

Violence Prevention Work in The Caribbean

Successes Promises and Challenges

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National Strategic Plan for
The Promotion of
Healthy Lifestyles
in Jamaica 2004-2008

Ministry of Health

MINISTER OF HEALTH

National Advisory
Committee on Health

Management
Team

Technical
Advisory Groups

Reproductive
Health

Chronic
Diseases

Injuries and
Violence

Jamaica Injury Surveillance System

Patients in A&E Department

Triage nurse or doctor

Registration by medical records

INJURY

Work
Related

Motor
Vehicle
Accident

Unintentional

Violence

- Circumstance
- Victim-perpetrator
- Place of occurrence
- Method of injury
- Alcohol/Drug use

Attempted
Suicide

Jamaican Injury Surveillance System (JISS)

In 9 of 11 computerised hospitals islandwide

In 1999

✓ KPH

In 2000

✓ CRH

✓ May Pen

✓ Mandeville

✓ St Ann's Bay

In 2001

✓ Spanish Town

✓ Bustamante Children's

✓ Sav- La -Mar

✓ Annotto Bay

Data Collected at Hospital A&E Department in JISS

- Date of Violent Related Injury
- Place of occurrence
 - home, school, work, etc.
- Method of injury
 - gunshot, sharp object, blunt object, etc.
- Circumstances of injury
 - fight, robbery, etc
- Victim-perpetrator relationship
 - boyfriend, girlfriend, etc
- **Geographic location of occurrence of injury**



Scale 1: 45,531

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149,344.78

New



Views



Tables



Charts

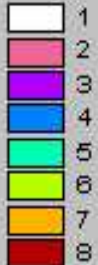


Layouts



Scripts

Hot spots2.shp



Geocoded points.shp



Street centreline.shp



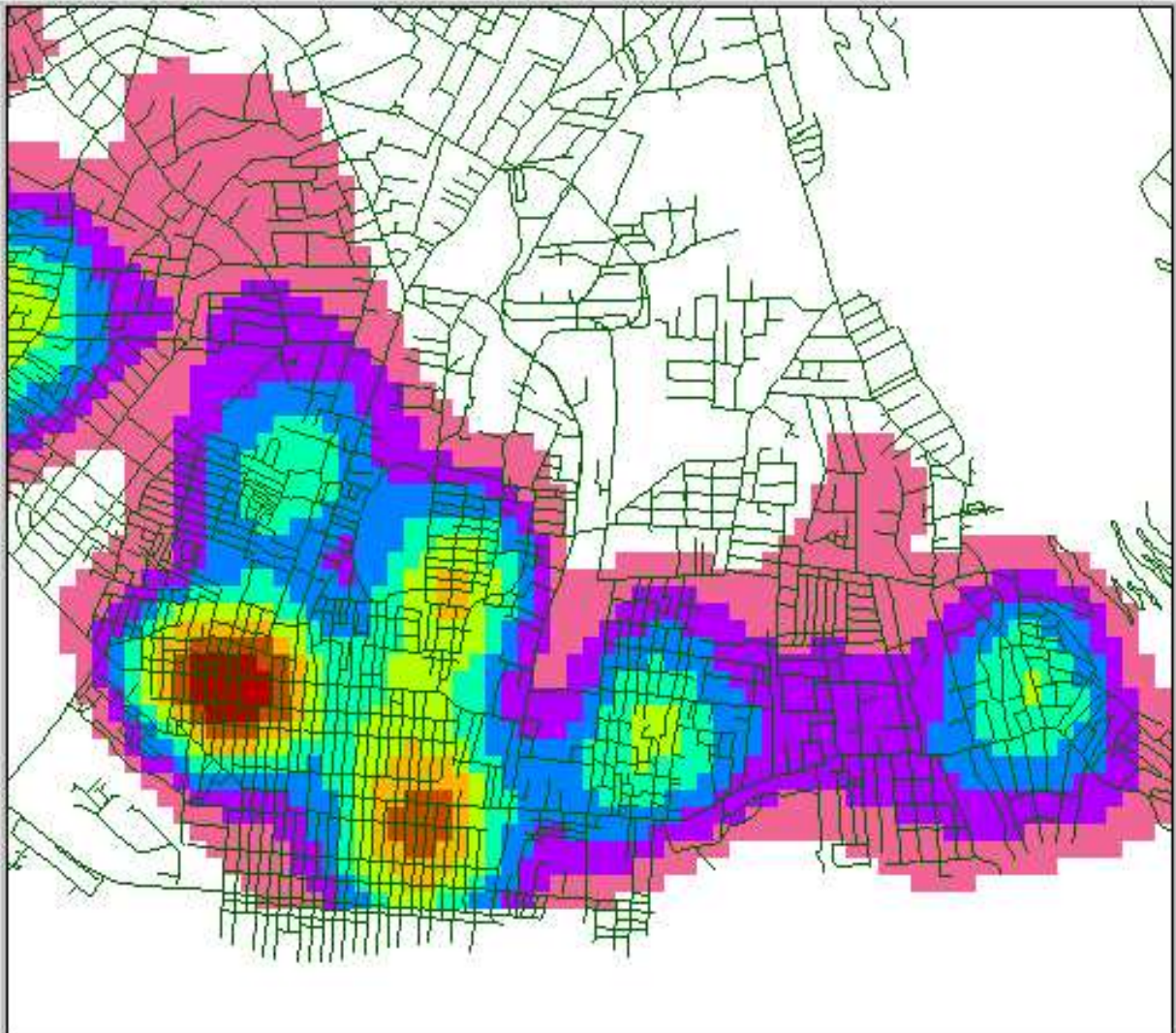
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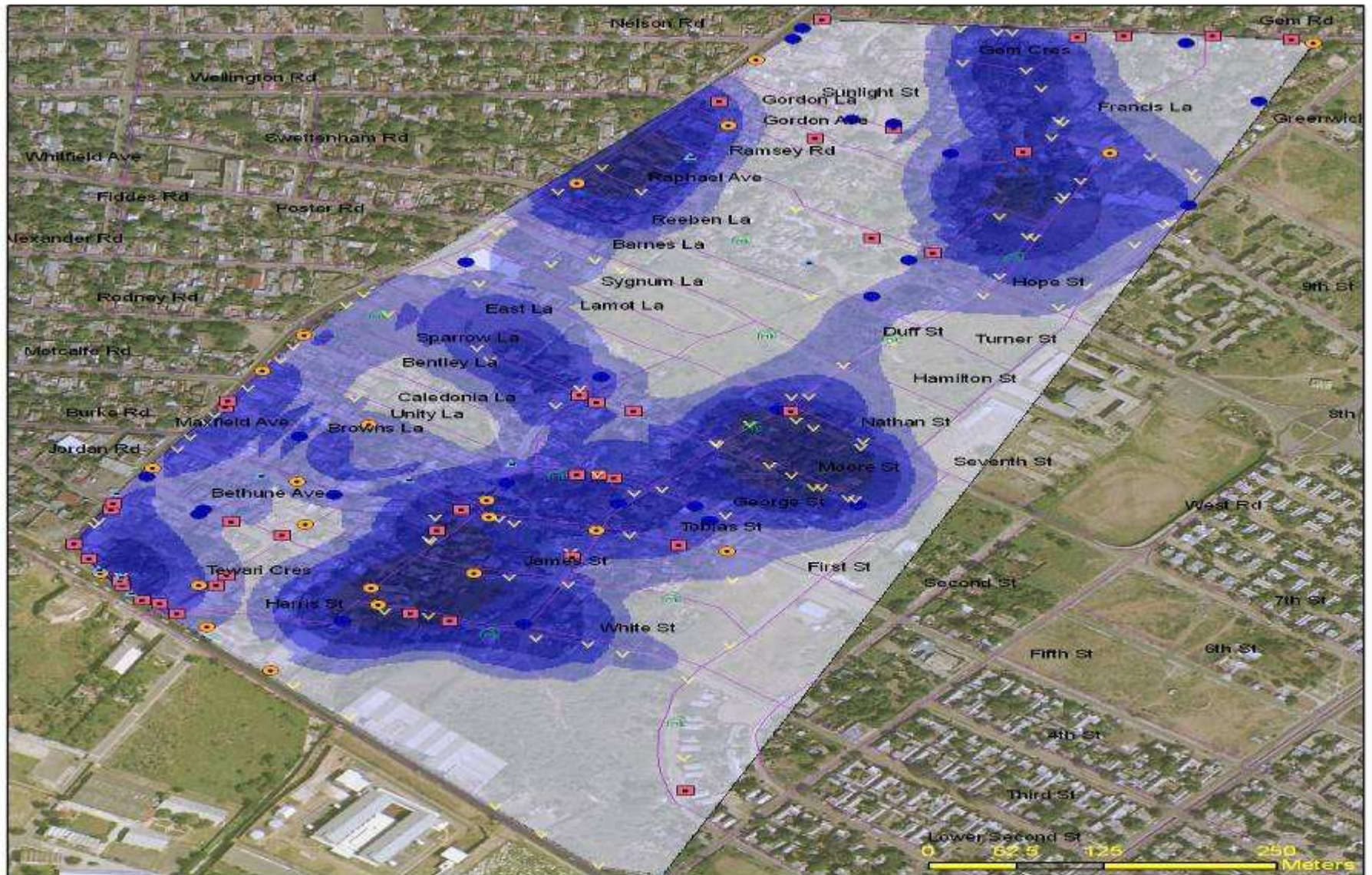
Injuries



Hot Spots



Rose Town Asset/Crime Composite

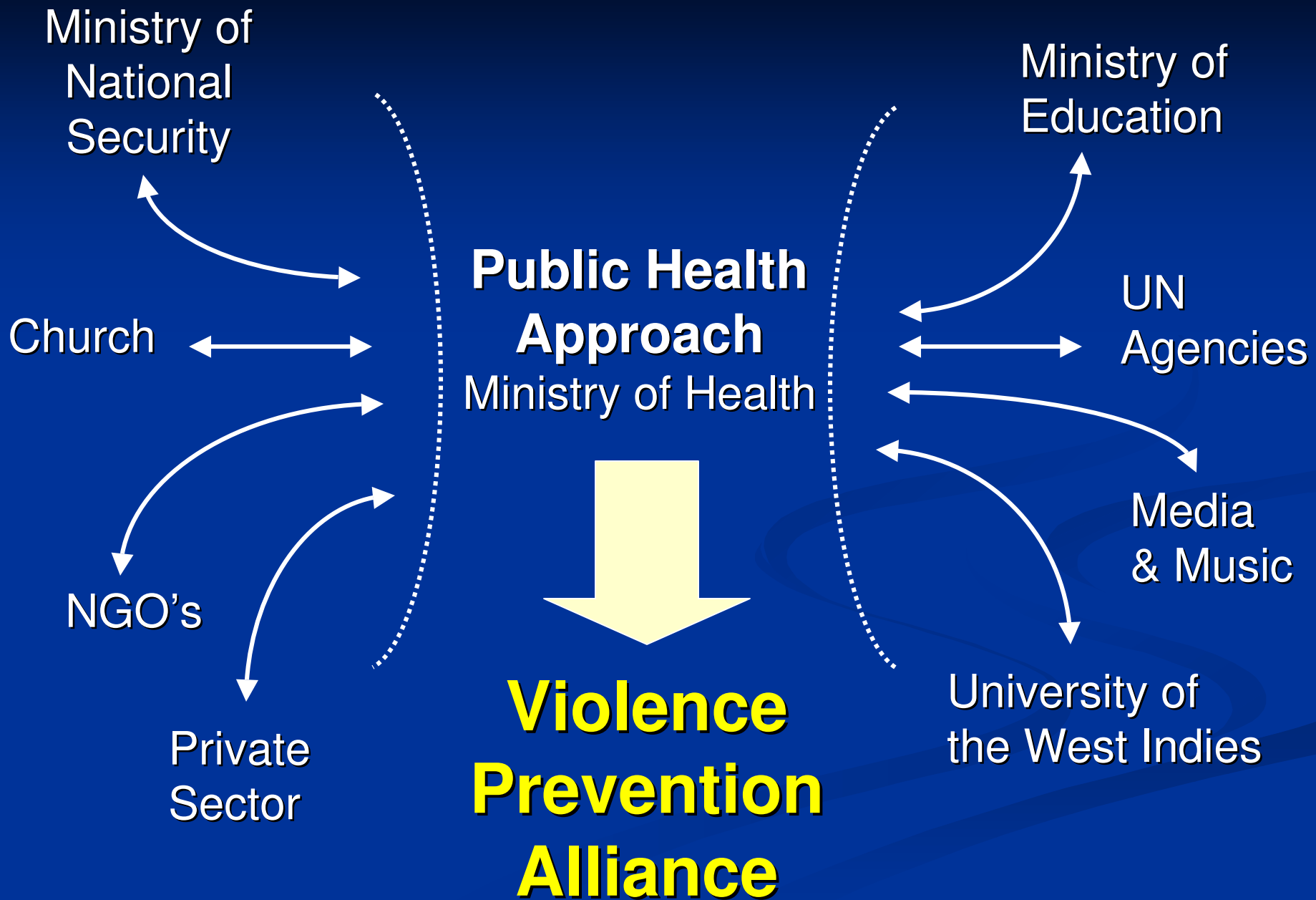


- AGRICULTURE
- COMMUNITY FACILITY
- MANUFACTURING/INDUSTRY
- RETAIL SERVICE
- RETAIL SHOP
- VACANT

Composite

	2 - 4
	5 - 8
	7 - 8
	9 - 11
	12 - 18
	Roads





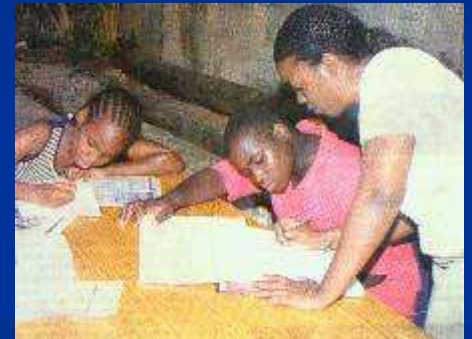
Promising Violence Prevention Interventions in low-income Communities

- Community Violence Prevention
 - S-Corner Clinic - JA
 - Rockfort Trust and Community Foundation-JA
 - Rose Town Benevolent Society-JA
 - Peace Management Initiative-JA
 - Grants Pen -JA
 - August Town Sport & Development Foundation-JA
 - Pride of Gonzales-TT
 - WINDAD-TT (Women's Institute for Alternative Dev.)



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- Youth Violence Prevention
 - YMCA- Kingston - Jamaica
 - Learning for Life Project - Jamaica
 - Volunteer Youth Corps - Guyana
 - Youth Gangs Intervention - Belize
 - Children First - Jamaica
 - Area Youth Foundation - Jamaica
 - To Shoot or not to Shoot, Click is the Answer



Promising Crime Prevention Interventions in low-income communities

- Mediation and Counselling
 - Peace Management Initiative - JA*
 - Dispute Resolution Foundation - JA*
 - Family Court - TT*
 - Rape Crisis Society - TT*
 - Families in Action - TT*
 - Help and Shelter UNIFEM - GUY

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- School/youth delinquency/drug dependency and corrective programmes
 - Change from Within - Ja *
 - Pre-Carnival project - TT*
 - Roxborough Police Youth Club - TT *
 - Service Volunteered for All (SERVOL) - TT*
 - Dance Hall Interventions
 - Whole Life Sports



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- Offender Rehabilitation
 - Transform Life Ministries-TT*
 - New Life Ministries-TT*
 - Piparo Empowerment Centre-TT*
 - Vision in Mission-TT*
 - Hibiscus-JA,UK*
 - Corner Stone Ministries-JA
 - Academic Training Programme, Apprenticeship and Reorientation Programme, Community Service programme- TT

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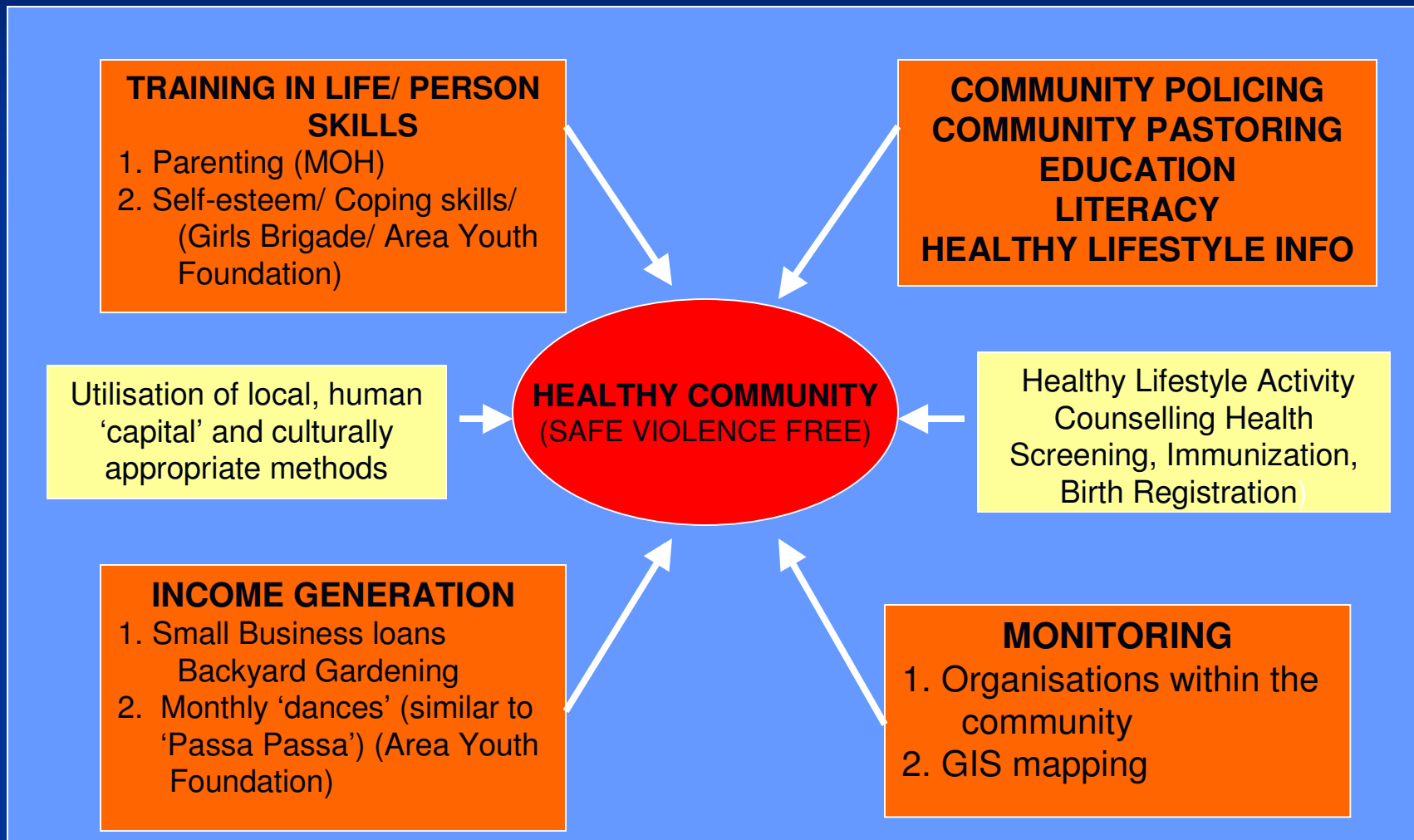
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- Private Sector involvement
 - Grace & Staff Foundation - JA*
 - MultiCare Foundation - JA
 - Jamaica National Foundation - JA

Lessons in Sustainability and Assessment

- Organization
- Holistic Approach
- Leadership
- community based Workers
- Sustainability
- Monitoring and Evaluation

Comprehensive approach to health through inter-agency collaboration



Interventions in Jamaica

Parenting

Home visiting with play

- Randomized intervention trial
- High self-esteem, fewer attention problems, less depression
- Walker et al, BMJ, 2006



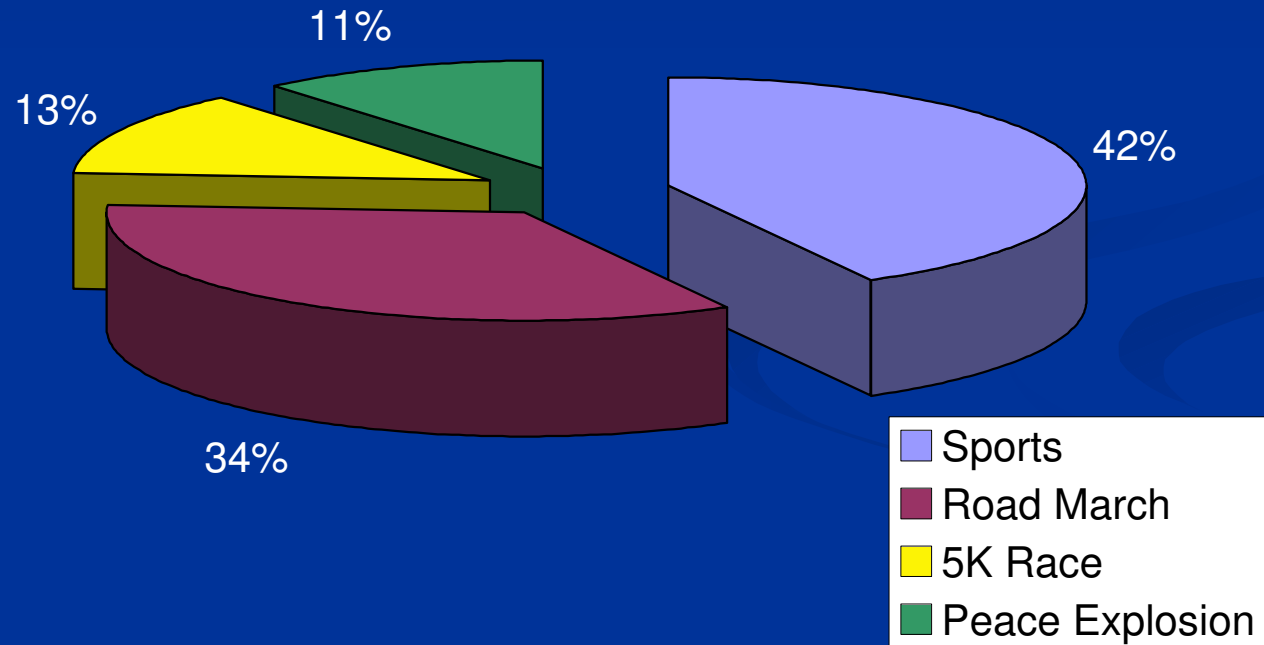
Positive Parenting Programmes

- Home visiting and Centre based programme
- Positive parenting messages
- Group therapy

Roving Caregivers

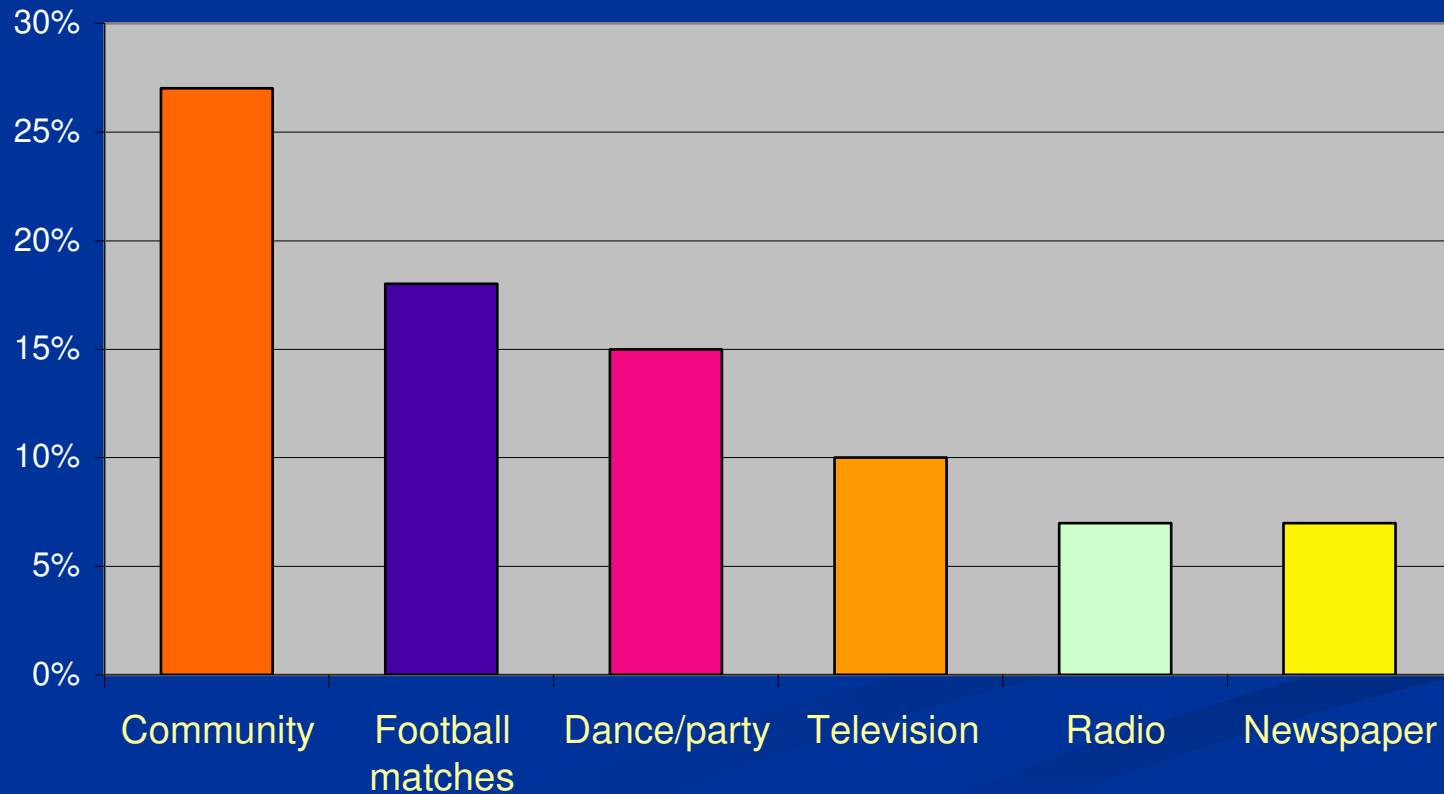
- Home visiting with play
- Youth Service Workers
- Intersectoral Approach

Peace Campaigns Participation



Peace Campaign Message Source

Source where Message was Seen or Heard



Challenges

- Absence of Sustained Funding for long term Interventions
- Population impact and need for community based workers
- Social factors affecting family and community
- Economics, literacy and skills training, jobs and income
- Political Issues
- Changing the “Culture of Violence” through education sports and music

The Way Forward

- Strengthen surveillance system across the region. Information for action and evaluation
- Impact at both community level and in high risk groups. Population based programmes
- Geographically targeted and inter-sectorial e.g. Crime Observatories
- Monitoring & Evaluation Mechanisms