

# Group Violence Intervention

# GVI

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# Agenda

- What is GVI?
- GVI to Sweden
- Sluta Skjut
- Government assignement
- Expanding



# The GVI Framework

GVI facilitates direct, sustained engagement with the small number of group involved individuals through a partnership of community leaders, social service providers, and law enforcement.

- A strategy, not a program
- An explicit focus on serious violence

# A few core principles

- Groups drive the violence.
- Small number of individuals, and identifiable.
- It's mostly not about money.
- Group members are at the center of the violence, as both victims and perpetrators.
- Behavioral changes are possible given the right conditions.

0.5 % of the population  
50 % -75 % of the violence

# The structure of GVI

A three-part partnership

- A moral message from **community representatives** that violence will not be tolerated,
- A **law enforcement** message that any future violence will be met with clear, predictable, and certain consequences.
- Immediate, very pragmatic **outreach and support.**

# Means of communication

- Call-In

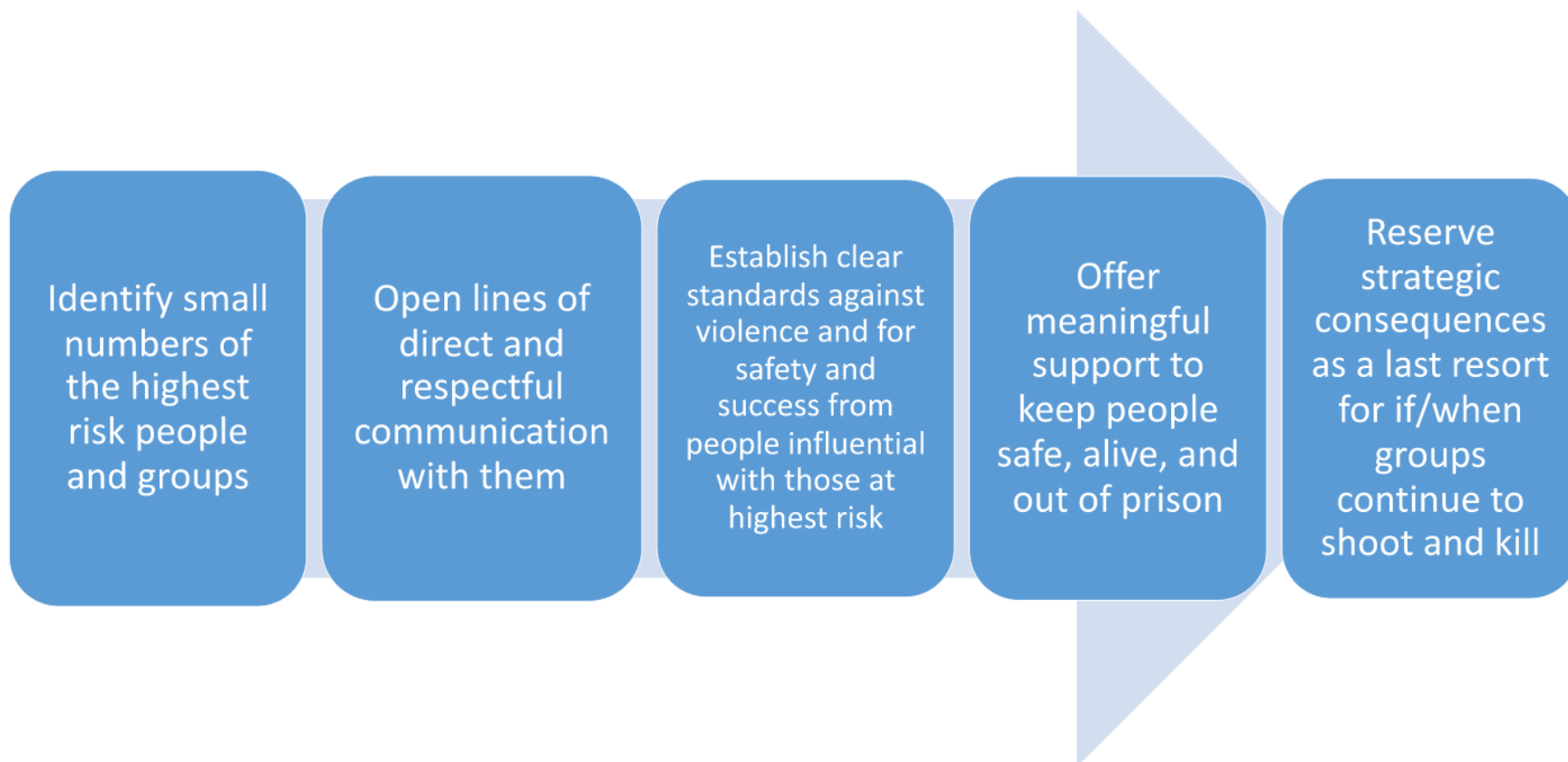
Face-to-face meeting between the GVI partnership and people involved in groups, representing all groups in the GVI area.

- Custom Notifications

Flexible, customized home or street visits that communicate the GVI message to specific people, often based off recent or anticipated violent incidents.



# Focused Attention on Highest Risk Groups



# GVI to Sweden

- Increased problems with gun-violence in and between groups.
- Inventory of available research and solutions.
- NYC and NNSC
- David Kennedy to RFF 2017 in Malmö
- Funds from ISF for project GVI in Sweden 2018-2021
- Malmö – Sluta skjut (Ceasefire) 2018-2020
- Evaluation - Malmö University

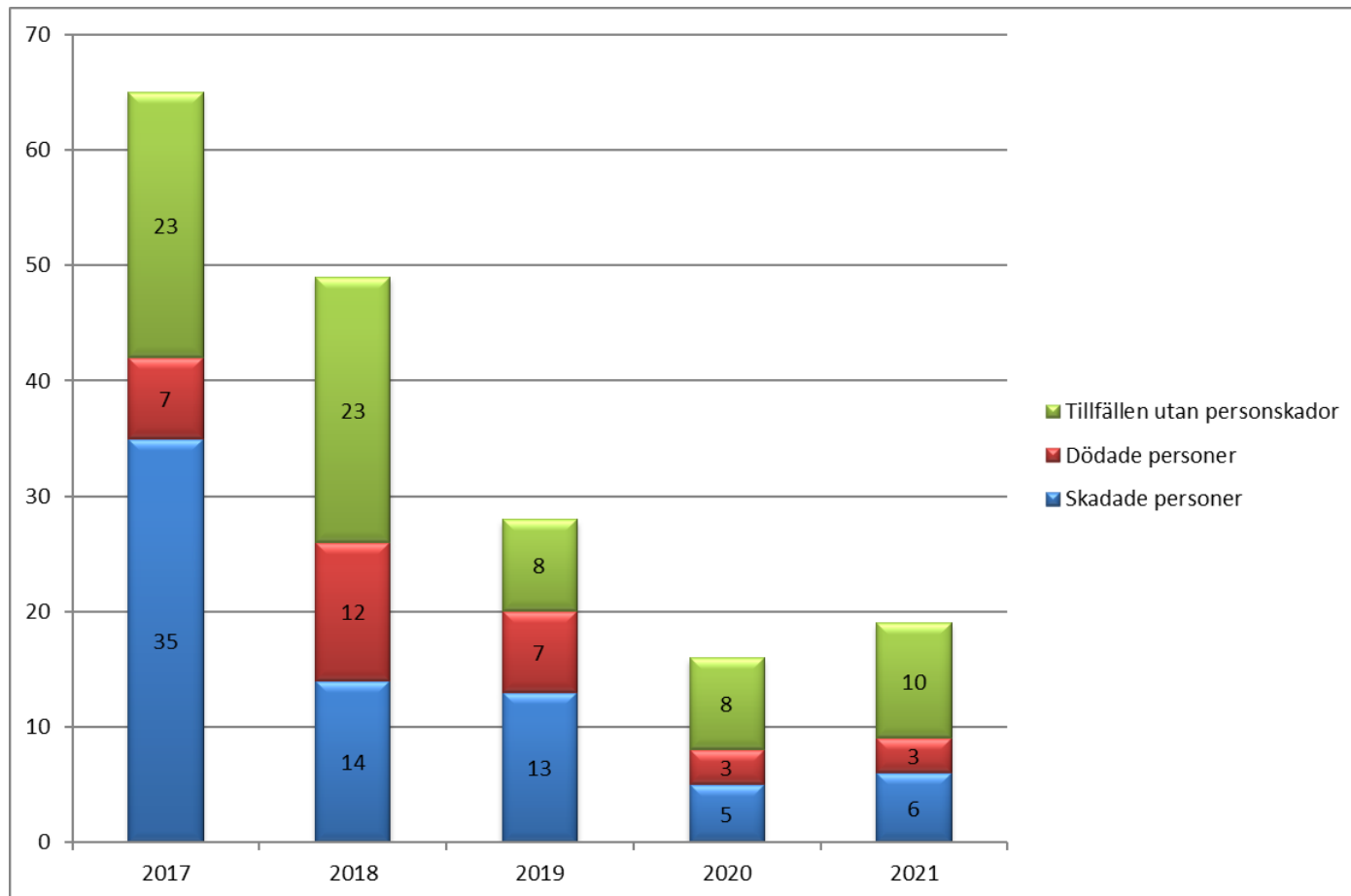


# Evaluation of “Sluta Skjut” (Ceasefire)

- GVI translates to Swedish context
- Stay true to the strategy
- Support is key
- Good collaboration
- Motivated partners
  
- Promising results regarding decrease of number of shootings.
  
- National expansion.



The number of people injured and/or killed in confirmed shootings against a person within the Malmö police area 2017-01-01 – 2021-12-31.



- Government assignement  
2021-2023
  - Expand
  - Evaluate
  - Funds from the government



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- ISF funds



# Expanding in Sweden

## Choice of locations:

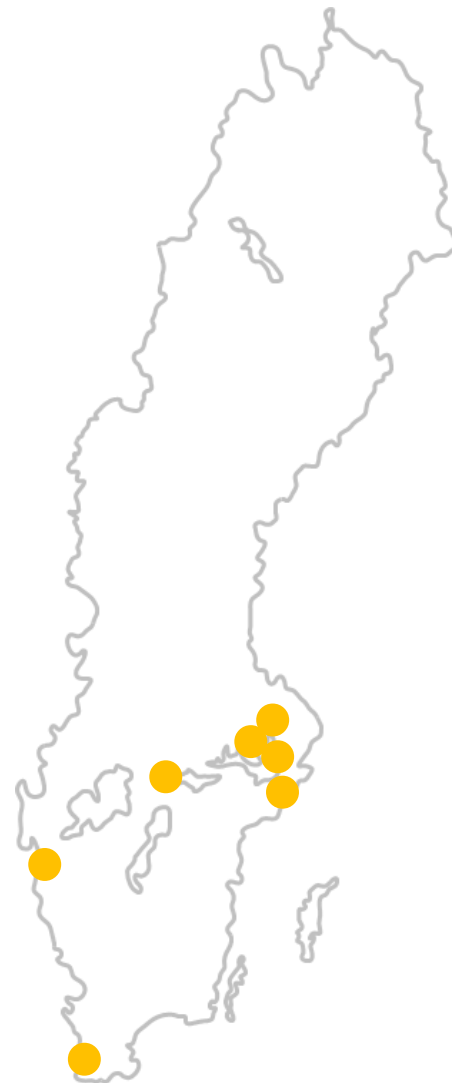
- Voluntary.
- Group related violence.
- Organizational possibilities
- Resources
- Collaboration/cooperation.

## Support:

- National steering group
- National support team
- Funds for project management.
- Guidance from NNSC
- GVI-network

# Implementations 2022

- Göteborg > 587 549
- Malmö > 351 749
- Uppsala > 237 596
- Örebro > 156 987
- Huddinge > 113 951
- Järfälla > 83 170
- Upplands-Bro > 31 082



# Thank you!

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