Preventing Violence against Children: Has the Moment Arrived?

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Why now? Our “Inconvenient Truth” Moment

Momentum is gathering pace

- UN Secretary General’s Study
- WHO’s Global Campaign for Violence Prevention
- Work on VAWG
- Civil society organizations innovating all over the world
- Sustainable Development Goals (16.2)
- Synthesis in process for work on VAC (KnoW Violence in Childhood, Hidden in Plain Sight)
Opportunity

• If the momentum yields political will and resources, then it is our responsibility to ensure we don’t squander it.

• We must design and create a collective understanding of how to marshal the will and resources. What should we prioritize? What should we avoid?
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Top Three Ideas...

1) Prevention

- Systemic and holistic
- Based on a defensible Theory of Change

2) Evidence based approaches

- Learning: investments in iterative process
- Experimenting: Incubating long-shots and promising ideas.

3) Cost-effective scalability

- Practical interventions: Implementable by local actors/resource poor settings
- Endorsable by local officials/Ministry of Education
- Meaningful participation for all stakeholders
Thank you for listening!

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