

The Global Partnership to **End Violence** Against Children



End Violence
Against Children



END VIOLENCE AGAINST CHILDREN: RIGHT, SMART AND POSSIBLE



Dear Friends,

A world where every child grows up safe, secure and free from violence is a powerful vision -- and one we absolutely can achieve if we unite in common cause.

Every year, one in two children experience violence, abuse and neglect. Globally, that's over a billion girls and boys. The COVID-19 pandemic has put millions more at risk due to isolation, school closings and social service cutbacks. Violence against children happens in every country and every community, and across all cultural and socio-economic contexts. Every single incidence of violence against a child is a tragedy that may have lifelong consequences.

It happens at home, at school, in the community and online.

It's unacceptable.

And it's preventable, as years of research, evidence and learning have proved. Today, we know what works to keep children safe. What's missing is the global political will and consistent financial resources to finish the job.

The End Violence Partnership exists to take this challenge head on. Our 450 partners around the world know that ending violence against children isn't just the right thing to do, it's also a smart investment to make. Children who grow up free from violence are more likely to stay in school longer and grow into adults with better physical and mental health outcomes, more earning power and greater social stability.

Governments, UN agencies, civil society organizations and individual citizens -- including young people themselves -- are making progress every day to keep children safe. Please consider how you can join us to make a difference. Every action counts, because every child matters.

Dr Howard Taylor
Executive Director

- 1 billion children (at least half of the world's children) experience violence every year.
- Every 7 minutes a child dies as a result of violence
- 1 in 10 children are sexually abused before the age of 18.
- 9 in 10 children live in countries where corporal punishment is not fully prohibited.
- More than one billion children face increased isolation due to COVID-19 lockdowns and school closures.

Within the End Violence Partnership:

- 30 Pathfinding country governments are accelerating action to end violence against children.
- 450 End Violence partner organizations are uniting their voices and actions to end violence against children.
- \$43.8 million from the End Violence Fund is supporting initiatives in 50 countries.





Who we are

The End Violence Partnership is a public-private partnership launched by the UN Secretary-General in 2016 to accelerate progress towards Sustainable Development Goal 16.2: ending all forms of violence against children. End Violence includes 450 partner governments, civil society organisations, UN agencies, private corporations and research institutions, and acts as a global platform for advocacy, evidence-based action, and investments to end all violence against children.

What we do

The **End Violence Partnership** connects members and facilitates evidence-based advocacy and action to keep children safe: safe at home, safe at school, safe online and safe in their communities.

The **End Violence Fund** is a flexible investment vehicle that identifies new and emerging challenges to SDG 16.2, funds innovative initiatives that have the potential to replicate and scale, and generates data, evidence, and learning to inform policy and increase the impact of programmes.

How We Deliver Impact

- Build **political will** and drive **collection advocacy and action** globally and nationally.
- Make the **investment case** and mobilise **increased funding** for partners and the broader movement.
- **Reach children** through catalytic programmatic investments, including direct funding from the End Violence Fund, with a focus on building capacity and generating actionable evidence.
- Build **links with other Sustainable Development Goals**, such as Education (SDG 4) and Health (SDG 3) to deliver multiple wins that protect children and accelerate their development.
- Generate, curate and share **data, evidence, and learning** to equip policymakers and practitioners.



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Priority Initiatives

Safe at Home: Since 2016, the End Violence Partnership has promoted the concept of Pathfinding, which aims to raise awareness, stimulate leadership commitment, galvanize action, and establish a standard of national violence prevention throughout the world. Today, 30 countries have made a formal, public commitment to comprehensive action to end all forms of violence against children. Working with UN agencies, civil society and others they have embarked on a nationally-driven Pathfinding process, spreading the initiative's reach to every continent.

Pathfinding countries use the [INSPIRE Seven strategies for Ending Violence Against Children](#) to understand the drivers of violence and build integrated responses that improve the lives of children and young people.

Safe to Learn: Safe to Learn is a coalition of governments and global organisations committed to ending violence in and through schools. 15 countries have endorsed Safe to Learn's five-point Call to Action, committing to implement relevant legislation, strengthen prevention and response at the school level, and invest in activities to keep children safe at school. With contributions from the Governments of the UK and Switzerland, Safe to Learn is investing \$9 million to support programs and advocacy in five countries that have endorsed the Call to Action: Nepal, South Sudan, Cambodia, Lebanon and Uganda.

Safe Online: The End Violence Partnership is investing in and strengthening the network of organizations and key players working to keep children safe online. So far, we have invested \$34 million in over 50 countries to prevent and respond to online child sexual exploitation and abuse, and a \$13 million funding round is underway focused on cutting-edge technology tools and solutions. In addition, End Violence is increasingly shaping high-level global policy discussions that have impact on child online safety alongside representatives from governments, tech, regulators, security agencies and others, addressing issues at the intersection of connectivity and safety; privacy, security and protection; and technology and human rights.

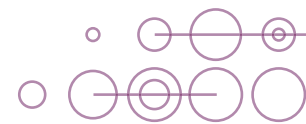
COVID-19

What began as a health crisis risks evolving into a broader child-rights crisis.

António Guterres, Secretary-General of the UN

In March of 2020, COVID-19 was declared a global pandemic. Efforts to contain the virus resulted in isolation and economic stress that exposed children—especially the most vulnerable — to increased risk of violence. As child protection issues skyrocketed, End Violence moved quickly to protect children, launching an extensive COVID-19 resource page visited by 26,000 monthly users and coordinating 22 global leaders to call for governments to prioritize child protection during the pandemic. Working with partners, we also created evidence-based tips to help parents and children cope with stress and disseminated the information on television, radio, online, and even alongside food and aid parcels. Ultimately, we helped reach 34 million families in 174 countries in more than 100 languages. Finally, End Violence and partners created a series of guidance notes and webinars to help policy-makers and practitioners keep children safe online, increase child safety on digital learning platforms, and safely re-open schools.





Progress

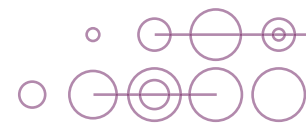
In less than four years, the End Violence Partnership has:

- Expanded the number of global partners to more than 450 organizations, creating a powerful network for joint advocacy, action and knowledge sharing.
- Invested over \$40 million in innovative solutions with impact in more than 50 countries, thanks to donors including the UK, Japan, Switzerland and numerous foundations.
- Convened the first ever Solutions Summit to build and strengthen the end violence movement and provide partners with the inspiration, evidence and networks to accelerate action.
- Provided funding and policy guidance and helped to build coalitions to significantly advance global efforts to combat online child sexual exploitation and abuse.
- Helped 80% of Pathfinding countries to develop National Action Plans that include at least four INSPIRE strategies.
- Incubated and launched the Safe to Learn initiative bringing together leaders in child protection and education including governments, UN agencies, the World Bank and civil society organisations.
- Brought together 22 heads of UN agencies and international organisations calling for action and pledging support to protect children from violence and abuse during COVID-19.
- Launched the End Violence Lab with the University of Edinburgh to build a global knowledge network that harnesses data, evidence, and learning to end violence against children.



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Your Support

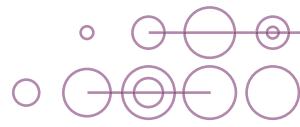
The End Violence Partnership invites the support of diverse partners to help build a safer world for children. Here are a few ways to participate.

- **Become a Partner:** We invite civil society organizations, grassroots groups, corporations, foundations and others to formally join the End Violence Partnership. You can apply [here](#).
- **Follow us on Social Media:** Keep up to date on the latest news on threats to children and progress in reducing violence.
- **Use Your Voice:** Become an advocate within your community, organization and networks to push for policies and funding that prioritize child safety.
- **Invest in Children:** The End Violence Partnership are seeking new funders to expand our work. Generous support from governments and foundations has enabled us to build a global movement and equip our partners to reach millions of children in more than 50 countries. Our funding priorities for 2020-23 are:
 - **Movement building:** Catalyse collective action by adding new partners, advocating for change, and maintaining a strong End Violence Secretariat.
 - **Safe at Home:** Scale up evidence-based solutions in Pathfinder countries with a strong initial focus on Parenting.
 - **Safe Online:** Build technology and innovation solutions that keep children safe from the massive threat of online harm.
 - **Safe to Learn:** Build a stronger global coalition to end violence in and through schools.



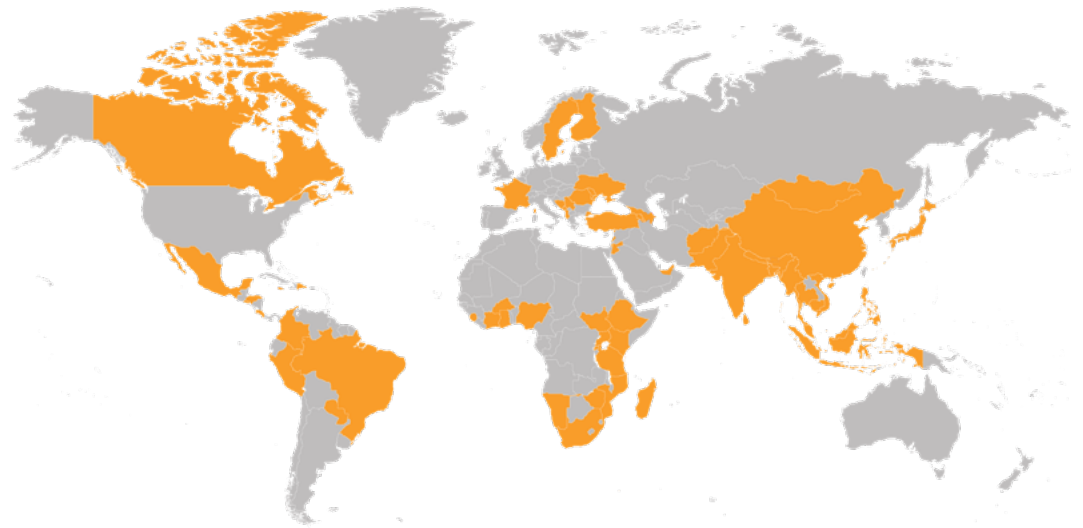
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End Violence Global Presence

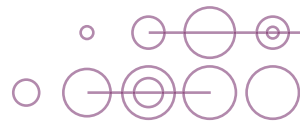
End Violence and its partners are delivering impact around the world. This map highlights countries whose governments have become Pathfinders or endorsed the Safe to Learn call to action; or countries where Safe Online is working with grantees via the End Violence Fund.



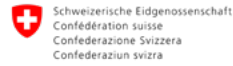
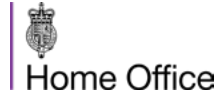
Country	Pathfinders	Safe to Learn Endorsers	Safe Online
Albania			✓
Armenia	✓		
Bosnia and Herzegovina			✓
Brazil, São Paulo	✓		
Burkina Faso	✓		
Cambodia	✓	✓	
Canada	✓		
Colombia	✓		✓
Costa Rica			✓
Côte d'Ivoire	✓		
Dominican Republic			✓
El Salvador	✓	✓	
Finland	✓		
France	✓		
Georgia	✓	✓	
Ghana		✓	✓
Honduras	✓	✓	
Indonesia	✓		
Jamaica	✓	✓	
Japan	✓		
Jordan		✓	✓
Kenya			✓
Lebanon		✓	
Madagascar			✓

Country	Pathfinders	Safe to Learn Endorsers	Safe Online
Mexico	✓	✓	✓
Moldova		✓	
Mongolia	✓		✓
Montenegro	✓		
Namibia			✓
Nepal		✓	
Nigeria			
Paraguay	✓		
Peru	✓		✓
Philippines	✓		✓
Romania	✓		
Rwanda			✓
Sierra Leone		✓	
South Africa	✓	✓	✓
South Sudan		✓	
Sri Lanka	✓		✓
State of Palestine			✓
Sweden	✓		
Tanzania	✓		✓
UAE	✓		
Uganda	✓	✓	✓
Vietnam			✓
Zimbabwe	✓		





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The **End Violence Partnership** includes 450 partners around the world. You can find a map and list here: www.end-violence.org/partners

The **End Violence Fund** supports partners in more than 50 countries. You can find a map and list here: www.end-violence.org/fund/grants-directory





The Global Partnership to End Violence against Children is mobilising the world. There could be no more meaningful way to help realize the vision of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.



– Ban Ki-moon, UN Secretary-General 2007-2016



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