



endviolence

global partnership to end violence against children

Every five minutes, a child dies as a result of violence. An estimated 120 million girls and 73 million boys have been victims of sexual violence, and almost one billion children are subjected to physical punishment on a regular basis. This past September, a global commitment to ending violence against children was made at the UN General Assembly as a part of the Sustainable Development Goals. The Global Partnership to End Violence Against Children is a multi-stakeholder platform that will support efforts to deliver on this commitment.

What is End Violence?

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) make an explicit, bold and universal commitment to ending violence against children, in all its forms. In target 16.2 and other violence-related targets of the SDGs, UN Member States commit to end abuse, exploitation, trafficking, torture and all forms of violence against children by 2030. Given the widespread prevalence of violence and its detrimental impacts on a child's human rights and dignity, the achievement of this commitment will be critical. Left unchecked, the cumulative effect of violence also undermines investments made in areas such as education, health and child well-being.

The Global Partnership to End Violence Against Children and its associated fund will support actions that realize this commitment by providing support to those working to prevent and respond to violence, protect childhood and make societies safe for children. The Partnership's approach

is rights-based, child-centred and universal, based on the conviction that violence is preventable, not inevitable. With growing evidence of solutions that are effective for keeping children safe, the Global Partnership to End Violence Against Children offers an opportunity for governments, 'UN family', civil society, faith leaders, the private sector, philanthropists and foundations, researchers and academics, and children themselves to work together to confront the unacceptable levels of violence faced by children worldwide.

Unique to this Partnership: its relevance globally; its intention to bring its partners together from different sectors such as health, education and child protection; and its provision of a platform for information and 'good practice' sharing among a range of actors, including those already engaged in movements to keep children safe from violence.

How will it work?

The Partnership will serve as a multi-sectoral, multi-stakeholder platform to convene, support and coordinate efforts to implement target 16.2 and other targets related to violence against children. At the global level, the Partnership will focus on building political will to end violence against children and make violence prevention a priority. Nationally, the Partnership will support a diverse group of pathfinder countries through a multi-stakeholder, multi-sector, country-led process that will amplify efforts to prevent and respond to violence. These pathfinders will share experiences and learning as their efforts unfold, through virtual means as well

as in-person exchanges. Civil society organizations engaged in the Partnership will also be active in the pathfinder countries, further amplifying and expanding efforts.

The Partnership will also serve as a catalyst for expanding the movement to end violence, based on an understanding that we must change the attitudes and social norms that tolerate violence. Essentially, the Partnership is seeking new ways to 'connect' existing efforts in a range of sectors, on a multitude of violence-related issues. Further exploration and thinking is going into this last aspiration of the Partnership.



Focusing on solutions

Experts across sectors have come together to develop an evidence-based package of interventions or 'building blocks' for violence prevention that will sit at the heart of the Partnership's strategy and drive action at the national level. Together these building blocks represent a comprehensive approach that includes addressing social norms, legal protections, resilience, services, early intervention, and data and evidence. Concurrently, work is underway to develop a costing model for the building blocks, for scaling up of initiatives within countries.



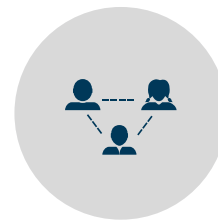
Pathfinder countries

The Partnership will support a small group of pathfinder countries that have demonstrated a strong commitment to accelerating efforts to make children safe. In-country partners will provide technical support through a whole-of-government approach and a package of evidence-based solutions, a platform for knowledge-sharing across countries, and catalytic funding, where appropriate. These countries – of all income levels, spread across the globe – will act as the bedrock of the Partnership; demonstrating that violence can be prevented with an emphasis on innovation, delivery at scale and learning.



Sharing knowledge

The Partnership will create a broad-based platform for sharing knowledge that can support pathfinder countries' engagement on an on-going and virtual basis. Drawing from the expertise of those involved in violence prevention and response, the Partnership will support working groups led by experts in the field. Outputs of these working groups will be designed to support pathfinder efforts. The Partnership will run a Solutions Summit in 2017 on best practices, promising initiatives and proven strategies to address violence, and then move towards a regular forum for all those working to end violence against children.



Expanding the global movement

As a global platform for advocacy, the Partnership will use its convening power to help to expand the global movement against violence both within and between countries. This will include strong engagement with civil society organizations that are working in particular to address social norms and attitudes.

Next steps

Ahead of the Partnership's launch next year, immediate priorities include:

- Consultations – Engaging with all stakeholders interested in contributing to the Partnership's strategy.
- Solutions – Creating consensus behind a package of policies, programs and other interventions for preventing violence against children which can empower countries that wish to be at the forefront of this effort.
- Pathfinders – Identifying and working with potential pathfinder countries that have a strong political commitment to ending violence against children.
- Children – Developing processes and mechanisms for children to have a genuine voice and role in the Partnership.

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