Goal 16.2: end all forms of violence against children

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Violence against children

Globally up to 1 billion children have experienced physical, sexual or psychological violence in the past year.
Magnitude of violence against children

Homicide is among the top five causes of death in adolescents.

80% of homicide victims are boys.

Beyond these deaths, tens of millions more children are affected by violence.

1 in 4 children suffer physical abuse.

Nearly 1 in 5 girls is sexually abused at least once in her life.
Types of violence against children

- Child maltreatment
- Bullying
- Youth violence
- Intimate partner violence
- Sexual violence
- Emotional or psychological violence and witnessing violence
Health consequences of violence against children

MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEMS
- Depression and anxiety
- Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)
- Assauli
- Death (including suicide)

INJURY
- Head injury
- Fractures
- Burns
- Stroke
- Cancer
- Diabetes
- Chronic lung disease
- Heart disease

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH
- Unintended and adolescent pregnancy
- Pregnancy complications
- Alcohol and drugs
- Unsafe sexual practices
- Multiple partners
- HIV
- STDs
- Physical inactivity
- Alcohol
- Smoking

NON-COMMUNICABLE DISEASE
- Obesity
- Heart disease
- Diabetes
- High blood pressure
- COPD
- Cancer

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE AND RISK BEHAVIOURS
- Direct effect
- Indirect effect due to adoption of high-risk behaviour

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Our vision

• Partnerships
• International standards
• Cross-cutting issue
• Evidence-based technical assistance
Partnerships

✓ Global Partnership to End Violence Against Children
✓ INSPIRE advisory and operational support team
✓ SRSG VAC and SRSG CAAC
✓ UN Study on children deprived of their liberty
✓ UN Committee on the Rights of the Child
✓ Civil Society and academia
✓ Etc.
Global Partnership

- Stockholm Summit, February 2018
- 24 Pathfinder countries: http://www.end-violence.org/pathfinding
- Fund: +29 million USD
Technical package
The seven strategies

- Implementation and enforcement of laws
- Norms and values
- Safe environments
- Parent and caregiver support
- Income and economic strengthening
- Response and support services
- Education and life skills
# INSPIRE components

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**INSPIRE components**

**Seven strategies** that provide an overarching approach for ending violence against children

- specific interventions
- evidence
- related SDG targets

**Two crosscutting components**

- Multisectoral actions
- Monitoring and evaluation

**Implementation considerations**
Evidence based practice

INSPIRE: Evidence-based prevention and response interventions

• Have been scientifically evaluated
• Are found to be effective
• Are based upon the best available research evidence, rather than personal belief or anecdotal evidence

INSPIRE also includes some prudent practices which global treaties or resolutions have determined are critical to reducing violence, and/or are shown by observational or qualitative studies to be effective in reducing violence.
International standards

- Convention on the rights of the Child and Protocols

- The UN Model strategies and practical measures on the elimination of violence against children in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice, 2014
Cross-cutting issue

• Model strategies:

• General and context-specific measures should be developed by Member States to prevent violence against children. Prevention measures […] should be part of a comprehensive strategy to eliminate violence against children.

• The risk of violence associated with trafficking in children and various forms of exploitation by criminal groups should be addressed by specific prevention measures, including measures:
  – (a) To prevent the recruitment, use and victimization of children by criminal groups, terrorist entities or violent extremist groups
Global Programme on Violence Against Children in the Field of Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice

Objective

To promote and assist Member States in the effective implementation of the UN Model Strategies

01 Prevention of Child Involvement in Crime and Violence

02 Juvenile Justice - Restorative Justice approach

03 Prevent Violence and Provide Effective Response to Child victims and Witnesses

04 Treatment of children recruited and exploited by terrorist and violent Extremist groups
Outcomes of the Global Programme

**Outcome 1**

**GLOBAL AND REGIONAL**

Increased global awareness and understanding on prevention and responses to violence against children in contact with justice systems.

**Outcome 2**

**NATIONAL**

Children are better protected by practical measures on prevention and responses to violence against children in contact with justice systems.
Key Achievements - At Global and Regional Level

Development of policies and tools

- First Handbook on the treatment of children recruited and exploited by terrorist and violent extremist groups: the role of the justice system.

Global strategic alliances

- 20 International/Regional capacity-building events

- Contribution to the Neuchâtel Memorandum on Good Practices for Juvenile Justice in a Counterterrorism Context

- Contribution to the IAP guidelines on Victim Offender Mediation
Key Achievements – At National Level

25 Countries have benefited from technical assistance

- Technical Assistance Needs Assessment
- Data Collection

- Legal/policy advisory services
- National Coordination Mechanisms
- Capacity-building events
- Empowering children, communities and families
Donor support

- Total pledges: over 5 million USD since 2016
THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

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