

- **Prime Organization:**  
International Rescue Committee (IRC)
- **Implementation Period:**  
October 2021-September 2024
- **Approximate Investment**  
\$8.25 million USD
- **Programming Countries:**  
Guatemala, El Salvador, and Honduras
- **Activity Type:**  
Cooperative Agreement

## OUR PARTNERS

RETO's national partners represent organizations recognized for their capacity in research, education, project implementation, youth empowerment, advocacy, and private sector relationship-building



### EL SALVADOR

Fundación Empresarial para la Acción Social (FUNDEMAS), Fundación para la Educación Integral Salvadoreña (FEDISAL), Fundación Salvadoreña para Desarrollo Económico y Social (FUSADES), and Universidad Centroamericana José Simeón Cañas (UCA).



### GUATEMALA

Empresarios por la Educación (ExE), Fundación para el Desarrollo de Guatemala (FUNDESA), Jóvenes contra la Violencia (JCV-GT), and Universidad del Valle de Guatemala (UVG).



### HONDURAS

Fundación Hondureña de Responsabilidad Social Empresarial (FUNDARHSE), Jóvenes contra la Violencia (JCVH), and Universidad Pedagógica Nacional Francisco Morazán (UPNFM).

# USAID RESEARCH IN EDUCATION FOR TRANSFORMATIVE OPPORTUNITIES (RETO)

## Development Objective

RETO seeks to create the demand for sustainable, effective solutions for youth violence prevention through evidence-based education programming and policymaking. We engage key education stakeholders, including youth, to identify gaps in their knowledge, execute evidence-seeking strategies, and translate the results into knowledge products that impact educational programming designed to prevent violence in Northern Central America.

## Our Approach

We work with IRC's Evidence to Action team, part of the Airbel Impact Lab, which provides expertise and technical assistance in evidence synthesis methodologies.

We incorporate USAID's Positive Youth Development approach in our activities to contribute to youth leadership and empowerment.

We establish partnerships with national organizations based on IRC's globally recognized Partnership Excellence for Equality and Results System (PEERS) to ensure inclusive and collaborative engagement.

## What Do We Do?



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