



# CSO Forum EVAC: Regional Webinar 2

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# Agenda

- I. Welcome - Joanna Shepherd, Plan International
- II. INSPIRE - Alex Butchart, WHO
- III. CRC Coalition Philippines - Magnolia Eva Escobedo & Marc Alejo
- IV. Research: A multi-religious study on the CRC, and applications for EVAC - Rebeca Rios Kohn, Arigatou International
- V. CSO Forum EVAC - Joanna Shepherd, Plan International
- VI. Q & A with Participants - facilitated by Heather Hein, ISPCAN
- VII. Next Steps & Resources - Heather Hein, ISPCAN

# Webinar 2 Purpose & Objectives

- ▶ **Purpose:** To strengthen collaboration and learning among CSO networks at national, regional and global levels to end violence against children.
- ▶ **Objectives:**
  - ▶ To discuss opportunities to strengthen coordination at national level and how to engage with other stakeholders including at regional and global levels
  - ▶ To identify specific needs for capacity development and information sharing
  - ▶ To strengthen the role of CSO coalitions/groups in supporting the goals of End Violence



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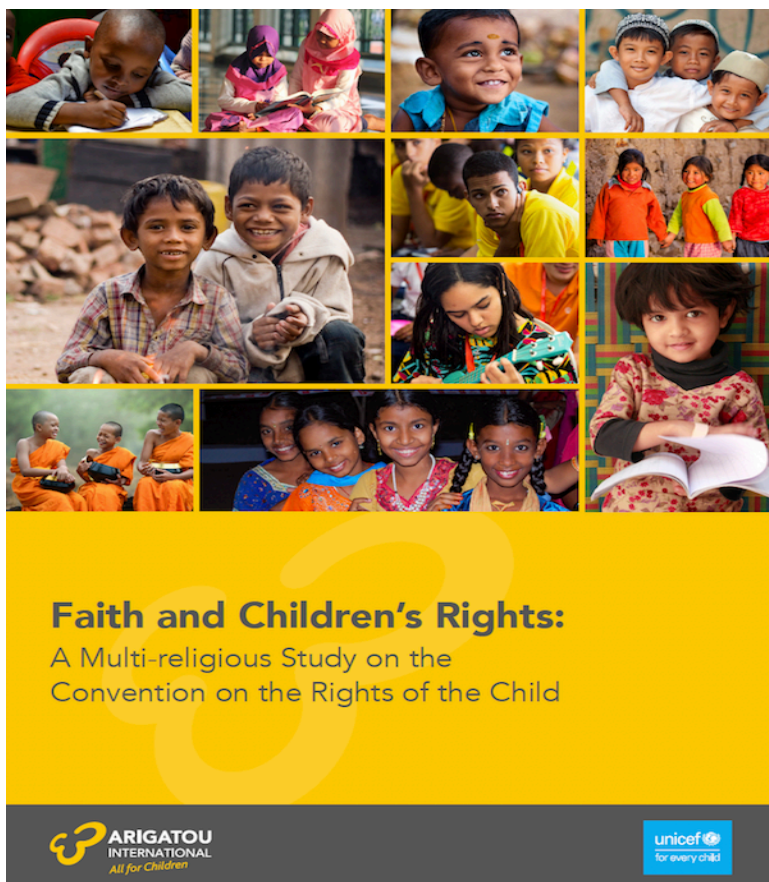
# INSPIRE

Alex Butchart, WHO

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# CRC Coalition & EVAC in the Philippines

Magnolia Eva Escobedo, CRC Coalition  
&  
Marc Alejo, WVI



# A multi-religious study on the CRC & applications for EVAC

Rebeca Rios Kohn  
Arigatou International



# Civil Society Forum to End Violence Against Children

- Who we are & How we work
- 6 Advocacy Asks
- Advocacy Opportunities: CRC, UPR & VNRs
  - Updated Call to Action: 2020 Voluntary National Reviews

# What is the CSO Forum?

- ▶ The Civil Society Forum to End Violence against Children (CSO Forum) is a broad coalition of civil society organisations operating at the national, regional and global levels to advocate for the implementation of Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 16.2 and other SDG targets to end violence against children
- ▶ The CSO Forum's primary thematic priority is ending violence against children through support to the Global Partnership's work - especially in-country
- ▶ Member organisations include:
  - ▶ African Child Policy Forum, Arigatou International, Child Helpline International, ChildFund Alliance, CPC Learning Network, ECPAT, Girls Not Brides, Global Initiative to End All Corporal Punishment of Children, Internet Watch Foundation, ISPCAN, One Third Sweden, Plan International, Promundo, Save the Children, SOS Children's Villages International, Terre des Hommes, World Council of Churches, World Scouts Movement, and World Vision



## What we're not...

- ▶ The CSO Forum is not a fund or a grantor
  - ▶ We do share information about calls for funding when they come across, such as the recent grant from EV for Safe to Learn
- ▶ While the CSO Forum does not operate at the national level, we are comprised of Member organizations with national offices
  - ▶ We seek to connect with national and regional CSO networks and groups working to end violence against children





**Civil Society Forum**  
**Ending violence against children**

**WHO WE ARE:**

African Child Policy Forum, Arigatou, Child Helpline, CPC Learning Network, ChildFund Alliance, ECPAT, Girls Not Brides, Global Initiative to End All Corporal Punishment of Children, Internet Watch Foundation, ISPCAN, One Third Sweden, Plan International, Promundo, Save the Children, SOS Children's Villages, Terre des Hommes, World Scouts Movement, World Council of Churches, World Vision

**18 MEMBERS**

**CIVIL SOCIETY 112 CONTACTS**  
CSO colleagues in 28 Pathfinder Countries committed to Ending Violence against Children

**398 ORGANIZATIONS**  
Connected through our CSOs contacts and coalitions (including national offices of global CSOs)

**ASKS 6**

- Prohibit all forms of violence against children in all settings
- Leave no one behind
- Strengthen accountability mechanisms for commitments made to end violence against children
- Listen to and involve children!
- Increase funding to end violence against children
- Invest in what works to prevent violence

**JOIN US!**  
To learn more, contact us at: Jenessa Bryan, Coordinator  
Civil Society Forum to End Violence against Children  
Sign up to learn more here: <https://forms.gle/6LqywyghSZT8NQ8>  
Email: [csforumvac@gmail.com](mailto:csforumvac@gmail.com)  
Follow us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/CSForumEVAC>



- ▶ We are more than 15 member organizations and growing!
- ▶ Through our members, we connect with more than 112 CSO contacts in more than 26 Pathfinder countries and countries in discussion
- ▶ We have the potential to reach out to civil society groups at national level, as well through national offices of global CSOs (nearly 400 in all)
- ▶ We promote 6 advocacy asks to accelerate actions to achieve Sustainable Development Goal 16.2 to end violence against children (details on next slide)
- ▶ Join us! (Contact us form and details included on last slide)

## 6 advocacy asks to accelerate SDG 16.2

- ▶ **Prohibit all forms of violence in all settings:** Governments should prohibit all forms of violence in all settings and against all children and ensure that their national legislation is aligned with the international human rights standards.
- ▶ **Invest in what works to prevent violence:** Scale up existing solutions such as INSPIRE strategies by **integrating them into government strategies and plans** which address violence against children and by providing clear policy guidance for scaling up interventions, including the selection of priorities and implementation modalities. The evidence based solutions should be delivered through strong child protection systems, guided by policy solutions that mobilize multi-sectoral responses, and backed by investments that enable their application at scale necessary to reduce prevalence of violence among children.
- ▶ **Increase funding to end violence against children:** Governments must ensure child-centred budgets and allocate adequate funding in legal and child protection systems, as well as infrastructure to collect and share data on violence against children.
- ▶ **Strengthen accountability mechanisms for commitments made to end violence against children, especially through the SDGs, and the international human rights instruments:**
- ▶ **Listen to and involve children:** Governments, international agencies and partners must formalize and fund processes to ensure meaningful and active inclusion of children in ending violence against children
- ▶ **Leave no one behind:** Efforts to end violence against children need to be inclusive, age and gender-responsive approaches and must reflect the needs of the most vulnerable children who are living in extreme poverty, LGBTQI, especially those on the move or in humanitarian crises.

# CSO Forum 2020 Work Plan priorities

- ▶ Promote advocacy to end violence against children at the global, regional and national levels
- ▶ Strengthen our communication and connection with CSO groups and networks in Pathfinding Countries and Countries in Discussion
  - ▶ 4 regional webinars
  - ▶ National CSO groups/focal points working on EVAC
  - ▶ New! “Contact Us” form to sign up to learn more about the CSO Forum
- ▶ Grow the CSO Forum EVAC member organizations

# CSO Focal Points in Pathfinding Countries

- ▶ In collaboration with EV, we are piloting in 6 focus Pathfinding Countries: Cambodia, Canada, Colombia, Cote d'Ivoire, Philippines, Uganda
- ▶ CSO Focal Point role: The primary purpose is to facilitate information sharing and communication between global and national levels
  - ▶ The CSO Focal Point represents or is connected with an existing group of CSOs working on EVAC at the national level
  - ▶ This effort is to complement existing initiatives, and not to duplicate any efforts in country
  - ▶ It is also hoped it is useful to connect CSOs from other Pathfinding countries for information sharing and learning
- ▶ Our goal is to include CSO Focal Points in all 29 Pathfinding Countries



## How Civil Society can advance Ending Violence against Children in the Voluntary National Reviews

**CSOs have a key role** to play in the VNRs in defining progress and challenges to achieving the SDGs

**Ending violence against children** (SDG 16.2) is included in the general review of SDGs for the 2020 HLPF

**Take action!** Engage in the VNRs to advocate for better reporting on ending violence against children

The annual High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) is the main space for follow-up and review of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) at the global level. Each year, governments can volunteer to present reports on national progress towards implementation of the SDGs as a whole, referred to as Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs). According to the DESA Handbook, countries are strongly encouraged to report on all 17 SDGs or on the ones that are their priorities.

The HLPF 2020 will take place from 7-16 July at the UN in New York. To begin the [Decade of Action](#), the theme of the 2020 HLPF will be 'Accelerated action and transformative pathways: realizing the decade of action and delivery for sustainable development.'

### Call to Action!

National and local CSOs working together can actively engage with governments in the VNR process to promote reporting on SDG 16.2 and related Goals and Targets to end violence against children:

- **16.2 - End abuse, exploitation, trafficking and all forms of violence against and torture of children.**
- 4.a - provide safe, inclusive, non-violent and effective **learning environments** for all.
- 5.2 - eliminate all forms of **violence against all women and girls** in the 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 - secure the prohibition and elimination of the worst forms of **child labor**, including recruitment and use of child soldiers, and by 2025 end child labor in all its forms.
- 16.9 - By 2030, provide **legal identity** for all, including birth registration.



### Countries presenting VNRs in 2020

**51 countries** will present Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs) including:

**6 Pathfinding Countries** of the Global Partnership to End Violence against Children (reporting for the 2<sup>nd</sup> time): [Armenia](#), [Georgia](#), [Honduras](#), [Nigeria](#), [Peru](#), and [Uganda](#).

**8 Countries** in discussion to become Pathfinding: [Bulgaria](#), [Finland](#), [Kenya](#), [Mozambique](#), [Nepal](#), [Ukraine](#), [Zambia](#), and [Zimbabwe](#).

## CSO Forum Call to Action: 2020 Voluntary National Reviews

- ▶ CSO Forum EVAC: updated CSOs Call to Action for 2020 VNRs
  - ▶ High-Level Political Forum will take place in New York, July 2020
  - ▶ Thematic focus is on accelerated actions to achieve the SDGs
  - ▶ We encourage all countries participating in the VNRs to include SDG 16.2 and related goals and targets
  - ▶ Previous good examples from Indonesia (2017) and Philippines (2018)
  - ▶ [Seventh session of the Asia Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development](#), 25 - 27 March 2020, Bangkok, Thailand
- ▶ To learn more, see our updated report in the webinar materials



# Q & A

Moderated by Heather Hein, ISPCAN



# Closing & Next Steps

Heather Hein, ISPCAN



# Learn more on the End Violence website:

<https://www.end-violence.org/cso-forum>



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## THE CSO FORUM

Across the world, civil society organisations, or CSOs, are working to end violence against children. Especially in areas fractured by disaster, conflict or longstanding poverty, CSOs are often the first to respond and the last to leave. They protect children, enhance their wellbeing, and bring hope and opportunity to those who need it most. CSOs can also reach into the crevices of communities, governments and institutions, sparking change and unleashing solutions at the local, national and global levels.

Ending violence against children would be impossible without the engagement of CSOs. The Civil Society Forum to End Violence Against Children (CSO Forum) was created to harness the collective power of civil society organisations to end violence against children. To date, the CSO Forum is made up of the African Child Policy Forum, Arigatou International, Child Helpline International, ChildFund Alliance, CPC Learning Network, ECPAT, Girls Not Brides, the Global Initiative to End All Corporal Punishment of Children, Internet Watch Foundation, ISPCAN, One Third Sweden, Plan International, Promundo, Save the Children, SOS Children's Villages International, Terre des Hommes, the World Council of Churches, and World Vision.

The Forum also supports the End Violence Global Partnership to End Violence Against Children, facilitating broad-based, inclusive, effective and accountable engagement from civil society. To do so, the Forum's efforts revolve around three main goals: build and sustain political will through advocacy, accelerate action at the country level, and collaborate and learn from one another.

[Apply to become a member of the CSO Forum.](#)



### Materials



2018 Annual Report

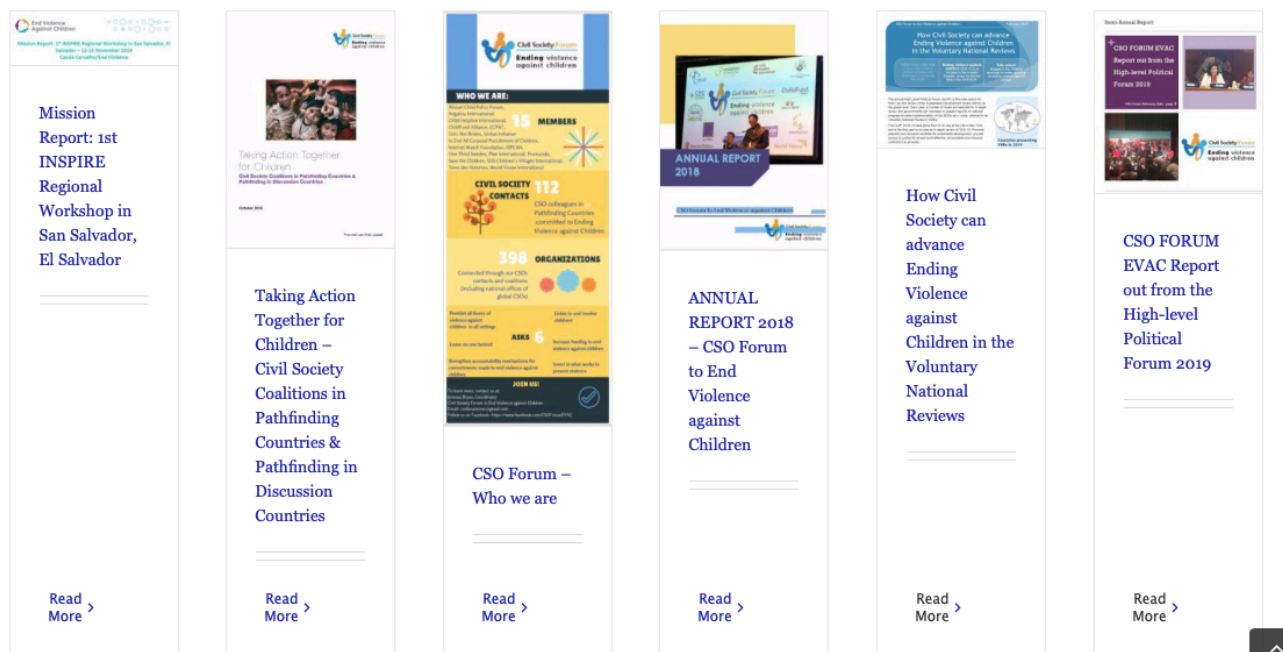
Read the CSO Forum's 2018 annual report

# Learn more at ISPCAN.org

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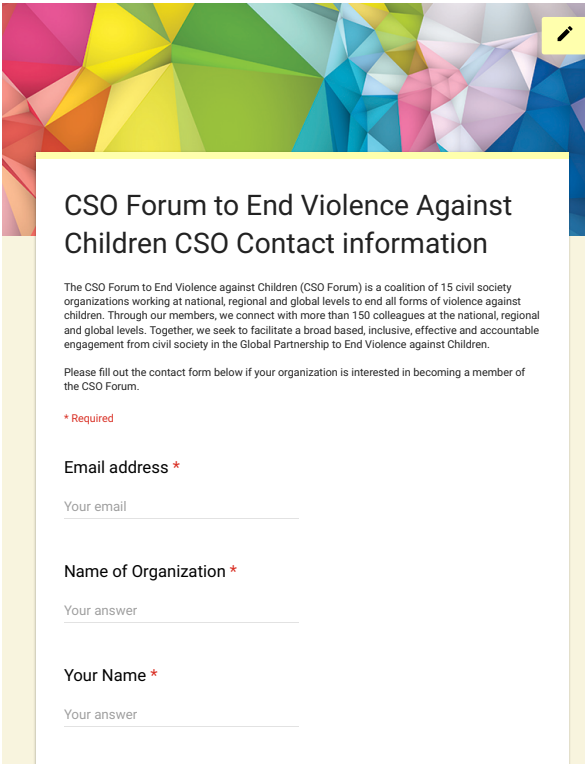
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# Sign up to learn more about the CSO Forum EVAC

- ▶ Please sign up here to learn more about the CSO Forum EVAC:
- ▶ <https://forms.gle/LVKY9pcPC1WjWMcL6>



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**CSO Forum to End Violence Against Children CSO Contact information**

The CSO Forum to End Violence against Children (CSO Forum) is a coalition of 15 civil society organizations working at national, regional and global levels to end all forms of violence against children. Through our members, we connect with more than 150 colleagues at the national, regional and global levels. Together, we seek to facilitate a broad based, inclusive, effective and accountable engagement from civil society in the Global Partnership to End Violence against Children.

Please fill out the contact form below if your organization is interested in becoming a member of the CSO Forum.

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Thank you!



# LINKS & RESOURCES

- Learn more about how to join the CSO Forum and sign up for our email list here: <https://forms.gle/nWMkWkc1R2hLqvc9>
- Visit the CSO Forum webpage on the End Violence website: <https://www.end-violence.org/cso-forum>
- Check out the CSO Forum and other EVAC resources on the ISPCAN website: <https://www.ispcan.org/ispcan-regions/global-network/>
- Check out the Arigatou International new report on the CRC: <https://arigatouinternational.org/en/>
  - Executive summary available in English and in Spanish (Full study available soon in Spanish)