

This is Frank Martinez; I'm the president of the newly registered Belize Boxing Development Council. We are a non-governmental non-profit organization, with the objective of developing a sustainable system that will support the uniform control and supervision of the development boxing. We consolidate to be a leading agency in Belize, with the presence at the community district and national level. We encourage people to participate in sports and physical culture as key factor in social integration, family cohesion and individual achievement.

As an organization we aspire, with unyielding commitment to providing comprehensive care and service to youth and sport in Belize. We are committed to promote and obtain efficiency and harmony in the development of the sport of boxing. We shall place loyalty, fairness and integrity as the highest moral principal above any person or group. I submit this proposal in hopes that it will serve as a component of a community and national sports development initiative.

I speak to your humanity and not your interest, because it is often inherent that one's interest can be pragmatic by nature. I seek the collective and sincere responsiveness of private and public sector that will serve as and beacon of change. Such collective responsiveness can be instrumental in the manifestation of an endeavor that has the encompassing potential to serve the collective interest of the youths of the community as well as the country.



This blessed country has tremendous natural resource and a youthful population. However it's being governed by the subjugating mechanism of political tribalism, with tribalism being described as a strong unquestionable loyalty towards something or someone. Political tribalism therefore indicates a strong unequivocal and indiscriminate loyalty to some aspect of political ideology and party. Political tribalism is manifested and fortified by the suppressive pillar of structural violence, and creates a garrison and is not a natural and equitable component of a political process devoid of senseless corruption. But it is a systematic and strategic initiative devised to secure or retain political power. Another attendant consequence of such manifestation is social exclusion that stifles the necessary social capital that has the potential to contribute to effective child rearing and development



Due the existing circumstances, I along with several liked minded individuals have created a regulatory and developmental body, 'The Belize Boxing Developmental Council.' We are willing to work in continuity with the existing federation, private sector as well as international affiliates, with the monumental task of creating a sustainable system that will be instrumental to the development of boxing in Belize. Such development will enable us to develop great athletes and exception people and contribute to the global talent pool



Culture and sports is a huge part of civil society; a fact that maybe unsurprising to some. However, culture and sports has generally identified itself as a separate sector and routinely engaged in the wide civil society structure and culture. Developing and delivering culture and sports opportunities should be at the heart of any country or community interest. Thus the important should be reflected in the shared priorities by local and central governments globally. The culture and sports resource provide substance and material relevance to decision-makers as well as practitioners.

The importance of sport development is reflected in the recalled in the United Nation General Assembly, sixty –seventh session Agenda item 12. Taking notes with the appreciation of the Secretary- General entitled “Sports for development and peace: mainstream a versatile instrument.” Which encourage member states and developing countries, to use sports to foster peace and development and to contribute to an atmosphere of tolerance and understanding, and reaffirming that sports is a tool for education that can promote cooperation, solidarity, social inclusion and health on a local, national and international level.

### **The need and importance of sports development**

The reality for many Belizean youths is that there are few organized sports programs or positive activities for them to engage in. The seriousness is more apparent when you consider that that half of all children lack access to secondary education, whilst many struggle to make it through a failing education system that can't meet the needs of the Belizean population. Consequently many youth are susceptible to negative influences and activity entrenched within the fibers of our society. This trend weakens the fabric of our society; violent deaths are increasing in Belize and the onset of delinquency is trending rapidly. At present the murder rate per capita is 41.4% which has well surpass the benchmark for countries at civil war. Sadly most gun related murders can be attributed to youth gang violence.

In my experience and research I've reviewed many theories and practices pertaining to the possible underlying dynamic of international community-based resilience enhancing psychosocial sports and play program established to help children and youths who experience adversity in their lives. I found sports and play being inclusive of organize movements; exercise games or artistic activity can have a stabilizing impact on most children through supporting their resilience processes, with resilience being described as a process of and capacity successfully adaptation despite challenging and threatening circumstances.



It is important that a cohesive movement be borne, that rejects a system where the affluent of the few supposes the indigence of the many. The development of sports is not the cure for the disease of corruption that is a perpetual disposition, but it can serve as a cultivating tool to teach children and high-risk youths functional and social competencies.



Problem solving skills



Critical and creative thinking



Task and skill mastery



Empathy



Caring



Sense of belonging and unity



The primary and most important asset of any countries are their human resources and family is the cornerstone of all societies. Unfortunately some family units are often developmentally unfriendly. In consequence, many children are compelled to navigate through a hostile human ecology that is non-conducive to their development. However sustainable development requires an interdisciplinary approach because growth is a continual process and when it comes to development there is no domain that is rendered more or less important than the other. Therefore it is the unwavering duty of leadership and any governing body to obligate all conditions of their social contact. By creating or modify policy framework that can potentially change the quality of life for its populous. By forging within the content of such framework immovable and retroactive legislation that will increase the chances that vulnerable children and youth will have access to programs that can assist them in achieving all necessary milestones.

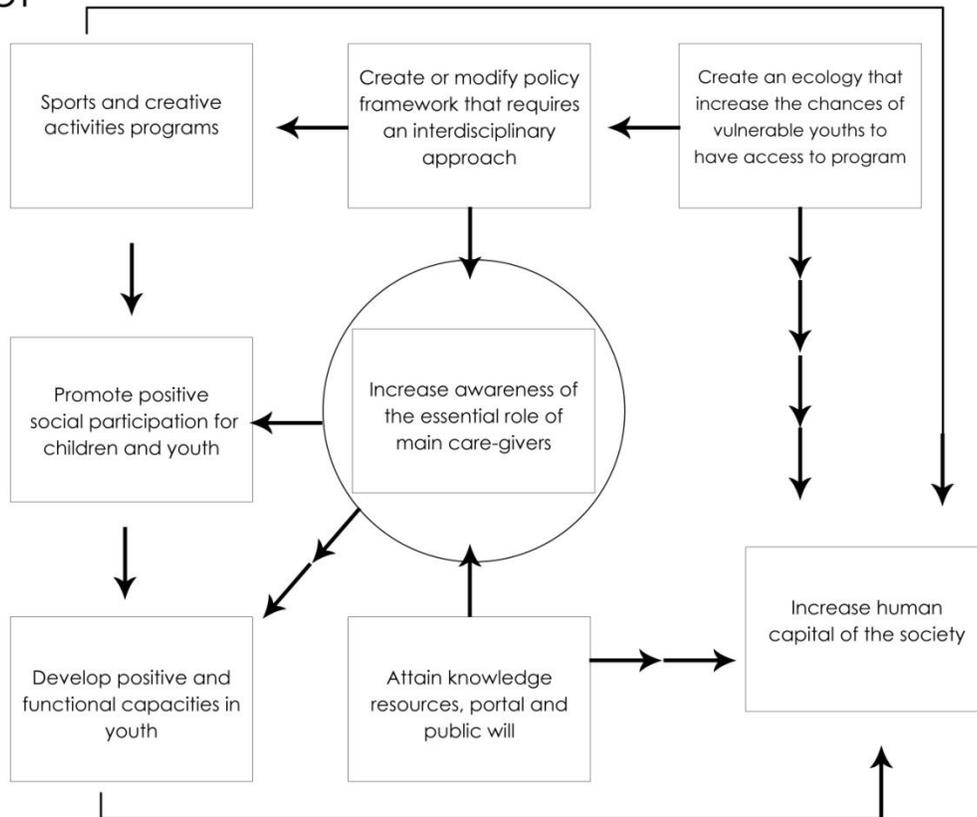
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## Interrelated Factors

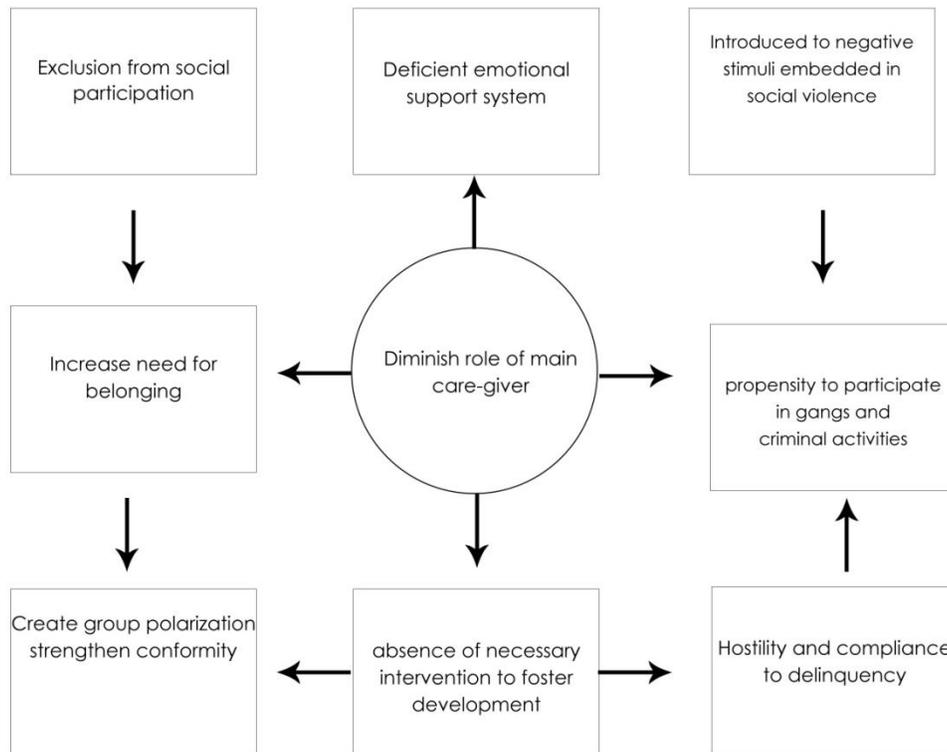
Through sports and play, children and youths can enhance their coping mechanism and develop methods to combat against environmental stress.



## Asset



## Deficit



At present we have two developmental boxing programs, one located in Belize district in the Village of Ladyville and the other located in the Cayo district in the town of San Ignacio. Our aspiration and objective are to create similar inclusive programs that are free and accessible in every district. However the major obstacle we face is the acquisition of the necessary material resource to adequately and successfully deliver the program. At present our existing programs are sharing equipment, what we are requesting, is the donation of the material resource, represented by the basic and necessary boxing equipment which should ensure the safety of our (youth) participants. Such end kind donation would be an essential contribution and would illustrate your altruistic and humanitarian nature of the staff member of Saint Francis.



Sincere Regards,