



Progress to End Violence Against Children

A snapshot of recent success

2021 - 2022



**End Violence
Against Children**





ENDING VIOLENCE IN ALL ITS FORMS

Despite the heightened risks that children face due to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, change is taking place to prevent and respond to violence in all corners of the world.

Governments, civil society organisations, UN agencies, donors, children, and survivors of violence have continued to take collective action and make commitments to end all forms of violence against children.

Here are some of the critical gains achieved to build back better and safer for children.

AS OF JANUARY 2022

Over **23 million** more children are now legally **protected from corporal punishment** with the Republic of Korea and Colombia introducing new laws to prohibit corporal punishment in 2021. With these advances, **63 states now have full prohibition of corporal punishment.**

JANUARY 2022

The **Philippines abolished child marriage** through the enactment of a new law criminalising the practice – **a crucial development for children** at a time when COVID-19 is increasing risks.

IN 2020 - 2021

Australia, Ghana, Ukraine, Cambodia and Nepal have **passed legislative acts to strengthen online safety** and protect children from online abuse and exploitation.





DECEMBER 2021

The **United States** Department of Justice announced **grants of nearly \$141 million to help protect children from exploitation, trauma and abuse**, including funding improvements in the judicial handling of child abuse and neglect cases.

NOVEMBER 2021

Australia announced a **10-year national strategy for the prevention of child sexual abuse**. A commitment of **\$146 million is pledged** for the first four years of the plan, which will include strengthened law enforcement measures and support for survivors.

OCTOBER 2021

ASEAN states adopted the **Regional Plan of Action for the Protection of Children** from All Forms of Online Exploitation and Abuse in ASEAN and Declaration on the **Elimination of Bullying of Children** ASEAN to enable collaborative evidence-based action in addressing various forms of violence across the region.

SEPTEMBER 2021

In **Wales**, where the **law prohibiting corporal punishment** is set to go into effect in March 2022, the government **invested £2.2 million in a national campaign** to raise public awareness about the need to end all forms of corporal punishment.





G7 ministers made a **groundbreaking commitment to tackle child sexual abuse and exploitation**, including through investment in and support of the End Violence Partnership and Fund.

MAY 2021

The World Health Assembly **passed a resolution on ending violence against children** through health systems strengthening and multisectoral approaches with **support from over 60 member states**.

MARCH 2021

The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) embedded **online rights of children** into its larger framework by adopting General Comment 25 – the **first instance of addressing children's digital experiences** within the CRC.

Learn more about how the End Violence Partnership's initiatives are driving progress for children.





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