

Citizen Security & Justice Program Phase 3 - Jamaica

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What is the problem?

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Project

- Crime and Violence: Nationally young men are the primary perpetrators and victims of homicide in Jamaica
- Population size = 2.9 million
- Pop. below poverty = 16.5% (2009)
- Homicide rate (2013) = 40 per 100,000
- Youth unemployment = 39%

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- Youth unattachment to the labour market
- Risk of being involved in crime

Intervention(s)

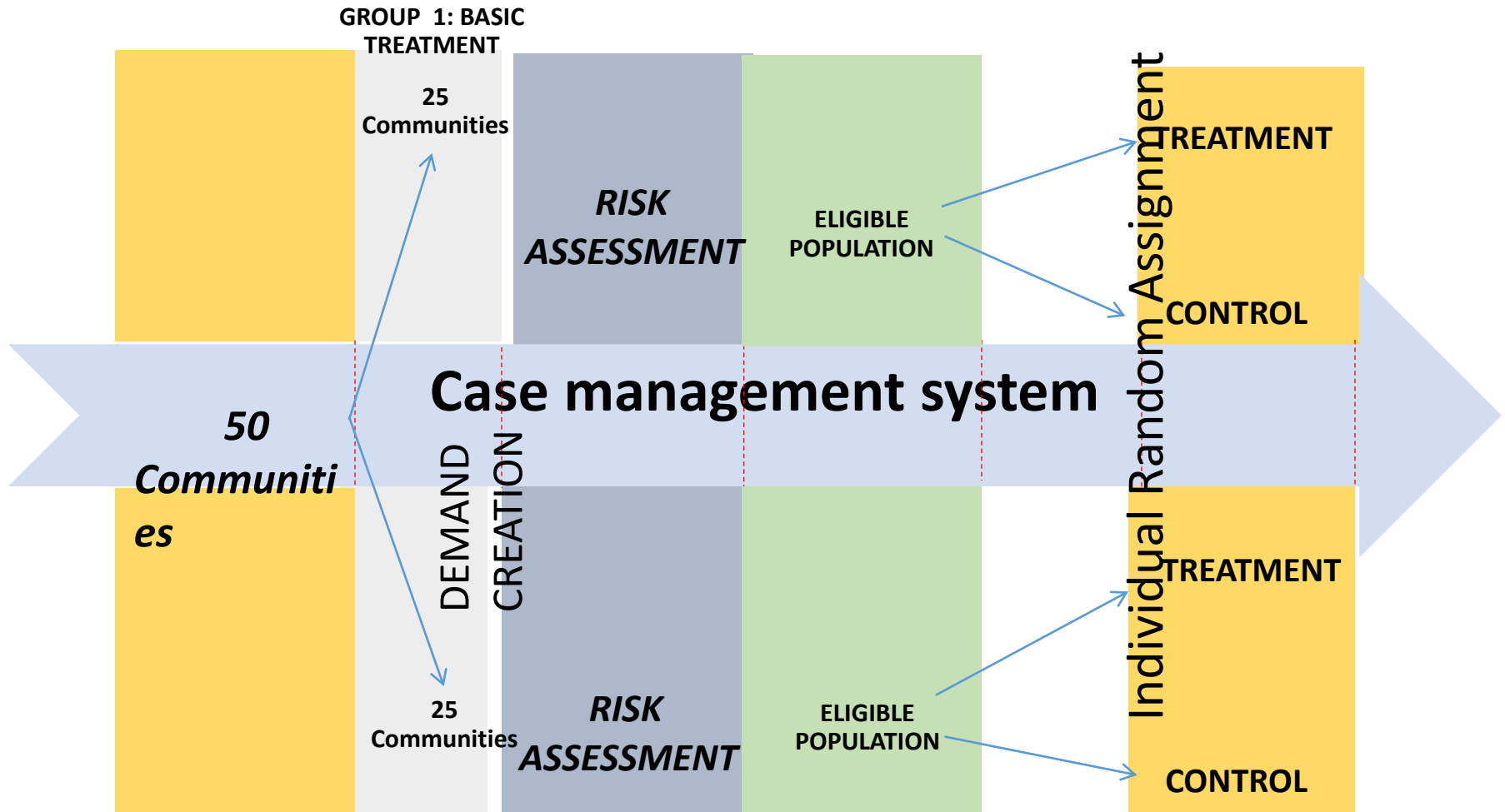
- Providing vocational and life skills training to youth aged 14 to 24 in 50 communities in 8 parishes, followed by job placement

Research Questions

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- 1. Does a comprehensive labour market intervention (including job placements) programme increase the probability of participants getting a job?*
- 2. Does a comprehensive labour market intervention (including job placements) programme reduce the risk factors for crime and violence?*
- 1. How does an additional structured job mentorship programme impact the job retention rates of participants?*

Methods & Design



Outcomes & Measurement

1. Employment
 - Probability of getting a job (formal/informal)
 - Income
 - Job tenure
 - Other benefits (health, pension)

2. Behavioural Change
 - Self-Control
 - Risk Aversion
 - Aggression
 - Punctuality
 - Self-Esteem

Unit of observation: community and individual

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Access to Justice for vulnerable groups

What is the problem?

- Vulnerable groups (IDPs, refugees, women, juveniles and low income families, including in remote areas) suffer barriers to access to justice services

Intervention(s)

- Provision of Legal Aid to Vulnerable groups in two forms:
 - Stationary
 - Mobile

Research Questions

- *Does Legal Aid help vulnerable groups solve their legal problems?*
- *Does Legal Aid increase trust and satisfaction with the Judiciary?*
- *What is the most efficient form of providing Legal Aid: stationary or mobile?*
- *Theory of Change: Legal Aid > Dispute Resolution > Satisfaction > Trust in Judiciary*

Methods & Design

Method

Randomized Control Trial

Treatment 1: Opening two legal aid brick and mortar centers, mailing personal invitations in 30 locations (N=3,000)

Treatment 2: Mobile legal aid: 30 locations (N~1000)

Control group: Endline survey in 30 locations (N=1000)

Outcomes & Measurement

Outcomes:

- *Legal disputes*
- *Satisfaction*
- *Trust in judiciary*
- *Legal knowledge*

Unit(s) of observation:

Individual/community

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Increasing Professionalism of Judges

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What is the problem?

What is the problem? *Low Professionalism within the Judiciary*

- Low quality of judicial decisions/written opinions
- Slow judicial proceedings (time required to complete a civil case (e.g., contract enforcement) is 340 days; cost required for parties in court= 22 percent of the value of the claim)
- Low public trust in courts (less than 40% of general population trust courts; only 27% of court users are satisfied)

Intervention: *Provide intensive training to district court judges*

- Institute of Justice will develop a curriculum to be approved by the Supreme Court
- Emphases will be placed on teaching practices that improve efficiency of court processes and quality of legal judgments
- Instructors will be practitioners and legal scholars from both within Kazakhstan and abroad

Research Questions

Research questions:

- Can training of judges improve the quality and efficiency of the judicial system?
- What type of training works?

Mechanisms/Treatment Arms:

- Type of training – Web training vs. In-class training
- Web courses are more cost-effective, time-effective, and self-directed
- In-class courses provide opportunities for personalized teacher-student interactions and monitoring of judge trainees during coursework

Methods & Design

Method: Randomized Control Trial

Sample size/Clusters: 340 district-level courts (2500 total judges)

- Includes criminal, civil, administrative, and commercial courts

Control group: 140 courts

Treatment group: 100 courts per treatment arm

- Type of judicial training: web-based training vs. on-site training

Sample stratification: type of court

Supplementary interventions:

- International training fellowships for judges
- Bringing foreign judicial process experts to Kazakh district courts to provide personal feedback
- Introducing performance based incentives after training

Outcomes & Measurement

Outcomes:

- Judicial Quality
 - Decreased share of cases overturned upon appeal to higher instance courts
 - Increased citizens' trust in courts measured through surveys of court users (litigants, witnesses, families of the accused, etc.)
 - Enhanced logic/quality of legal opinions assessed by e.g., by Bar Association/legal professionals to blindly review written opinions)
- Judicial Efficiency
 - Increased number of judgments delivered per month
 - Enhanced courtroom management/flow (e.g., using random courtroom visits by legal observers)

Unit(s) of observation:

- courthouse (district-level)

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