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ANNEX 1 TO BOOK 3:

List of Risk Factors and Possible Sources of Information

Level	No.	Risk factor	Potential data source
Individual	1.1	Pregnancy and delivery complications	Hospital, clinic and medical records; health surveys in communities
	1.2	History of psychiatric illness of parents	Hospital, clinic and medical records; health surveys in communities
	1.3	Poor behavioural control	Surveys in families and schools
	1.4	Attention deficits, hyperactivity or learning disorder	Surveys in families and schools
	1.5	Deficits in social cognitive or information processing abilities	Surveys in families and schools
	1.6	Poor social problem-solving skills	Surveys in families and schools
	1.7	Low self-confidence	Surveys in families and schools
	1.8	High emotional distress	Surveys in families and schools
	1.9	Exposure to violence and conflict in the family	Hospital, clinic and medical records; surveys in families
	1.10	History of early aggressive and violent behaviour	Hospital, clinic and medical records; surveys in families, schools and communities
	1.11	Exposure to violence and conflict in the family	Hospital, clinic and medical records; surveys in families, schools and communities
	1.12	Involvement with drugs, alcohol or tobacco	Hospital, clinic and medical records; surveys in families, schools and communities

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Relationship	2.1	Poor supervision of children by parents	Surveys in families and communities
	2.2	Harsh physical punishment to discipline children	Surveys in families and communities
	2.3	Poor parenting practices (negligence, child abuse, missing care, etc.)	Surveys in families and communities; police records; hospital, clinic and medical records
	2.4	Parental conflict in early childhood	Surveys in families
	2.5	Parental separation or divorce at a young age	Surveys in families
	2.6	Low level of emotional attachment between parents and children	Surveys in families
	2.7	Low level of family cohesion	Surveys in families
	2.8	Early pregnancy	Surveys in families; hospital, clinic and medical records
	2.9	Low parental education	Data from education ministry; studies and statistics from UN, World Bank, etc.; surveys in families
	2.10	Low socio-economic status of the family	Data from labour ministry; studies and statistics from UN, World Bank, etc.; surveys in families
	2.11	Parental substance abuse or criminality	Data from ministry of social affairs; police records, hospital, clinic and medical records; surveys in families
Community	3.1	Poor pedagogic quality of learning and education environment:	Data from education ministry; school records; survey in schools
		3.1.1 Low engagement in school (as consequence)	School records; survey in schools
		3.1.2 Poor performance in school (as consequence)	Data from education ministry; school records; survey in schools
	3.1.3 Truancy and dropping out of school (as consequence)	Data from education ministry; school records; survey in schools	
3.2	Poor educational competence of teachers	Data from education ministry; school records; survey in schools	

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Community	3.3	Poor learning environment (facilities, materials, etc.)	School records; survey in schools
	3.4	Physical, mental and sexual violence from teachers and schoolmates	School records; survey in schools, families and communities; hospital, clinic and medical records
	3.5	No information on HIV/AIDS	Survey in schools
	3.6	Stress due to strong competition and examination concepts	Survey in schools and families
	3.7	Frequent school transitions	Data from education ministry; school records; survey in schools
	3.8	Friends who engage in violence	Surveys in communities
	3.9	Social rejection by peers	Surveys in communities
	3.10	Emergence of gangs (maras) in close environment	Police records; local government records
	3.11	High crime levels	Police records
	3.12	High population density	Demographic records
	3.13	High residential mobility	Demographic records
	3.14	High unemployment	Data from ministry of labour; local government records
	3.15	Missing vocational training opportunities	Data from ministry of education; local government records
	3.16	Local illicit drug trade	Police records; local government records
	3.17	Weak institutional policies	Surveys in communities
	3.18	Inadequate victim care services	Ministry of health; ministry of social affairs; local government records; survey in communities
	3.19	Ethnic problems	Police records; surveys in communities
	3.20	Missing leisure activity facilities (sport, art, cinema, etc.)	Surveys in communities

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Community	3.21	Low levels of community participation	Surveys in communities; local government records
	3.22	Socially disorganised neighbourhoods	Demographic records; local government records
	3.23	High concentrations of poor residents	Demographic records; local government records
	3.24	Low levels of social cohesion within a community	Surveys in communities
	3.25	High firearm availability	Police records; surveys in communities
Society	4.1	Rapid social and demographic change	Social and demographic records
	4.2	Urbanisation	Demographic records
	4.3	No non-violent options for resolving conflicts	Surveys in communities
	4.4	Economic inequality	Ministry of social affairs; studies and statistics from UN, World Bank, etc.
	4.5	Gender inequality	Data from ministry of social affairs
	4.6	Policies that increase inequalities	Surveys
	4.7	Gender stereotypes which promote violence against girls and women and eg., unsafe sex: 4.7.1 Risky sexual behaviour (as consequence)	Respective studies (eg., Department of Gender Studies in University)
			Health records; surveys in communities
	4.8	Poverty	Ministry of social affairs; studies and statistics from UN, World Bank, etc.
	4.9	Weak economic safety nets	Ministry of social affairs; studies and statistics from UN, World Bank, etc.
	4.10	Poor rule of law	Studies and statistics from UN, World Bank, etc., surveys
	4.11	Cultural and religious norms that support violence	Surveys
4.12	Conflict/post conflict situation	Surveys	