



INSPIRE MAPPING



What is it? Mapping [INSPIRE: Seven strategies for ending violence against children](#) across a given space (a city, a district, a country) can help identify what partners are doing which strategies (or not). It makes visible the strengths and challenges to implementing a comprehensive set of INSPIRE strategies.

For [Pathfinding Countries](#) INSPIRE Mapping is a qualitative methodology that offers a rapid and low-cost approach for mapping the INSPIRE interventions. The approach is adopted from INSPIRE mapping done by the [Evidence for Better Lives Study](#) (EBLS) in 8 cities around the world. It is consultative and so assesses an ‘all stakeholder’ vision of needs and resources. Through interviews led by expert national consultants, it gathers information from a wide variety of stakeholders such as policy makers, academics and frontline practitioners, including the NGOs/CSOs who deliver services; children can also be included in this process. The responses, importantly, reflect national perspectives and are rated and collated and then assessed against the seven INSPIRE strategies.

What challenge does it solve? Implementing INSPIRE strategies can be overwhelming. Many questions come up: Which strategies? Where? With which partners? Mapping INSPIRE creates a baseline of a shared understanding of what is required to effectively implement different strategies and ensure the end goal of reducing violence is feasible. Mapping INSPIRE helps multi-sectoral planning committees (national or local) clarify and crystallize core questions such as: Which strategies seem to have the most traction? What challenges are most common? Do we need to rethink our approach?

How is it done? Using an established protocol, based on that used in the EBLS study, the needs and resource assessment is divided into four steps below. National consultants ask diverse stakeholders questions across all INSPIRE strategies. Stakeholders rate their responses using a simple scale. Once collated a report is generated with easy to read visuals.

1. **Protocol training and participant selection:** An EBLS consultant ensures that the aims, methods, data collection instruments, procedures and expected output are all well-defined and understood by selected national researchers. Participants are then chosen among key local stakeholders who are involved in the planning and/or implementation of services to prevent VAC are chosen using a non-probabilistic sample.
2. **Desk review:** National researchers review current national legislation, reports by international organisations and government agencies, website contents by public or private sector agencies, other technical reports or previous local research documenting existing interventions or resources needed to address VAC.
3. **Semi-structured interviews:** Interviews help clarify information gathered during the review and provide more in-depth description of needs, resources and challenges using a set of pre-specified topics and follow-up probes for each of the INSPIRE strategies.
4. **Summaries and recommendations:** National researchers synthesise the information collected relating to resources, current gaps and challenges and make recommendations for taking action.

The entire mapping process, report and validation can take anywhere from 3-6 months.

Cost & deliverables: ~\$35,000/country; a user-friendly needs and resources assessment report (maximum 30 pages) with visuals, aligned across all INSPIRE strategies.



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