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ALTAVISTA SPORT COMPLEX WILL BE RESTORED

SAN SALVADOR –With the support of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) Strengthening Democracy Program, this morning a cooperative agreement between the Health Salvadoran Foundation (FUSAL) and the US organization Research Triangle Institute (RTI) for the restoration of the Altavista Sports Complex was signed.

The signing of the agreement was held in the Unicentro Altavista mall, Ilopango, in the framework of the First Festival for the Children and Youth with Culture and without Violence. The event was coordinated by the Altavista Violence Prevention Cross Sectoral Table, where the communities, local government, national authorities, Pro-Youth project and the NGO's that execute prevention activities in that locality participate.

The restoration of the Sports Complex will benefit more than 9,000 residents of the Residencial Altavista, for this purpose a total of \$ 216,748 have been invested, contributed as follows: USAID \$ 149,431, Grupo Roble \$ 25,366, FUSAL \$5,700, the Municipality of Tonacatepeque \$ 20,000, and the community \$ 16,287.

With this agreement, RTI, USAID's implementing partner in the Community Based Violence and Crime Prevention Project, and FUSAL join forces to provide a healthy recreation space and contribute to the formation of a culture of social peace.

The restoration works include the installation of a boundary wall, construction of a multiple purpose room, sports center lighting, refurbishing of the children's playground equipment and fields, roofing over the platform, environmental sanitation and risk mitigation. Besides, the sports commission will be trained for the administration and the sustainable maintenance of the complex.

The signing ceremony of the agreement was presided by the Tonacatepeque Major, Prof. Edilberto Erroa; the Director of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), Larry Brady; the Vice-Minister of Public Security and Justice, Astor Escalante; the Director of the Community Based Violence and Crime Prevention Project, Ing. Aldo Miranda, RTI; the General Manager of Grupo Roble, Ing. Alberto Poma; the Executive Director of FUSAL, Mrs. Celina de Choussy; the Operational Director of the National Council for Public Security, Mr. Luis Roberto Zelaya, and the Director of the Altavista Health Unit and Representative of the Altavista Violence Prevention Cross Sectoral Table, Dr. Ema Merino.

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