



**End Violence
Against Children**
THE GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP

Global Partnership to
End Violence Against Children
Pathfinding



End Violence

Violence against children comes in many forms: through emotionally and physically violent discipline, neglect, bullying and cyberbullying, sexual exploitation and abuse, trafficking, armed conflict, gang violence, child labor, forced and early marriage, corporal punishment, and other harmful practices. The list goes on.

Violence robs children of their childhood and compromises every other investment in them. It undermines their health and education and prevents them from developing to their full potential – often with negative lifelong consequences and intergenerational impact.

Violence occurs in all countries and all contexts – at home, at school, online, in communities, and in care and justice systems.

Recognizing its devastating impact, in 2015 world leaders committed to end all forms of violence against children by 2030, as part of the Sustainable Development Goals. In July 2016, the UN Secretary-General launched the Global Partnership to End Violence Against Children (End Violence), and a Fund to invest in solutions on the ground.

Our efforts are focused on raising awareness to increase demand for change, brokering the resources and support needed by those working to end violence, and sharing what works so that proven solutions get put into practice everywhere



Pathfinding

The objective of Pathfinding is to raise awareness, stimulate leadership commitment to action and establish a standard of national violence prevention in a large number of countries. Any country may become a Pathfinding country within the Global Partnership if key criteria are met.

Pathfinding countries are those whose government leaders do two things:

1. Make a formal, public commitment to comprehensive action to end all forms of violence against children; and
2. Request to become a Pathfinder within the Global Partnership.

Within 18 months of Pathfinding status being confirmed by the End Violence Secretariat, Pathfinding country governments are expected to:

1. Appoint a senior government focal point to lead the in-country process;
2. Convene and support a multi-stakeholder group;
3. Collect, structure and analyse data on VAC;
4. Develop an evidence-based and costed National Action Plan (NAP) that sets commitments for 3-5 years, and a related resource mobilization plan; and
5. Consult with children and adhere to Partnership standards on child participation.

The Partnership currently has 24 Pathfinding countries. To achieve SDG 16.2 by 2030, many more countries need to begin planning to take comprehensive action to end violence against children. Any country which meets the Pathfinding criteria will be invited to join the Partnership.

The End Violence Secretariat's support to Pathfinding countries varies by need, but includes:

- Where appropriate, playing a convening role and brokering the action needed among diverse stakeholders;
- Bolstering civil society engagement, including local NGOs, building on what exists;
- Providing an example implementation roadmap to be locally adapted; and
- Supporting governments at 4 key milestone moments:
 - Public declaration of commitment by government;
 - Public launch and dissemination of national data;
 - Public launch and dissemination of the National Action Plan; and
 - Biennial update on National Action Plan implementation.
- Where necessary, small financial support to key stakeholders in-country to help deliver the actions summarized in paragraph 5 and above.

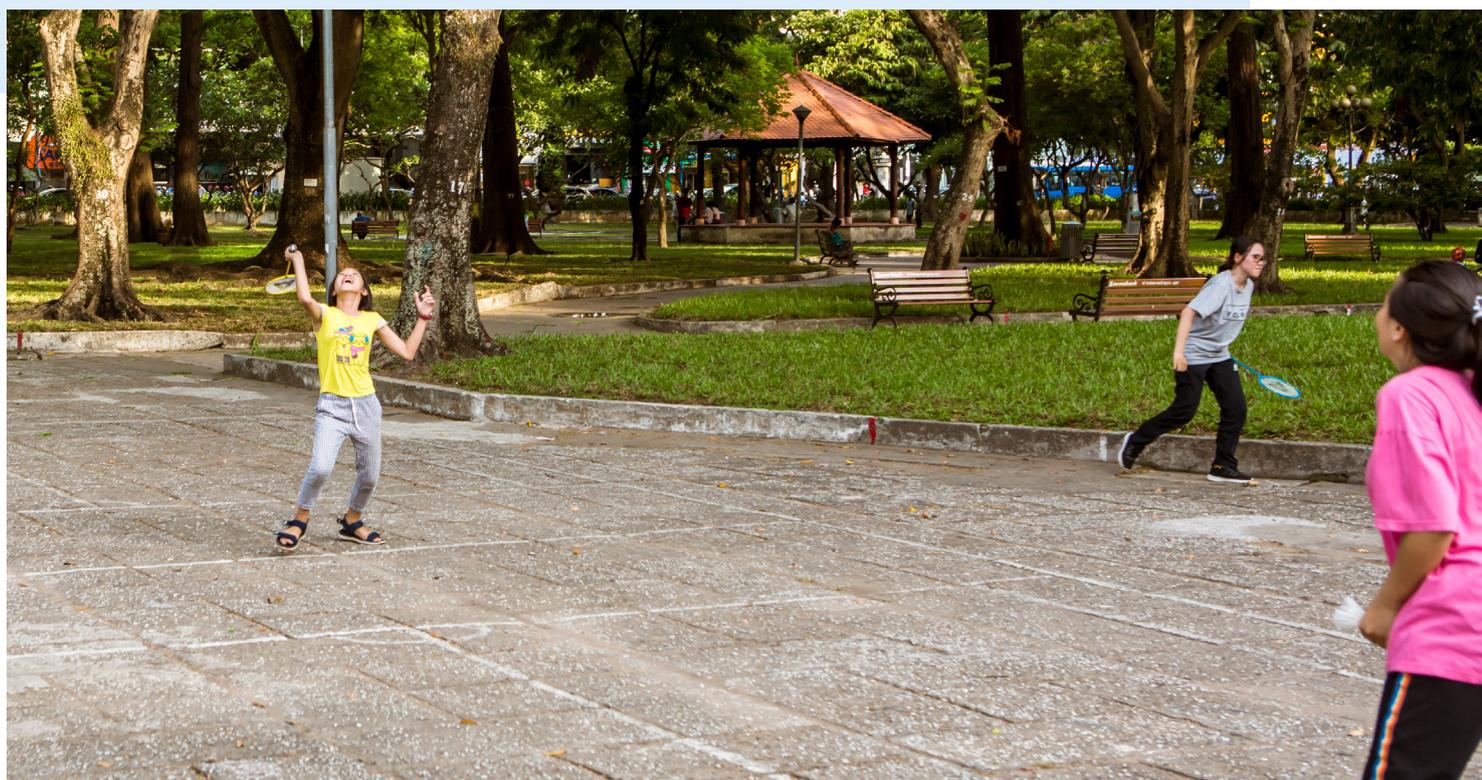
Cities/Districts

In 2019 we are piloting Pathfinding in a small number of cities/districts whose local government leaders have demonstrated the right level of political commitment to ending violence. Working with cities will allow the Partnership to rapidly scale the number of children reached, given the rate of urbanization and the concentration of populations in cities. Additionally, cities provide a contained framework to incubate and test new modalities of implementation that can then be scaled nationally.

Monitoring & evaluation (M&E)

Local/national ownership bolstered through global action and support is central to the Partnership's approach. Within this, the End Violence Secretariat's monitoring efforts are focused on strengthening nationally-led oversight and accountability. This is accomplished by:

1. Assisting Pathfinders in designing, and where needed, aligning, the national M&E framework to global standards;
2. Maintaining a website with individual country pages that provide real-time data on government implementation of commitments;
3. Disseminating regular progress reports to countries on their nationally-owned M&E framework and flagging, as needed, when countries are failing to meet commitments; and
4. Ongoing showcasing of progress, as well as periodic showcasing at particular moments and events, e.g. the End Violence Solutions Summit.



Global Public Goods & Capacity Building

In addition to country-specific support, the Secretariat collaborates with existing networks to develop global public goods to fill gaps in capacity enhancement for practitioners. The following resources are available to practitioners regardless of their affiliation:

Winter and Summer School:

A credited training course being piloted at the University of Edinburgh to ensure qualified M&E focal points in Pathfinder countries. Plans to expand the continuing learning course to partner universities in the global north and south will provide focused capacity enhancement for violence prevention practitioners.

VAC Knowledge Hub:

A virtual VAC Knowledge Hub is being jointly developed with the SRSV VAC and UNICEF to complement the UN Statistical Commission's Inter-agency and Expert Groups on VAC. The Hub will provide a bridge to the broader community working on VAC data, monitoring, evaluation and research through an open access multi-stakeholder forum for monitoring progress on addressing VAC. Additionally, the Hub will manage access to tools for INSPIRE implementation and will expand into untapped areas of collaboration, across disciplines and sectors.

Expert roster and Learning:

The expert roster includes an 'asks the expert' service, access to mentors for long-term technical accompaniment, linking civil servants through existing portals, and regular generation of solutions/case studies for learning.



Secretariat Activity To Support Pathfinders: Road Map for Implementation

Steps	Illustrative Activities	Secretariat Provided Tools & Activities
<i>Step and activities are not necessarily sequential, and can be led by different partners in different countries</i>		
1. Engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engage in national dialogue Make the investment case Build/strengthen political will 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learning from other countries and drawing on proven participatory processes
2. Commitment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public commitment to EVAC Appoint government focal point Establish or strengthen multi stakeholder platform 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mapping tools of existing data and programs
Milestone: Public declaration of commitment by government		
3. National Data	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mobilize national and international coordinating institutions for data, analysis, interpretation and reporting Collect and analyse data (Violence Against Children Surveys or other surveys) Structure data for action (with INSPIRE Framework) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Representative population-based surveys (e.g., VACs) Mixed methodologies as proxies for/ or while anticipating a population-based survey (e.g., Drivers of Violence; administrative data; etc.) Data to Action Handbook and related learning materials
Milestone: Public launch and dissemination of national data		
4. National Action Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop or adapt evidence-based multisectoral NAP Foster multisectoral coordination Engage meaningfully with children 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guidance on developing NAPs INSPIRE training manual Guidance on children's participation
Milestone: Public launch and dissemination of National Action Plan		
5. Implementation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Build consensus among all stakeholders to facilitate continuous flow of information and evidence Plan intervention design (or re-design) Identify financial support first at the national level, and where gaps remain, at the international level Adapt interventions in real time as learning evolves Implement NAP by multiple actors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dialogue Toolkit approach adapted by setting Costing tool User-friendly technical briefs from numerous evidence-based sources INSPIRE Implementation Handbook

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6. Monitoring and evaluation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continuously monitor and learn (INSPIRE indicators) Apply mixed methods approaches to measurement Adapt interventions and adjust NAP as needed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NAP analysis by country INSPIRE Indicator Handbook Continuous learning for practitioners through mini-courses, field-based schools, etc.
Milestone: Biennial update on National Action Plan implementation		



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