GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP TO END VIOLENCE AGAINST CHILDREN
The NYU Center on International Cooperation creates the ideas, analysis and policies needed to transform international cooperation on leading global challenges.
The Agenda 2030

- “A supremely ambitious and transformational vision... integrated and indivisible and balances the three dimensions of sustainable development.”

- “Universal goals and targets which involve the entire world, developed and developing countries alike.”

- “A particular focus on the poorest, most vulnerable and those furthest behind... we will endeavour to reach the furthest behind first.”

169 targets that are...
...far beyond our reach on current trajectories
Will anything happen?

Three Scenarios for 2020

1. Indivisible agenda

Many countries develop, fund and implement integrated sustainable development strategies that go far beyond current policy commitments across all 17 goals.

2. Damp squib

“All plans, no action” creates growing disillusionment. Development actors work to their own targets. Action continues to move outside UN.

3. Follow the leader

Fast movers create a buzz around parts of the agenda. Creates a platform for greater ambition – and maybe for integration – in the 2020s.
End violence against children...

16.2 End abuse, exploitation, trafficking, and all forms of violence against and torture of children

5.2 Eliminate all forms of violence against all women and girls in public and private spheres, including trafficking, and sexual and other types of exploitation

5.3 Eliminate all harmful practices, such as child, early and force marriage, and female genital mutilation

8.7 Elimination of the worst forms of child labour, including slavery and human trafficking recruitment and use of child soldiers, and by 2025 end child labour in all its forms

4.a Provide safe, non-violence, inclusive, and effective learning environments for all

4.7 Ensure that all learners acquire knowledge...[for] promotion of a culture of peace and non-violence
Why violence against children?

A test case for universality

Opportunity for all countries to contribute and cooperate

Gateway for SDG16

SDG16.2 – the target that enjoyed early consensus

Rebalance the agenda for children

Protection, survival and development

Catch the violence prevention wave

Harness an emerging global policy priority

Prevent violence, protect childhood, and help make societies safe for children
What makes for a successful partnership?

- **Partner Power**
  - Is based on a value proposition that clearly demonstrates *why* partners should participate
  - Unites a guiding coalition – including all key partners – behind a common agenda

- **Compelling Ideas**
  - Presents convincing solutions to a resonant and urgent problem
  - Is clear about what it wants policymakers (and others) to do

- **Political Opportunity**
  - Is launched at the right time and with the right support
  - Mobilises political champions and broader campaigning power

- **Pathway to Success**
  - Presents evidence of what works, how quickly, and at what cost
  - Identifies where the greatest opportunities lie to achieve impact
Year 0: Where we start from

The Problem
Growing understanding of the scale of violence against children

Solutions
Some evidence of what works to prevent violence

Weak commitment to tackling violence against children

Political Will

Fragmented, underfunded, siloed implementation of strategies

Delivery

Violence against children is an intractable problem
Year 5: Where we want to be

The Problem
Data that allows us to track trends in violence against children

Solutions
Strong evidence base for violence prevention

Political Will
Violence prevention is a policy priority globally, and in pathfinder countries

Delivery
Multi sectoral delivery of a common set of violence prevention strategies

Violence against children can be prevented
Where we are now

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High level objectives

1. **Build political will to end violence against children**
   Putting violence prevention on the global agenda

2. **Work with countries to accelerate action to tackle the dangers children face**
   Support ‘pathfinder countries’ to prevent and respond to violence

3. **Help countries to work together to tackle violence against children**
   Tackle transnational threats to children and create a platform for sharing knowledge
Objective 1: Build political will to end violence

A global partnership needs a **global rationale**:

- Seize the opportunity presented by the SDGs
- Make violence prevention and child rights a global policy priority
- Align partners behind a ‘package’ of strategies for preventing violence
Priorities for preventing violence

- In recent years WHO, UNICEF, CDC, SRSG and others have presented their own strategies for preventing violence against children.

- WHO: “Unsurprisingly, these materials largely recommend the same or highly similar prevention policies and programs.”

- Process is underway to pull these together into a single policy and programme package based on evidence of what works.

- Biggest challenge is making this ‘package’ resonant with policymakers.
## Next steps

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<td>Have a draft package in place in time for the partnership’s launch</td>
<td>Prepare plan for rollout and dissemination</td>
<td>Secure commitment for prevention paradigm from a growing number of partners</td>
<td>Use the package to guide the partnership’s investment in data and evidence</td>
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Objective 2: Work with pathfinder countries

The partnership must show how it will make a difference in country:

- We need active and early engagement from a limited number of pathfinder countries

- These countries must demonstrate some kind of result within a 5 year window

- We also need a pathway for other countries to become pathfinders, or to support the partnership in other ways
What do we want from pathfinders?

- A broad enough spread of countries to make this a test case for universality
- Heads of government and senior ministers who have made SDG 16.2 and related targets a priority
- Unified by a vision for children (their rights, voice, a ‘good childhood’ etc.)
- Willing to bring society together to create and deliver reductions in violence
- Committed to ‘act and learn’, delivering quick results while working on long run policies
Why become a pathfinder?

- Join other countries at the head of a global movement to end violence against children
- Access information on new approaches, models and methods for preventing violence
- Be supported to develop a national partnership that brings together all sectors
- Receive catalytic funding for pilots (with a purpose) and to scale up where resources are a constraint
- Share experience with other pathfinders and have success celebrated internationally
Objective 3: Helping countries work together

The partnership could play an important role in promoting cooperation between countries:

- Tackling transnational threats to children (and external stresses that drive violence)
- Providing a forum for establishing and reinforcing standards and norms
- Encouraging the development of joint initiatives and programmes
From a partnership to a movement

- We want the partnership to be **dynamic, open and interactive**

- **People care passionately** about ending violence against children

- Children are important **defenders** of their own rights

- **Civil society** plays an essential role in tackling violence and protecting children’s rights, and the **private sector** could be

- Empower a **global movement** with children at its heart
We support the efforts of those seeking to prevent violence, protect childhood, and help make societies safe for children.
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A world in which all children - girls and boys alike - grow up free from violence and exploitation

Global movement to end violence with children at its heart

Enablers

Finance and resources

Data and evidence

Monitoring and evaluation

Vision
http://www.16-2endviolenceagainstchildren.org/

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