• PROJECT NAME	**DIVERSION PROJECT**
• TYPE OF PRACTICE	Restorative Justice
• CITIES AND/OR COMMUNITIES, COUNTRY/IES	South Africa
• IMPLEMENTED SINCE…	1992
• BRIEF DESCRIPTION	• Offering a second chance to Young offenders. Instead of going to court, the Young offenders take part in one or several programmes. • There are five programmes: Youth Enpowerment Scheme, Pre-trial Community Service, Victim-Offender Mediation, Family Group Conferences, Journey Programme
• PROMOTING OR LEADING ENTITIES	**NICRO (National Institute for Crime Prevention and Reintegration of Offenders)**
• PARTICIPANTS	
• OBJETIVES	Avoiding trials and sentencing of youths and orienting them towards programmes which make them take responsibility for their actions.
• TARGETS	Young offenders.
• MAIN RESULTS	The first study on the success of the youth programmes showed that only 6,3% of those having completed one or more programmes reoffended within the first year following completion.
• METHODOLOGY	• Developping the Young person's potential • Make them accountable for their actions • Encourage them to make up for the dammages they caused • Forcé them to dedicate free time to learning a new way of life • Help participants plan a constructive and healthy lifestyle with the help of their families.
• EVALUATION INDICATORS / METHOD	Proportion of youths who reoffend after having completed a programme.
• DEGREE OF SUCCESS (EVALUATION	The first study on the success of the youth programmes showed that only 6,3% of those having completed one or more programmes reoffended within the first year following

RESULTS)	completion.
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• PROJECT LINKS	http://www.nicro.org.za/programmes/programmes_youth.asp
• PROJECT LOGO	
• OBSERVATIONS	
• SIMILAR PROJECTS	Centre for Conflict Resolution (http://www.ccr.org.za/)
• OTHER SOURCES OF INFORMATION	http://www.unhabitat.org/downloads/docs/1841_93228_Restorative_justice.pdf