Cure Violence approaches violence in an entirely new way: as a contagious disease that can be stopped using the same health strategies employed to fight epidemics. We train and deploy carefully selected workers — trusted members of the communities we serve — to arrest the contagion using a three-prong approach:

1. **Detect and interrupt the transmission of violence.**
   Anticipate where violence may occur and intervene before it erupts.

2. **Change the behavior of the highest potential transmitters.**
   Identify those at highest risk for violence and work to change their behavior.

3. **Change community norms.**
   Influence social norms to discourage the use of violence.

The Cure Violence method was developed using strategies derived from the World Health Organization, and has won multiple awards. It has been promoted by the Institute of Medicine, the World Bank, the Inter-American Development Bank, and others. Its work was featured in the 2014 New York Times best-seller “A Path Appears” and in the 2011 award winning documentary *The Interrupters*. The health approach is currently being implemented by local partners with great success throughout the world.

The better we understand violence as a contagious disease, the better we can apply modern health strategies to mitigate its spread. Reduced violence means lives saved, healthier communities, healthier and more secure children, and thriving economies for our cities and countries.