An estimated 246 million girls and boys experience violence in and around schools each year – this includes on the way to and from school, on school grounds and within classrooms. Violence in and around schools, costs $11 trillion in lost lifetime earnings, double the global expenditure on Education.

Safe to Learn is a global initiative to create a world where children can learn safely, no matter how or where that learning happens.

Safe to Learn is a global initiative working to end violence in and through schools in every country across the world. Backed by a powerful coalition of 14 partners, representing education, health, violence prevention and child protection sectors, Safe to Learn builds on partners’ unique strengths and expertise working towards a shared vision of creating safer learning environments, globally.
Education can and should play a transformative role in a child’s life. Safe to Learn proposes to create an ecosystem for systematic change through its Strategy (21-24), focusing on country level action and global advocacy. Together, these two pillars complement and reinforce each other to strengthen foundations at the local level, while enabling education and violence prevention communities to speak with one voice.

Our aim is not to reinvent the wheel, but rather to work together, in a cohesive and strategic way, sharing best practices and using trusted evidence to accelerate progress towards at-scale change. Our mission is to apply a gender transformative and inclusive approach to effectively:

- **End all violence that happens while at school, on and around school grounds**, while getting to and from school, and in online activity linked to a student’s school life; and

- **Use schools as an entry point to reduce violence** in other areas of children’s lives, including in the home, community, and online, as well as other interpersonal acts of violence.

The Safe to Learn Agenda is applicable to all countries, regardless of income level or where they stand on the Humanitarian-Development continuum. Safe to Learn’s methodology follows a differentiated approach, which acknowledges a range of contexts and entry points which is applicable to every country and its sub-national levels.