



Switzerland joins the United Kingdom by investing in a new Safe to Learn window of the End Violence Fund

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This week at the Education World Forum in London, End Violence Against Children announced that the government of Switzerland had joined forces with the United Kingdom to invest in making schools safer for children. Collectively, their \$9 million to the End Violence Fund will support countries to help them deliver on their commitments to the Safe to Learn Call to Action.

The Call to Action sets out the five areas where change needs to happen to end violence against children in and through schools. It calls for strengthened policy and legislation, improved school-based prevention and response measures, and a shift in social norms to end violence in schools, underpinned by effective resource allocation and improved data and evidence.

“I would like to acknowledge and thank the Swiss government for their generous investment in Safe to Learn. This will provide much needed resources to bolster a powerful group of fourteen technical partners and twelve governments in a collective effort to end violence in and through schools. I am very encouraged by this growing momentum as we enter the decade of action and delivery for the Sustainable Development Goals”, says Dr. Howard Taylor, Executive Director of the End Violence Partnership.

The objectives of the End Violence Partnership and Safe to Learn reinforce the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation’s approach towards protecting children from violence. It is critical that education and child protection strategies and approaches work together to keep children safe and deliver better educational outcomes, which is why they are key components of Switzerland’s Humanitarian Aid operational concept on protection as well as its Education Strategy.

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