

# Educational Peacebuilding in Medellin and Acapulco: Understanding the role of education, culture and learning in responding to crises

## AIM

Investigate the circumstances, policies and practices through which Medellin (Colombia) was able to develop and implement an inclusive, lifelong, learning strategy that contributed to the successful reduction in drug-related violence and crime and, through participative methods, to transfer that learning to Acapulco (Mexico).

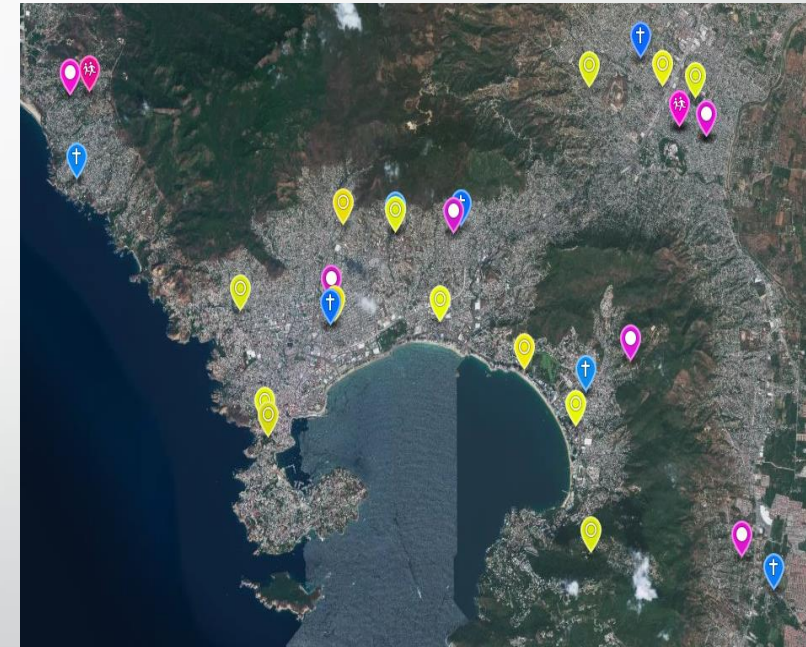
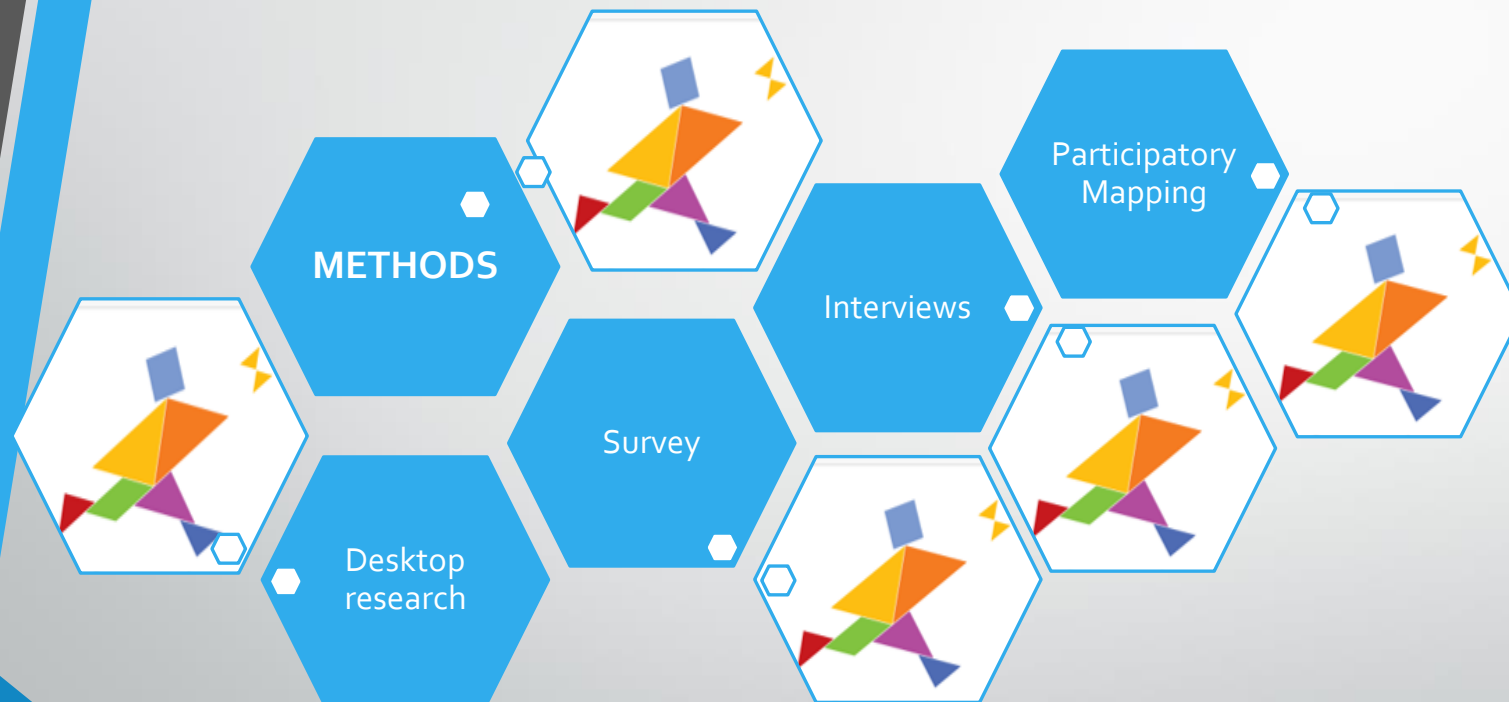


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Community leaders and grassroots organizations

Politicians and local governments

**NON-FORMAL EDUCATION AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES**

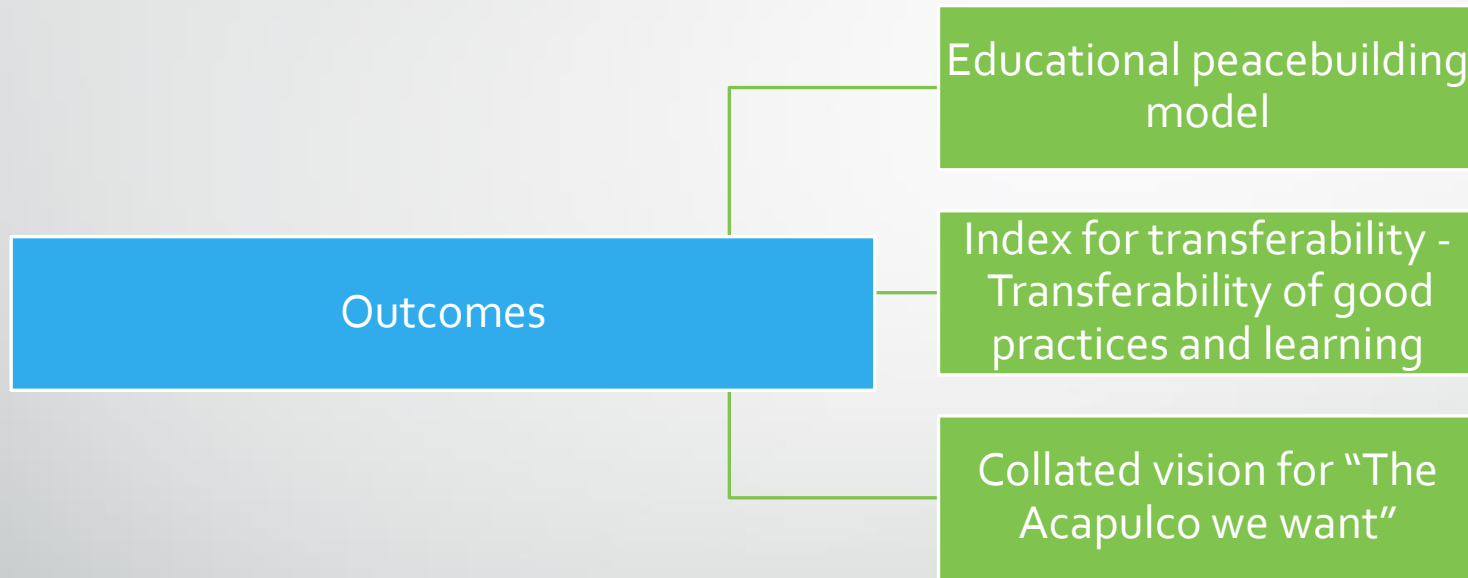
Private sector

Young people and local communities

Acapulco		
Gender	Frequency	%
Female	16	47.1
Male	18	52.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Age group	Frequency	%
18-30	5	14.7
30-40	7	20.6
40-50	7	20.6
50-60	7	20.6
60+	8	23.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Stakeholders	Frequency	%
Local Government	14	41.2
Civil Organizations	15	44.1
Private organizations	5	14.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>100.0</b>

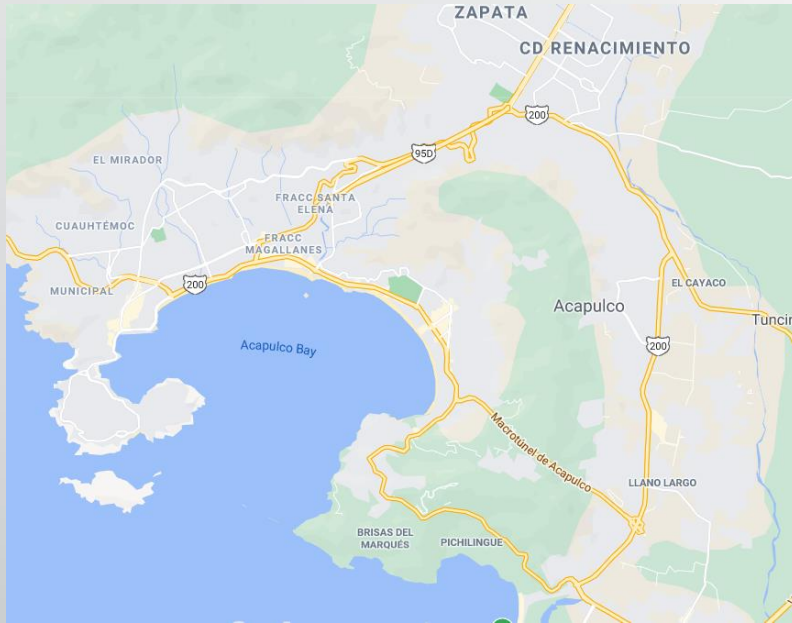
Medellin		
Gender	Frequency	%
Female	27	44.3
Male	34	55.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Age Group	Frequency	%
18-30	11	18.0
30-40	24	39.3
40-50	7	11.5
50-60	12	19.7
60+	7	11.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Stakeholders	Frequency	%
Local Government	21	34.4
Civil Organizations	29	47.5
Private Organizations	11	18.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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# Acapulco

## Preliminary findings



- There are cultural and nonformal infrastructure and stakeholders engaging in peacebuilding programmes and activities, but there is no connection between initiatives or the communication between stakeholders is weak.
- There is motivation and engagement at the community level, but a lack of monitoring and long-term vision of the projects.
- There is a lack of longstanding funding to support peacebuilding initiatives.

Demobilisation and  
reintegration  
programmes

Culture and  
Nonformal Education

Peacebuilding  
in Medellín

Urban  
Transformation

Government Model