

#### **Crime & Violence Reduction in Israel's Arab Society**

# The Civil Society Landscape, Theory of Change and Operational Implications

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# **Point of Departure**

#### **Research Question**



What is the best <u>intervention</u> model, for creating a <u>civic field</u> of action, in the area of <u>crime & violence reduction</u> in Arab society?

Note: The research question, and the response in this presentation, focus solely on the civil action related to the subject.

The work is not intended to address government action, and therefore, no direct reference to government actions is presented

#### **Research Input**



#### 130 + In-depth Interviews, Meetings and Discussions

- Policymakers
- Professionals and experts
- Field based professionals

#### **4 Days Collaborative Study Journey**

- 3 study days dedicated for specific areas of knowledge related to violence & crime
- 1 study day on field-building

#### **Desk Research**

- Data reviews
- Government decisions and agreements on position and policy
- Intervention programs in the USA

## **Collaborative Study Journey**





#### 1<sup>st</sup> Study Day (February), Jerusalem

What Drives Arab society to the Gray Market? Crime & Violence in Arab society - Focus on Economic and Financial Generators

Participants: Foundation partners, the research team and representatives of local authorities, government, civil society, the business sector, professional experts and colleagues



#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Study Day (May), shefaram

At a Crossroads. Youth and Young Arabs at the Intersection Between Normal Llife and of a Life of Crime

# **Collaborative Study Journey**





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**Zoom Meeting with Prof. Badi Hasisi, HUJI (June)** 

Hot Spots: Combined Action for Reducing the Severe Violence in the Arab Society in Israel

#### 3<sup>nd</sup> Study Day (July), Negev

A study tour of Bedouin society in the Negev: Crime, Rehabilitation and Prevention



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4<sup>st</sup> Study Day (July), Jerusalem
How to Generate a Field of Civic Action

# Immediate Outcome – A Multi-Sectoral Partnership Is Being Built







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Group · 104 members











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# **The Fundamental Question**

# **Crime In Arab Society In Israel: A Snapshot**



of murder victims

241 from Arab society compared to 53 from Jewish society in 2023

10.5% solved cases in 2023

**55**% of murdered women

of shootings in residential areas

of extortions

Low sense of personal <sup>3</sup> security gap of 22% between Arab and Jewish society

of prisoners are from Arab society<sup>3</sup>

of young offenders (18-24) are from Arab society

3% of the police force are Muslim

- Police data and media additions (2) Abraham Initiatives data
- National Israel Police statistics 2021
- Israel Democracy Institute 2023

Presentation to the Prime Minister in the Ministry of Internal Security

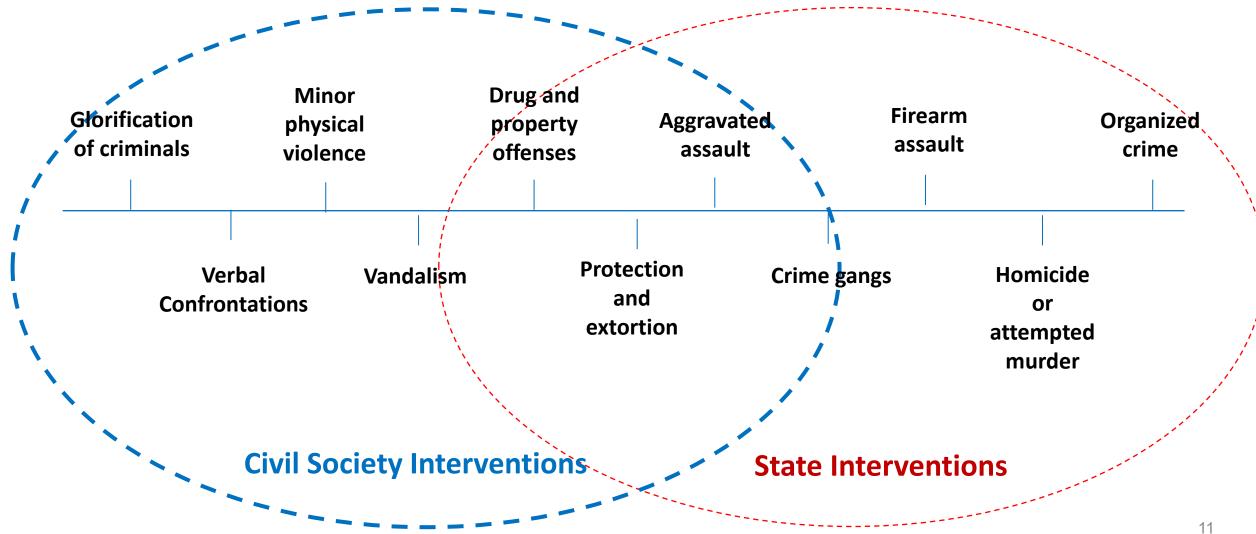
# The Entities Authorized to Address the Problem: The State - Government Ministries and Agencies





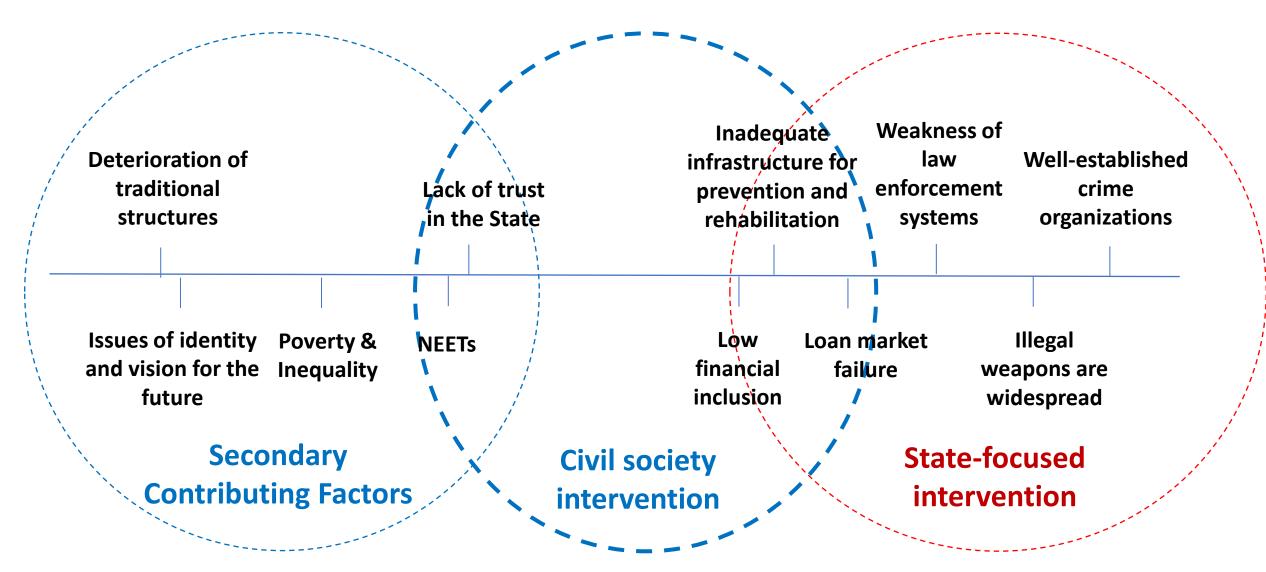
#### **Crime & Violence Severity**





#### **Crime & Violence Drivers**









#### Methodology



#### Field work

Gathering data and recommendations regarding all potential actions and their status

- In-depth interviews
- Study days
- Desk research

Fields of action categorization
Defining 3 major fields of action and
8 secondary fields

- Unorganized violence & crime prevention, enforcement, rehabilitation
- Youth & young people activities for under 18s and for over 18s, as well as joint activities for both groups
- Finances financial education, access to credit, payment means

# Spheres of influence categorization Defining 4 spheres of influence

- Infrastructure
- Advancing Policy Change
- Enhancing public awareness and motivation
- Civic actions & engagement

#### **Expert judgment**

Assessing each action across 2 dimensions

- Degree of importance and influence
- Degree of implementation and presence in the field

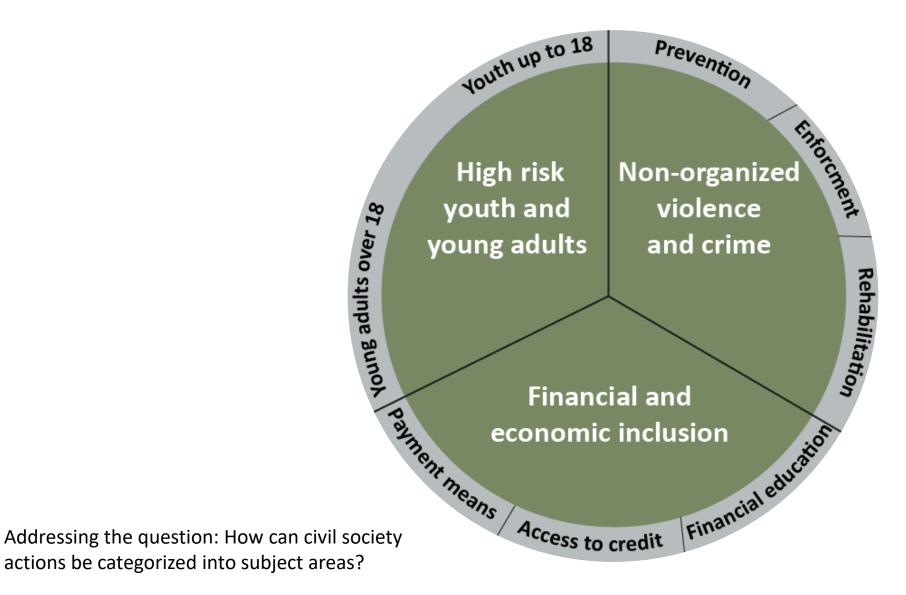
#### **Situation Assessment**

Developing field assessment maps and guidelines for philanthropic act

- Maps
- Theory of change
- Recommended immediate action

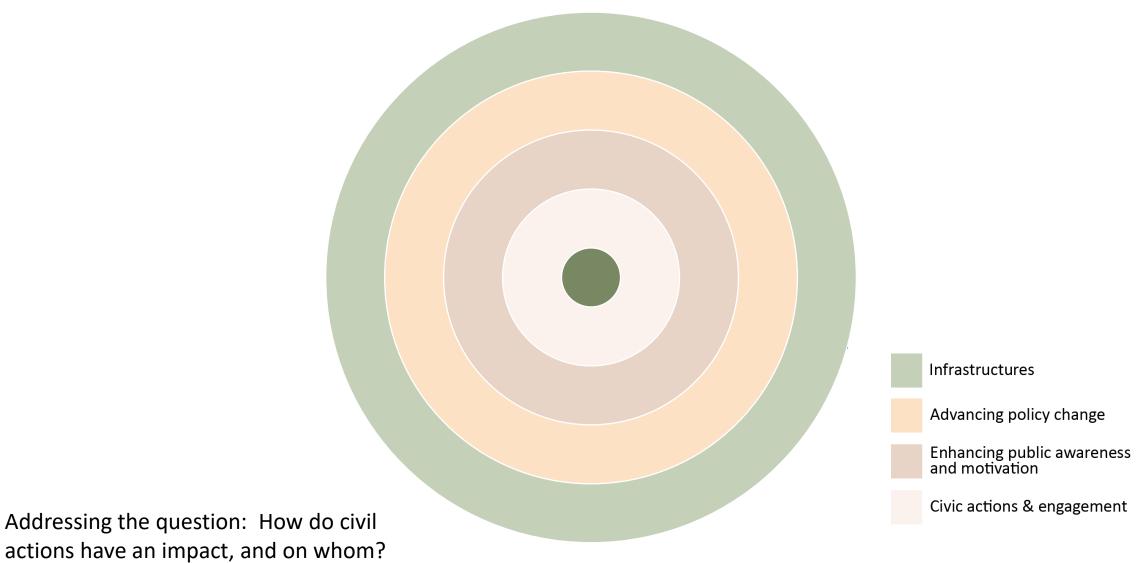
### **Primary and Secondary Fields of Action**





# **Spheres of Influence**





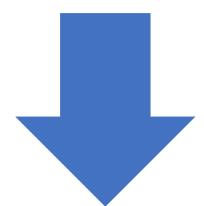
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### **Assessing the Actions**



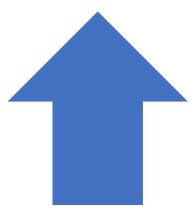
Importance of the action and its potential impact

High importance Medium importance Low importance



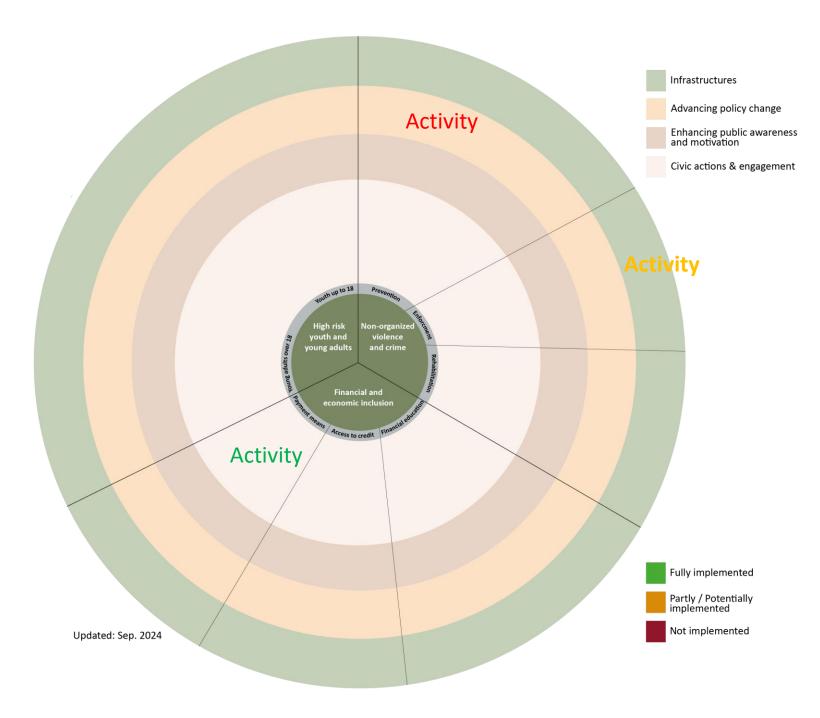
**Current level of implementation** 

Fully implemented Partly implemented Not implemented

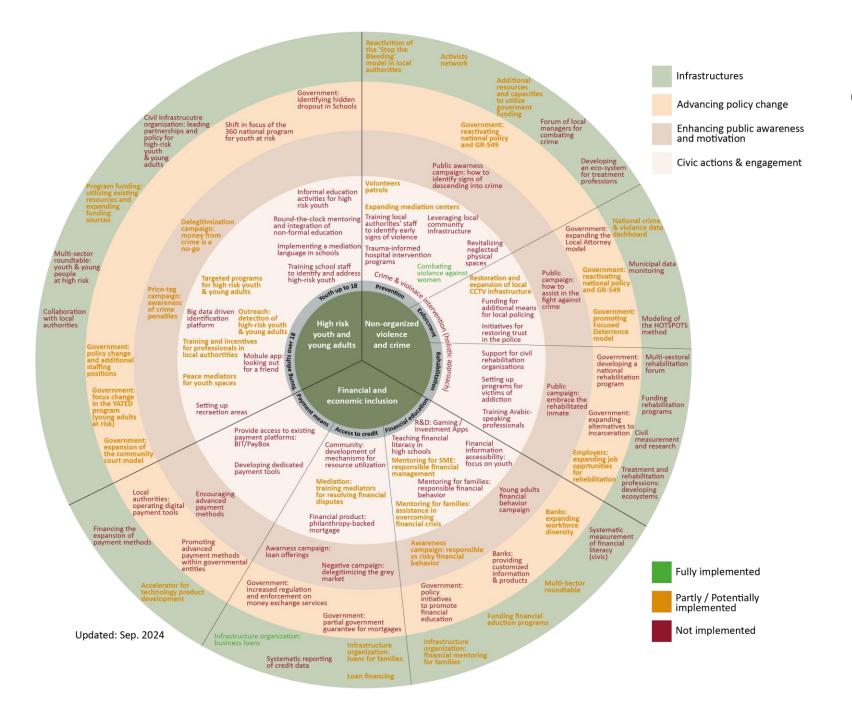


#### The Grid





# **Current Situation:** Civil Society's Response to Crime & **Violence in Arab** Society









# **Implications And Recommendations**

# **Key Implications**



#### The civic field that deals directly with this topic is sparse and unorganized

• This reflects a serious gap vis-à-vis the possibility of potential influence

#### Need to develop a civic field – starting with infrastructure

• Including: backbone organizations, human capital training, networking processes, unified measurement, technology and initiatives

# Need to cultivate a field from scratch in the areas of financial education and rehabilitation

Lack of organizations and initiatives

# Need for enhancing and nurturing professional expertise – therapists & caregivers

# **Key Implications**



#### Focus on preventing youth & young adults from engaging in criminal activities

are not oriented towards "high-risk" populations and lacking age continuity

# Need for a rich and accessible development infrastructure - civic engagement and grassroots initiatives

• Such initiatives are rare and call for a more supportive environment

#### Municipal initiatives - a key driver of success

As both an enabler and an implementer

#### Empowering Youth Voices: A Crucial Role in Solutions, Beyond Just a Problem

- The majority of both offenders and victims statistically fall within the youth population
- Since youth culture differs from that of adults, it's essential to involve them in planning

## **Theory of Change**



Long-range

outcomes

Reduction of

crime incidents

Reduction in

the extent of

iuvenile

delinquency

Multi-sectoral partnership

Shared agenda, encompassing policy, coordination & participation

**Supportive** infrastructures: forums, joint measurement, funding pooling

Focus on the field: The issue is on the agenda, development & networking, effectiveness

#### Government

Advocacy, promotion

Local

authorities Participation, support

Civil society Development. growth

Policy, legislation, budgeting, national programs implementation

Leadership, professional & strategic management, communal involvement

NGOs, civic leadership and networks of activists, social entrepreneurship

#### Outputs and results over a 3-year period: Field activation

Existing Field infrastructure, Quick wins + active initiatives

Renewing mechanisms, developing program for rehabilitation & projects for high-risk youth

Resident engagement, program implementation, supporting environment, professional caregivers

New initiatives and

ventures, networks of

activists, shared civil

society agenda

Increase in rehabilitation cases

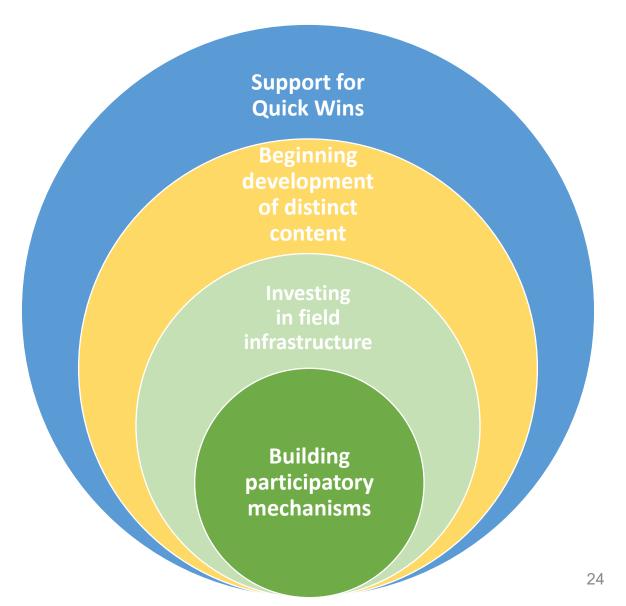
> Increase in financial inclusion

Increased trust in law enforcement

#### **How Do We Move Forward From Here?**



4 vectors for philanthropic immediate action





# Action Vector 1 Building participatory mechanisms

Establishing a coordinated and institutionalized framework for a multi-sector coalition, based on the existing process partnerships

- Establishing a broad coordinating Round table that will serve as "civic partnership for fighting violence & crime," composed of a coalition of partners. This platform will function as a hub for coordination, implementation, and funding efforts within the field
- Appoint a professional team to manage the Table
- Continuous monitoring of the "field status" and directing resources and activities to support its development
- Strategic partnership to collect information and data, and develop joint measurement mechanisms
- Build and encourage ongoing learning processes, networking and development among the "Table" partners, based on the model of study days as a complementary activity



# Action Vector 2 Investment in the field infrastructures

Actions focused on developing and advancing tools, capabilities and capacities within the broad civil society to combat violence and crime

- Build a training and networking program for leaders and managers of field-based organizations
- Philanthropic funding for the operation of local coordinating tables for collective impact based on the model: "Stop the Bleeding"
- Together with potential partners, jointly organize a hackathon to develop technological solutions
- Issue a call for proposals to develop and cultivate civic initiatives addressing crime and violence in Arab society, while also ensuring sustainability of grassroots efforts



# Action Vector 3 Beginning of focused, long-term development in specific content areas

Actions focused on specific, impactful areas requiring substantial infrastructure processes

- Professionals develop partnerships between government, academia, and municipalities to promote and cultivate the professional development of practitioners in prevention fields
- Rehabilitation establish a multi-sector forum for preventing recidivism in Arab society, aimed at advancing rehabilitation efforts and reducing the number of offenders
- Youth & Young Adults establish a forum focused on high-risk youth to prevent their involvement in criminal activities. Develop ongoing support programs for youth up to the age of 25 and leverage existing programs to reduce the number of young adults involved in crime



# Action Vector 4 Support for Quick Wins

Actions to swiftly leverage available tools and opportunities within the field that are ready for development and implementation

- Support an organization that will provide financial mentoring to families and businesses in Arab society
- Invite proposals for the development of economic education programs in Arab society
- Develop technological innovations aimed at implementing advanced payment systems
- Direct Investment to expand the reach of mediation centers
- Support to expand local initiatives such as the Parent Patrols in Arab localities





# **Thank You**