3 Achievements

391 youth have taken part in education retention programs.

101 youth have participated in education insertion programs.

948 youth have received technical/vocational training courses.

180 youth have taken part in entrepreneurship courses.

24 youth have obtained a new or better job or apprenticeship.

23 youth were involved in activities to increase youth participation in public policy.

Major Highlights

Casa Abierta provided improved learning and social skills for over 400 participants in six schools. They strengthened these skills through on-going teacher training and support during the school year. Casa Abierta continues to reinforce the grass roots programs of Alerta Joven with communication and coordination initiatives with the public sector including the Ministry of Industry and Commerce, as well as local municipalities. They support the Santiago provincial youth working group and related groups in 7 of the 10 Santiago municipalities. These groups, consisting of elected youth, provide input and feedback to municipal and provincial government representatives.



Illustration: Participant of the Quantum Learning School Retention Program



PROYECTO ALERTA JOVEN

ALERTA JOVEN IMPLEMENTING PARTNER PROFILE

Name: Centro de Formación y Acción Social y Agraria (CEFASA)

Address: Carretera Luperón #159, Km. 5½, Gurabo, Santiago, Dominican Republic

Website: www.cefasa.com

Year Founded: 1963



Principal Scope of Activity: CEFASA has been headquartered in Santiago since 1968. It is committed to the empowerment of civil society and the defense of human rights; and is characterized by solidarity, hospitality and personalized service. They work to accompany, serve and defend impoverished groups of people in civil society and migrants in Santiago de los Caballeros.

Sub Agreement with Alerta Joven

Duration: 36

Budget Executed as of 9/30/2015: 71%

Total Budget: RD\$ 17,714,779

Alerta Joven Budget: RD\$ 14,171,823

Cost Share: RD\$ 3,542,956

Total Target Population: 5,833

By age: 11-17: 3,658 - **18-24:** 2,175

Total Participants to date: 2,704

By age: 11-17: 2,075 - **18-24:** 599

Geographic Focus: Santiago de Los Caballeros

Principal Activities: Violence prevention, documentation, vocational training, school retention and reinsertion, HIV education/prevention

Contact Person: Hanglet Tejeda - htejeda@cefasa.org.do

Year 3 Achievements

1,137 youth have taken part in education retention programs.

150 youth have participated in education reinsertion programs.

154 youth have received services in order to obtain legal identification documents.

26 youth have obtained legal documentation.

418 youth have received technical/vocational training courses.

165 youth have taken part in entrepreneurship courses.

44 youth have obtained a new or better job or apprenticeship.

Major Highlights

CEFASA greatly expanded the coverage and course offerings for technical / vocational training in their second year working in Alerta Joven. They also integrated entrepreneurship components to all technical training classes to provide participating youth with the tools they need to start self-employment activities. One of their graduates from an information technology course was awarded startup capital at the National Self Employment Fair in Santo Domingo to take his idea of supporting small and medium businesses in storing and accessing business data online to becoming a reality. CEFASA continues to play a lead role in documentation efforts for the Santiago consortium including youth of Haitian/Dominican descent.



Illustration: Participants at the CEFASA School Retention Program of Alerta Joven



PROYECTO ALERTA JOVEN

ALERTA JOVEN IMPLEMENTING PARTNER PROFILE

Name: Centro de Promoción y Solidaridad Humano (CEPROSH)
Address: C/Prof. Juan Bosch #52, Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic
Website: www.ceproshinc.org
Year Founded: 1987

Principal Scope of Activity: For more than 24 years, CEPROSH has worked with the segment of the Dominican population most vulnerable to sexually transmitted infections in Puerto Plata and other communities in the northern region. Their HIV prevention and treatment programs target undereducated women, orphaned children, and abuse victims. Their work has influenced research and policy at the national and international level through funding and collaboration with national and international partners.



Sub Agreement with Alerta Joven

Duration: 44 months
Budget Executed as of 9/30/2015: 59%
Total Budget: RD\$ 21,376,041
Alerta Joven Budget: RD\$ 17,002,852
Cost Share: RD\$ 4,373,189
Total Target Population: 6,908
By age: 11-17: 4,234 - **18-24:** 2,674
Total Participants to date*: 2,206
By age: 11-17: 1,696 - **18-24:** 479
Geographic Focus: Puerto Plata
Principal Activities: Violence prevention, micro-credit, entrepreneurship, vocational training, school retention and reinsertion, HIV education and prevention.
Contact Person: Aricela Santana - asantana@ceproshinc.org

Year 3 Achievements

650 youth have taken part in education retention programs.
951 youth have taken part in Spaces for Growth (Espacios para Crecer- EpC).
88 youth have received the **7** PEPFAR components of Sexual Health, Reproduction and ITS / HIV/AIDS Prevention program.
327 youth have received individualized health services.

Major Highlights

CEPROSH expanded the EpC program with support from the regional offices of the Ministry of Education. The EpC model for the extended hours (full day) schools has increased from four to eight participating schools for the new academic year. CEPROSH health education programs continued their use of innovative outreach initiatives using roleplays and other techniques in non-traditional locations such as street corners and baseball diamonds. The organization networks directly with the LGBT community of at risk youth in Puerto Plata



Participants graduation of the School Retention Program



PROYECTO ALERTA JOVEN

ALERTA JOVEN IMPLEMENTING PARTNER PROFILE

Name: Children International – Boca Chica

Address: Calle Primera, Finca Vigía, Los Tanquecitos de Boca Chica, Santo Domingo, RD

Website: www.childreninternational.do

Year Founded: 1979



Principal Scope of Activity: For more than 30 years, Children International has assisted children and families that live in extreme poverty in the Dominican Republic, and in recent years in the tourist area of Boca Chica. Through their sponsorship program, Children International aims at lightening the burden that poverty represents for children. Children International's programs promote preventive health, education, and youth formation.

Sub Agreement with Alerta Joven

Duration: 36 months

Budget Executed as of 9/30/2015: 61%

Total Budget: RD\$ 18,378,066

Alerta Joven Budget: RD\$ 14,589,820

Cost Share: RD\$ 3,378,246

Total Target Population: 3,600

By age: 11-17: 2,160 - **18-24:** 1,440

Total Participants to date: 2,849

By age: 11-17: 2,067 - **18-24:** 734

Geographic Focus: Boca Chica

Principal Activities: Violence prevention legal assistance, vocational training, school retention and reinsertion, HIV education/prevention

Contact Person: Sofía Betances – special-projects@sto-children.org.do

Year 3 Achievements

522 youth have taken part in Spaces for Growth (Espacios para Crecer - EpC).

261 youth have taken part in school retention programs.

459 youth have received technical/vocational training courses.

332 youth have taken part in entrepreneurship courses.

250 youth have obtained a new or better job or apprenticeship.

228 youth have received the **7** PEPFAR components of Sexual Health, Reproduction and ITS / HIV/AIDS Prevention program.

166 youth have received therapeutic services.

Major Highlights

Through the efforts of Children International, Boca Chica now has a Municipal Youth Council taking an active role for the elaboration of policy and programs for youth. The youth council has in turn created two schools for youth leadership development and put into practice an agenda for local development.



Illustration: Working session of the documentation network of Children International – Alerta Joven in Boca Chica



PROYECTO ALERTA JOVEN

ALERTA JOVEN IMPLEMENTING PARTNER PROFILE

Name: Children International – Santo Domingo Este

Address: C/ Presidente Vásquez No. 230-A, Alma Rosa Segunda Santo Domingo Este, Santo Domingo, Dominican Rep.

Website: www.childreninternational.do

Year Founded: 1979



Principal Scope of Activity: For more than 30 years, Children International has supported children and families that live in extreme poverty in the Dominican Republic, and most recently in the community of Mendoza in eastern Santo Domingo. Through their sponsorship program, Children International aims at lightening the burden that poverty represents for children. Children International’s programs promote preventive health, education, and youth formation.

Sub Agreement with Alerta Joven

Duration: 36 months

Budget Executed as of 9/30/2015: 45%

Total Budget: RD\$ 13,998,626

Alerta Joven Budget: RD\$ 10,061,669

Cost Share: RD\$ 3,936,957

Total Target Population: 2,720

By age: 11-17: 1,632 - **18-24:** 1,088

Total Participants to date: 2,299

By age: 11-17: 1,896 - **18-24:** 387

Geographic Focus: Santo Domingo East

Principal Activities: Violence prevention legal assistance, vocational training, school retention and reinsertion, HIV education/prevention

Contact Person: Sofía Betances – special-projects@sto-children.org.do

Year 3 Achievements

1,523 youth have taken part in school retention programs.

541 youth have received the **7** PEPFAR components of Sexual Health, Reproduction and ITS / HIV/Aids Prevention program.

391 youth have received technical vocational training.

242 youth have taken part in entrepreneurship courses.

187 youth have obtained a new or better job or apprenticeship.

325 youth have participated in life skills programs.

138 youth have participated in the Youth Mediators program.

Major Highlights

Children Santo Domingo East received along with IDDI the Premio Alertado 2015 grand prize winner at the annual convention for consistent outstanding quality in all of their Alerta Joven programs. Their documentation programs to obtain birth certificates has opened the door to basic youth rights in education and health. Children International has formed several alliances with the business community to given youth the life changing opportunity of first employment and apprenticeships.



Illustration: Youth participating in awareness campaign against violence and crime supported by Children Santo Domingo East – Alerta Joven



PROYECTO ALERTA JOVEN

ALERTA JOVEN IMPLEMENTING PARTNER PROFILE

Name: Centro de Orientación e Investigación Integral, Inc. (COIN)

Address: C/ Anibal de Espinosa #352, Villas Agrícolas Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.

Website: www.coin.org.do

Year Founded: 1988



Principal Scope of Activity: COIN was founded as a result of the emergence of HIV/AIDS and trafficking in the Dominican Republic and, since then, has concentrated its efforts on implementing educational programs for prevention and health care. The organization implements innovative strategies and approaches, effective with the target population, and in turn contributes to their empowerment. COIN collaborated on programs and studies to reduce STIs with female sex workers through condom use in Puerto Plata and Santo Domingo.

Sub Agreement with Alerta Joven

Duration: 44 months

Budget Executed as of 9/30/2015: 44%

Total Budget: RD\$ 5,798,974

Alerta Joven Budget: RD\$ 4,380,574

Cost Share: RD\$ 1,418,400

Total Target Population: 1,353

By age: 11-17: 480 - **18-24:** 873

Total Participants to date: 365

By age: 11-17: 150 - **18-24:** 199

Geographic Focus: Puerto Plata

Principal Activities: Workforce Development and HIV Prevention/Education

Contact Person: Martin Moya – mmoya48@hotmail.com

Year 3 Achievements

121 youth have received technical/vocational training courses.

25 youth have participated in life skills programs.

6 youth have obtained a new or better job or apprenticeship.

Mayor Highlights

COIN's vocational and technical training courses reach some of the most marginal neighborhoods of Puerto Plata, bringing these opportunities to areas for the first time. One barbershop course took place in the yard of a friendly homeowner with the chairs coming from several households in the neighborhood due the lack of more formal educational spaces. COIN also reached out to Most at Risk Participants (MARP) and conducted vocational and life skills classes for a group of transsexual youth.



Illustration: Handmade Sandals Workshop in Puerto Plata



PROYECTO ALERTA JOVEN

ALERTA JOVEN IMPLEMENTING PARTNER PROFILE

Name: Community Service Alliance (CSA)

Address: Calle Mario García Alvarado No. 50 Ensanche Quisqueya Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic

Website: www.csadr.org

Year Founded: 2004

Principal Scope of Activity: CSA works to build capacity and channel resources to benefit organizations and their respective projects, focusing on health, education and income generation. Through institutional strengthening, networking and the channeling of skills and resources from volunteers and institutional partners, CSA aims to efficiently utilize resources to bring local projects to fruition.



Sub Agreement with Alerta Joven

Duration: 24 months

Budget Executed as of 9/30/2015: 85%

Total Budget: RD\$ 7,003,981

Alerta Joven Budget: RD\$ 5,182,941

Cost Share: RD\$ 1,821,040

Total Target Population: 1,471

By age: 11-17: 883 - **18-24:** 588

Total Participants to date: 1,023

By age: 11-17: 739 - **18-24:** 266

Geographic Focus: Santo Domingo West
Principal Activities: Documentation, Health, Education, and Workforce Development

Contact Person: Rigil Ballester - rigilwo@gmail.com

Year 3 Achievements

258 youth have taken part in Spaces for Growth (Espacios para Crecer - EpC).

264 youth have taken part in school retention programs.

196 youth have received technical/vocational training courses.

109 youth have taken part in entrepreneurship courses.

202 youth have received the 7 PEPFAR components of Sexual Health, Reproduction and ITS / HIV/Aids Prevention program.

105 youth have participated in life skills programs.

56 youth have received services in order to obtain legal identification documents.

Major Highlights

CSA has created several international alliances with the Universities of Texas A&M and Daemen College in Buffalo and Albany, New York to support their youth programs. At the local level they now have 16 youth serving as permanent liaisons in the neighborhood associations. These liaisons give voice and feedback regarding the problems that youth encounter at the community level which in turn can be integrated into program development.



Small group discussion focused on health, HIV/AIDS prevention and intra-familial violence at CSA – Alerta Joven program



PROYECTO ALERTA JOVEN

ALERTA JOVEN IMPLEMENTING PARTNER PROFILE

Name: DREAM Project (Dominican Republic Education and Mentoring)

Address: Plaza Novus Mare, Local 11 Segundo Piso, Carretera Cabarete Entrada de La Callejon de la Loma Cabarete, Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic

Website: www.dominicandream.org

Year Founded: 2002



Principal Scope of Activity: Dream works so that all children and youth in the Dominican Republic will have equal opportunities to learn and reach their full potential through transformative education programs that combat the effects of poverty.

Sub Agreement with Alerta Joven

Duration: 30 months

Budget Executed as of 9/30/2015: 50%

Total Budget: RD\$ 19,508,464

Alerta Joven Budget: RD\$ 7,196,394

Cost Share: RD\$ 12,312,090

Total Target Population: 800

By age: 11-17: 480 - **18-24:** 320

Total Participants to date: 403

By age: 11-17: 238 - **18-24:** 159

Geographic Focus: Cabarete, Puerto Plata, Dominican Rep.

Principal Activities: Early Childhood Education, Primary Education, Holistic Youth Development; Arts, Culture, and Community Enrichment

Contact Person: Catherine DeLaura - catherine@dominicandream.org

Year 3 Achievements

222 youth have taken part in school retention programs.

185 youth have received technical/vocational training courses.

52 youth have obtained a new or better job or apprenticeship.

176 youth have received the **7** PEPFAR components of Sexual Health, Reproduction and ITS / HIV/Aids Prevention program.

86 youth have taken HIV tests, including pre and post counseling.

Major Highlights

Recognized as the “Outstanding New Program” by Entrena at the annual Alerta Joven convention during their first year as an organizational partner. Dream has implemented youth education retention programs with significant tested advancement in reading skills. Over 95% percent of DREAM participants in technical / vocational training programs have completed an internship. Their A Ganar program is recognized as a top model for employability and life skills training.



“A Ganar” participants sharing entrepreneurial strategies at a Dream Project-Alerta Joven activity



PROYECTO ALERTA JOVEN

ALERTA JOVEN IMPLEMENTING PARTNER PROFILE

Name Prime Implementer: Entrena, SRL
Address: Lope de Vega 13, Locales 601, 506, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic
Website: www.entrenainc.com
www.alertajoven.com
Year founded: 1982



Background: The purpose of Alerta Joven is to create a sustainable, multidisciplinary safety net for at-risk youth implemented to prevent crime. This safety net is a back-up support network where a young person who may be a first offender, deserted from school, or a teenage mother can come to in *confianza* or confidence to rediscover hope, and connect with practical solutions and opportunities to improve and move on with their lives. Crime is prevented because conditions of risk are significantly ameliorated when youth have viable alternatives they can access to improve their educational, employability, health, and legal status.



The prime organization is Entrena, a Dominican organization, along with 26 partner organizations of which 23 are local Dominican, 2 international, and 1 of mixed Dominican/international origin. Alerta Joven operates primarily in urban settings in 7 provinces which make up the “Duarte Corridor” distributed in two major age groupings – 12 to 17 years and 18 to 24 years with equality of gender.

Alerta Joven will produce three major results: (1) Youth Protection Policy is improved in Practice (2) Opportunities for at risk youth to become productive citizens are increased through education, employment insertion, and health services and (3) Development of an integrated youth system incorporating a state of the art information system, innovative solutions to reduce crime through multi-disciplinary groups, and the creation of public-private partnerships for support and advocacy.

Cooperative Agreement DR At Risk Youth Initiative AID-517-A-12-00002 “Alerta Joven”

Duration: 5 Years – 7/5/12 to 5/5/17
Budget Execution as of 9/30/2015: 59%
Total Budget with Cost Share: US \$23,626,630
Total Target Population: 85,000
By Age: 11 – 17: 51,000 / 18-24: 34,000
Total Amount of At Risk Youth Participants Registered in the Tracking System as of 9/30/15: 90,104
Geographic Focus: Urban – Duarte corridor
Principal Activities: Crime Prevention, Youth Policy, Education, Employment, Health.
Contact Person: Saschia Seibel - Director
sseibel@alertajoven.com

Year 3 Achievements and Major Highlights

Extensive investments in time, resources and energy in working with each implementing partner to significantly upgrade program quality, registration of participants, and overall financial / technical management. Results are improved performance versus target numbers and increased credibility of Alerta Joven interventions. Special events included regional and national self-employment fairs, research on future employment categories, and the 2015 Alerta Joven Convention.



PROYECTO ALERTA JOVEN

ALERTA JOVEN IMPLEMENTING PARTNER PROFILE

Name: Fundación Pediátrica por un Mañana, Inc. (FPUM)

Address: Avenida Gustavo Mejía Ricart No. 15, Los Prados, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic

Website: www.fundacionpediatricard.com

Year Founded: 2004



Principal Scope of Activity: FPUM is a nonprofit organization developing projects and programs on education, prevention and wellness of young Dominican females and their families. FPUM is working on reducing risk factors in the life of 900 pregnant adolescents and young mothers. This project gives them access to educational and job opportunities to promote their personal and productive development and also provides care and education to their children under 4 years old.

Sub Agreement with Alerta Joven

Duration: 18 months

Budget Executed as of 9/30/2015: 51%

Total Budget: RD\$ 41,771,092

Aerta Joven Budget: RD\$ 23,382,451

Cost Share: RD\$ 18,388,641

Total Target Population: 900

By age: 11-17: - 18-24: 900

Total Participants to date: 297

By age: 11-17: 108 - 18-24: 185

Geographic Focus: Santo Domingo West

Principal Activities: Micro-credit, entrepreneurship, vocational training, school retention and reinsertion

Contact Person: Mariela Peña – proyectos.fpum@gmail.com

Year 3 Achievements

258 youth have received technical/vocational training courses.

93 youth have taken part in entrepreneurship courses.

77 youth have participated in life skills programs.

91 youth have received therapeutic services

Major Highlights

FPUM is a pioneer in providing support to pregnant adolescents and young mothers. They offer technical / vocational training courses in their center located in the sector of Herrera in western Santo Domingo. They receive the support of INFOTEP and accelerated high school education with CENAPEC. These programs, coupled with psychological and spiritual counseling, help these young mothers to overcome domestic abuse, re-establish their lives and develop their potential. They receive strong support with local businesses, universities and education centers which also allows them to provide health and early education services to children up to four years of age whose mothers take part in Alerta Joven activities. FPUM was awarded the Premio Alertado 2015 for the organization providing most cost-share.



Young mothers celebrates their graduation in FPUM – Alerta Joven technical / vocational courses



PROYECTO ALERTA JOVEN

ALERTA JOVEN IMPLEMENTING PARTNER PROFILE

Name: Fundación Red de Jóvenes Unidos de Guachupita (FURJUG)

Address: Calle Raúl Brito, Edificio M, Apto.105, Guachupita, Santo Domingo, Distrito Nacional, Dominican Republic

Year Founded: 2009



Principal Scope of Activity: FURJUG is a leader in promoting positive social changes in the neighborhood of Guachupita, one of the traditional barrios along the Ozama river, most associated with issues of crime and violence. FURJUG is unique because it is constituted by ex-gang members and has more than 10 years' experience working in the streets with active gangs and nations members. Currently they articulate a wide network of young males and females participating in different initiatives to prevent crime and violence. FURJUG has been recognized by public institutions, NGOs, international organizations, national and international universities as a pioneer in working with youth in the street or in prison situations.

Sub Agreement with Alerta Joven

Duration: 21 months

Budget Executed as of 9/30/2015: 22%

Total Budget: RD\$ 11,509,664

Alerta Joven Budget: RD\$ 9,159,795

Cost Share: RD\$ 2,349,869

Total Target Population: 1,200

By age: 11-17: - 18-24:

Geographic Focus: Santo Domingo, D.N.

Principal Activities: Violence prevention, workforce development, vocational training, school reinsertion

Contact Person: Lino Arturo Castro – linoarturocastro@gmail.com

Major Highlights

FURJUG is the most recent partner of Alerta Joven having signed its sub-agreement in 2015. During the first six months of its work, FURJUG has created an awareness of the Alerta Joven program in these high risk barrios with significant levels of crime.

They currently are identifying and motivating youth to participate in their technical / vocational courses and social programs. They are in the process of finalizing formal agreements with the Instituto de Formación Técnico Profesional (INFOTEP), The Technological Institute of the Americas (ITLA), the Boys and Girls Program Don Bosco, the Vulnerable Groups Observatory of COIN as well as the local business sector.



Illustration: Signing of sub-award between Alerta Joven and FURJUG



PROYECTO ALERTA JOVEN

ALERTA JOVEN IMPLEMENTING PARTNER PROFILE

Name: Grupo Clara, Inc.
Address: Prof. Juan Bosch #43, Centro Comunitario de Salud Muñoz, Puerto Plata Dominican Republic
Website: www.grupoclarainc.org
Year Founded: 1997



Principal Scope of Activity: Founded as a tool to contribute to the institutional strengthening of people living with HIV / AIDS in the Dominican Republic. The organization promotes community health and development; leadership and social participation of people living with HIV / AIDS and promotes human rights, health policy and social work. Implementing awareness and education programs in order to improve quality of life is another integral part of the organization.

Sub Agreement with Alerta Joven

Duration: 44 months
Budget Executed as of 9/30/2015: 58%
Total Budget: RD\$ 6,823,717
AJ Budget: RD\$ 5,141,909
Cost Share: RD\$ 1,681,808
Total Target Population: 1,045
By age: 11-17: 385 - **18-24:** 660
Total Participants to date: 639
By age: 11-17: 217 - **18-24:** 406
Geographic Focus: Puerto Plata
Principal Activities: Health and Workforce development
Contact Person: Lucia Santana – santanalucia@hotmail.com



Illustration: Grupo Clara – Alerta Joven Participants at a technical / vocational training course

Year 3 Achievements

332 youth have received technical/vocational training courses.
196 youth have taken part in entrepreneurship courses.
27 youth have obtained a new or better job or apprenticeship.
132 youth have taken HIV tests, including pre and post counseling.
45 youth have received individualized health services.
185 youth have received the 7 PEPFAR components of Sexual Health, Reproduction and ITS / HIV/Aids Prevention program.
36 youth have received services in order to obtain legal identification documents.

Major Highlights

Grupo Clara implemented technical vocational programs with youth including multiple courses combining artisanal craftwork such as rugs and jewelry with entrepreneurship courses to increase self-employment opportunities. One young woman participant was a winner in the Regional Business Plan Competition in July in Puerto Plata.



PROYECTO ALERTA JOVEN

ALERTA JOVEN IMPLEMENTING PARTNER PROFILE

Name: Instituto Dominicano de Desarrollo Integral, Inc. (IDDI)

Address: C/Luis F. Thomen 654. El Millón, Santo Domingo, D. N., Dom. Republic.

Website: www.iddi.org

Year Founded: 1984



Principal Scope of Activity: IDDI is the pioneer Dominican NGO to work in urban community development. Specialized in youth development, dialogue and violence prevention, health, micro-finance, and climate control, IDDI is a leader in private-public partnerships. The Cigar Family Foundation in Bonao and Generadora San Felipe in Puerto Plata are key examples.

Sub Agreement with Alerta Joven

Duration: 56.5 months

Budget Executed as of 9/30/2015: 64%

Total Budget: RD\$ 164,957,557

Aerta Joven Budget: RD\$ 131,888,063

Cost Share: RD\$ 33,069,494

Total Target Population: 19,530

By age: 11-17: 11,718 - **18-24:** 7,812

Total Participants to date: 24,924

By age: 11-17: 14,426 - **18-24:** 10,199

Geographic Focus: Barrios of Santo Domingo DN, Bonao and Puerto Plata

Principal Activities: Violence prevention, micro-credit, entrepreneurship, vocational training, school retention and reinsertion, HIV education/prevention

Contact Person: Silvia Viñals – silviavinals@iddi.org



IDDI – Alerta Joven Spaces for Growth (Espacios para Crecer- EpC) class activity in Gualey Barrio Santo Domingo

Year 3 Achievements

3,117 youth have participated in the Youth Mediators program.

531 youth have received technical/vocational training courses.

137 youth have taken part in entrepreneurship courses.

88 youth have participated in Crime and Violence Reduction activities.

2,538 youth have received the **7** PEPFAR components of Sexual Health, Reproduction and ITS / HIV/Aids Prevention program.

468 youth have taken part in Spaces for Growth (Espacios para Crecer - EpC).

12 youth have obtained funds from micro credit programs.

684 youth have obtained a new or better job or apprenticeship.

Major Highlights

Premio Alertado 2015 co-recipient for the grand prize winner at the annual convention for consistent outstanding quality in all of their Alerta Joven programs. IDDI is a pioneer in creating a network of youth mediators trained to address conflicts and fosters productive dialogue at the community level. This network has grown by 3,117 members in the last year for a total of 8,067 participants.



PROYECTO ALERTA JOVEN

ALERTA JOVEN IMPLEMENTING PARTNER PROFILE

Name: Junior Achievement Dominicana, Inc.

Address: Calle José Contreras No. 98

Edificio Santa María Suite 310 Zona Universitaria, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.

Website: www.jadom.org

Year Founded: 1919 – DR Chapter from 2000 on.

Principal Scope of Activity: Junior Achievement promotes entrepreneurship, corporate social responsibility, and equal educational opportunities among youth populations. Mentoring between business representatives and participating youth is their trademark.



Sub Agreement with Alerta Joven

Duration: 24 months

Budget Executed as of 9/30/2015: 48%

Total Budget: RD\$ 23,921,969

Aerta Joven Budget: RD\$ 18,046,969

Cost Share: RD\$ 5,875,000

Total Target Population: 9,639

Total Participants to date: 5,681

By age: 11-17: 4,347 - **18-24:** 1,333

Geographic Focus: Santo Domingo West and Villa Altagracia

Principal Activities: Violence prevention, micro-credit, entrepreneurship, vocational training, school retention and reinsertion, HIV education/prevention

Contact Person: Cesar Asiático –
casiatico@jadom.org

Year 3 Achievements

4,850 youth have received technical/vocational training courses.

4,469 youth have taken part in entrepreneurship courses.

20 youth have participated in micro credit programs.

37 youth have obtained a new or better job or apprenticeship.

Major Highlights

JADOM has formed numerous alliances and agreements with businesses, public institutions and community groups that support their programs of apprenticeship and employment insertion. Included in these alliances are: Ray's Supermarket Chain, Appliances stores, Community Technology Centers and the mayor's office. 2,536 youth have completed an apprenticeship and 37 youth have obtained employment. They have signed a collaboration agreement with the Coordinator of Community Development Organizations of Los Alcarrizos, (COCDELA) in northwestern Santo Domingo to further strengthen their work at the local community level.



Student receiving information about the program "Habilidades para el Exito" (Skills for Success) offered by JADOM and Alerta Joven



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PROYECTO ALERTA JOVEN

ALERTA JOVEN IMPLEMENTING PARTNER PROFILE

Name: Movimiento Socio Cultural para los Trabajadores Haitianos, Inc. (MOSCTHA)

Address: Calle El Sol No. 03 Urb. Sol de Luz, Villa Mella Apdo. Postal 126 S. Santo Domingo Norte, Dominican Republic

Website: www.mosctha.org

Year Founded: 1985

Principal Scope of Activity: MOSCTHA

implements and manages programs in Haiti and the Dominican Republic that provide communities with tools, assets, and resources to generate a hope filled present and sustainable future. Their “Health and Solidarity Clinic” located in Villa Mella has provided low cost health care and support services for local residents and immigrants for over 25 years in northern Santo Domingo.



Sub Agreement with Alerta Joven

Duration: 36 months

Budget Executed as of 9/30/2015: 48%

Total Budget: RD\$ 7,919,972

Alerta Joven Budget: RD\$ 6,293,252

Cost Share: RD\$ 1,626,720

Total Target Population: 1,700

By age: 11-17: 1,020 - **18-24:** 680

Total Participants to date: 890

By age: 11-17: 609 - **18-24:** 271

Geographic Focus: Northern Santo Domingo, Villa Mella, La Victoria

Principal Activities: Violence prevention, documentation, workforce development, vocational training, school retention and reinsertion, HIV education/prevention

Contact Person: Ana Batista – anabatista211@hotmail.com



EpC activities in the community of La Victoria supported by Mosctha – Alerta Joven

Year 3 Achievements

398 youth were involved in activities to increase youth participation in public policy.

60 youth have received the 7 PEPFAR components of Sexual Health, Reproduction and ITS / HIV/Aids Prevention program.

110 youth have taken HIV tests, including pre and post counseling.

37 youth have obtained a new or better job or apprenticeship.

143 youth have taken part in Spaces for Growth (Espacios para Crecer - EpC).

159 youth have taken part in school retention programs.

296 youth participated in activities for the reduction of crime and violence.

Major Highlights

Mosctha continues their work in guaranteeing the rights of youth of Haitian descent through programs of documentation with case by case follow-up. Through their efforts they have increased awareness of 24 organizations in the public sectors of health, education and local government as well as the private sector which in turn have offered increased opportunities to this extremely vulnerable youth population. Mosctha is also working with 23 members of the Inter-sectoral Commission from the communities of Villa Mella and La Victoria to identify and apply strategies to improve compliance with the National Youth Law.



PROYECTO ALERTA JOVEN

ALERTA JOVEN IMPLEMENTING PARTNER PROFILE

Name: Asociación Pro Bienestar de la Familia, Inc. (ProFamilia)

Address: Calle Socorro Sánchez #160, Gazcue, Santo Domingo, D.N. Dominican Republic

Website: www.profamilia.org.do

Year Founded: 1966

Principal Scope of Activity: ProFamilia is the pioneer NGO in the field of sexual education and family planning. The organization promotes a holistic approach to health through a variety of health services and special procedures.



Sub Agreement with Alerta Joven

Duration: 55 months

Budget Executed as of 9/30/2015: 53%

Total Budget: RD\$ 72,435,630

Alerta Joven Budget: RD\$ 57,947,562

Cost Share: RD\$ 14,488,067

Total Target Population: 12,014

By age: 11-17: 7,208 - **18-24:** 4,806

Total Participants to date: 17,301

By age: 11-17: 10,490 - **18-24:** 6,625

Geographic Focus: San Francisco de Macorís, Santiago, Santo Domingo North

Principal Activities: HIV Education and Prevention. Health services including HIV testing. Networks of youth multipliers for health education

Contact Person: Fior D'Aliza Alcántara – falcantara@profamilia.org.do



Discussion on adolescent sexuality in Santiago province with parents of Alerta Joven participants sponsored by Profamilia

Year 3 Achievements

4,419 youth have received the 7 PEPFAR components of Sexual Health, Reproduction and ITS / HIV/Aids Prevention program.

2,650 youth have participated in life skills programs.

567 youth have taken HIV tests, including pre and post counseling.

970 youth have received individualized health services.

63 youth have received therapeutic services.

Major Highlights

Awarded the Premio Alertado 2015 for Health Programs at the annual convention. ProFamilia uses innovative programs to promote behavior change with the results of greater receptiveness and acceptance of youth of different sexual orientation. In addition Profamilia has strengthened the network of services available to the youth in the LGBT community.



PROYECTO ALERTA JOVEN

ALERTA JOVEN IMPLEMENTING PARTNER PROFILE

Name: Project Hope

Address: Av. 27 de Febrero, # 454, Plaza Modena 3ra. Planta, local 302, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic

Website: www.project-hope-rd.blogspot.com

Year Founded: 1996

Principal Scope of Activity: Working the marginalized neighborhoods of Herrera and Haina in Santo Domingo as well as rural areas of the province of Monte Plata, Project HOPE delivers essential medicines and supplies, volunteers and medical training to prevent disease and promote wellness. Also has a disaster response program that donates medicine and medical supplies to the DR Ministry of Health in the case of national emergencies.



Sub Agreement with Alerta Joven

Duration: 36 months

Budget Executed as of 9/30/2015: 41%

Total Budget: RD\$ 30,372,136

Alerta Joven Budget: RD\$ 18,000,000

Cost Share: RD\$ 12,372,136

Total Target Population: 5,295

By age: 11-17: 3,530 - **18-24:** 1,765

Total Participants to date: 2,842

By age: 11-17: 2,008 - **18-24:** 804

Geographic Focus: Santo Domingo West

Principal Activities: Violence prevention, micro-credit, entrepreneurship, vocational training, school retention and reinsertion, HIV education/prevention

Contact Person: Teresa Narváez -
tnarvaez@projecthope.org.do

Year 3 Achievements

385 youth have taken part in Spaces for Growth (Espacios para Crecer - EpC).

337 youth have taken part in education retention programs.

99 youth have taken HIV tests, including pre and post counseling.

493 youth have received the 7 PEPFAR components of Sexual Health, Reproduction and ITS / HIV/Aids Prevention program.

250 youth have received technical/vocational training courses.

402 youth have taken part in entrepreneurship courses.

20 youth have obtained a new or better job or apprenticeship.

Major Highlights

Project Hope is successfully implementing its program "How to Plan My Life" (Cómo Planear mi Vida) with 24 youth multipliers, reaching 1,375 youth and adolescents through schools and community groups. They are working with school teachers, psychologists and counselors to replicate this success in other education centers.



Project Hope - Alerta Joven young entrepreneur working on his own business repairing and selling cellphones

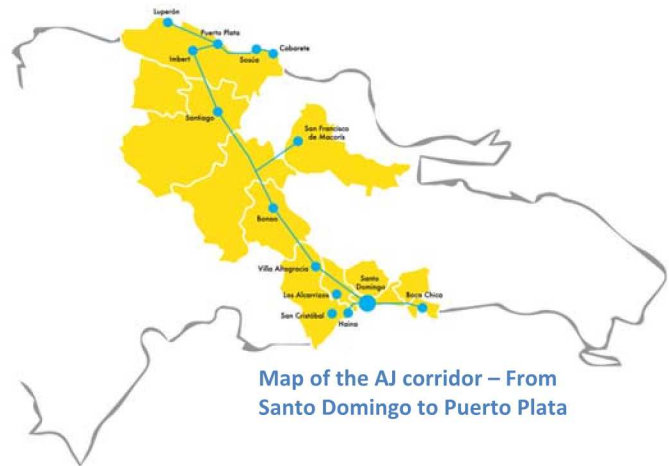


PROYECTO ALERTA JOVEN

ALERTA JOVEN IMPLEMENTING PARTNER PROFILE

Name: RTI International
Address: Corporate Headquarters in North Carolina
Website: www.rti.org
Year Founded: 1959

Principal Scope of Activity: RTI is one of the world's leading independent, nonprofit research and development organizations with more than 3,700 employees in 75 countries today. RTI is one of the original members of the Entrena Alerta Joven consortium and provided support in M&E, web based participant tracking systems, research, and crime prevention models.



Sub Agreement with Alerta Joven

Duration: 5 Years
Budget Executed as of 9/30/2015: 74%
Total Budget: US \$2,191,822
AJ Budget: US \$2,191,822
Cost Share: US \$ NA
Total Target Population: NA
By age: 11-17: - 18-24:
Total Participants to date: NA
By age: 11-17: - 18-24:
Geographic Focus: Entire Project Area
Principal Activities: Research, M&E, Participant Tracking Systems
Contact Person: Stephen Pereira
svp@rti.org

Year 3 Achievements

Total of 90,104 participants registered in the tracking system as 9/30/15
Crime Violence Prevention Committee (CVPC) Pilot in SDO completed and evaluated.
Psychosocial profile of adolescents in conflict with the law: Public Minister Research project
Midterm evaluation of the community survey
Flow diagram of the attention and registration process of adolescents in conflict with the law
Evaluation of Youth Mediation Program

Major Highlights

The major highlight for RTI during year 3 was the transfer of web platform and tracking system to Entrena for local in country control and management.



PROYECTO ALERTA JOVEN

ALERTA JOVEN IMPLEMENTING PARTNER PROFILE

Name: Fundación Sur Futuro
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Inc. Ave. 27 de Febrero esq. Abraham
Lincoln Edif. Unicento Plaza, 3er.
Nivel Santo Domingo, Dominican
Republic
Website: www.surfuturo.org
Year Founded: 2001



Principal Scope of Activity: Sur Futuro was founded to create and implement social development programs in the impoverished Southern region of the Dominican Republic. With strong ties in to the private sector, Sur Futuro places heavy emphasis on participation to achieve sustainability.

Sub Agreement with Alerta Joven

Duration: 24 months
Budget Executed as of 9/30/2015: 80%
Total Budget: RD\$ 19,008,338
Alerta Joven Budget: RD\$ 14,769,854
Cost Share: RD\$ 4,238,484
Total Target Population: 3,400
By age: 11-17: 2,040 - **18-24:** 1,360
Total Participants to date: 4,258
By age: 11-17: 2,849 - **18-24:** 1,372
Geographic Focus: Barrios of Santo Domingo West and Haina
Principal Activities: Violence prevention, micro-credit, entrepreneurship, vocational training, school retention and reinsertion, HIV education/prevention
Contact Person: Susana Doñé –
sdone@surfuturo.org



Illustration: Alerta Joven graduates from Sur Futuro technical and vocational courses

Year 3 Achievements

777 youth have taken part in Spaces for Growth (Espacios para Crecer - EpC).
1,281 youth have taken part in education retention programs.
1,043 youth were involved in activities to increase youth participation in public policy.
880 youth have received the 7 PEPFAR components of Sexual Health, Reproduction and ITS / HIV/Aids Prevention program.
250 youth have taken HIV tests, including pre and post counseling.
518 youth have received technical/vocational training courses.
79 youth have obtained a new or better job or apprenticeship.

Major Highlights

Awarded the Premio Alertado 2015 for Employment Insertion by Entrena at the annual convention. Sur Futuro receives cooperation from 378 businesses belonging to private sector organizations, including the Industrial Free Zone Association of San Cristobal and the Industrial Association of Herrera to provide internship and job insertion opportunities. INFOTEP provides job skills training. Sur Futuro has also implemented three youth networks to promote youth involvement in the discussion and application of public policies involving youth at the local level.



PROYECTO ALERTA JOVEN

ALERTA JOVEN IMPLEMENTING PARTNER PROFILE

Name: Universidad Católica Nordestana (UCNE)

Address: Los Arroyos, San Francisco de Macorís, Duarte Province, Dominican Republic

Website: www.ucne.edu

Year Founded: 1978



Principal Scope of Activity: This private Catholic university has taken a proactive position to contributing to the solution of development issues and challenges in the northeastern region of the country. They have participated in a wide range of projects in the areas of health, education, civil society participation and the eradication of dangerous child labor practices with national and international partners and funding.

Sub Agreement with Alerta Joven

Duration: 37 months

Budget Executed as of 9/30/2015: 63%

Total Budget: RD\$ 24,660,066

Alerta Joven Budget: RD\$ 16,000,000

Cost Share: RD\$ 8,660,066

Total Target Population: 6,700

By age: 11-17: 4,020 - **18-24:** 2,680

Total Participants to date: 8,206

By age: 11-17: 5,300 - **18-24:** 2,773

Geographic Focus: Barrio of San Francisco de Macorís

Principal Activities: Violence prevention, micro-credit, entrepreneurship, vocational training, school retention and reinsertion, HIV education/prevention

Contact Person: Florencio De la Cruz – proyecto@ucne.edu



UCNE – Alerta Joven graduates of technical vocational courses in San Francisco de Macorís

Year 3 Achievements

1,333 youth have received the **7** PEPFAR components of Sexual Health, Reproduction and ITS / HIV/Aids Prevention program.

887 youth have received technical/vocational training courses.

871 youth have taken part in entrepreneurship courses.

108 youth have obtained a new or better job or apprenticeship.

1,109 youth have taken part in education retention programs.

797 youth have taken part in Spaces for Growth (Espacios para Crecer- EpC).

628 youth have participated in Crime and Violence Reduction activities.

Major Highlights

Awarded the Premio Alertado 2015 for Creating Public / Private Alliances at the annual convention. UCNE has created strong alliances in both the public and private sectors. The Ministry of Education supports Alerta Joven programs in retention, re-insertion and technical/vocational training. It also supports the EpC program which has grown by 40% in the 2015-16 school year and reaches 1050 adolescents. A reading and math program developed by UCNE and the Ministry focuses on 400 youth. UCNE is the major partner for the implementation of the Chilean model of self-employment and entrepreneurship.



PROYECTO ALERTA JOVEN

Attachment 15
Special Events and Activities
during Year 3

USA Ambassador for the DR visits Alerta Joven sites in Puerto Plata

PROYECTO ALERTA JOVEN



Illustration 1: Ambassador Brewster and Mr. Bob Satawake with Alerta Joven participants.

PUERTO PLATA. The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) through the Alerta Joven Project, managed by the company Entrena, received United States Ambassador James Brewster and Mr. Bob Satawake at one of Alerta Joven sites for technical vocational training in the community of Padre Granero, Puerto Plata, where a total of 15 youth participants are currently taking the course under the entrepreneurship program manufacturing chemical products.



Illustration 2: Amb. Brewster had a group session with the youth, where students demonstrated part of their learnings.

Ambassador Brewster had the chance to observe a practical session manufacturing hand sanitizer and liquid detergent and had a group session with the youth, where students demonstrated part of their learnings, and he could share some thoughts, encouraging them to keep working toward their dreams.

The purpose of this course is to enable youth to form their own individual or collaborative micro-enterprises manufacturing and selling chemical products. USAID through Alerta Joven has an investment of RD\$ 33MM through sub-agreements with 4 local organizations: Cepros, Grupo Clara, Coin and Dream Project. The area of intervention extends from Puerto Plata to the east in Cabarete. Total target population is 9,500 participants. To date a total of 2,100 participants have been reached in interventions in education, health, income generation and documentation.

About Alerta Joven

Alerta Joven (At-Risk Youth Project) is a network of protection and security services that integrates education, health, and workforce employment for youth, created by Entrena with funding from USAID, helping to reduce levels of violence and crime.

Alerta Joven Hits foro Aprendo 2014

PROYECTO ALERTA JOVEN

Santo Domingo. The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) through the Alerta Joven Project, managed by the company



Illustration 1: Opening night of Aprendo, where the panel discussed the need to keep young people in schools to train more and better prepared to market.

Entrena, supported and was part of the XVIII Congreso Internacional de Educación “APRENDO” - JÓVENES RD: EDUCACIÓN, EMPLEO & ESPERANZA, organized by EDUCA, addressing the need to create the right incentives for at risk youth that need to reintegrated into the national productive life, whether in education or the world of work.

Panels discussed the need to keep young people in schools, to train more and be better prepared for the market, while recommending promoting technical and technological education as a way to bridge the gap between the demands of productive sector and the skills of young people.

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This event took place at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Santo Domingo from November 7-9, 2014 and featured more than 1,000 educators, decision makers in the public and private sector. Alerta Joven had participation during the opening event, where Alerta Joven composer and trainer Manny Rosado performed the songs of Alert Musical CD with the enthusiastic support of 200 youth of the project, who also participated in the different workshop of the congress during the weekend.

The Education Specialist of Alerta Joven, Esther Frías, presented the educational focus of Alerta Joven supported by USAID anchored on the models of school reinsertion and retention. Actual results of these intervention were described through three touching testimonials told by Alerta Joven participants.

Alerta Joven also carried out a workshop entitled “Cómo orientar a los jóvenes para lograr su primer empleo sin salirse de la educación obligatoria. Técnicas para educadores que reciben esta demanda”. This presentation addressed strategies for educators for dealing with high risk students who need employment but also need to stay in school.

International experts from different Latin American countries and the US participated in conference. Examples were presentations on “Articulation of public policies for employment and education for young people” by representatives from Colombia Alejandro Venegas and Marisol Forero as well as the presentation on “The national policy on technical education for middle and upper levels” by Ligia Amada Melo, Minister of Higher Education of DR.

About Alerta Joven

Alerta Joven (At-Risk Youth Project) is a network of protection and security services that integrates education, health, and workforce employment for youth, created by Entrena with funding from USAID, helping to reduce levels of violence and crime.

Video Aprendo – Sponsors: <http://aprendo.do/colaboradores/>



Alerta Joven bring together representatives from microcredit financial institutions

PROYECTO ALERTA JOVEN

USAID's Dominican At-Risk Youth Project motivates financial institutions to trust at risk youth, their capacities and goals.



Illustration 1: Rosa Rita Álvarez, Executive Director of Foundation Banreservas, served as guest lecturer.

SANTO DOMINGO.- The United States Agency for International Development (USAID), through Alerta Joven (At Risk Youth Project) managed by the company ENTRENA, held a breakfast brainstorming with representatives from microcredit financial institutions. The objective was to create awareness among representatives of major financial institutions in the Dominican Republic for micro lending youth participants who have business plans or ideas.

The event took place on November 20, 2014 at the JW Marriott Hotel in Santo Domingo, with the attendance of 40 representatives of different institutions who had the opportunity better know Alerta Joven through an introduction by Saschia Seibel, Chief of Party of Alerta Joven; a description of the IDDI financial credit department by Silvia Viñals and José Gutiérrez, and Rosa Rita Álvarez, Executive Director of Foundation Banreservas, served as guest lecturer.

The event took



Ilustración 2: Jorge Jiménez and Eladio Pérez from Producciones Tu Futuro sharing their experience.



Illustration 3: Jorge Jiménez/AJ Participant, Salvador Demallistre and César Asiático from Junior Achievement Dominicana, Eladio Pérez/AJ Participant.

Alerta Joven participants, Jeffrey Collins (Barbershop Owner) Eladio Pérez and Jorge Jiménez (1st place winners in Alerta Joven's Self-Employment Fair), shared their testimonies about how their life have changed since they entered Alerta Joven's program, took technical vocation courses and started their own business.

The occasion ended with a Questions and Answers session, where participants had the chance to clear doubts and share briefly experiences on the subject.

Alerta Joven implements second workshop on techniques for working with adolescents

PROYECTO ALERTA JOVEN



Photograph 1: The goal of the workshop is to increase the capacity of partner organization's staff to use evidence based techniques with adolescents.

SANTO DOMINGO - Alerta Joven partner organization's staff took part the training workshop "Applying evidence based techniques when working with adolescents" sponsored by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and organized by Entrena. The workshop was facilitated by *Cicatelli Associates Inc. (CAI) - Training Center for Health Professionals* based in

New York City. The workshop is part of the health component of the Alerta Joven Project and the methodologies learned will be applied by partner organizations working with youth between the ages of 13 to 19.

The November workshop, held in the Villar Hnos Convention Center was presented by the Director of the Center for Evidence Based Interventions of CAI, Grisel Arredondo. This new methodology based upon evidence focused on the five stages of the Transteórico Model for behavior change. These will then be applied by Alerta Joven partner organizations to improve their education programs for the prevention of HIV/Aides with adolescents at risk in the Dominican Republic.

The objectives of the workshop were to: Identify the different stages of change in adolescents along with the correct behavior change strategy to apply, learn how to apply these strategies to reduce risk, and discuss the participants past experiences as they relate to adolescent development and behavior change.

About Cicatelli Associates Inc.

CAI is a nonprofit organizations which specializes in training health personnel with preventative health programs aimed at populations' vulnerable to HIV. They have more than 14 years' experience implementing projects in the Dominican Republic.

Alerta Joven launched a National Youth Entrepreneur Guide

PROYECTO ALERTA JOVEN



Illustration 1: The guide aims to bring entrepreneurship to young people from the Dominican Republic.

The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) through Alerta Joven, managed by Entrena, launched the first National Youth Entrepreneur Guide, developed in a joint effort with the Youth Ministry and collaboration of other organizations as INFOTEP, Ministry of Labor, Procomunidad, UNFPA and the Ministry of Industry and Commerce.

The event was held on November 14, 2015 at the Instituto Politécnico Parroquial Santa Ana in Gualey, Santo Domingo, in the framework of the Global Entrepreneurship Week which started on the 17th, opening with the launching of the guide, with a discussion panel where Saschia Seibel, director of Alerta Joven, and Yasser Jordan, vice minister of Youth talked about the objectives of this guide and why is necessary for the youth.

The event was held on November 14, 2015 at the Instituto Politécnico Parroquial Santa Ana in

The National Youth Entrepreneurship Guide is a document that aims to bring entrepreneurship to young people from the Dominican Republic, by providing the steps necessary to start a business, as well as the main tools and institutions that support the entrepreneurship in our country.

Also participating in the panel were Eladio Pérez and Jorge Jiménez, both participants of Alerta Joven from Capotillo, which have their own filming company, “Producciones Tú Futuro”. Eladio and Jorge, that last July won first place in Alerta Joven’s Self-Employment Fair, talked about their experience and encouraged the youth public to follow their dreams. Likewise, technical questions were answered by Moro Studio staff; and Leonardo Jiménez, invited entrepreneur, shared his experience with the assistants.



Illustration 2: Yasser Jordan, vice minister of Youth, and Saschia Seibel, director of AJ during the panel.



Illustration 3: Eladio Pérez and Jorge Jiménez, both participants of Alerta Joven from Capotillo, have their own filming company, “Producciones Tu Futuro”. They shared their experience and encouraged participants to follow their dreams.

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ATTACHMENT 15.6 – NOVEMBER 2014

Alerta Joven forges a public-private partnership with CAPEX to promote employment of youth in Santiago



PROYECTO ALERTA JOVEN

1,200 participants of Alerta Joven will be trained on skills most in demand by companies.



Illustration 1: The initiative runs from November 2014 to October 2016.

The United States Agency for International Development (USAID), through Alerta Joven (At Risk Youth Project) managed by the company ENTRENA, in effort with Capex - Innovation Centre and Vocational Training, Corporation Zona Franca Industrial Santiago (CZFIS) and the Association of Zona Franca Santiago (AEZFS) signed a public-private partnership in the province of Santiago de los Caballeros, that will benefit through the youth project with training services within this industry.

The alliance, which took place with the signing of an agreement between the organizations on November 18, 2014 in Capex James Industrial Park Victor Espailat Mera, involves training 1,200 youth project in the skills most in demand by companies, from a survey conducted by Capex. In addition, they will receive training according to the requirements and needs of professional groups and companies which offer their services.

During this initiative, which runs from November 2014 to October 2016, a first group will take the courses “Industrial Mechanics for Diesel Machines”, training for “Assistant in Inventory Management” and “Accounting Assistant”, and other positions where demand arises. This is expected to generate formal employment within industrial parks for young people, while responding to the needs required manpower.



Illustration 2: Robert Rhodes from USAID during his speech.

Present for the signing were Robert Rhodes, Director of the Office of Security, Education and Youth of USAID; Miguel Lama, President of the Board of the Corporation Zona Franca of Santiago; José Luis Bonilla, President of the Association of Zona Francas in Santiago; Saschia Seibel, Director of Alerta Joven and Katy Lizardo, Executive Director of Capex. Also participating were directors of Alerta Joven partners’ organizations in Santiago, participants of the project, entrepreneurs and leaders of this community.

Currently this industrial park produces 20,000 jobs, a figure that will increase significantly with the construction of the 19 new factory sites in the area of the new expansion of the park.



Alerta Joven Signs Agreement for Self-Employment Training with FOSIS Model

PROYECTO ALERTA JOVEN



Illustration 1: This agreement will support the integration to the labor market of dependent and independent young people in vulnerable situations.

The United States Agency for International Development through Alerta Joven Project, managed by Entrena, signed an agreement to participate in the triangular cooperation with governments of Chile, USA and the Dominican Republic, which is handled by the Ministry of Economy, Ministry of Labor, INFOTEP and Entrena, with Chilean counterpart FOSIS (Solidarity and Social Investment) in order to support the integration to the labor market of dependent and independent young people in vulnerable situations, improving their

working conditions in the locations of Boca Chica and San Francisco de Macoris.



Illustration 2: R. Ovalles (INFOTEP), M.Hernandez (Ministry of Labor), J.Seibel (Entrena), Inocencio Garcia (MEPyD)

The signing took place at the Ministry of Labor, where John Seibel, director of Entrena; Rafael Ovalles, director of INFOTEP; Maritza Hernández from the Ministry of Labor and representatives from the Ministry of Economy (MEPyD).

On Dec. 11, an Induction Workshop was performed with relevant staff analysts from the Labor and Job Placement component of Santo Domingo and Boca Chica. The workshop was attended by staff members of the following organizations: Caminante, Children International Boca Chica and SDE, Sur Futuro, Project Hope, IDDI, MOSCTHA.

During November 24-28, 2015 a training of 22 certified facilitators took place in the methodology of Entrepreneurship in Chile. These facilitators will be those who will train 1,284 participants from Alerta Joven San Francisco de Macoris and Boca Chica in January 2015.



ATTACHMENT 15.8 - FEBRUARY 2, 2015

USAID mission visits center for youth in conflict with the law

PROYECTO ALERTA JOVEN



Illustration 1: USAID Mission from Washington with some DR Officers and Alerta Joven Team.

A mission of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) from Washington, in coordination with “Alerta Joven”, funded by the agency and executed by the company Entrena, and with staff from *Dirección Nacional de Atención Integral de la Persona Adolescente en Conflicto con la Ley Penal*, the administrative body responsible for the enforcement of criminal sanctions for teenagers, visited the Center for Comprehensive Adolescent Care of Manoguayabo.



Illustration 2: The USAID mission had the opportunity to share with the internees, who showed some of the skills and knowledge learned.

The visit, held on the morning of Sunday February 1, 2015, was attended by Mark Feierstein, who serves as associate administrator at the USAID for Latin America and the Caribbean; Alexandria Panehall, USAID Director for Dominican Republic; Rasheena Harris, Education Development Officer; Norma Paredes, Information Specialist; Saschia Seibel, Alerta Joven Chief of Party and other representatives from Washington Offices.

The purpose of the tour of the center, where they received details about the processes and programs that are implemented, was to learn about details of the experience of SuperCamp held by Alerta Joven from 10 to 14 July, 2014, where youth from the center participated. The USAID mission had the opportunity to share with the internees, who showed some of the skills and knowledge learned during SuperCamp, and dialogued about the concerns of youth in at risk situations.

SuperCamp is an opportunity for them to rediscover their lives, recognize their talent and be better prepared to reintegrate into society and be productive citizens.



PROYECTO ALERTA JOVEN

USAID and Junior Achievement DR present educational programs from Project Alerta Joven

This initiative seeks to mitigate the vulnerabilities of adolescents and youth who attend 20 schools in Los Alcarrizos, Pantojas and Villa Altigracia.

1. The United States Agency for International Development (USAID), through the Alerta Joven project, directed by Entrena , together with partner organization Junior Achievement Dominicana (JADOM), introduced the project Alerta Joven-JADOM in Los Alcarrizos, which use educational programs that promote entrepreneurship and employment to 9,264 youth at risk, from 20 schools in Los Alcarrizos, Pantoja and Villa Altigracia located northwest of Santo Domingo



Illustration 1: Students from the Liceo Juan Ramón Núñez Castillo (Los Alcarrizos) with Alexandria Panehal/USAID, John and Saschia Seibel/Entrena, Salvador Demallistre and César Asiático/JADOM and other entrepreneurs.



Illustration 2: Alexandria Panehal/USAID, John and Saschia Seibel/Entrena, Salvador Demallistre and César Asiático/JADOM and other entrepreneurs at the presentation of Alerta Joven – JADOM in Los Alcarrizos.

The staging of the program, which started in November 2014, was held on February 19, 2015 at the Lyceum Juan Ramón Núñez Castillo in Los Alcarrizos; and was attended by Alexandria Panehal, Director of USAID in Dominican Republic.; Saschia Seibel, Director of Alerta Joven; Mr. Salvador Demallistre and César Asiático, President and CEO of JADOM, respectively; and entrepreneurs who are members from JADOM’s board.

According to the director of Alerta Joven, this program will mitigate risk factors for youth by unleashing their potential to become business oriented with an entrepreneurial spirit. Furthermore Cesar Asiático/JADOM CEO explained the following programs: “Habilidades para el Exito” and the self-employment program “La Compañía”, which JADOM has developed successfully in multiple communities and schools across the country. Microcredit programs will be offered for youth 18-24 years, through partnerships with banks and micro-finance.

The activity also involved the director of the school, Clara Cayo, and students from this center, who gave testimonies of what has been the experience so far, and the learning and progress made through the programs. Also attending were teachers, entrepreneurs from these communities and representatives from various institutions.



Alerta Joven signs agreement with Dominican Watchman National for youth employment

PROYECTO ALERTA JOVEN

Alerta Joven, funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and implemented by Entrena SRL signed an agreement with private security firm Dominican Watchman National giving access to the labor market youth in the ages of 20 to 24.

Through the agreement, which will run from March 2 through December 2, 2015, 100 young people from Santo Domingo, Bonao, San Francisco de Macoris, Santiago and Puerto Plata will receive training and employment with the private security company. Participants will receive life skills training from Alerta Joven partner organizations followed by 40 hours of specialized vocational training from Dominican Watchman National. Upon successful completion they will begin work as security officers, surveillance supervisors, electrical technicians, drivers, mechanics and in administration areas.



PROYECTO ALERTA JOVEN

Teenagers join forces with Alerta Joven

Nearly 100 young students attending middle and high school at the Carol Morgan School, visited the Foundation Pediátrica por Un Mañana (FPUM) as part of their community social work service program. On Saturday, February 21 the young volunteers performed various tasks to support FPUM including: assembling cribs, painting, organizing the kitchen area, and repairing the recreation area. The FPUM a partner organization in the Alerta Joven Project, funded by the US Agency for International Development (USAID) and implemented by Entrena SRL.

FPUM signed the agreement with Entrena to implement Alerta Joven in Herrera and Santo Domingo Oeste. The foundations works with pregnant teenagers and young mothers aged from 11 to 24. They provide educational services that help these young women to finish high school in collaboration with CENAPEC. With the support of INFOTEP, they also offer technical-vocational courses such as: pharmacy assistant, cooking, hardware store assistant, and manufacture of home cleaning supplies.

In addition young women and their families enrolled in the program will receive counseling and spiritual support to address the issues that led to early or unplanned pregnancies.



Alerta Joven participates in the “9th. National Forum on LGBT Human Rights”

PROYECTO ALERTA JOVEN



Illustration 1: Participants at the “9th. National Forum on LGBT Human Rights”.



Illustration 2: Dr. Ledesma - Alerta Joven Health Specialist and PROFAMILIA staff with Thalia and Shakira, transgenders from the "Amigos siempre Amigos" organization.

Alerta Joven, funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and implemented by the company Entrena SRL, participated in the health components of the “9th. National Forum on LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender) Human Rights”. This year’s forum analyzed the reality of care and prevention of HIV / AIDS for the LGBT community.

The event, held on Saturday, February 21 in Santiago de los Caballeros and Wednesday, 25 in Santo Domingo, aimed to inform and share information regarding health services related to HIV, investment by international cooperation organizations and the responsibilities of the Ministry of Health in Dominican Republic. The activity was organized by the Non-Governmental Organization “*Amigos siempre Amigos*”, which promotes full citizenship for this segment of population in DR.

Alerta Joven was represented by Dr. Jose Ledesma, Project Health Specialist and representatives of the partner organization PROFAMILIA; addressing issues and strategies of HIV prevention along with representatives from the public sector, international agencies and civil society.

The Alerta Joven health component is a combination of HIV education and prevention programs coupled with small scale direct health services.



Banco Popular Dominicano Supports “A Ganar”, Alerta Joven / DREAM Project

PROYECTO ALERTA JOVEN



Illustration 1: Jon Wunderlich/Development Director- DREAM Project, Catherine DeLaura - Executive Director, Project DREAM, Jose Marmol, Executive Vice President of Public Affairs and Communications and Mariel Bera, Vice President of Public Relations.

Banco Popular Dominicano will support Alerta Joven through co-financing of youth in Cabarete, Puerto Plata to attend the program A Ganar-Alerta Joven, managed by Entrena and funded by USAID. This co-financing will cover 25% of the total A Ganar program cost implemented by DREAM Project.

Under this agreement, signed on February 19, 2015, Banco Popular Dominicano grants Dream Project US \$ 45,000 to support the training of 450 young people from the province of Puerto Plata. In addition the Social Responsibility program of Banco Popular will supplement the A Ganar curriculum with components in financial education, entrepreneurship and the culture of values. The agreement will be implemented over next 30 months.

The A Ganar program develops life and employment skills for at-risk youth between the ages of 16 and 24. The program also includes preventative health components implemented through sports, games and athletic activities.

About Alerta Joven – DREAM Agreement

As of March 23, 2015, DREAM Project has 220 direct participants enrolled in Alerta Joven. 77 participants take part in A Ganar (35%) with the remainder enrolled in education retention programs. The DREAM sub-agreement was approved in September, 2014.



“Fundación Pediátrica Por Un Mañana” opens new school for young mothers in the Alerta Joven project

PROYECTO ALERTA JOVEN

On Tuesday March 10, the Fundación Pediátrica Por Un Mañana (FPUM) inaugurated its new school, “Restoring Tomorrow” (Restaurando un Mañana) located in Herrera, Santo Domingo as part of the Alerta Joven Project. Alerta Joven is funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and managed by the company Entrena. The school will benefit 900 girls, adolescents and women over the next 18 months.



Illustration 1: Opening event with the participation of María Isabel Serrulle, head of FPUM, and directors from Alerta Joven, CENAPEC and INFOTEP.

The school will provide support to pregnant teenagers and young mothers from the ages of 11 and 24. They will be able to finish high school with the collaboration of CENAPEC and receive technical-vocational courses certified by the Institute of Technical Training, INFOTEP.



Illustration 2: Technical courses are designed to respond to needs of the women in the sector.

The technical courses are designed to respond to the needs of the participants has identified by FPUM. The courses include skills for home use as well as income generation and employment insertion. Among the courses to be offered are: pharmacy assistant, domestic Cooking, baking, computer usage, secretarial skills, cashiers and how to manufacture home cleaning supplies.



Illustration 3: Daycare facilities for children aged 0-4 years

In addition participants and their families will receive psychological counselling and spiritual support as they cope with challenges of motherhood at an early age.

While attending courses the project provides care for the participant's children aged 0-4 years. The school has ample space with a playground, nursery room and a library for early learning activities.



USAID and Alerta Joven present at the opening of Center of Comprehensive Care for Adolescents in Conflict

PROYECTO ALERTA JOVEN

Attorney General of the Republic, Francisco Dominguez Brito, led the inauguration of the Center of Comprehensive Care for Adolescents in Conflict with the Law, located in Ciudad del Niño. This new center, has a holding capacity of 150 inmates who will receive a broad program of social rehabilitation and life skills development.



Illustration 1: Elisané Alemar/USAID, Saschia Seibel/Alerta Joven, Silvia Viñals/IDDI with youth from Alerta Joven.

The President of the Republic, Danilo Medina, ordered its construction by decree following a request made in September 2013 by the Attorney General Dominguez Brito. The center is the largest facility of its kind in the country.

Alerta Joven, funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and implemented by Entrena SRL, was represented by its director, Saschia Seibel, Elisane Alemar from USAID, Silvia Viñals from IDDI, and a young beneficiary of Alerta Joven from Bonaó. Monseñor Nouel, Gabriel Mena. Gabriel, 18 years old, shared

his life story and emphasized how everything has changed for him since he began participating in Alerta Joven.

Delivering the keynote speech act, Dominguez Brito highlighted the efforts to improve the system for children and adolescents involved in conflicts. He also stressed the importance of projects such as Alerta Joven and acknowledged the benefits of the “SuperCamp” program, conducted in July 2014 by Alerta for young inmates as part on their rehabilitation program in order to be reintegrate into society.

USAID's visit to Haina with Alerta Joven and Sur Futuro

PROYECTO ALERTA JOVEN



Illustration 1: USAID's Mission Director Alexandria Panehal and Education Officer Rasheena Harris with Alerta Joven and Sur Futuro member, and young girls from Fundación Centro Nuestra Esperanza's EPC.

On March 20, Mission Director Alexandria Panehal and Education Development Officer Rasheena Harris visited the USAID Alerta Joven (At-risk-youth) program with the Sur Futuro Foundation in Haina.

During the visit they observed some of the programs implemented under this sub-agreement such as Espacios para Crecer (EPC), a retention program for youth who are in very high risk of abandoning school as well as youth who have already dropped out of school. They also meet with representatives from the

Industrial Zones business associations to discuss strategies to increase the amount internships, job-intermediation and employment opportunities for youth.



Illustration 2: Sister Nieves gave an overview of the center's program to rescue women and young girls from prostitution in Haina.

First stop was at the Fundación Centro Nuestra Esperanza where Director Panehal and Officer Harris were joined by Saschia Seibel/Alerta Joven's Director and Kathia Mejía, the Executive Director of Sur Futuro. There they met with Sister Nieves, who gave them an overview of the center's program to rescue women and young girls from prostitution in Haina.

They also had the chance to share with an all-girl EpC and later went to the San José grade school and met more Alerta Joven youth who talked about their experiences and dreams.

The visit ended with a lunch hosted executives from Sur Futuro's two major private sector alliances, PIISA (Parque Industrial San Cristobal) and Asobal (Asociacion Zonas Francas San

Cristobal) and youth from the Vocational Training for Employment Insertion program. The youth shared information their training and expectations for moving forward.

Sur Futuro has 450 youth enrolled in Alerta Joven programs with 150 attending EpCs in Haina. Sur Futuro is currently offering 7 technical / vocational training courses with an enrollment of 211 participants. To date, 87 participants have completed training and are in process of obtaining apprenticeships and new employment with the support of Alerta Joven.

USAID's visit CAPEX in Santiago with Alerta Joven

PROYECTO ALERTA JOVEN



Illustration 1: Ms. Alexandria Panehal/USAID DR's Director with some members of the Board of Capex and Industrial Zone of Santiago.

During the visit, Ms. Panehal received an overview of the program by Kathy Lizardo, Capex CEO, followed by a presentation of the Industrial Park "V́ctor Espailat Mera", and a summary of program results to date. USAID director had the chance to ask questions and exchange points of view with representatives from the Industrial Zone with regards to apprenticeships and potential employment insertion in industrial free zone companies.

On April 21, Mission Director Alexandria Panehal visited the USAID Alerta Joven (At-risk-youth) program with Capex - Innovation Centre and Vocational Training, Corporation Zona Franca Industrial Santiago (CZFIS) and the Association of Zona Franca Santiago (AEZFS), a public-private partnership in the province of Santiago de los Caballeros that beneficiates youth with technical/vocational training.



Illustration 2: Participants of the three different programs currently underway Alerta Joven/Capex receiving their certificates for outstanding participation.

determined in a survey conducted by Capex.

The site visit ended with testimonies from six participants of the three different training programs currently underway (Warehouse Assistant, Accounting Clerk and Industrial Maintenance), whom shared what they have learned and experienced in the Alerta Joven project. The six students also received certificates recognizing their outstanding performance and participation to date.

The alliance with Capex began with the signing of an agreement on November 18, 2014 and will provide training to 1,200 youth in the skills most in demand by the industrial park companies, as



Alerta Joven Project and UCNE procure additional partners in San Francisco de Macoris

PROYECTO ALERTA JOVEN



Illustration 1: The rector of the UCNE and the director of the chamber of Commerce during the signing ceremony.

The *Universidad Católica Nordestana (UCNE)* and the Chamber of Commerce of the province of Duarte, signed a collaboration agreement to increase the collaboration between the university and the private sector in support of the Alerta Joven project

The agreement between the two institutions, seeks to benefit adolescents and young people participating in Alerta Joven Project, taking place in San Francisco de Macoris with funding from

the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and coordinated by Entrena SRL and the UCNE Department of Projects.

The agreement was signed by Archbishop Ramon Mejia Fausto Vallejo, Rector and Chancellor of the UCNE and Felix Manuel Rafael Soriano, president of the Chamber of Commerce of the province Duarte.

Through it, the parties will strengthen ties between business and academia in support of Alerta Joven programs in vocational training and apprenticeships with Chamber of Commerce members.



Alerta Joven and Caminante sponsor 5K run to promote HIV / AIDS prevention with youth

PROYECTO ALERTA JOVEN



On Friday 24th, the Alerta Joven Project, funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and implemented by Entrena SRL, in coordination with the partner organization Caminante in Boca Chica sponsored a 5k run to promote HIV / AIDS prevention in adolescents and youth as part of a month long campaign for the prevention of child abuse.



The morning run was held at Av. Costa Brava in Boca Chica, where project participants and students from various schools of Education District 10-05, municipality of Boca Chica had the opportunity to exercise and raise awareness about this health issue.

Illustrations 1 - 2: Participants had the opportunity to exercise and raise awareness about this health issue.



Alerta Joven and ACOPRO celebrates first graduation from technical /vocational courses

PROYECTO ALERTA JOVEN



Illustration 1: The event was attended by 112 youth from a total of 204 who completed the courses.

On Saturday April 25th, the Alerta Joven project, funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and implemented by Entrena SRL, in coordination with the partner organization Community Action for

Progress Inc. (ACOPRO) celebrated the first graduation of technical training for project participants with this organization.



Illustration 2: Alerta Joven and ACOPRO staff with kids from the El Majagual EpC, whom performed a song for the graduates.

The event, held in ACOPRO facilities located in Sabana Perdida, Santo Domingo Norte was attended by 112 youth of the 204 participants who successfully completed their technical/vocational courses which included: waiter, secretarial assistant, cashier, office management, hairdresser and entrepreneurship. The graduation was led by Gabino Hernández, General Coordinator of ACOPRO, Erielba Gil, Employment Placement Specialist for Entrena Alerta Joven

and several community leaders from the project impact zone.

ACOPRO has worked for 20 years in Sabana Perdida and the northern portions of Santo Domingo working to reduce poverty and increase social equality. They maintain a health clinic and various programs in the areas of health, equality, education and social justice.

Ambassador Brewster and USAID award certificates to 200 Entrepreneurship course graduates of the Youth-At-Risk Project



Illustration 1-2: Ambassador Brewster awarding certificates to the participants from Boca Chica.

(USAID) and implemented by Entrena SRL. Course facilitation was conducted by project partner organizations: Universidad Católica Nordestana (UCNE) of San Francisco de Macoris with 120 graduates and Caminante Boca Chica with an additional 80 graduates. The National Institute of Technical and Vocational Training (INFOTEP) and Chile's FOSIS were responsible for training and certifying the facilitators. The 80 hour course includes components on: life skills, market analysis, employability, development of entrepreneurial characteristics, employment strategy, preparation of business plans, financing, formalization and financial education.

This first group represents 16 percent of the total target of 1,284 young people that will be trained by the program with an investment of US \$ 158,000, financed by USAID through Alerta

With the cooperation of the governments of the Dominican Republic, United States and Chile, 200 youth were trained in entrepreneurship in the vocational course “Youth Entrepreneurship and Employability” (*Emprendimiento y Empleabilidad Juvenil*) in San Francisco de Macoris and Boca Chica.

This training falls under the “Program for employment promotion for vulnerable youth in the Dominican Republic”, implemented by the Ministry of Planning, Economy and Development (MEPyD) with technical support from the Agency for International Cooperation Chile (AGCIS), through the Solidarity and Social Investment Fund (FOSIS).

The 200 participants received their training through the Alerta Joven project funded by the United States Agency for International Development

Joven. *The program expects to increase self-employment through the creation of microenterprises in the participating communities.*



The award ceremony was attended by US Ambassador James W. Brewster; Ambassador of Chile, Fernando Barrera, from the International Cooperation Agency of Chile (AGCI), Ricardo Herrera Saldías, Deputy Minister of International Cooperation, Inocencio Garcia and Mr. Arismendy Bautista.

Illustration 3: Participants from SFM explained their business plans and shared ideas with Ambassador Brewster.

Self-Employment Fair



Illustration 4: One of the groups being interviewed by judges.

The Duarte Provincial Self-Employment and Entrepreneurship Fair was held following the awards ceremony in Francisco de Macoris, where youth graduates presented their business plans created as part of the entrepreneurship course.

The participants, residents of the community of Los Aguayos, San Francisco exhibited their plans and explained them to panel of judges made up of business owners from the province of Duarte. A wide variety of business plans were presented including: dance studios, an artisanal chocolate factory,

rice companies, cafeterias, and print shops. Winners will go on to participate in the National Youth Self-Employment Fair later this year. Winners also received cash prizes, scholarships for advanced technical training, plaques and medals donated by local corporate sponsors.

USAID visit to Alerta Joven - Puerto Plata Consortium and DREAM Project in Cabarete

PROYECTO ALERTA JOVEN



Illustration 1: MARP Youth shared experiences and described how their lives have changed since they are part of Alerta Joven's program.

the Puerto Plata consortium (CEPROSH, Group Clara and COIN) shared experiences and described how their lives have changed since they became a part of Alerta Joven. These participating youth were drawn from a target sub sector of at-risk youth called MARP or Most At-Risk Populations which includes; lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, youth with STDs, youth who have exchanged sex for money and others.

On June 9th and 10th, Rasheena Harris/Education Specialist and Elisané Alemar/Projects Specialist, from the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) in DR visited partner-organizations from Alerta Joven (At Risk Youth Project) managed by ENTRENA in the province of Puerto Plata.

The visit provided the opportunity to gather details of the different programs being implemented in Puerto Plata and to share experiences with the youth participants. The visit began on June 9th at the CEPROSH offices, where youth from



Illustration 2: Presentation of business plans by three of the sixteen teams preparing for the Puerto Plata Self-Employment Fair.

Many of them presented testimonies about how after being part of the program they now know the true meaning of being healthy and embrace their true self without feeling scared of how society labels them. During the interchange, we could perceive how this group is very supportive of each other, and how they protect themselves and fight for their rights together as a group. The USAID team questioned the youth regarding their greatest needs, of which most of them responded that they need more

support with increasing awareness and protecting their rights with governmental authorities as well as the general population. They also felt they would benefit from technical/vocational training courses and employment insertion programs.

Following this meeting, USAID and Entrena staff visited and viewed business plan demonstrations prepared by Alerta Joven youth in anticipation of the Puerto Plata Self Employment Fair scheduled for later this summer. The participants described their projects and explained the business skills they used to develop them.



On the second day of visit, we visited DREAM Project in Cabarete where we observed their two programs, “Estrellas Jóvenes” and “A Ganar” with opportunities to converse with children taking part in the education retention program, Estrellas Jovenes, as well as older youth working in their internships as part of the A Ganar technical training and employment insertion program.

The goal of DREAM Project -Alerta Joven during the next 30 months is to rapidly increase its participant populations in all of its programs. Currently, there are 125 participants in the “Estrellas Jóvenes” program (divided into two student groups, one in the morning and one in the afternoon) and 62 in the program “A Ganar”.



ATTACHMENT 15.23 – JULY 2015



Alerta Joven Annual Convention 2015

PROYECTO ALERTA JOVEN

Alerta Joven, funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and managed by the company ENTRENA, will hold the “Alerta Joven Convention 2015”, where the staff from all partner organizations will come together for three days in order to evaluate previous year’s progress and share lessons learned and challenges for the upcoming year.

The convention will take place from July 29th through 31st at Hodelpa Garden Suites. With the motto “From theory to practice”, it will be focused around youth work and interventions based on evidence. The agenda includes the participation of 24 organizations, 3 keynote presentations, 12 round table discussions to share experiences, plus the “Alertados Awards” 2015.

Agenda:

Day 1 - July 29, 2015

Time Topic / Activity

9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Arrival and Registration.

10:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Opening Remarks by Ms. Alexandria Panehal, Director of USAID Rep. Dom. Presentation of partner organizations.

11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Group Exercise: Summary and Analysis of Alerta Joven in Year 3 Goals, Indicators, Achievements and Challenges - Moderated by: Saschia Seibel, Entrena.

12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Presentation - Average survey results: Perception of crime and violence in Alerta Joven impact areas. Submitted by: Wayne Pitts and Raquel Ovalle, RTI-Gallup 2015.

1:30 p.m. Lunch / Delivery Room.

3:30 p.m. Systematizing interventions for evidence.

Room 1. Comprehensive Intervention: Profamilia (Tahira Vargas and Fiordaliza Alcantara).

Room 2. Young solvers: IDDI (Silvia Viñals and Raquel Ovalle).

5:00 p.m. Panel: Best practices in monitoring and evaluation processes - Moderated by Virginia Vallejo, RTI.

Phase 1. Field Survey: JADOM / PROFAMILIA.

Phase 2. Internal organization: IDDI / Children SDE.

Phase 3. Analysis: Sur Futuro.

6:30 p.m. Final Exercise. Closing the day.

Day 2 - July 30, 2015

Time Topic / Activity

9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Keynote Presentation: Occupational Profiles Technical Research.
Presented by: Oscar Amargos (INCOTESI), Douglas Hasbun, Sarah Pimentel (EDUCA), Catherine Pina (IEET), Angela Español (Fundación Inicia).

11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Compliance in areas that impact programs.

- Sub -Agreements / Reports: Caritas, Casa Abierta, IDDI and ACOPRO - Moderated by Rafael Mendez, Entrena.
- Communications: IDDI / UCNE - Moderated by Carmenchi Gomez, Entrena.

Lunch 12:30 p.m.

2:00 p.m. Show results from Retention and School Integration processes: DREAM / Sur Futuro-
Moderated by Esther Frias, Entrena.

3:00 p.m. Public -Private Partnerships in strengthening for insertion: UCNE, Sur Futuro, Children International, Acción Callejera and CAPEX – Moderated by Erielba Gil, Entrena.

4:30 p.m. Interventions with key groups and specific populations.

Room 1. CEPROSH: Groups at higher risk sexual reproductive health (Aricela Santana).

Room 2. FPUM: Model of intervention for pregnant teenagers and young mothers (Mariela Pena).

7:30 p.m. “Alertados Awards” – Formal.

Day 2 July 30, 2015

Time Topic / Activity

2:00 pm to 4:00 pm Training Financial Processes. Sub - Agreements Department - Exclusively for Accountants. Moderated by Rafael Mendez.

Day 3 July 31, 2015

Time Topic / Activity

9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Keynote Presentation: Research profiles young people in conflict with the law.
Presented by Raquel Ovalle (RTI) and Elba Núñez (Attorney General Office).

11:30 a.m. Summary / Evaluation / Closing - Moderated by Saschia Seibel, Entrena.

12:30 p.m. Lunch.

Who will attend:

Alexandria Panehal – USAID / DR Mission Director.

Rasheena Harris – Education Specialist, USAID/DR.

Elisané Alemar – Projects Specialist, USAID/DR.

Entrena Alerta Joven Staff.

Alerta Joven Partner Organizations Staffs.

Alerta Joven Self-Employment and Entrepreneurship Fairs

PROYECTO ALERTA JOVEN

The Provincial Self-Employment and Entrepreneurship Fairs sponsored by Alerta Joven were held during the months of May and June 2015. With local coordination by implementing partners from different areas, the fairs took place in Boca Chica, Santo Domingo, Los Alcarrizos, San Francisco de Macoris, Santiago and Puerto Plata. The objective of these fairs was to select the best business plans that would participate in the National Business Fair. Fifty business plans qualified for participation at the National Fair, August 12, 2015 held in the main events salon, in the Sambil Commercial Center in Santo Domingo. 140 Alerta Joven youth had the opportunity to present their business plans. Over 480 people attended the daylong event.

The Self-Employment and Entrepreneurship Fair is an initiative of the Alerta Joven project, where in one forum participating youth present their business plans and where their entrepreneurship initiatives are recognized and celebrated. The fair recognizes their commitment, effort, creativity and vision in developing business strategies, which will generate income to achieve personal, professional, family and community goals for social inclusion.

The participants were evaluated by a panel of judges made up collaborators from the public and private sectors which included some of the the most successful businesses in the Dominican Republic. Ten plans were awarded prizes based upon the innovation, scope, feasibility and sustainability of their business plans. The winners received a total of RD\$433,000.00 in prize money donated by Banco de Reservas de la República Dominicana.

GANADORES FERIA DE EMPLEO Y EMPRENDIMIENTO 10 PRIMEROS LUGARES

PREMIOS:

RD\$ 55,000 Taller de Arte y Pintura Los Branz
RD\$ 50,000 Uniplast
RD\$ 45,000 Lega, SRL
RD\$ 40,000 Reposteria El Buen Sabor
RD\$ 35,000 Boys & Girls Center
RD\$ 30,000 D&J Analytics
RD\$ 25,000 Estudio 56
RD\$ 20,000 Serotius
RD\$ 15,000 Lety Carteras
RD\$ 10,000 D' Melissa Exclusividades



ATTACHMENT 15.25 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2015



Fundación Sur Futuro celebra job fair with Alerta Joven

PROYECTO ALERTA JOVEN

On Wednesday, September 30, fifty youth from Quita Sueño and Herrera took part in a job fair sponsored by the Fundación Sur Futuro with the support of USAID - ENTRENA through the Alerta Joven project. Fifty youth from the zones of Quita Sueño and Herrera participated in the activity.

The objective of the fair was to increase formal employment opportunities for youth who had completed technical/vocational training courses sponsored by Alerta Joven in Haina, Quita Sueño and El Café de Herrera.

This program has provided a platform for more than 567 youth to receive training in different vocational fields (accounting, customer service, pharmacy assistant, electrical repair and installation, gem polishing and jewelry making, etc.) with the collaboration of INFOTEP and their System of Operation Centers, (COS).



The event was held in the Esperanza (Hope) room of the Fundación office with the participation of youth in the Alerta Joven Project. The Alerta Joven Project is an initiative implemented by Entrena with financial support from the Agency of International Development of the United States, (USAID). The goal of Alerta Joven is reduce crime and juvenile violence through the active participation of youth in 5 development areas: education, health (prevention of HIV and other STDs)

documentation, employment generation and the reduction of violence at the community level.

The participating businesses evaluated candidates for employment vacancies and included: Almacenes Sema, Concesiones y Servicios S.A, Expreso Jade, Coop-Aspire y Grupo Ágape.