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Peace in Our Cities is a network of 19 cities and 30 community-based and international partners that are working together to champion the goal of halving urban violence by 2030. Our network creates concrete, participatory, and evidence-based platform exchanges to bring violence levels down in member cities, while also building a global movement of urban violence reduction advocates, demonstrating progress is possible through community-centered, evidence-informed practice.

Peace in Our Cities (PiOC) works to amplify, advance, and accompany municipal governments and civil society organizations. PiOC seeks to amplify knowledge of the scale of the urban violence problem, and advance evidence-based policy solutions and peacebuilding approaches to reduce violence in urban contexts. PiOC accompanies and supports city leaders and partner organizations in efforts to reduce the most serious forms of violence in their cities.

In the last year PiOC has:

- Hosted the PiOC strategy meeting in Amman, Jordan in February 2020.
- Taken knowledge sharing to the virtual space, hosting monthly webinars with PiOC members, including mayors, city leaders, and CSOs, since March 2020.
- Co-created a research agenda with city members in the immediate wake of COVID-19 to respond to urgent knowledge needs, conducting action-oriented research on the impact of COVID-19 on how best to protect public safety in addition to reinforcing public health.
- Launched a research compendium titled [Peace in Our Cities in a Time of Pandemic](#) with six thematic reports highlighting city-specific examples of interventions taken to reduce violence in the midst of the pandemic's worst effects.
- Published a [series of blog posts](#) on the virtual knowledge exchange between members.

- Engaged with local government officials and diverse stakeholders to share evidence-based research and to amplify their work on violence prevention, including hosting an event for five Latin American cities to present their local violence prevention strategies.
- Approved and funded 9 projects across 8 member cities through Impact:Peace's Peace Incentive Fund to support evidence-driven violence prevention projects.
- Issued a [Joint Statement](#) on advancing women's leadership and political participation to build peaceful, just, and inclusive cities with 20 signatories.
- Hosted panel discussions and participated in high-level events including Geneva Peace Week, the World Bank Fragility Forum, World Urban Forum, the Commission on the Status of Women, Stockholm Forum on Peace and Development, and others.