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Section 1: Basic data/Summary

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Country:	El Salvador C.A
Project's location:	Municipalities of Sonsonate, Acajutla and Sonzacate
Project's duration:	30 months
Project:	Peaceful Coexistence and Public Safety Promotion in Sonsonate, Acajutla and Sonzacate No. 00057378
UNO entity responsible:	UNDP
UNO executing partners:	PAHO/WHO, ILO, UNICEF
Non UNO executing partners:	National Public Safety Council, Municipalities of Sonsonate, Acajutla and Sonzacate,
Total project cost:	2,334,960.00 US dollars
Reporting period:	March 2008 – March 2009
Type of report:	First progress report

Executive summary:

From March to September, 2008, the cooperation framework for the development of the project was strengthened. During August and September 2008, a certificate on Public Safety Policies Management was offered. This certificated trained 40 officers and participants in the different public institutions, NGOs and churches, giving them theoretical-practical tools towards the peaceful coexistence management at the local level. In October a Letter of Understanding among the project participating United Nations System Agencies was signed (UNICEF, ILO, PAHO, UNDP), with Sonsonate, Sonzacate and Acajutla Mayors, and the National Public Safety Council, having as witness the Japanese Ambassador in El Salvador, Mr. SHISEI KAKU.

During November, the Project Coordination Unit was created and is presently working at the Sonsonate City Hall (renovation, facilities equipment, coordination, contracting) and additional agreements were undersigned with the implementing partners (Coordination Commission from the Justice Sector and Public Works Ministry). In the same manner, the United Nations System Agencies built a general implementation scheme generating synergy to obtain and articulate the

different objectives and processes at the local level with a public safety and peaceful coexistence perspective. This work eased the establishment of a coordination with UNFPA, GTZ and SWISSCONTACT towards the development of common interventions in the municipalities benefited by the project. During this period started the preparation of project diagnosis and baseline on the violence, delinquency, road accidents, social capital etc., and with partners, the implementation of working plans design also started with CONASEVI (road accidents), UTE (Sexual violence, VIF, criminal investigation, etc.), PNC (community police, information system).

List of abbreviations and acronyms

CCSJ	Justice Sector Coordinating Commission
CNSP	Public Safety National Council
CONASEVI	Road Safety National Committee
COSEVI	Road Safety Committee – Departmental
CSJ	Supreme Court of Justice
FGR	General Attorney's Office
GTZ	German Technical Cooperation
IML	Legal Medicine Institute
ISNA	National Institute for the Integral Development of Childhood and Adolescence
ISSS	Salvadoran Social Security Institute
MINED	Ministry of Education
MOP	Ministry of Public Works
MITRAB	Ministry of Labor
MSPAS	Ministry of Public Health and Social Assistance
MSPJ	Ministry of Public Safety and Justice
ILO	International Labor Organization
PAHO/WHO	Pan American Health Organization/World Health Organization
PGR	General Ombudsperson's Office
PNC	National Civilian Police
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
SWISSCONTACT	Swiss Technical Cooperation
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
UTE	Executive Technical Unit of the Justice Sector
UCP	Project Coordination Unit
VMT	Transportation Vice Ministry

Section II: Purpose

The project will be oriented towards improving human safety and the guarantee of human rights as substantial elements for the integral development of the municipalities of Sonsonate, Sonzacate and Acajutla in the Sonsonate Department. The general objective is "Improving human safety and guarantee of human rights as part of integral development of the 3 municipalities in the Sonsonate department."

Expected results from the project are organized in seven specific objectives (O.E.):

- O. E. 1) The coordination, complementing and effectiveness of State and civil society institutions has been improved towards the prevention of violence and fostering peaceful coexistence and public safety.
- O. E. 2) The population using public spaces safely, has increased in numbers.

- O. E. 3) Protection factors vis-à-vis vulnerability of boys and girls, adolescents and youth rights have increased.
- O. E. 4) Strategies towards the prevention and reduction of armed violence has consolidated.
- O. E. 5) Competent institutions have inputs and mechanisms towards reducing mortality and morbidity due to road accidents.
- O. E. 6) State institutions at the local level have mechanisms and tools towards the integral attention of intra-family and sexual violence.
- O. E. 7) Institutional mechanisms for the design and implementation of actions to reduce gender gaps in access to employment and representation in decision instances, has strengthened.

- Focus towards reaching the objective of human safety:

Public safety is a vital part of human safety. Understood as a public good, public safety refers to a democratic citizen order eliminating the threads of violence against the population, and allows a safe and peaceful coexistence. Citizen safety should not exclusively be seen as a reduction of delinquency indexes, but as a result of an integral strategy oriented towards strengthening public safety. A strategy that needs to include life quality improvement in the population, the comunitarian action for the prevention of crime, among other actions, and needs to be potentiated with educational actions and employment generation.

High homicide rates, together with high levels of other violent crimes incidence (intra family violence, burglaries, extortions, etc.), a high road accidents level and perception of insecurity from most of the population, affect daily life and life quality of people, also having a negative incidence in Human Development, democratic consolidation, governance, and public safety in the country.

- Main implementing partners

- ✓ City Halls of Sonsonate, Acajutla and Sonzacate
- ✓ The Coordinating Commission of the Justice Sector, through the Technical Executive Unit of the Justice Sector, easing the participation of the following institutions at the **national level**: General Ombudsperson Office (PGR), Attorney General's Office (FGR), Ministry of Public Safety and Justice (MSPJ), National Civilian Police (PNC), Supreme Court of Justice (CSJ), Legal Medicine Institute (IML), Salvadoran Institute for Women's Development (ISDEMU), Salvadoran Institute for the Integral Development of Children and Adolescents (ISNA), and Ministry of Public Health and Social Assistance (MSPAS).
- ✓ **Local** Justice Sector Follow-up Committee integrated by: General Ombudsperson Office from the West, Regional Attorney's Office from the West, Departmental Police Delegation of Sonsonate, Family Courts, Courts of the Peace, Legal Medicine Institute of Sonsonate Department, West Regional Delegation of the Women Development Institute, Regional Delegation of the Institute for the Integral Development of Children and Adolescents, Basic System for Integral Health Care of the Ministry of Public Health and Social Assistance.
- ✓ National Road Safety Committee, coordinated by the Ministry of Public Works, facilitating the participation of the following institutions, **at the national level**: Transit Directorate from the Transportation Vice Ministry (VMT), Sub Directorate for PNC Transit Section, Legal

Medicine Institute, Ministry of Public Health and Social Assistance, Ministry of Education, Salvadoran Institute of Social Security, and Glasswing (private foundation).

- ✓ Road Safety Committee of the **Sonsonate Department**, integrated by: City Halls of Sonsonate, Sonzacate and Acajutla, VMT Departmental, Departmental Police Delegation from Sonsonate, Sonsonate Departmental IML, Sonsonate Hospital from the Ministry of Public Health and Social Assistance, Departmental Directorate of Sonsonate of the ministry of Education, and Sonsonate ISSS Hospital.
- ✓ Local Economic Development Association of Sonsonate
- ✓ Labor Ministry Sonsonate Departmental
- ✓ International Organizations: Swisscontact, GTZ & UNFPA.

Section III: Results:

Results:	IOVs	Progress	Recommendations/Comments
<p>O. E. 1) The coordination, complementing and effectiveness of State and civil society institutions has been improved towards the prevention of violence, and fostering peaceful coexistence and public safety. (UNDP)</p>	<p>A certificate on public safety policies and peaceful coexistence was offered addressed to national institutions in the three municipalities (September, 2008).</p> <p>Agreement with City Halls to implement the project (October, 2008).</p> <p>Agreement of the Justice Sector Coordinating Commission to support the project through UTE (January, 2009).</p> <p>Creation of a police Commission to prepare a working plan towards the strengthening of the Sonsonate police Delegation (Acajutla and Sonzacate) referring to the information system and community police (February, 2009).</p> <p>Establishment of baseline for project and diagnosys (March, 2009).</p> <p>Preparation of the reference terms to prepare a legal diagnosis on counterventional regulations application feasibility in the three municipalities (March, 2009).</p>	<p>Certificate performed</p> <p>Agreement undersigned by the three mayors, the National Public Safety Council and the United Nations Agencies participating (UNDP, UNICEF, ILO & PAHO)</p> <p>Agreement undersigned by the Coordination Commission.</p> <p>The PNC Director assigned a deputy to ease the Commission coordination.</p>	<p>Develop meetings with Municipal Councils from Acajutla and Sonzacate to assure the follow up of the agreements.</p> <p>This exploratory diagnosis allowed the identification of the communities mostly affected by violence and crime in the three municipalities.</p>
		<p>Start an information system diagnosis for the Police Delegation in charge of the Informatics & Telecommunication Department of PNC.</p> <p>Baseline for the project in bidding process, after discussion its content with the executing agencies.</p> <p>Data collection from PNC, ISNA, MINED, VMT, MSPAS on violence, delinquency, road accidents and information on social capital, public spaces, risk factors, cultural</p>	

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<p>O. E. 2) Population using public spaces safely, has increased in numbers. (UNICEF)</p>	<p>An instrument was prepared with the Sonsonate City Hall to collect data on the communities most strongly affected by violence and delinquency in the Sonsonate municipality, as well as on social capital, public spaces, risk factors, cultural activities, sports activities, etc., and the mapping of this information (March, 2009).</p>	<p>activities, etc., in the communities mostly affected, preparing crime maps. Zones were defined, sources were identified (leaders), to gather information, and a working plan was prepared with the city hall promoters in Sonsonate, to collect said information.</p>	<p>This effort will also be implemented in the Sonzacate and Acajutla municipalities, before the local government changes.</p>
<p>O. E. 3) Protection factors vis-à-vis vulnerability of boys and girls, adolescents and youth rights have increased. (UNICEF/ILO)</p>	<p>Field visits to identify partners in the implementation of vocational youth education actions, including areas such as leadership, occupational health, and entrepreneurship addressed to adolescents and youth (February, 2009). Coordination workshops development among the German Technical Cooperation (GTZ) and Swisscontact agencies, ILO and UNDP towards the building of a common mechanisms for the execution and follow-up of the education, employment and entrepreneurship areas, addressed to youth and women (February/March, 2009).</p>	<p>ILO, UNDP, GTZ & Swisscontact established a common working plan to create the local coordination mechanisms with the active participation of benefited city halls.</p>	<p>The institutions coordination mechanisms strengthening, with private bodies and civil society (INSAFORP, Chamber of Commerce, Employment Table, ADEL, etc.) represent an important challenge for the project to reach a greater impact on these areas.</p>
<p>O. E. 4) Strategies towards the prevention and reduction of armed violence has consolidated (UNDP).</p>	<p>Development of an organization and operational capability diagnosis of the Municipal Police in Sonsonate and Acajutla to carry out a joint work with the PNC towards the fire arms control in public spaces and coexistence.</p>	<p>Meetings and diagnosis visits have been performed to diagnose the present state of relations among the actors and the search for quantitative information on the impact of fire arms on violence in the working</p>	<p>There is no coordinated work between CAM and the police. Considering a development of the different campaigns is foreseen</p>

Results:	IOVs	Progress	Recommendations/Comments
	<p>Police data collection on crimes committed with fire arms and thus identify the communities, types of crimes and victims affected by armed violence.</p> <p>Drafting of terms of reference for the design and development of a sensitization and information campaign on risks linked to offensive weapons carrying in public spaces.</p>	<p>municipality.</p>	<p>(prevention of sexual, intra-family, armed and road accidental violence), agencies agreed to adopt a global concept of campaign in order to strengthen the project identity and unify communication strategies to reduce the risk of provoking a saturation of the media and messages confusion among the population. This campaign will look for the active participation of community leaders (women, girls, boys, adolescents, youth, etc.) and the activities will potentiate the public spaces in the three municipalities.</p>
<p>Results:</p> <p>O. E. 5) Competent institutions have inputs and mechanisms towards reducing mortality and morbidity due to road accidents (PAHO).</p>	<p>IOVs</p> <p>Establishment of an agreement with the Ministry of Public Works for the development of this component with CONASEVI (February/March).</p> <p>Diagnosis performance on road accidents and signalization in all three municipalities with the active participation of PNC, MSPAS and VMT (February/March, 2009).</p> <p>Strategic plan agreeing with public policies, granting guidelines to COSEVI for the preparation of an operative road accidents prevention plan in all three municipalities (March, 2009).</p>	<p>Progress</p> <p>Agreement reviewed by Minister of Public Works advisors.</p> <p>Diagnosis completed.</p> <p>Final document in draft stage.</p>	<p>Recommendations/Comments</p> <p>Soon will a meeting with the Minister of Public Works be held, to undersign the agreement (March 23, 2009).</p> <p>The private association Glasswing will finance PNC activities and equipment (radar) to decrease accidents in the highways crossing the municipalities of Acajutla and Sonsonate.</p>
<p>O. E. 6) State institutions at the local level have mechanisms and tools towards the integral attention of intrafamily and sexual violence (PAHO).</p>	<p>Agreement of the Justice Sector Coordinating Commission to support the project through UTE (January, 2009).</p> <p>Support from PAHO and UNDP to</p>	<p>Agreement undersigned by the Coordination Commission.</p>	<p>A coordination among PAHO, UNDP & UNFPA was established, sharing common objectives around sexual and intra-family violence. These</p>

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<p>O. E. 7) Institutional mechanisms for the design and implementation of actions to reduce gender gaps in access to employment and representation in decision instances, has strengthened (UNDP).</p>	<p>the UTE commission in charge of preparing strategic guidelines that will be used by the Follow-Up Committee integrated by the representatives of local level institution in the building of an integral model for attention to sexual and intra-family violence, attention to victims, strengthening of the information system, among other.</p> <p>Incorporation of the UTE commission in the subject, contributing towards the design of a model to tend to violence victims.</p> <p>Establishment of an operational coordination with the UNDP Gender Area in order to develop the Gender policy construction process in the municipalities of Sonsonate and Acajutla, as well as accompanying in the other project processes, in order to guarantee a gender focus in the areas of safety, employment and citizen participation.</p> <p>Development of a joint working process with ILO & UNDP to identify partners and formation of implementation mechanisms, employment and entrepreneurship for young women and heads of household. (February – March, 2009)</p> <p>Participation in the coordination workshops between GTZ,</p>	<p>A coordination among PAHO, UNDP & UNFPA was established, sharing common objectives around sexual and intra-family violence.</p> <p>ILO, UNDP, GTZ & Swisscontact established a common working plan to create the local coordination mechanisms with the active participation of benefited city halls.</p>	<p>agencies support the same commission that UTE does, to develop these subjects. It is worth mentioning that UNFPA accepted to incorporate in the research and service quality diagnosis, information system, etc., the municipalities of Sonsonate & Acajutla, directly benefiting the project.</p>

Results:	IOVs	Progress	Recommendations/Comments
Project Coordination (UNDP)	<p>Swisscontact, ILO & UNDP for the construction of a common mechanism for the execution and follow-up of education, employment and entrepreneurship areas addressed to women (February/March, 2009).</p> <p>Hiring of Project Coordinator (Nov. 2008)</p> <p>Remodeling, equipping and installation of the Coordination Unit at the Sonsonate City Hall (December 2008/March 2009).</p> <p>Selection of administrator, prevention promotor and driver (March 2009).</p> <p>Purchase of Coordination Unit vehicle (December 2008)</p>	<p>There is a Project Coordinator with a physical space at the Sonsonate City Hall.</p>	<p>Sonsonate City Hall provided a facility for UCP and financed the remodeling of it.</p>

- Difficulties in implementation, including plans to approach them.

Inter-agency coordination mechanisms: For the definition of mechanisms and participating actors in the different coordination spaces, the UNCT made up by the heads of agency of the United Nations System, decided to carry out a review of the foreseen mechanisms and establish the necessary correctives.

El Salvador has gone through a pre-electoral period with a high political polarization, recently concluding with the electoral processes for municipal authorities (January, 2009) and presidential (March, 2009), resulting in a political party and municipal authorities change in Sonzacate, and authorities in Acajutla municipality. In the case of Sonsonate, the municipal party and authority continues with the exercise, although close to 60% of the Municipal Council will be renewed. Within this framework, the speed of the project implementation needed to be reduced, and the necessary arrangements are being made to ensure an immediate implementation at the end of this period. The working components definition process has advanced with the municipal authority in Sonsonate, who will continue in office.

- Budgeted funds actually spent

The disbursement received was:	1,005,141.95
Total spent	<u>64,314.04</u>
Balance to Dec 31, 2008	940, 827.91

- Inter Agency Collaboration

During this period, the Inter-Agency Follow-Up Committee, with the support of the coordination Unit re-grouped actions of the different project objectives per component, in order to generate synergy when obtaining them at the local level with a general scheme of implementation that will ease the identification of partners in the implementation of the project, and an articulation among the processes, from a public safety and peaceful coexistence perspective.

This grouping was done taking into consideration the nature of the action (policy, community, institutional), the existence of national and local coordination entities specialized in specific subjects (Justice Sector of the Coordination Commission, National Committee for Road Safety) that could ease an articulation among the national policies, and the projects purpose. For example, support the implementation of municipal processes (Justice Follow-Up Committee, Road Safety Committee in the Department of Sonsonate, employment table). Through this joint work process, the following components were created:

- ✓ **Municipal policies** that re-group municipal policy actions requiring a leadership from local governments for the preparation and implementation of a Public Safety and Peaceful Coexistence policy.
- ✓ **Safety and justice** that has as a main axis the institutional strengthening and actions focused on the improvement of facilities, equipments, and human resource capacities in the justice sector institutions for the recollection and information analysis, strengthening of the system, attention to the intra-family and sexual violence cases, attention to victims, support to complaints mechanisms, mediation, legal orientation, among others.
- ✓ **Peaceful coexistence and citizen culture** for the strengthening and fostering of the co-responsibility and active participation of the citizenry (women, men, youth, adolescents, etc.) in the project development, through educational processes, improvement of public spaces, cultural event organization, sports, information campaign development, education and communication, etc.

- ✓ **Education and employment** to implement activities related to the creation of labour opportunities through the implementation of professional education processes, entrepreneurship, supporting macro-projects for employment generation addressed to adolescents, youth and women, as well as the building of transactional education rooms.
- ✓ **Road security** incorporating actions oriented towards decreasing injuries and deaths due to road accidents, which will be implemented by CONASEVI and the Road Security Committee in the Sonsonate Department (COSEVI).
- ✓ **Experiences promotion** concentrating actions that will favor project impact measure on the different subjects dealt, as well as the promotion of the experience.

This work has allowed the establishment of a national level coordination with inter-institutional agencies (CONASEVI, CCSJ), and clarify local government leaderships, among others. In the same manner, it eased the establishment of coordinations with other cooperation agencies such as GTZ, SWISSCONTACT & UNFPA in the “Employment and education” components, as well as “Safety & Justice,” respectively.

Annex 1: Letter of Understanding signed

**CARTA DE ENTENDIMIENTO ENTRE
EL CONSEJO NACIONAL DE SEGURIDAD PÚBLICA,
LAS MUNICIPALIDADES DE SONSONATE, SONZACATE Y ACAJUTLA
Y
EL PROGRAMA DE LAS NACIONES UNIDAS PARA EL DESARROLLO (PNUD),
EL FONDO DE LAS NACIONES UNIDAS PARA LA INFANCIA (UNICEF),
LA ORGANIZACIÓN PANAMERICANA DE LA SALUD (OPS/OMS)
LA ORGANIZACIÓN INTERNACIONAL DE TRABAJO (OIT)
PARA LA EJECUCIÓN DEL PROYECTO:
“FORTALECIMIENTO DE LA SEGURIDAD Y CONVIVENCIA CIUDADANA
EN TRES MUNICIPIOS DE SONSONATE”**

Considerando que la seguridad ciudadana es uno de los principales problemas que aquejan a la sociedad salvadoreña, convirtiéndose en un verdadero reto para la convivencia social; siendo el departamento de Sonsonate uno de los más afectados por la violencia y delincuencia nacional.

Considerando el compromiso de las Agencias del Sistema de Naciones Unidas de promover el desarrollo humano, el respeto a la dignidad y la igualdad de oportunidad para todas y todos, ampliando el debate de oportunidades para las personas y sociedades.

Considerando que desde el Gobierno de El Salvador, se han impulsado acciones de prevención social de la violencia, las cuales están encabezadas por el Consejo Nacional de Seguridad Pública.

Considerando que las Alcaldías Municipales de Sonsonate, Sonzacate y Acajutla han manifestado su interés y disposición para coordinar estrategias de trabajo orientadas a fortalecer la seguridad humana en sus localidades.

Considerando que el Gobierno de Japón a través del Fondo Fiduciario de Seguridad Humana apoya la promoción de la seguridad humana para proteger y movilizar su potencial, frente a las amenazas que se presentan a su desarrollo; para ello, acompaña la presente iniciativa en el nivel local para incidir en la nación salvadoreña en su conjunto.

Considerando el compromiso compartido entre las distintas instituciones firmantes de la presente Carta de Entendimiento, en ayudar a mejorar la seguridad humana y la garantía de los derechos humanos, como elementos sustantivos del desarrollo integral en el Departamento de Sonsonate, las partes firmantes **ACUERDAN:**

ARTICULO I. OBLIGACIONES GENERALES DE LAS PARTES

Estrechar los lazos de cooperación y comunicación para el desarrollo de manera coordinada e integrada de la iniciativa “Fortalecimiento de la Seguridad y Convivencia Ciudadana en tres municipios de Sonsonate”, que en adelante se denominará “el Proyecto Conjunto”.

Para ello se desarrollará una intervención integral, multisectorial, interdisciplinaria y sistemática que atienda las diversas demandas de la seguridad humana, con un énfasis especial

en el fomento de la convivencia y seguridad ciudadana, atendiendo aspectos claves como la disminución de las brechas de género y la protección integral de la niñez y adolescencia, que permitan la consecución de los objetivos y resultados del Proyecto Conjunto.

ARTÍCULO II. OBJETIVOS

El objetivo central del Proyecto Conjunto consiste en mejorar la seguridad humana y la garantía de los derechos humanos como parte del desarrollo integral de los municipios de Sonsonate, Sonzacate y Acajutla, en el departamento de Sonsonate.

Por ello, las actividades y resultados esperados del Proyecto Conjunto están organizados a partir de siete (7) Objetivos Específicos, los cuales se describen a continuación:

1. Mejorar la coordinación, complementariedad y efectividad de las instituciones del Estado y la sociedad civil para la prevención de la violencia y el fomento de la convivencia y seguridad ciudadana.
2. Aumentar la cantidad de población que utiliza espacios públicos de manera segura, de acuerdo a los recursos económicos establecidos en el Proyecto Conjunto
3. Incrementar los factores de protección frente a la vulneración de los derechos de niños, niñas, adolescentes y jóvenes, de acuerdo a los recursos económicos establecidos en el Proyecto Conjunto.
4. Consolidar estrategias para la prevención y reducción de la violencia armada.
5. Dotar a las instituciones competentes de insumos y mecanismos para reducir la mortalidad y morbilidad por accidentalidad vial.
6. Dotar a las instituciones del Estado y del nivel local de mecanismos y herramientas para la atención integral de la violencia intrafamiliar y sexual.
7. Fortalecer los mecanismos institucionales para el diseño e implementación de acciones para reducir brechas de género en el acceso a empleo y representación en instancias de decisión.

ARTÍCULO III. DURACIÓN DEL PROYECTO CONJUNTO

El Proyecto Conjunto tiene una duración de treinta meses (30), que se ejecutarán en dos fases, siendo que la primera de ellas culmina en el mes de marzo de dos mil nueve y la segunda el treinta y uno de agosto de dos mil diez, salvo que se acuerden extensiones al mismo por el donante.

ARTÍCULO IV. RESPONSABILIDADES GENERALES DE LAS PARTES

Para cumplir con el objetivo de esta Carta de Entendimiento, las partes firmantes han convenido que las responsabilidades generales serán las siguientes:

PRIMERO: Responsabilidades del Consejo Nacional de Seguridad Pública

Para la implementación del Proyecto Conjunto, el Consejo Nacional de Seguridad Pública actuará en calidad de Contraparte Nacional de Ejecución y Asociado en la implementación. Sus responsabilidades serán las siguientes:

- a. Coordinar con instituciones del nivel nacional para obtener apoyo y respaldo para la ejecución del Proyecto Conjunto.

- b. Asesorar y apoyar proactivamente a las tres (3) municipalidades involucradas para una adecuada ejecución del Proyecto Conjunto.
- c. Garantizar la coherencia y articulación del Proyecto Conjunto a planes y estrategias nacionales.
- d. Realizar monitoreo sistemático y de gestión al Proyecto Conjunto.

SEGUNDO: Responsabilidades de las Municipales de Sonsonate, Sonzacate y Acajutla

Las Municipalidades de Sonsonate, Sonzacate y Acajutla actuarán en calidad de Contrapartes Locales de Ejecución. Sus responsabilidades serán:

- a. Participar en el Consejo de Dirección del Proyecto Conjunto.
- b. Apoyar la implementación del Proyecto Conjunto
- c. Participar en el diseño de estrategias de sostenibilidad junto con el Consejo Nacional de Seguridad Pública e instituciones locales
- d. Seleccionar de su propio personal o contratar un promotor social por municipalidad, quien estará designado a funciones específicas del Proyecto Conjunto y reportarán al coordinador de la Unidad.
- e. La Alcaldía Municipal de Sonsonate se compromete a dotar de un espacio físico de carácter permanente a la Unidad de Coordinación, por el tiempo que dure la ejecución del Proyecto Conjunto y sus posibles extensiones.

TERCERO: Responsabilidades de las Agencias del Sistema de Naciones Unidas

Las Agencias del Sistema de Naciones Unidas participantes serán responsables de:

- a. Canalizar recursos financieros aportados por el UN Trust Fund for Human Security (UNTFHS), según lo establecido en el Documento de Proyecto Conjunto y su plan operativo.
- b. Cada Agencia del Sistema de Naciones Unidas participantes establecerá un registro contable separado, para recibir y administrar los fondos que se le entreguen a cargo, asumiendo para ello, la responsabilidad programática y financiera de los fondos a ella entregados por el Agente Administrador. La administración de estos registros contables se realizará de conformidad con sus propios reglamentos, normas, directivas y procedimientos.
- c. Brindar asistencia técnica a las diferentes instancias implicadas en la ejecución del Proyecto Conjunto.
- d. Coordinar la actualización de la línea base, el desarrollo de evaluación de medio término y final del Proyecto Conjunto.

- e. Desarrollar el monitoreo permanente a la ejecución del Proyecto Conjunto y garantizar la integralidad de las acciones en base a los objetivos planteados.
- f. El PNUD actuará además en calidad de Agente Administrador del Proyecto Conjunto.

ARTÍCULO V. ESTRUCTURAS GENERADAS POR EL PROYECTO CONJUNTO

La ejecución del Proyecto Conjunto se apoyará en las siguientes estructuras:

PRIMERA: El Consejo de Dirección

El Consejo de Dirección estará integrado por el Presidente del Consejo Nacional de Seguridad Pública, las y los Jefes de las Agencias del Sistema de Naciones Unidas involucradas y los Alcaldes de las municipalidades de Sonsonate, Sonzacate y Acajutla. Este Funcionará como órgano colegiado de conducción estratégica del Proyecto Conjunto y tendrá la responsabilidad de aprobar planes y presupuestos anuales y coordinar con otras instituciones a nivel local y nacional.

Será el ente responsable de la aprobación de planes y presupuestos operacionales, para tal efecto, se reunirá trimestralmente y tomará sus decisiones por consenso y de no ser posible, por mayoría simple. De igual forma realizarán una evaluación anual de los resultados obtenidos, haciendo hincapié en la contribución del Proyecto Conjunto al seguimiento de dichos resultados.

SEGUNDA: El Comité Técnico de las Agencias del Sistema de Naciones Unidas

Será el responsable de la coordinación y seguimiento técnico del Proyecto Conjunto, por lo que se integrará con al menos un oficial de programas de cada una de las Agencias del Sistema de Naciones Unidas involucradas.

El Comité asegurará el trabajo interinstitucional e interagencial, para ello facilitará la coordinación entre la Unidad de Coordinación y las Agencias ejecutoras. De igual forma, brindará monitoreo y seguimiento sistemático a los planes anuales del Proyecto Conjunto.

TERCERA: La Unidad de Coordinación del Proyecto Conjunto

Será el órgano encargado de la ejecución operativa del Proyecto Conjunto, para ello desarrollará la planificación, implementación y elaboración de informes técnicos y financieros trimestrales y anuales. Será además el órgano responsable de mantener por separado la contabilidad, los registros y documentaciones de apoyo del mismo.

La Unidad de Coordinación del Proyecto Conjunto dependerá del Comité Técnico de las Agencias del Sistema de Naciones Unidas y del Consejo Directivo.

Para la ejecución de su cometido, deberá contar al menos con un coordinador, un asistente administrativo, un personal técnico y un motorista. También contará con al menos un promotor social aportado por cada una de las municipalidades involucradas, quien estará designado para cumplir funciones específicas del Proyecto Conjunto.

ARTÍCULO VI. SUMINISTROS Y EQUIPOS

En el transcurso de la ejecución del Proyecto Conjunto y sus extensiones si las hubiere; y antes de la devolución del equipo, si este fuera acordado, las contrapartes nacionales y locales de ejecución serán responsables de la custodia, conservación y cuidados adecuados de los bienes asignados bajo su custodia. Se colocarán en los suministros, equipo y otros materiales que proporcione o financie las marcas que sean necesarias para indicar que pertenecen a este Proyecto Conjunto.

Los suministros y equipos entregados a las Contrapartes Nacionales y Locales de Ejecución se destinarán exclusivamente para dar cumplimiento a los propósitos del presente Proyecto Conjunto.

Al expirar o cancelarse según sea el caso, el presente Acuerdo, la propiedad del equipo y los suministros por causa del Proyecto Conjunto serán determinados de conformidad con los reglamentos, normas, directivas y procedimientos aplicables a los respectivos organismos de las Naciones Unidas participantes, salvo que previamente se establezcan otros acuerdos.

ARTÍCULO VII. DISPOSICIONES FINANCIERAS

Los fondos serán ejecutados conforme al Plan de Trabajo anual y su modalidad de implementación será la respectiva de cada una de las agencias.

En caso de necesitarse, se coordinará para poder reasignar recursos financieros de una partida presupuestaria a otra, siempre y cuando no se modifique la obtención de los resultados previstos y los valores a reasignarse no sean porcentajes superiores al diez por ciento (10%) de lo presupuestado en las partidas que se disminuyen.

ARTÍCULO VIII. PRESENTACIÓN DE INFORMES

Al finalizar la primera fase y al finalizar el Proyecto Conjunto, la Unidad de Coordinación presentará un informe narrativo y financiero al Agente Administrador para ser remitido al donante. En todo caso, también, la Unidad de Coordinación presentará trimestralmente informes de avances a fin de verificar los avances en el cumplimiento de objetivos y resultados.

ARTÍCULO IX . PRERROGATIVAS E INMUNIDADES

La Coordinadora Residente representa también a los organismos de las Naciones Unidas no residentes, que prestan cooperación al desarrollo en El Salvador y en esta calidad deberá entenderse que para la presente Carta de Entendimiento firma también por la Organización Internacional del Trabajo (OIT)

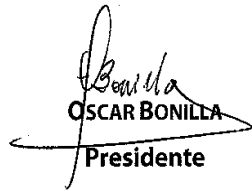
Nada de lo dispuesto en la presente Carta de Entendimiento y nada que se refiera a ella, será considerado como renuncia, expresa o tácita, respecto de las prerrogativas e inmunidades que corresponden a las Naciones Unidas.

ARTÍCULO X. ENMIENDAS Y ACUERDOS

La presente Carta de Entendimiento únicamente podrá ser modificada o enmendada mediante acuerdo escrito entre las partes. Sin embargo, podrán celebrarse acuerdos bilaterales

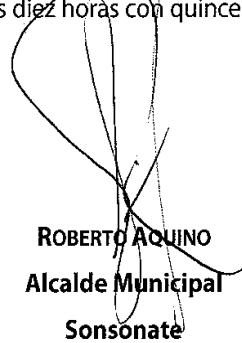
o multilaterales para facilitar el mejor cumplimiento de los objetivos establecidos en el Proyecto Conjunto.

EN TESTIMONIO DE LO CUAL, los infrascritos, debidamente autorizados para ello, teniendo como testigo al Señor **SHISEI KAKU, Embajador de Japón en El Salvador**, firman la presente Carta de Entendimiento en la Alcaldía de Sonsonate, a las diez horas con quince minutos del día diecisiete de octubre de dos mil ocho.



OSCAR BONILLA
Presidente

Consejo Nacional de Seguridad Pública



ROBERTO AQUINO
Alcalde Municipal
Sonsonate



MIGUEL ÁNGEL ALVARADO
Alcaldía Municipal
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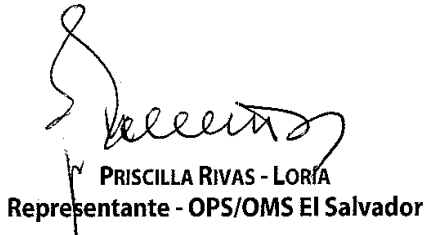
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Alcalde Municipal
Acajutla



MIRIAM R. DE FIGUEROA
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Representante - UNICEF El Salvador



RICHARD BARATHE
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