CANVAS 1 | Evidence + Challenge Canvas (completed example)

This example is intended to demonstrate how the canvas can be completed. The level of detail may vary according to the context and should not be regarded as a mandatory standard.

Issue / initiative	Location / setting	Date	Completed with
Safer Leiria	Leiria, Portugal	XX/XX/XXXX	Stakeholders X, Y, Z

A. What is happening?

Residents in parts of Leiria report feeling unsafe despite declining crime rates. Concerns focus on poorly maintained public spaces, underused areas and some nightlife-related disturbances.

B. What important information is missing, who could help obtain it, and what can safely be decided with the information currently available?

Missing information: Which groups feel most affected? Which locations create the greatest concern? Do perceptions match recorded incidents?Who could help? Municipality, police, community organisations, schools and residents' associations.
What can be decided now? Priority locations and stakeholders can already be identified for further engagement.

C. What does community experience add?

Residents avoid some areas at night due to poor lighting and low activity. Community discussions reveal concerns that are not visible in crime statistics alone.
Missing voices: Young people, Older residents, Migrants, People with disabilities

D. Assets already available

Active municipality, Police and community partnerships, NGOs and schools, Community meeting spaces, Resident networks, Previous urban safety initiatives.

E. What may sit behind the visible problem?

Evidence: Perceived insecurity exceeds recorded crime; Some public spaces are seen as neglected; Community concerns go beyond available statistics.
Possible factors: Weak communication between institutions and residents; Poor lighting and maintenance; Reduced social cohesion; Limited resident participation

F. Shared challenge statement

Residents in some areas of Leiria feel unsafe in public spaces, particularly at night. Evidence suggests that environmental conditions, limited participation and gaps between data and lived experience contribute to the problem. We want to improve both actual and perceived safety through collaborative action.

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