

CSO Forum EVAC
Webinar 1: Asia region
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Q&A with Natasha Javid, End Violence

(Please see also the attached Global Partnership to End Violence Against Children Pathfinding document, shared with these responses.)

Questions from webinar participants:

1) Can you share more insights into GPEVAC's strategy and plan of engagement for 2020 with countries who already become pathfinding countries?

Pathfinding countries are at different phases in their journey towards ending violence against children. Plans of engagement varies depending on the country's unique situation and needs. Where appropriate, playing a convening role and brokering the action needed among diverse stakeholders; Bolstering civil society engagement, including local non-governmental organisations, building on what exists; Providing an example implementation roadmap to be locally adapted; and Supporting governments at 4 key milestone moments: Public declaration of commitment by government; Public launch and dissemination of national data; Public launch and dissemination of the National Action Plan; Biennial update on National Action Plan implementation. Where necessary, small financial support to key stakeholders in-country to help deliver pathfinding commitments.

2) How do you communicate with pathfinding countries in general? Is there a mechanisms to update countries and also to technically support them in carrying out their agenda? Is it only on request based?

We communicate with pathfinding countries regularly. Our engagement with countries is largely with our partners; Governments, UNICEF and CSOs. We do not provide direct technical support to countries. However, we do connect countries with experts and institutions that can support them according to their need. All requests must come from within the country either by the government or partners and we will support as needed.

3) Solution Summit 2020, does it link to the solution summit 2018? Are we going to carry over the discussion from that previous event?

The Summit in 2020 will aim to mobilize leaders across sectors to make the case that ending violence against children (SDG 16.2) is central to achieving all SDGs. The Summit will also showcase solutions of what is working to end violence against children, to demonstrate that this mission is right, smart and possible. The agenda of the Summit is currently being developed with our partners so we cannot comment on how it might be linked to the previous one.

4) How do countries become Pathfinding? What can CSOs do?

Pathfinding countries are those whose government leaders do two things:

- Make a formal, public commitment to comprehensive action to end all forms of violence against children; and

- The government formally requests to become a pathfinder within the Global Partnership to End Violence Against Children.

CSOs can play a very important role by familiarizing and encouraging their government to sign up to pathfinding. End Violence Secretariat can support the CSOs as needed.

5. Where can CSOs learn more about opportunities for funding and how to apply? How can I find out about calls (for funding)?

You can learn about funding opportunities by signing up to the [End Violence newsletter](https://end-violence.us12.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=71bd9ea56bbca248596b57d79&id=dbbec8ed86).
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Currently the only funding opportunity is for solutions that leverage existing and new technologies to prevent and combat online child sexual exploitation. For more information, please go to: <https://www.end-violence.org/fund>