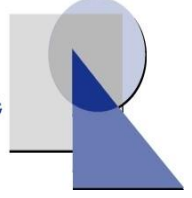




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## **Indicator Baseline Report Casablanca**

**MITIGATING COMMUNAL CONFLICT BY ENGAGING YOUTH CONSTRUCTIVELY IN LOCAL  
DEMOCRATIC AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**  
*through the establishment of Youth Community and Mediation Centers in Casablanca and  
Tetouan*

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## **Introduction:**

The purpose of this document is to present the baseline results of the indicators of performance for the YCMC Project in Casablanca. This is supposed to be a document that captures the state of indicators at the beginning of the intervention to create a benchmark against which performance will be evaluated later on. The baseline was conducted in January 2009 by Seddik Oubouhacen, Design, Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist at Search for Common Ground in Morocco. It reports the state of the indicators in the three prefectures of Casablanca included in the project: Mers Sultan el Fida, Moulay Rachid and Sidi Moumen.

A control group was created. The baseline was taken on a non-participant sample group in the same project area as the participant group. For the midterm evaluation, the evaluation was conducted on the participant sample group for comparison purposes.

The indicators are evaluated at baseline, midterm and final evaluation as stated in the project performance monitoring plan. Nonetheless, additional data is collected on a quarterly basis for internal reporting purposes, and to effectively track performance.

## **Description of the Sample used in the Baseline:**

The total number of people who provided intensive feedback for the baseline survey is 14 youth and 8 community members aged between 26 and 48.

### *A. Youth*

Youth ranging from ages 17-24 were interviewed about their roles in mitigating conflict in their communities, about the roles their peers play and also about the availability of viable employment opportunities. The in-depth interviews were geared towards eliciting data about the indicators selected for the tracking of progress in this project.

The youth group consisted of both participants in the social mediation training cycle and non-participants. The youth group was essentially made up of 6 participants and 8 non-participants.

## *B. Community members*

In-depth interviews were conducted with 8 community members representing the three selected prefectures. Community members were interviewed about the roles youth play in mitigating communal conflict and strengthening the social cohesion of their neighborhoods. The in-depth interviews were geared towards eliciting data about the indicators selected for the tracking of progress in this project.

### **State of Indicators at Baseline:**

- 20 % of youth and community members link a reduction in social tensions to the work of mediation centres.

- 15 % of youth and community members directly link an increase in economic opportunities for youth to the work of mediation centres.

- 75 % of community members who say that youth play an important role in promoting a culture of peace in the community

- 47 % of community members who say that youth manage to counter negative messages as a result of the work of community mediation centres

- 23 % community members report an increased cooperation and partnership between NGO's and local municipalities

- 0 % of trained youth report the availability of sustainable employment opportunities in their communities

- 12 % of community members say that mediation centres are playing a role in promoting economic opportunities for youth in the community

- 33 % of surveyed youth identify sustainable employment opportunities