

Be Part of the Change

“Gamechangers” is about placing prevention at the centre and turning potential into action. Together, we can empower young people to build safer communities and resilient futures.

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What is Gamechangers?

“Gamechangers” is a UNODC initiative that promotes effective and innovative approaches to youth crime prevention.

It focuses on understanding and addressing the drivers of youth crime and violence, while equipping young people and communities with the knowledge, skills, and opportunities needed to build safer, more resilient futures.

Why Prevention Matters

Children and young people across the world face complex and interlinked challenges related to crime, violence, drugs, social exclusion, and limited opportunities. They are disproportionately affected by various forms of violence and crime, whether as victims, witnesses, or young people in conflict with the law. They are particularly vulnerable to recruitment, exploitation, and victimization by organized criminal networks.

Evidence shows that effective prevention requires investments early in the life course, strengthening families, schools, and communities, and addressing the conditions that give rise to violence and crime before it appears. This includes parenting support, life skills education, and community-based interventions, including through sport, that reduce risk factors and reinforce protective factors.

How We Create Impact



• EVIDENCE-BASED PREVENTION

Strengthening data- and evidence-informed policy development and community-led action to address the drivers of youth crime and violence through holistic, multisectoral, youth-focused, and innovative approaches, including sport.



• TOOLS, GUIDANCE & CAPACITY BUILDING

Developing practical tools, guidelines, and training to support governments, practitioners, youth workers, and community organizations in implementing effective prevention strategies.



• ADVOCACY FOR PREVENTION

Raising global awareness on the importance of investing in prevention, amplifying youth voices, and promoting policies that prioritize early intervention, inclusion, and community level engagement.



• YOUTH EMPOWERMENT & RESILIENCE

Supporting young people with life skills, mentorship, safe spaces, and positive pathways away from violence and crime, including through sport-based interventions.



• GLOBAL LEARNING & EXCHANGE

Creating networks and platforms that bring together experts, governments, civil society, and youth to share knowledge, good practices, and innovative approaches.

