The Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) and violence prevention: how do they connect?

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Violence is on the development map…

Millennium Development Goals

No Millennium Development Goals targets or indicators relate to violence

Sustainable Development Goals

SDG Target 5.2
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SDG Target 5.3
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SDG Target 16.1
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SDG Target 16.2
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... and in need of definition and focus

• "All forms of violence"?
• "All harmful practices"?

• In this meeting we will focus on interpersonal violence:
  – Child maltreatment
  – Youth violence
  – Intimate partner violence
  – Sexual violence
  – Elder abuse
    \[\text{Includes violence against children}\]
    \[\text{Includes violence against women}\]
Ecological model – joining the prevention dots between the SDGs and risk factors for violence
SDGs with targets that address risk factors
A sustainable violence prevention agenda?

**Direct SDG violence targets**

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**SDGs with targets that address risk factors**

1. **No Poverty**
2. **Good Health**
3. **Quality Education**
4. **Gender Equality**
5. **Reduced Inequalities**
6. **Sustainable Cities and Communities**
7. **Peace and Justice**
GOAL 1

END POVERTY IN ALL ITS FORMS EVERYWHERE

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Goal 1 targets that address risk factors

• 1.1 By 2030, eradicate extreme poverty for all people everywhere

• 1.2 By 2030, reduce at least by half the proportion of men, women and children of all ages living in poverty

• 1.3 Implement nationally appropriate social protection systems and measures for all
GOAL 3

ENSURE HEALTHY LIVES AND PROMOTE WELL-BEING FOR ALL AT ALL AGES

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Goal 3 targets that address risk factors

• 3.4 By 2030 … promote mental health and well-being
• 3.5 Strengthen the prevention and treatment of substance abuse, including narcotic drug abuse and harmful use of alcohol
• 3.8 Achieve universal health coverage
GOAL 4

ENSURE INCLUSIVE AND EQUITABLE QUALITY EDUCATION AND PROMOTE LIFELONG LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL

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Goal 4 targets that address risk factors

- 4.2 By 2030, ensure that all girls and boys have access to quality early childhood development, care and pre-primary education
- 4a Build and upgrade education facilities that are child, disability and gender sensitive and provide safe, non-violent, inclusive and effective learning environments for all
GOAL 5

ACHIEVE GENDER EQUALITY AND EMPOWER ALL WOMEN AND GIRLS

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Goal 5 targets that address risk factors

• 5.1 End all forms of discrimination against all women and girls everywhere
Goal 10 targets that address risk factors

- 10.1 By 2030, progressively achieve and sustain income growth of the bottom 40% of the population at a rate higher than the national average.
- 10.2 By 2030, empower and promote the social, economic and political inclusion of all.
- 10.3 Adopt policies, especially fiscal, wage and social protection policies, and progressively achieve greater equality.
GOAL 11

MAKE CITIES AND HUMAN SETTLEMENTS INCLUSIVE, SAFE, RESILIENT AND SUSTAINABLE

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Goal 11 targets that address risk factors

11.1 By 2030, ensure access for all to adequate, safe and affordable housing and basic services and upgrade slums

11.3 By 2030, enhance inclusive and sustainable urbanization and capacity for participatory, integrated and sustainable human settlement planning and management in all countries
GOAL 16

PROMOTE PEACEFUL AND INCLUSIVE SOCIETIES FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, PROVIDE ACCESS TO JUSTICE FOR ALL AND BUILD EFFECTIVE, ACCOUNTABLE AND INCLUSIVE INSTITUTIONS AT ALL LEVELS
Goal 16 targets that address risk factors

- 16.3 Promote the rule of law at the national and international levels and ensure equal access to justice for all
- 16.4 By 2030, significantly reduce illicit financial and arms flows
- By 2030, provide legal identity for all, including birth registration
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Development does not always lead to less violence

• In some countries, homicide rates increase as they move from low- to middle-income
• In some countries, women's empowerment has led to increased intimate partner violence (e.g. men's "backlash" in Nicaragua)
• Avoiding negative consequences demands careful balancing and synchronization of SDG implementation efforts
• Identifying relationships between violence and SDGs requires reliable measurement and monitoring systems
Conclusion

• The SDGs constitute a potentially powerful violence prevention agenda
• Successful implementation of the SDG's will not automatically reduce violence everywhere
• Much work is needed to achieve focus and make the targets measurable
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