



## GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP TO END VIOLENCE AGAINST CHILDREN

### MINUTES

of the Board Meeting held on 15 July 2019, New York

#### WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

End Violence Board Chair Henrietta H. Fore welcomed Board members and acknowledged two new Board members, Dr. Najat Maalla M'jid (UN Special Representative of the Secretary General on Ending Violence Against Children) and Dr. Daniela Ligiero (End Violence Executive Committee Chair and CEO of Together for Girls).

Ms. Fore recognized the efforts of Board Members and the organizations and networks that they represent in ending violence against children. She highlighted the progress being made but emphasized that there was a long way to go to get to zero violence against children by 2030. There is a little over a decade remaining to deliver results against Agenda 2030 - a decade of opportunities to seize. She encouraged the Board to focus on delivery and scaling the impact of the Partnership, including supporting progress and learning from the 26 Pathfinding countries. She called upon Board members to be the faces and voices of the Partnership, and to demonstrate the urgency of action to address the issues facing children. She proposed that an End Violence pitch for Board members to use with other leaders should be prepared.

#### BOARD BUSINESS

The Board unanimously approved the minutes of the September 2018 End Violence Board Meeting and the Safeguarding Policy.

#### PARTNERSHIP IMPACT IN-COUNTRY

Ms. Fore invited Dr. Ligiero and Dr. Howard Taylor (End Violence Executive Director) to share an update on the progress and plans around the three priorities of the Partnership – Pathfinding, Safe to Learn and online child safety – and what action Board members can take to support progress.

Dr. Ligiero noted the opportunities, challenges and progress made by the Partnership in its first three years. The Executive Committee and Secretariat were now focused on supporting progress where the Partnership could have the most impact:



- through Pathfinding, including going deeper in a subset of 8-10 countries and supporting them through actions plans that would help identify priorities, track progress and generate evidence at the country level;
- through the Safe to Learn campaign, engaging the Education sector to tackle violence against children in and through schools; and
- protecting children from online sexual abuse and exploitation, using grants for online child safety and advocating on the issues that would shape the future of the internet for children.

Dr. Ligiero noted that the End Violence Summit in 2020 was an opportunity to generate new commitments and bring in more partners, and that the ongoing review of the Secretariat's business model and operations would make recommendations to better position the Partnership for impact at scale.

Dr. Taylor acknowledged Executive Committee members joining the Board Meeting in addition to Dr. Ligiero: Ms. Maureen Greenwood-Basken (End Violence Executive Committee Vice-Chair); Mr. Ted Chaiban (UNICEF); and Ms. Nicole Ruder (Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation). The Board recognized the significant contributions of Mr. Chaiban and Ms. Ruder in helping establish and guiding the Partnership in its first three years.

Building on Dr. Ligiero's remarks, Dr. Taylor:

- summarized the updated Pathfinding strategy, whereby the Partnership would continue to welcome all governments who met the Pathfinding criteria while going deeper into a subset of countries where demonstrable results were likely within 2-3 years because of a combination of political will, dynamic and empowered partners aligned behind shared priorities, and donor support. He explained the vision to move from remote, HQ-driven support to in-country leadership among partners, and to step-up efforts to mobilize new financial resources behind action plans for these countries.
- noted that the first phase of Safe to Learn was now complete, with achievements including preparation of the Call to Action and Youth Manifesto, the Development Partners Alliance, and an expanded coalition now including partners from the end violence community and the education sector. A Safe to Learn Leaders Event immediately after the Board meeting would see a range of strategy, policy and financial commitments from coalition partners. Those partners would now carry the momentum into preparation of a strategy road map that would include both the global and national communications, and operational delivery and impact for children. Investments from the End Violence Fund would support delivery of the strategy road map.



- reminded Board members of the nature, scale and speed of growth of online child sexual exploitation and abuse (CSEA). The current round of investments from the End Violence Fund would help build the evidence base to tackle CSEA; the forthcoming round later in 2019 would focus on technology-based solutions. Dr. Taylor noted that three years of investments from the End Violence Fund to tackle online CSEA has positioned the Partnership to advocate for children's online safety in the global conversations that will shape the future of the internet for children, e.g. safely expanding connectivity, prioritising both privacy and protection, and the implications of frontier technology for human rights.

Dr. Taylor also highlighted selected cross-cutting issues that would be important to maintaining the momentum of the Partnership. These included:

- the Secretariat's financial sustainability. With some notable exceptions, financial contributions from members of the Partnership's governing bodies did not match the Partnership's aspiration to end all violence against children by 2030. Running costs of the Secretariat were approximately \$6 million per year, and the Secretariat was in a perpetual cycle of mobilizing these relatively small resources, with significant opportunity costs in time and focus for the small Secretariat team. The Secretariat had built a pipeline of prospective new donors that was expected to yield returns over the coming 18 months, some of whom would likely request a role in governance of the Partnership.
- a review of the Secretariat's business and operating model that would consider how funds could be received and disbursed, talent management, governance, hosting arrangements and more;
- linking the goal of ending violence against children with other SDGs, as piloted with Safe to Learn SDG4 (Education);
- creating a Partnership for all, in addition to the priority initiatives being driven by the Secretariat;
- leveraging End Violence Summit 2020 as a major opportunity (see below); and
- demonstrating impact in-country and the value-add of the Partnership.

In discussion, Board members:

- observed that there was no one-size-fits-all approach to country-level work, and that it would be important to making the links in-country between Pathfinding, Safe to Learn and online child safety. Consideration should be given to how best to drive progress and build capacity in-country when the lead/nodal agency for child protection is often in a weak ministry, and to responding when a Pathfinder is not making progress. And it would be important to have an evaluation



framework to assess impact, at least for the subset of 8-10 Pathfinding countries where enhanced support is planned;

- noted that some governments were not yet able to endorse the Safe to Learn Call to Action, pending ongoing internal review processes;
- proposed an online safety campaign to raise awareness and inspire action to tackle online CSEA, including involvement of technology companies;
- requested that the gender dimension of violence against children be fully integrated across the priority initiatives, and suggested that the INSPIRE strategies to end violence against children be brought together with the RESPECT strategies to end violence against women;
- emphasized the importance of securing new donors to the End Violence Secretariat and Fund, and demonstrating results in-country;
- requested the Secretariat to share a financial summary of income and expenditure;
- underlined the opportunity of linking the end violence agenda with other issues and sectors, including climate change;
- urged more active engagement with the private sector to help deliver the three priorities, possibly including more rights-based business practices and shared accountability; and
- welcomed the intention to create a Partnership for all, noting that some countries who were not members or Pathfinders nor explicitly using INSPIRE were nonetheless making commitments and taking action, and it would be good to find a way to include them in building the movement.

Dr. Taylor thanked the Board for their suggestions and proposals and committed to work with the End Violence Executive Committee to follow up on them. Dr. Ligiero reassured Board members that the evolved approach to Pathfinding was intended to empower governments and partners to understand and act on data and evidence and effectively coordinate local resources at the country level. Ms. Fore encouraged the Board to note of the Secretariat's financial position and consider making an investment.

## END VIOLENCE SUMMIT 2020

Dr. Taylor presented the plans for the End Violence Summit in 2020 (Summit 2020), acknowledging the Government of Sweden and WePROTECT Global Alliance who co-hosted the previous Summit in 2018 and were instrumental to its success. Summit 2020 would build on this success, and on the momentum being generated across the end violence community during 2019 through the High-Level Political Forum review of progress against SDG16, the Heads of Government review of progress against all SDGs during the UN General Assembly, and the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

The objectives of Summit 2020, provisionally scheduled for November 2020, would be to:

- raise awareness and stimulate new commitments;
- showcase what's working;
- position ending violence as central to achieving other SDGs; and
- mobilize new financial resources.

Summit 2020 would be held with about 10 years to go to deliver the SDGs, and could be framed around a 'Decade to Zero', possibly including a Declaration capturing commitments made by the end violence community, other SDG communities, and new partners from multiple sectors.

Dr. Taylor noted that the Executive Committee had carefully considered the offer from the UAE Government to host Summit 2020 and recommended that the Board should accept the offer. With the Board's approval, there would be a little under 18 months to prepare, and the Executive Committee and Secretariat would work with the Board to secure the right level and mix of participants, and related commitments.

The Board approved the proposed objectives, timing and location of Summit 2020 and made the following points:

- key moments and events in 2020 could be used to build momentum and attract high-level participation in Summit 2020, including the 20<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of the UN Security Council Resolution 1325 on women, peace, and security, Dubai Expo 2020, and the G20 Summit in Riyadh;
- the success of the previous Summit was largely due to the good and close cooperation between stakeholders, and knowing the internal structures and working arrangements of partner organizations;
- Summit 2020 presents a good opportunity to make and consolidate action-focused links with other SDG communities, and to showcase ending violence against children in humanitarian contexts;



- Summit 2020 should be a pivot point for engaging the private sector at the decision-making level. The UAE has hosted the World Economic Forum, successfully engaging the private sector in a global conversation, a model that could be replicated;
- the Partnership should be very ambitious on resource mobilization at Summit 2020, making the case for investment in a truly transformative agenda, and putting the Secretariat and Fund on a more sustainable footing for the medium-term;
- the Partnership's three priorities should guide the objectives of Summit 2020, and seek to establish their interlinkages in country-level implementation. A common thread is focusing on women and children, and parental intervention to address violence at home. The academic community could help shape discussion topics.

## BOARD MEETINGS IN 2020

The Board approved Ms. Fore's proposal that the Board should meet twice in 2020, once in the UAE in November, on the eve of Summit 2020, and also in the Spring, to check-in on plans and progress towards the Summit.

## ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Fore thanked Board members for their participation at the meeting, and thanked Dr. Ligiero, Dr. Taylor and the End Violence Secretariat for preparing for a productive meeting.

There being no other business, Ms. Fore closed the meeting.

## LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

### CHAIR

1. Ms. Henrietta H. Fore, Executive Director, **UNICEF**

### GOVERNMENTS

2. H.E. Louise Blaise, Deputy Permanent Representative to the United Nations, **Canada** (representing H.E. Maryam Monsef)
3. H.E. Martha Delgado, Deputy Minister for Multilateral Affairs and Human Rights, **Mexico** (representing H.E. Marcelo Ebrard)
4. Ms. Nicole Ruder, Head of the Global Institutions Division, **Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation SDC** (representing Mr. Manuel Bessler)
5. Mr. Matthew Rycroft CBE, Permanent Secretary, **UK Department for International Development** (representing Rt Hon Rory Stewart MP)
6. H.E. Annika Strandhäll, Minister for Social Security, **Sweden** (representing H.E. Minister Lena Åsa Lindhagen, Sweden)
7. Mr. Hideo Suzuki, Assistant Minister/Director-General for Global Issues, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, **Japan** (representing H.E. Taro Kono)
8. H.E. Minister Yohana Yembise, Minister of Women Empowerment and Child Protection, **Indonesia**

### UN AGENCIES

9. Ms. Asa Regné, Deputy Executive Director, **UN Women** (representing Ms. Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka)
10. Mr. Stewart Simonson, Assistant Director-General, **WHO** New York Office (representing Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus)

### UN EX-OFFICIO

11. Dr. Najat Maalla M'jid, **UN Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Violence Against Children**
12. Ms. Sharon Riggle, Chief of Analysis and Outreach Unit, **Office of UN Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict** (representing Ms. Virginia Gamba)



## FOUNDATIONS

13. Dr. Joanna Rubinstein, President & CEO, **World Childhood Foundation**

## CIVIL SOCIETY AND FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS

14. Ms. Pragathi Tummala, Executive Director, **ISPCAN** (representing Dr. Bernard Gerbaka)
15. Rev. Keishi Miyamoto, President, **Arigatou International**
16. Rev. Dr. Olav Fykse Tveit, General Secretary, **World Council of Churches**

## PRIVATE SECTOR

17. Mr. Gary Cohen, Executive Vice President – Global Health, **Becton-Dickinson & Co.**, and President, Becton-Dickinson & Co. Foundation
18. Mr. Kurt Ekert, President and CEO, **Carlson Wagonlit Travel**

## ACADEMIA AND INDEPENDENT EXPERTS

19. Dr. A.K. Shiva Kumar, **Co-Chair, Know Violence in Childhood**
20. Dr. Savitri Goonesekere, **Emeritus Professor of Law, University of Colombo**

## END VIOLENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CHAIR

21. Dr. Daniela Ligiero, Executive Director and CEO, **Together for Girls**

## Regrets

## ACADEMIA AND INDEPENDENT EXPERTS

1. Mr. Paulo Sérgio Pinheiro, Independent Expert