

# It Takes Health to End Violence Against Children

## Meeting of Geneva-based missions from 30 Pathfinder Countries

Thursday November 19, 2020 10.30 a.m - 12.00 p.m. Geneva time

The health sector has an essential role to play in preventing, detecting and addressing violence against children, particularly in the most vulnerable communities. In light of this, Member States meeting at the World Health Assembly in 2016 adopted the **Global plan of action to strengthen the role of the health system within a national multisectoral response to address interpersonal violence, in particular against women and girls and against children**. This action plan is designed to support the fulfilment of the Agenda 2030 so it is imperative to support the compliance of Member States with its targets. As the world is fighting **COVID-19**, and most countries dealing with the many consequences, including a rise in violence against children and are preparing a sustainable recovery, promoting child rights and implementing measures for the well-being of children is more important than ever.

### The objectives of the meeting are to:

1. Raise awareness of the need to elevate Violence Against Children as a global priority in responding to COVID-19 and for post-COVID-19 planning and financing
2. Update on initiatives of End Violence, WHO and WVI and reflect on the extent to which the health sector is fulfilling its role, as set out in the WHO global plan of action
3. Discuss a collective way forward for these 30 Pathfinder Countries and the role their missions can play in Geneva

### Agenda

- Welcome
  - Ms Anna Jardfelt, Permanent Representative of Sweden to the UN in Geneva
  - Ms Adriana Mendoza Agudelo, Permanent Representative of Colombia to the UN in Geneva
- Presentation of End Violence, Pathfinder Countries, WHO Global Plan of Action and Global Status Report on Violence Against Children, Solutions Summit Series, World Health Organization
  - Dr Etienne Krug, Chair of the Global Partnership to End Violence Against Children and Director Social Determinants of Health, World Health Organization
- Presentation from 3 Pathfinder Countries to share best practices and challenges for national health system programmes that seek to end violence against children
- Discussion with Geneva Missions on their plans and next steps

### Meeting details

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