

Envisaging the Future

Latin America



Latin America Current Status

- A diversity of approaches across the region



POLICE RESPONSE: Community policing, alternative policing strategies, hot-spots, quadrants

Community Security Bases (Salvador de Bahía, Brazil), Pacifying Police Units (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil), National Quadrant Surveillance Model (Colombia), Community Preventive Units (Panama)

ALTERNATIVE NON-POLICE RESPONSE: Mental health, social coexistence, harm reduction

Social coexistence caravans (Medellín, Colombia), Mental Health Centers (Peru), Camads (Bogota, Col), Open Arms (Brazil), Colibrí Centers (Iztapalapa, Mexico City), Escudo (Mexico)

POLICE – CIVIL SOCIETY COLLABORATION: sensibilisation initiatives, collaboration agreements

RedTraSex (Honduras and other Latin American countries)

Latin America – LEPH Current Status

- Several have existed for decades and are still evolving into consolidated programs (**Community Security Bases (Brazil)**)
- Others have multiple goals, including sexual and mental health actions, human rights protection and social inclusion (**RedTraSex, Mental Health Centers (Peru)**)
- Some **bring together** police and civil society efforts (**RedTraSex**)



RedTraSex' training sessions in Bolivia



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Key Stakeholders

- The diversity of the region shows **no clear driver** for projects
- However, a **long sustainable project** for more than 10 years, **RedTraSex**, showed how international **donors and peers** can be fundamental for success
 - Sex Workers
 - German Embassy
 - UNAIDS
 - Honduran Police
- It shows a **unique ability to replicate** in many other countries



Case: RedTraSex

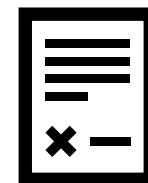
- In 10 countries, Female Sex Workers (FSWs) have **led the design, execution and presentation** of the outcomes of the **sensitization programs** for first-hand advocacy to **decrease the stigma, discrimination and institutional violence** to which they are exposed daily while doing their work.
- Collaborative work between sex workers and police officers.
- Publication of reports and best practices manuals for replication.

HONDURAS: REDMUDE has sensitized more than 4,000 security personnel on women's human rights and sex work while also developing a Protocol for Police Operations.



Challenges

- Initiatives have been cancelled due to government changes (i.e: **Open Arms (Brazil)**, **CAMADS (Colombia)**)
- Challenging for CBOs to approach police forces because of stigma (**RedTraSex**)
- Not enough public resources focused on non-police alternatives. In some cases, the main source of funds is international philanthropy (**RedTraSex**).
- Corruption modifies citizens and police officers interactions and can affect the initiatives results (**RedTraSex**, **Proximity policing (Neza, Mexico)**)
- High levels of violence and organized crime involvement penetration in security forces



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