

The Unique Value Proposition of the Global Partnership to End Violence Against Children

The Case for Engagement

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Evidence confirms that children across the world face unacceptable levels of physical, sexual and psychological violence. This is a deep concern for all countries, with children at risk in institutions, schools, communities and even in their homes and with their families. Violence is also perpetrated by children against other children. While violence is carried out by and upon individuals, the issue cannot be solved by individual action alone.

Solutions to violence require a “whole of society” approach that acknowledges shared responsibility and shared action. Everyone must be accountable for changing mindsets and practices that fuel the unacceptable levels of violence against children in our world.

For this reason, governments, UN agencies, international organizations, civil society, faith groups, the private sector, philanthropic foundations, research practitioners, academics and children themselves have come together to form the Global Partnership to End Violence Against Children (End Violence) - a unique public private partnership for all actors to hold themselves to account and work together to prevent and respond to violence against children.

This is the **only partnership in the world** where all major stakeholder groups come together to focus their words, actions and resources on ending violence against children.

While the End Violence partnership is supported by a small secretariat, **its power is in convening the worlds’ political, development, humanitarian and financial leaders, uniting at one global table.** Together these leaders commit to using their collective action and voice coupled with coordinated **political and financial capital** to change laws and policies; implement evidence based multi-sectoral, multi-stakeholder action plans; share lessons learned; and mutually hold each other accountable.

Change for children relies on coordination and innovation. End Violence acts as a **single forum to maximize expertise and experience** and **facilitate collaboration.** It brings together the multiple actors needed to **deliver real change.** And rather than duplicate services, it relies country based systems and partners with widespread presence in the field to make societies safer for children.

Within only a year since the launch of this powerful initiative, **13 governments** have made significant strides forward, revising their national strategies (Indonesia, Montenegro, Paraguay, Philippines, Romania, Sweden, and Tanzania); building new and engaged multi-stakeholder platforms bringing together key actors at country level (Jamaica, Mexico, Montenegro, Romania, Tanzania, Uganda); and implementing their roadmaps (Indonesia, Mexico, Nigeria, Paraguay, Sweden, and Tanzania).

In support of these countries and together with the World Health Organization, End Violence has harnessed its ever growing membership, now at 169, to roll out “INSPIRE” - the first ever evidence based guidelines for action, to prevent and respond to violence against children.

And momentum has only just begun to build. **End Violence is a central repository of evidence and a catalyst for action. Through the power of its membership and leadership of its Board, the partnership harnesses and channels energy** to achieve the 2030 target of a world where every child grows up free from violence and exploitation.

In the first year End Violence focused on supporting Pathfinding countries to deliver change. Members of the partnership also developed the first ever tool to quantify the level of development aid invested to prevent violence against children. Unconscionably, only about 65 cents per child is spent globally on this horrific issue – considerably less than the \$1 per child required. To this end, in its first year, End Violence already raised nearly USD \$60 million additional funding to support organizations around the globe working for change and has held two calls for proposals to get this money to where it needed most. However, demand from the field and good programs well exceeds funding available.

As such, in the second year, the partnership will hold a global Solutions Summit, bringing together world leaders and every day actors to **take stock of where we stand, chart the road ahead, and better align human and financial resources to needs.**

The Call to Action is here and now to join End Violence. Joining the partnership illustrates public accountability towards a commitment of funding and action to change the future and **make societies safer for children, protect childhood, and end violence against children everywhere.**



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