The Center on Conflict and Development at Texas A&M University seeks to improve the effectiveness of development programs and policies for conflict-affected and fragile countries through multidisciplinary research and education. The Center’s Strategic Analytics Lab is conducting two studies funded by the USAID/Mexico Mission.

Research Studies on Crime and Violence

**Focused Deterrence Research**

ConDev is partnering with the USAID/Mexico Mission to conduct a multi-year research program on focused deterrence.

Objective: To conduct an impact evaluation of focused deterrence interventions in three municipalities of the northern states of Mexico. The activity that ConDev is evaluating will adapt the principles of focused deterrence to prevent violence in Chihuahua, Juarez, and Monterrey.

**Learning for Local Crime and Violence Prevention Systems**

ConDev is partnering with the USAID/Mexico Mission to conduct a multi-year learning activity of municipal crime and violence prevention efforts.

Objective: The purpose of the learning activity is to support local stakeholders to examine the contribution of multi-sectoral, municipal prevention strategies and local system strengthening efforts for sustainable reductions in crime and violence rates, and use the lessons learned to adapt policies and programming. This learning activity will also provide an understanding of crime and violence trends in Mexico as well as their drivers.