

INTERNATIONAL NETWORK TO HELP MEN, FAMILIES & COMMUNITIES

**Men have problems and need help
locally, nationally and globally.**

Current Trends

- Globally, government failures, weapons trade and profiteering, and lack of decent work and sustainable communities are part of the problem fueling unrest, war and global migration.
- There are hundreds of millions of men moving around the planet looking for work.
- In the United States, from 2001 to 2013, 406,496 people died by firearms.
- Eighty (80%) percent of all crime in the U.S. is caused by men (it is probably similar around the world). One out of four black men end-up in jail or prison.
- In 2005, after the *UN Interfaith Conference for Peace*, I asked an Undersecretary-General at the UN for funding for a men's development program. He did not reply.
- Today, 10 years later, unconnected, unloving, dysfunctional, directionless men are still prey for gangs, organized crime and terrorist groups.
- For communities, nations and the world to have peace and sustainability, men need to have healthy relationships, decent work, thriving families, and be involved in inclusive, creative communities.
- When men don't have work, they get into trouble. They are drawn into selling drugs, sex, guns and weapons of all kinds. They are recruited by gangs, organized crime, and now terrorism.
- We will go from 7 billion people on Earth today, to somewhere between 9 to 10 billion people on the planet by 2050.
- Men need help, guidance, counseling and work to be able to have a decent job, home and family.

**Men need help or they will create
more violence, war and terrorism.**

MEN'S DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

For communities, nations and the world to have peace and sustainably, men need to be productive. Men need to have healthy relationships, decent work, thriving families, and be involved in inclusive, creative communities.

Four Types of Men's Groups

Mastermind Group

- Combination of brainstorming, education, peer accountability and support in a group setting to sharpen business and personal skills.
- Participants challenge each other to set powerful goals, and more importantly, to accomplish them.
- Give and receive advice and ideas, and support each other with total honesty, respect and compassion.
- Members act as catalysts for growth and as supportive colleagues.

Wisdom, Emotional and Social Lessons

- Sharing experiences and difficulties.
- Sharing needs and concerns .
- Listening deeply to each other.
- Offering what worked in similar situations.
- Providing lessons learned and wisdom gained from past experiences.
- Wisdom circle.
- Teaching circle, spiritual lessons.
- Character building.

Social & Community Improvement

1. Information on Addiction-Free Support Groups
2. Men's Health
3. Men's Education
4. Leadership Training for Youth
5. Work and Financial Development
6. Constructive Alternatives for Youth Instead of Gangs
7. Constructive Re-entry of Formerly Incarcerated Men into Society
8. Communication and Relationship Skills
9. Community Involvement, Service and Mentoring
10. One-Stop Community Centers for Families, Children and Youth

Business Presentations Group

- Presenting business opportunities for each other.
- Having the chance to practice business public speaking skills.
- Business networking.
- Business development.

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