



THE GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP TO

END VIOLENCE AGAINST CHILDREN

BACKGROUND

For the first time ever, the new set of universal Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) include a specific target to end violence against children and this echoes our breakthrough **violence against children is no longer tolerated**. The Global Partnership will bring together stakeholders from across the world to work towards an implementation of the SDGs relating to violence against children.

WHY A PARTNERSHIP?

Because together we can change the way that policymakers, campaigners and the public think about ending violence. We need to turn aspirational goals into a **compelling agenda for action**. Through the partnership we can unify a field that is starved of resources and we can enlist all parts of society in making children safe.

WHAT WILL THE PARTNERSHIP DO?

The strategic objectives of the Partnership are to:

1. Build political will to end violence against children; make violence prevention a global policy priority.
2. Work with countries to accelerate action to tackle the violence 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.

HOW WILL THE PARTNERSHIP WORK?

The Partnership will serve as a platform to convene, support and coordinate efforts with all stakeholders, including **donors, governments, academia, UN and civil society**. Currently, the Partnership has an Interim Advisory Group and a small Secretariat. Governance will be as lean as possible and global structures will evolve as the Partnership grows. The Partnership will work under principles that are **rights focused, child centred and universal**, meaning that all children have the right to be protected from violence, children's rights are the primary focus and all countries and

SDG TARGETS AGAINST VIOLENCE

- 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 forced marriage, and female genital mutilation
- 8.7 Elimination of the worst forms of child labour, including slavery, human trafficking, and recruitment and use of child soldiers, and by 2025 end child labour in all its forms
- 4.a Provide safe, non-violent, 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



parts of society must take responsibility and be accountable for ending violence against children. A **fund** has been established to support the activities of the Partnership. The fund will be: **catalytic** by providing finance that triggers a broader process of change for children; **independent** by supporting the Partnership but not be controlled by it; and **strategic** with funding priorities aligned to the Partnership strategy.

WHAT IS SAVE THE CHILDREN'S ROLE IN THE PARTNERSHIP?

Save the Children has engaged actively, together with the other Child Focused Agencies (ChildFund Alliance, Plan International, SOS Children's Villages & World Vision) in the consultations, side events and processes leading up to the creation of the Partnership and Fund to influence their scope and governance. The Interim Advisory Group (IAG) is co-chaired by UNICEF and WHO and has representatives from all stakeholder groups. Elisabeth Dahlin, CEO of SC Sweden, represents the Child Focused Agencies (CFA) on the IAG. Roberta Cecchetti, Head of Advocacy and Policy for the Child Protection Global Theme at SCI will be seconded to the secretariat initially till the end of 2016. On behalf of the CFAs, Save the Children is leading on the establishment of a CSO Forum to ensure a stronger and united civil society voice and proper representation and accountability in the consultations and governance of the partnership and fund.

**THE GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP WILL LAUNCH
ON JULY 12TH, 2016, IN NEW YORK**

ACTIONS

Save the Children is already engaging in the following activities related to the Partnership:

- Mobilise civil society and children in pathfinder countries to demand accountability for the implementation of target 16.2, including child-led accountability;
- Create a campaign platform in pathfinder countries together with existing NGO networks to mobilise the public to demand an end to violence against children (link with our Breakthrough);
- Convene/participate in CSO Forum and influence Global Partnership and Fund strategies and activities;
- Host expert consultations with the CSO Forum or other partners on selected child protection issues linked to SC's breakthrough (i.e. physical and humiliating punishment, sexual violence, violence in conflict);
- Access and facilitate access to Fund money to support CSO activities to end violence against children;
- Initiate/support the development of child protection indexes/indicators on violence perception by children;
- Support the implementation of the children's participation strategy in pathfinder countries;
- Initiate/support baseline studies on child protection public spending in selected countries; and,
- Identify and engage new pathfinder countries.

PATHFINDER COUNTRIES

The Partnership will support governments that have demonstrated a strong commitment to accelerating efforts to make children safe and are focused on solutions, so called **Pathfinders**. Experts from a variety of sectors, including child protection, health, education and justice, have come together to create an evidence-based package of interventions that will help guide work for children in Pathfinder countries. Pathfinders will receive technical support to execute a whole-of-government approach to violence prevention. The following countries have already initiated steps toward being Pathfinders; El Salvador, Indonesia, Philippines, Mexico, Paraguay, Tanzania, Romania, Sweden and Sri Lanka.

CHILDREN'S VOICES

Children and adolescents played an important role in shaping the Partnership's strategy. More than 1500 children from 24 countries participated in consultations between 4 January and 15 March 2016. The consultations led to compelling recommendations by the children on what adults, children, the Partnership and governments can do to bring an end to violence against them. The responses have been compiled in two reports that can be found on the Partnership website: www.end-violence.org



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