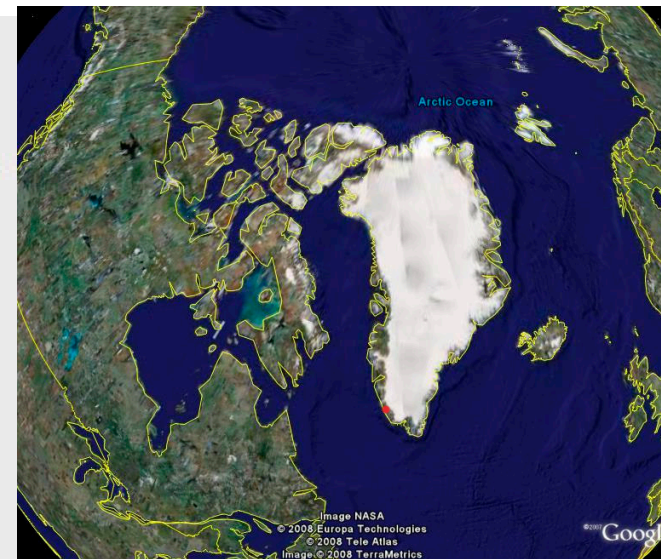
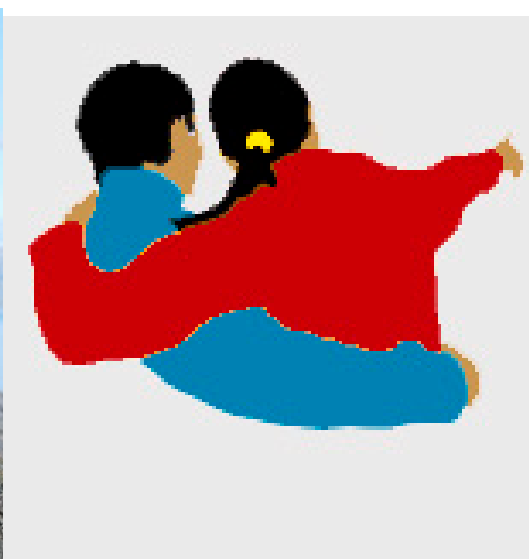




Paamiut Asasara: Building community resilience on Cultural Values.



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High level of violence and sexual abuse

High level of suicide

Abuse of alcohol or/and cannabis

Unemployment

A lot of people with a personal history of violence and abuse

Single parent

Mental problems

Lack of social support (marginalisation)



Paamiut Asasara – a community resilience program

The overall goal is to strengthen wellbeing in families – through the following objectives:

(1) to enhance quality of local education.

(2) 50% decrease in criminality, including violence and domestic violence.

(3) to increase transparency in public administration.

(4) to abolish child neglect.



Activities



- (1) Theatre, photos; hunting/fishing summer-camps; art workshops; sport .
- (2) Multi-family support workshops; alcohol abuse rehab; cultural events; and sport.
- (3) Local radio; open access to counseling and information;
- (4) Community meetings; motherhood groups; parents association; a council for children; a family center; animation films; sport; concerts for children.

Methods of documentation

- **Quantitatively:** Statistics; Surveys on violence, social services, and social network
- **Qualitatively:** Interviews (202 citizens and 82 hours with professionals); Participatory observations.
- **Comparison** to other cities in Greenland.



Results: the four objectives

1. more teachers with formal education; more young people in school; more self-esteem; less bullying in the school.
2. 45% decrease in criminality.
3. Direct democracy in the program; high level of participations, access to counseling and information; radio; websites; facebook; high level of knowledge on the program. Visibility in the local community and in Greenland.
4. No cases of child neglect in the last year; parents association; a council for children.






Criminality

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007- 2010	2007- 2010
All crimes								
Paamiut	298	203	256	193	203	142	-45%	-114
All Greenland	5807	5998	5540	5141	5251	5348	-3%	-192

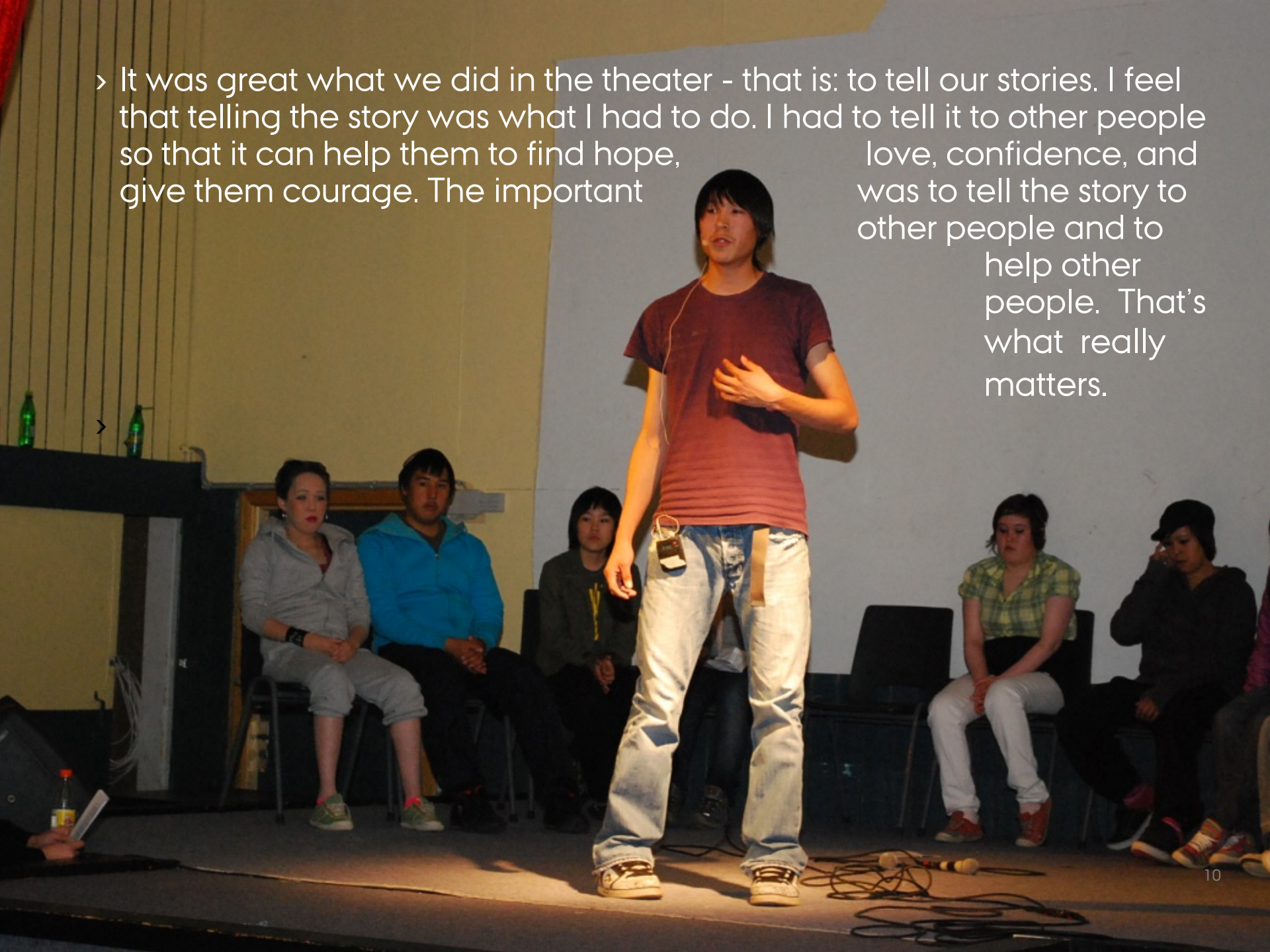
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2007- 2010	2007- 2010
Violence								
Paamiut	71	59	45	45	46	40	-11%	-5
All Greenland	813	851	863	880	852	840	-3%	-23
Domestic violence								
Paamiut			274	152	151	146	-47%	-128
All Greenland			3712	2788	3685	3077	-17%	-635



Impact

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- A large, dark-colored sculpture of two whales, possibly narwhals, is the central focus. They are positioned in a shallow pool of water, with their heads and backs visible above the surface. The sculpture is highly reflective, showing highlights from the bright sunlight. In the background, a large crowd of people, including men, women, and children, is gathered on a grassy area. Behind them are several buildings, including a prominent red one with many windows and a blue one. The sky is clear and blue. The overall scene suggests a public event or a community gathering.
- › Less violence - More security – children given back to families – a drop of people on probation from 13 to 2 – unemployment low (3-6 %) – more young people in a back-to-education program (5 in 2008 – 30 in 2012 and more on a waiting list) – more social support – in 2011-2012 no cases of abuse of children – many children and young people in sport activities.
 - › More social support – more security – more mutual support – more commitment, caring and compassion, cooperation – more self-efficacy – a sense of belonging – proudness/self-esteem – values of the community are now visible and achievable - -

> It was great what we did in the theater - that is: to tell our stories. I feel that telling the story was what I had to do. I had to tell it to other people so that it can help them to find hope, love, confidence, and give them courage. The important was to tell the story to other people and to help other people. That's what really matters.



What worked – lessons learned

Efficiency relies on respecting the free contribution of people in their own timing and with their own resources and possibilities.

The program supported people in following their own dreams and visions together – and to develop their own knowledge and ideas together.

The program opened options for participation in activities which strengthened the sense of community – an example: the football team.

Distributing access to social interaction, physical activities, and equipment in a more equal way – example: summer camps, sport equipment, art, theatre.

The program is based on values of peacefully living together and respecting each other.

Focus on social reciprocity (social support and).



The program promotes social responsibility – in the daily interaction of people.

Basic democracy with respect for everyone.

Giving options for sharing concerns and challenges – and finding solutions together (“You are not alone”).



› In summary:

› The program is successful

› as it has

› a high level

› of respect

› for the free

› reunion of

› desires for

› improving life

› together

›.



Qujannaq 😊 - Thank you 😊 - Gracias 😊

