



# End Violence Partnership and Together for Girls: A Framework for Collaboration

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End Violence  
Against Children



Together  
for girls

STRENGTH IN NUMBERS

## Background

**Together for Girls (T4G)** is a global partnership launched in 2009, with the intent to end violence against children, with a focus on sexual violence and girls. T4G's model includes three pillars of action: a) building evidence and generating data; b) supporting country-level comprehensive action; and c) raising awareness through advocacy. T4G is currently active, at various stages of this model, in 22 countries<sup>1</sup>.

In 2015, world leaders made a commitment to end all forms of violence against children by 2030 as part of the Sustainable Development Goals. The **Global Partnership to End Violence Against Children (End Violence)**<sup>2</sup> was launched in July 2016. End Violence is working with partners across sectors, with governments, UN agencies, international organizations, civil society, faith-based groups, the private sector, foundations, researchers and academics, and children themselves to 1) build political will; 2) accelerate action; and 3) strengthen collaboration. End Violence is not an entity in its own right, but a platform for all countries to commit to meeting their binding obligation to prevent violence against children. Pathfinding countries are those whose leaders have made formal pledges to support concrete actions, including through implementing the INSPIRE seven strategies for ending violence against children at scale and monitoring its effects.

The two partnerships share a common vision and share many stakeholders (e.g., governments, UN agencies, foundations, etc.). The work of T4G serves to propel the movement and advance the evidence-base that supports End Violence. **Coordination and alignment between the two partnerships ensures that the movement is strengthened** and that there is a clear division of labor. It avoids duplication at global, regional and national level. This framework outlines collaboration between the two partnerships.



<sup>1</sup> Botswana, China, Colombia, , Cote D'Ivoire, El Salvador Cambodia, Guatemala Haiti, Indonesia, Honduras, Kenya Lao PDR, Malawi, Mozambique, Nigeria, Rwanda, Swaziland, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

<sup>2</sup> End Violence defines violence against children as the "intentional use of physical force or power, threatened or actual, against oneself, another person, or against a group or community, which either results in or has a likelihood of resulting in injury, death, psychological harm, maldevelopment or deprivation" (Krug et al. 2002).





## Overarching principles for collaboration

- All work undertaken through T4G will contribute to the goals of End Violence
- Actors engaged in both partnerships can be mutually supportive, and cross-engagement should be encouraged
- Both partnerships will regularly inform the other of their work and will invite representatives from each to participate in country and regional level fora and events
- Both partnerships will strengthen the universal agenda of cooperation and learning with a focus on south-south exchanges and will seek each other's input and engagement in agenda-setting, funding, disseminating results, etc. as appropriate
- Our modes of collaboration will be updated on a regular basis, as the work of the two partnerships continues to evolve and expand.

## Governance

1. T4G will be represented on the **Executive Committee** of End Violence to ensure coordination and sharing lessons learned. T4G will also participate in relevant working groups of End Violence such as the *INSPIRE* Implementation working group and the Business Plan working group.
2. **End Violence** will participate in Together for Girls working groups and initiatives such as regional meetings and key communications initiatives. Our modes of collaboration will be updated on a regular basis, as the work of the two partnerships continues to evolve and expand.

## Collaboration at country level

3. T4G is active in **22 countries**, implementing the T4G model of data to action, which includes: a) conducting and supporting national surveys on the magnitude, nature and impact of violence against children (VACS); b) supporting coordinated program actions in response to the VACS and other available data; and c) leading global advocacy and public awareness efforts to draw attention to the problem and promote evidence-based solutions. All 22 countries will be considered as contributing to the End Violence goal of accelerated country action. Moving forward, in these countries, End Violence and Together for Girls will work in a coordinated manner to offer political support to the development of a single, nationally-led action plan for ending violence against children. The plan will be data-driven and evidence-based, focused on implementing **INSPIRE** at national level.
4. End Violence has received expressions of interest to be a **pathfinder country** from El Salvador, Indonesia, Jamaica, Mexico, Paraguay, Philippines, Romania, Sri Lanka, Sweden and Tanzania. In addition, the governments of Canada, Cambodia, Cote d'Ivoire, Estonia, Nigeria, Uganda, Scotland and Switzerland have initiated discussions on pathfinding. To demonstrate how T4G and End Violence can have a bigger impact together, End Violence will prioritize collaboration in **El Salvador and Tanzania**, and learn from this experience to inform coordination in other countries as appropriate.
5. In keeping with the existing model, **T4G will continue to work** in countries that are:
  - low- to middle-income
  - relatively stable, with primary engagement occurring with national governments
  - officially requesting T4G engagement
  - committed to implementing a Violence Against Children Survey (VACS) and a subsequent multi-stakeholder national action plan of violence against children.





6. **When engaging in new countries**, End Violence and T4G will inform the other to see if the other partner has capacity/interest to support efforts, in which case, End Violence and T4G will introduce themselves together.
7. The **VACS** will be recognized by End Violence as a critical data source, offering both a baseline against which to measure progress, as well as key to having a deep and nuanced understanding of violence that can guide effective programming on the ground (including the implementation of **INSPIRE**).
8. T4G will facilitate learning and exchanges on gender responsive programming, in the working groups and through the Solution Summits. T4G will also support the development of a 'gender track' for the upcoming Solutions Summit, connecting to existing work and research on gender-based violence, gender equality, and sexual and reproductive health and rights.
9. Through secondary analysis and dissemination of the **VACS datasets**, T4G will contribute to a more nuanced understanding of both the shared and unique experiences of violence for boys and girls across their lifespan, including associations between early experiences of violence and later IPV victimization and perpetration, as well as a more complete picture of how different forms of violence occur in adolescence and young adulthood for both 13-24 year old females and males.
10. T4G will use its significant communication and advocacy platform **to amplify the voices of children and adolescents** on relevant issues, including at the intersection of **violence prevention and response, gender equality, and sexual and reproductive health** (e.g., Safe magazine, 16 Heroes, etc.)

## Collaboration on the results framework/ indicators for VAC sensitivity

11. T4G will collaborate with End Violence to develop a Results Framework for VAC in close collaboration with CDC, UNICEF and WHO. T4G will incorporate these agreed-to indicators, as appropriate, into the T4G framework and share results with End Violence.

## Collaboration on proposal development and fundraising

12. End Violence and T4G have different funding models. Each organization will continue to seek funding independently, but efforts should be mutually supportive. Moving forward, we will identify areas for joint fundraising. Funding to T4G or leveraged by T4G will be counted as overall funding for the field (e.g., can be counted as funds mobilized by the End Violence platform). T4G will be eligible to compete for funding through the trust fund associated with End Violence.

