

We are Together for Girls



**Together
for girls**

STRENGTH IN NUMBERS





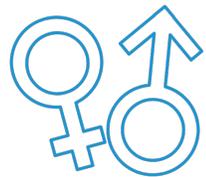
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Around **1 in 9 boys** and **1 in 4 girls** across the globe experience sexual violence before their eighteenth birthday.

Childhood sexual violence is often **shrouded in silence** and shame.



Children of every age, race, ethnicity, caste, religion, sexual orientation and gender identity are impacted.

It **can happen anywhere**—in homes, schools, places of worship, sports, and online.



It has **far-reaching consequences** and devastating long-term effects for individuals and communities.

The Issue

Violence against children and adolescents is a gross **violation of human rights** and is tragically widespread — and sexual violence is a notably taboo, and often hidden form of violence.



PART I

Who we are



OUR SHARED VISION

We envision a world where every child and adolescent is safe, protected, and thriving.

**Together for Girls is
a global partnership
working to end
sexual violence
against children
and adolescents.**





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We are a partnership.

We unite and connect actors that often do not work together, including national governments, UN entities, the private sector, civil society, and survivors of childhood sexual violence.

OUR MODEL

Through **data** and **advocacy**, Together for Girls drives **action** to break cycles of violence and ensure **prevention, healing, and justice**.



Prevention

Prevention to protect current and future generations.



Healing

Healing, including gender-responsive, age-friendly services for victims, survivors, and their families.



Justice

Justice for survivors and accountability for perpetrators and the complicit.

We are a partnership working with 23 countries

TfG partner countries that have completed or are in the process of completing a Violence Against Children and Youth Survey (VACS)



Botswana



Cambodia



Colombia



Côte d'Ivoire



El Salvador



Eswatini



Ethiopia



Haiti



Honduras



Jamaica



Kenya



Lao PDR



Lesotho



Malawi



Moldova



Mozambique



Namibia



Nigeria



Rwanda



Tanzania



Uganda



United States of
America



Zambia



Zimbabwe

Joining forces with leading organizations and agencies

Canada



UN Partners:





OUR UNIQUE CONTRIBUTION

- Generate and use data and evidence to guide the way
- Connect interventions to end violence against children and violence against women
- Unite different actors and disciplines to address a multi-faceted problem, leveraging decades of learning in sexual violence prevention, child protection, and gender-based violence
- Center the voices of survivors in order to build political will and shape policy agendas to drive change



PART II



Data

Generating quality, comprehensive data illuminates the problem of violence against children and informs solutions.

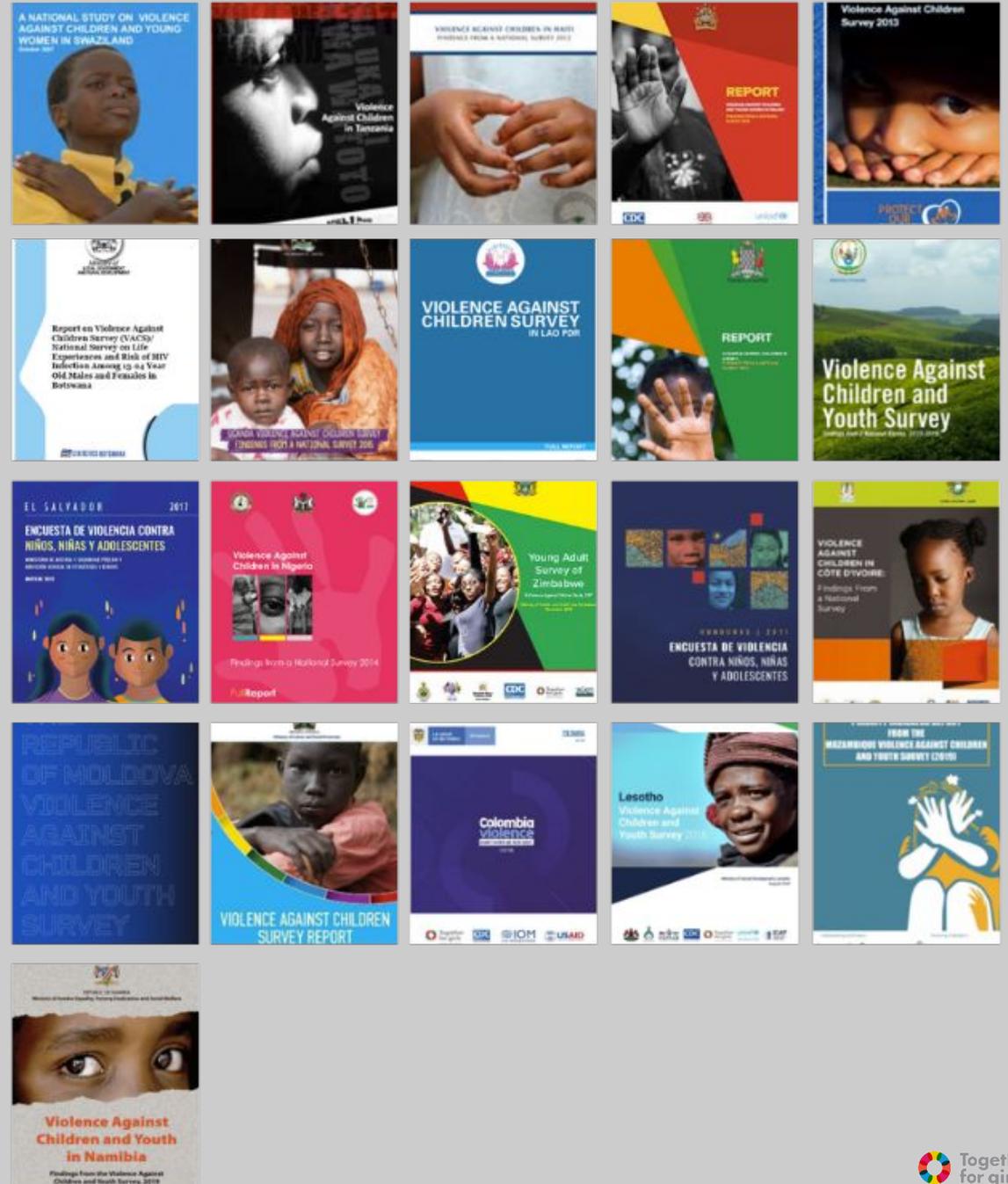


**To solve a
problem of this
magnitude, we
need to first
understand it**

Violence Against Children and Youth Surveys (VACS)

- The single **largest global data source** for violence against children worldwide
- National household surveys **led by national governments**, with technical assistance from the CDC as part of the Together for Girls partnership
- Three countries **conducted VACS twice**

To date, Violence Against Children and Youth Surveys have been or are being carried out in **23 countries**, providing data on **12%** of the world's children, adolescents, and youth (under age 24).



Over the last decade, the Violence Against Children and Youth Surveys have fundamentally transformed countries' abilities to understand and address violence against children, adolescents, and youth at scale.



Multisectoral partners attended the Data to Action workshop in Côte d'Ivoire in 2019. Photo courtesy of Chrissy Hart, Together for Girls.



Cambodia Deputy Prime Minister, H.E. Mrs. Men Sam An, spoke at the launch of Cambodia's VACS report in 2014. Photo courtesy of Sofia Ollvid, UNICEF Cambodia.



El Salvador's Vice Minister of Security, Raúl Antonio López, spoke at the VACS report launch in San Salvador. Photo courtesy of the Ministry of Justice and Public Security.

Topics covered in the Violence Against Children and Youth Surveys



**PHYSICAL
VIOLENCE**



**SEXUAL
VIOLENCE**



**EMOTIONAL
VIOLENCE**



**RISK FACTORS,
DEMOGRAPHICS**



EDUCATION



**HEALTH
OUTCOMES**



RISK TAKING



**HIV/AIDS TESTING
BEHAVIORS**



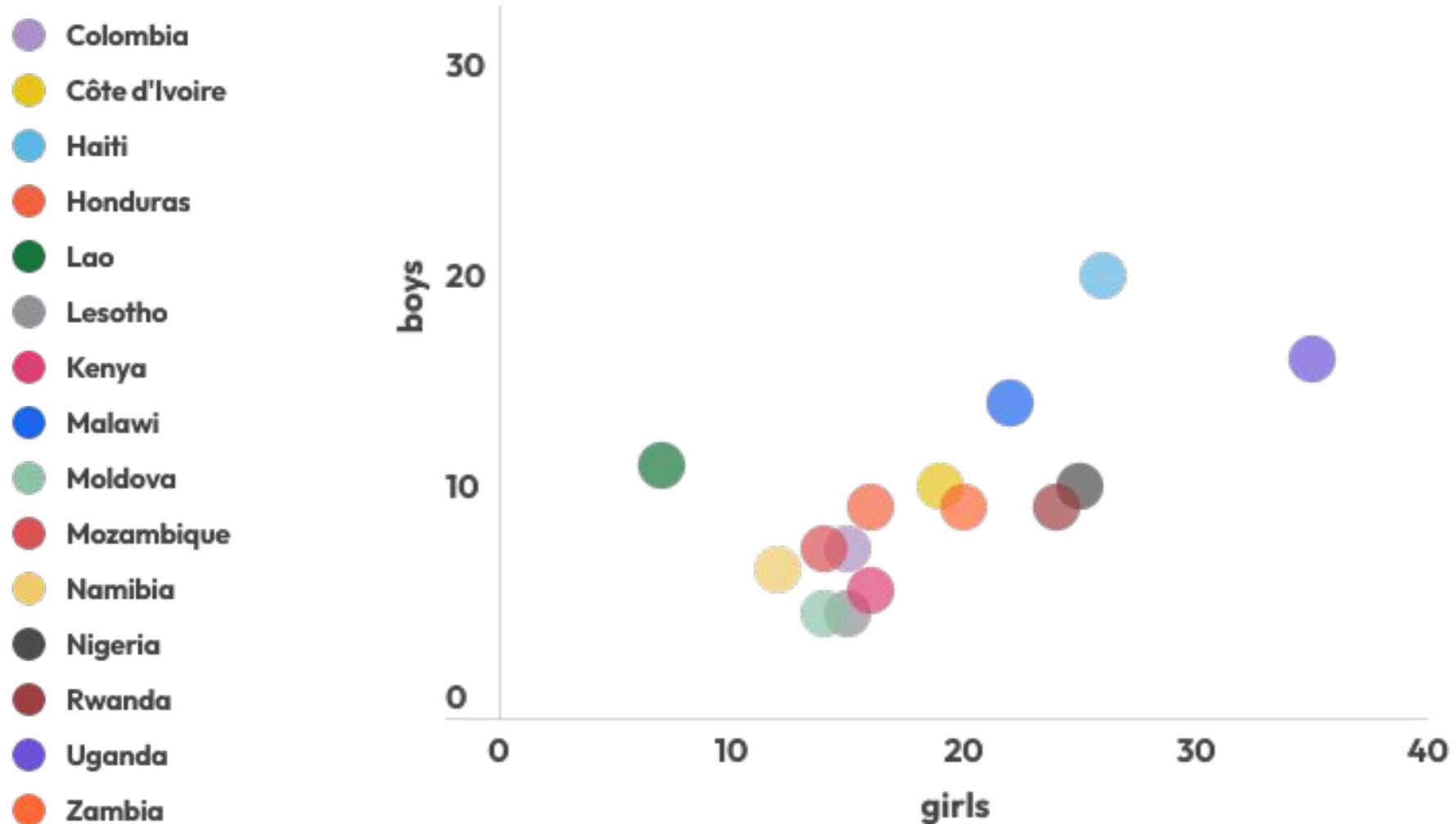
**GENDER
ATTITUDES**



MENTAL HEALTH

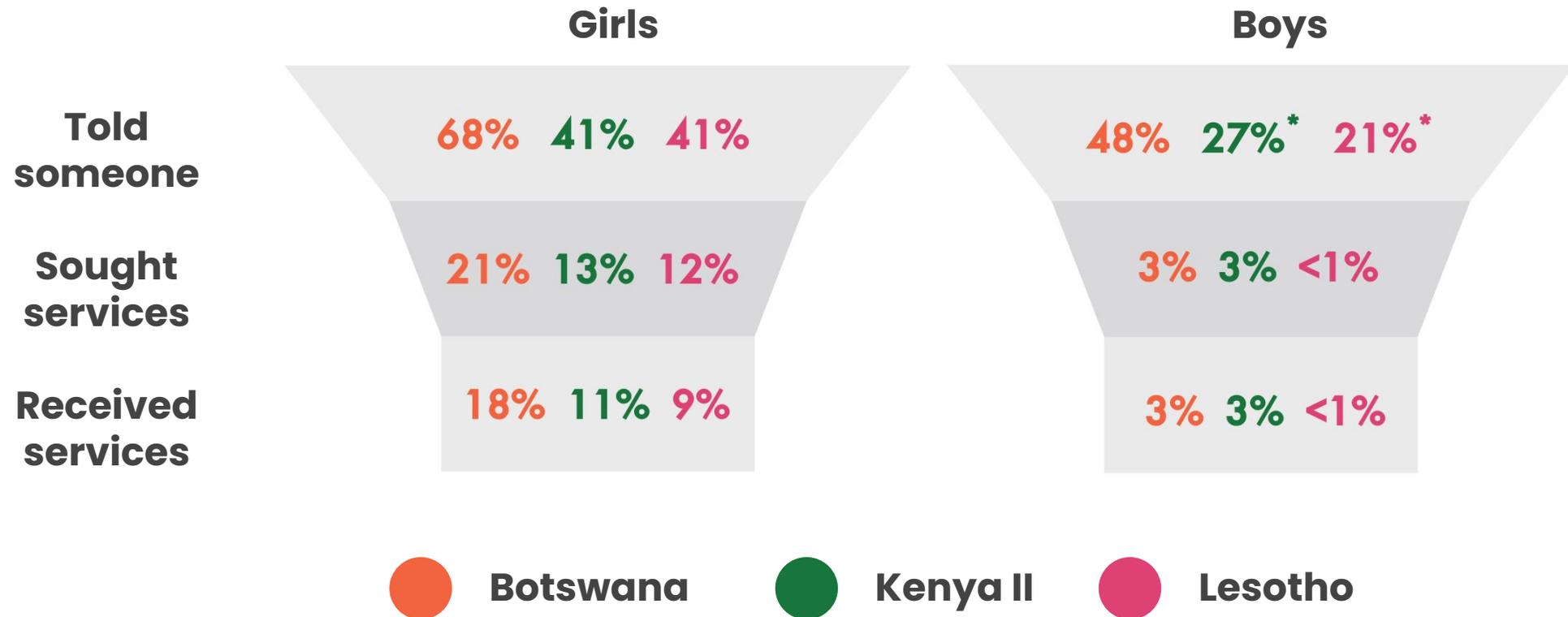
Understanding the magnitude of sexual violence against children and adolescents

% of 18 to 24 year-olds who experienced sexual violence in childhood



Children who experience sexual violence are not getting the support and services they need

% of 18 to 24 year-olds who told someone, sought and/or received services for sexual violence, among those who experienced sexual violence prior to age 18

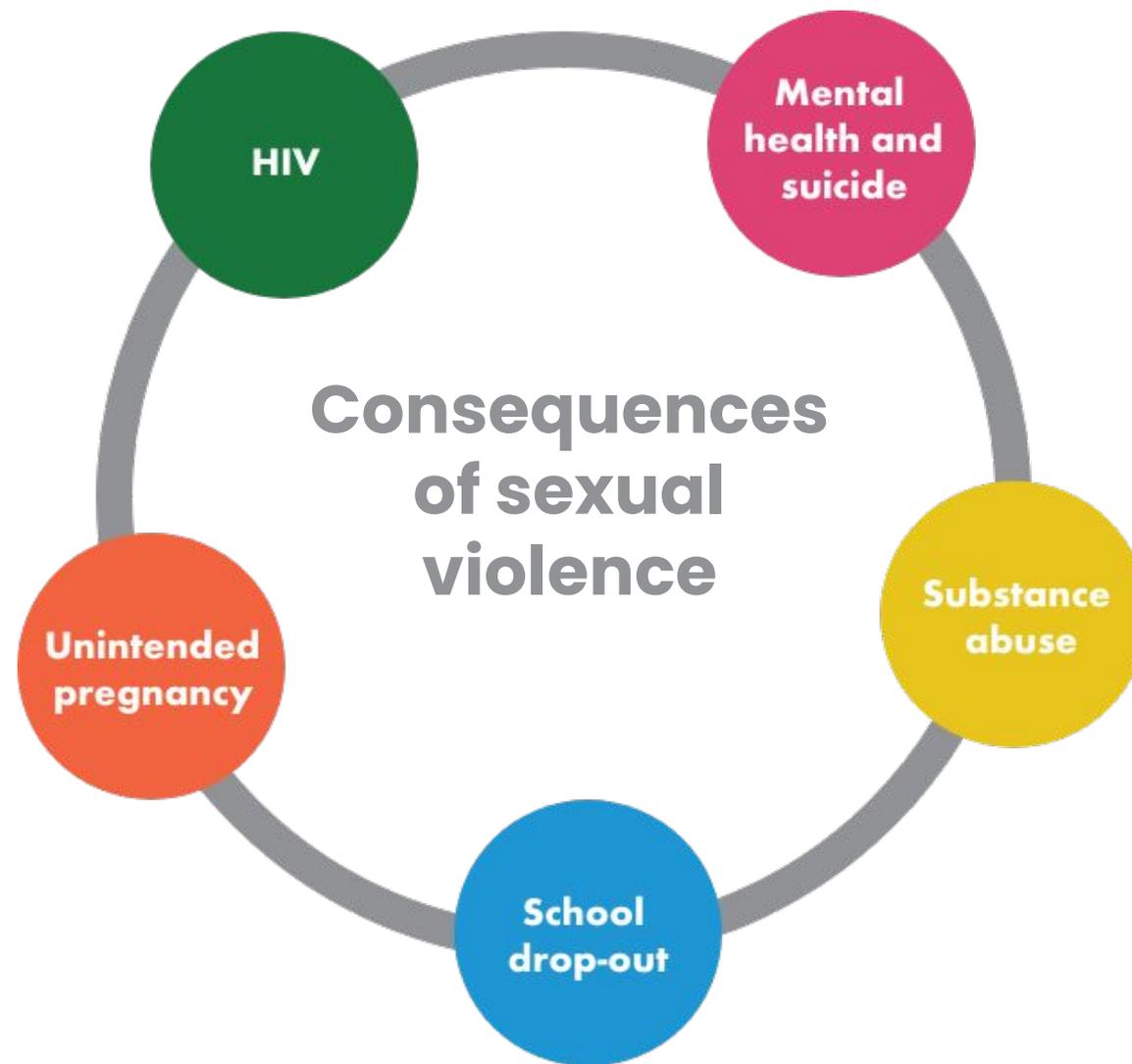


**Unreliable estimate, result should be interpreted with caution*

Connecting partners across sectors and systems



The hands of a 15-year-old survivor in Thailand. Photo courtesy of UNICEF: NICENYHQ2009-2058_Estey



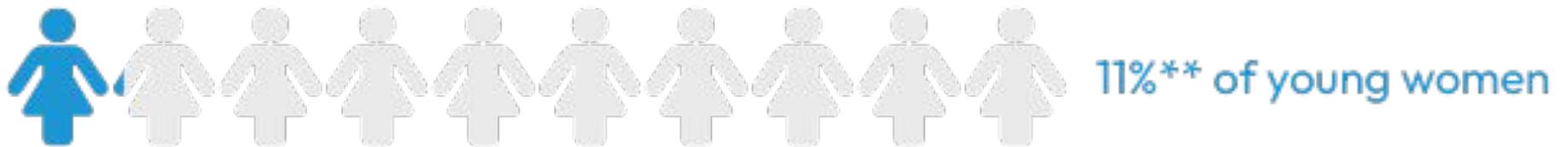
Suicidal thoughts are more common among survivors of sexual violence

% of young women (ages 18-24) who reported suicidal ideations in the past 30 days by whether they experienced childhood sexual violence or not

among those who experienced childhood sexual violence



among those who did not experience childhood sexual violence



 **Reported thoughts of suicide**



Linking Violence Against Children and Youth Surveys to Coordinated and Effective Action: CDC and the Together for Girls Partnership is a publication of the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.



Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
National Center for Injury Prevention and Control



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Scaling up global data collection and response

Supporting countries through the VACS process

- Working with new country partners to **plan for the Violence Against Children Survey process**; potential upcoming VACS include the City of Baltimore in the US, Ethiopia, and Kuwait
- Including the right stakeholders and **civil society partners**
- Using **data to inform national action** to inform prevention and response programming

The Violence Against Children and Youth Survey process



Adapting the Violence Against Children and Youth Surveys to humanitarian settings

- Together for Girls and partners developed **guidance to implement a VACS** in fragile and conflict-affected communities.
- The **first-ever humanitarian VACS are underway** in refugee settlements in Uganda and Ethiopia.



MEASURING VIOLENCE AGAINST CHILDREN IN HUMANITARIAN SETTINGS

Implementation Guidance for a Humanitarian Violence Against Children and Youth Survey (HVACS)

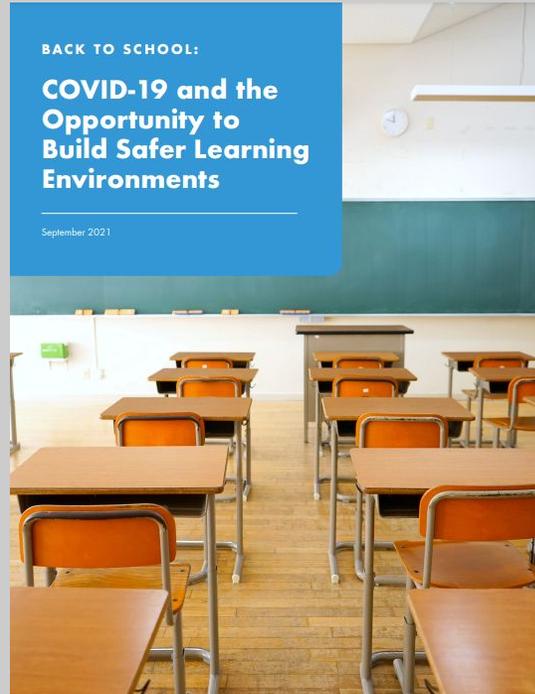
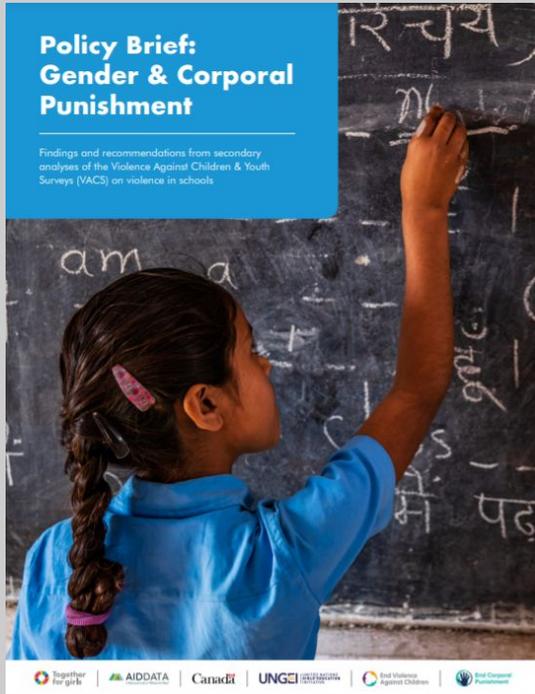
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Ending violence in and through schools

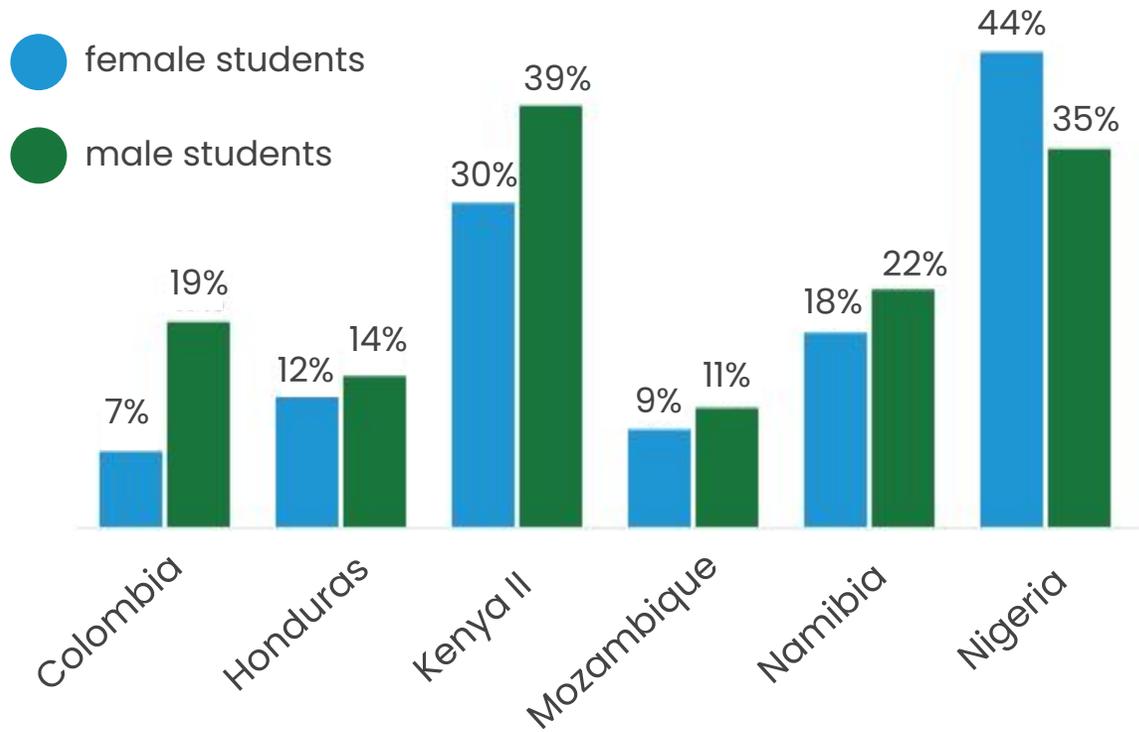
- **Secondary analyses of VACS** data were conducted to understand violence in and around school settings.
- The research **informs the efforts of governments**, organizations, and other actors to foster safe school environments.

“We know **schools can serve as protective spaces for children**, acting as an important arena for broader social change to end violence both in and out of the classroom.”



Understanding school-related gender-based violence

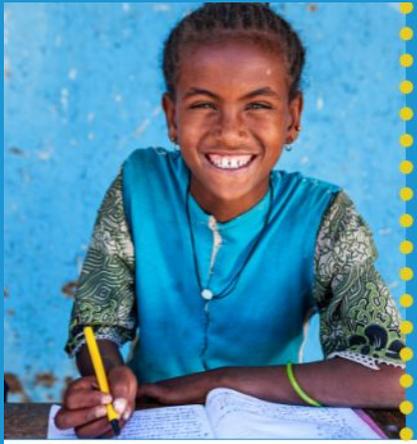
% of 13-24 year-olds* who experienced one or more forms of violence perpetrated by a teacher or classmate



We have data on violence in and around schools for 13 countries.



*among those who ever attended primary or secondary school



Safe: Preventing Gender-Based Violence in and Through Schools

June 17, 2021
12:00-1:30pm EST



Event Save the Date (top); Eyleen Menchú Tuy, Las Niñas Lidera (middle left); Leslie MacLean, Deputy Minister of International Development for Global Affairs Canada (middle right); Dipak Naker, co-founder and co-director, Raising Voices (bottom)

Advocating for safe education

Sharing data and raising awareness on violence in school settings

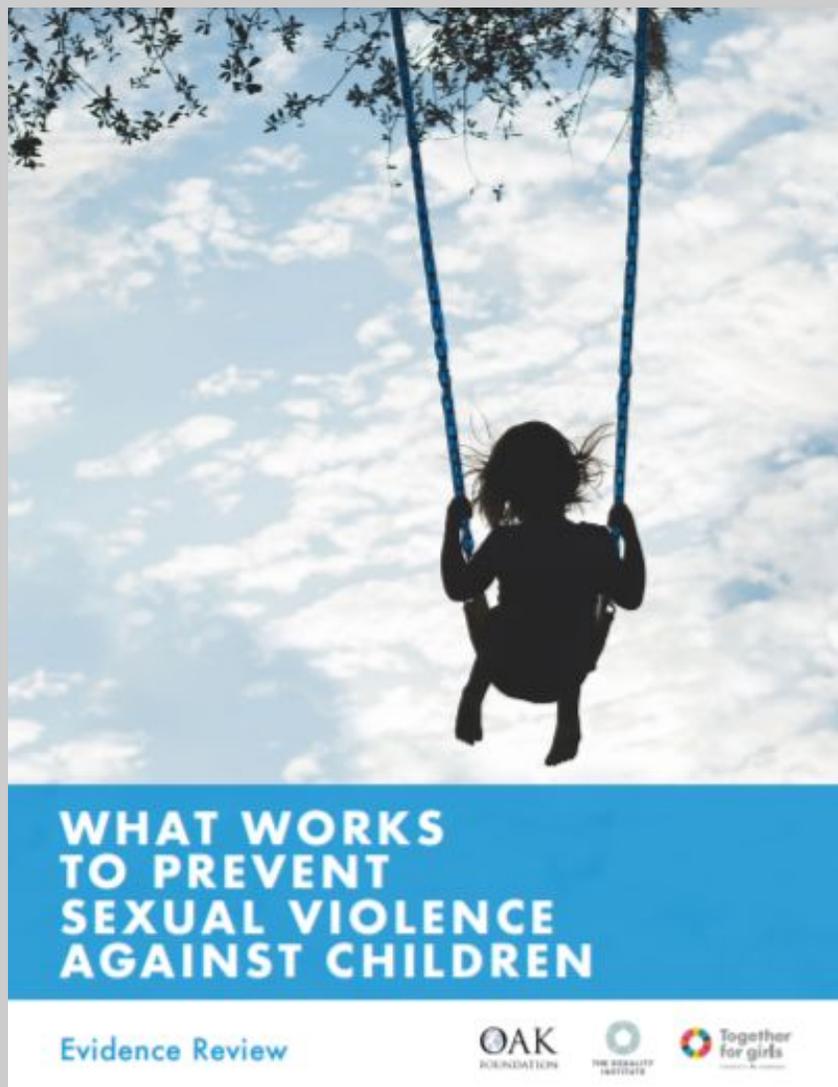
- Event featured panel discussions with **global leaders, experts,** and **youth activists**
- TfG and partners launched a letter calling on global leaders to **leverage the power of schools** to shift gender inequitable norms to end gender-based violence by 2030

Access to safe education is a fundamental human right.

**Sharing
evidence-based
solutions for
prevention,
healing, and
justice**



Photo courtesy of International Justice Mission



Spotlighting solutions

An actionable roadmap of evidence-based interventions



Photo courtesy of A Breeze of Hope

A Breeze of Hope Foundation: supporting survivors in Bolivia with access to services and legal assistance

Coaching Boys into Men: transforming harmful gender norms through sports across the US and around the world



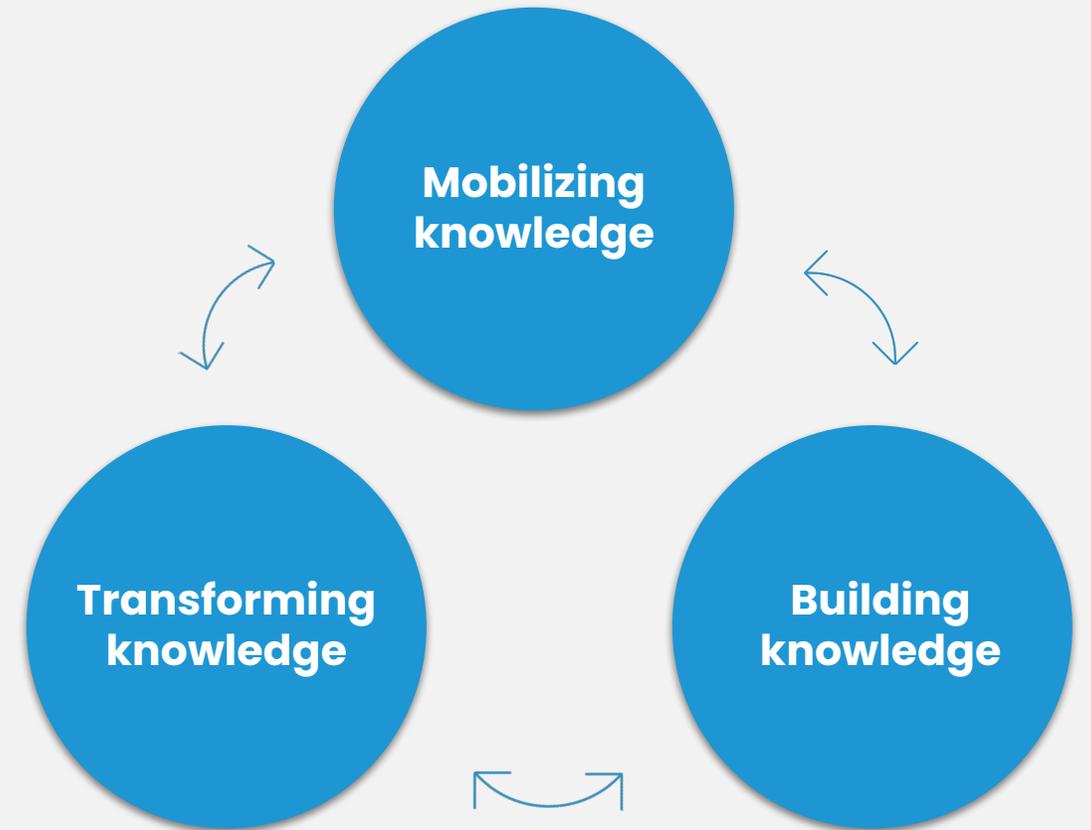
International Safeguards for Children in Sport: creating standard procedures for youth-serving athletic orgs around the world



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NEW: Preventing child sexual exploitation and abuse “Solutions Hub”

- A unique space where stakeholders in the CSEA prevention and response fields can use solution-based products based on **high-quality evidence and practice**
- **Facilitates increased uptake of quality knowledge** and evidence to prevent CSEA



**Human-centered.
Inclusive and participatory.
Rigorous in research.**



PART III



Advocacy

Communications and campaigns to build political will, shape policy agendas, and elevate the voices of survivors.

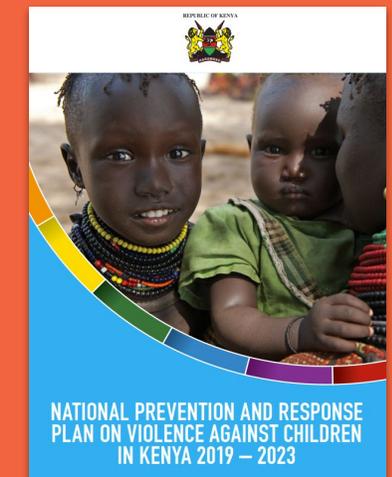
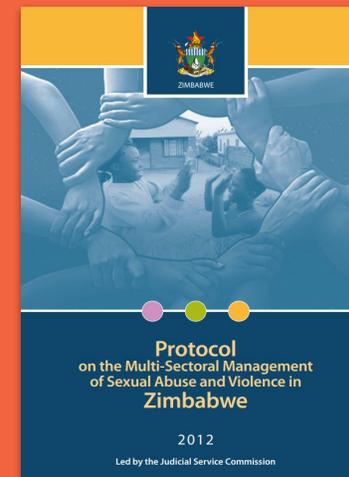
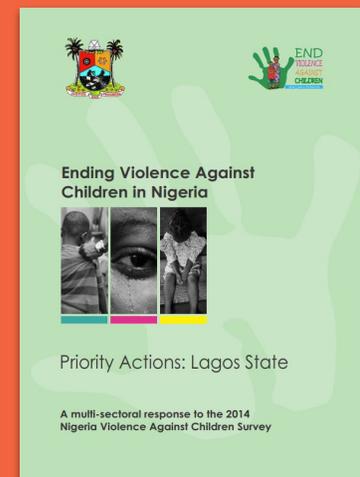
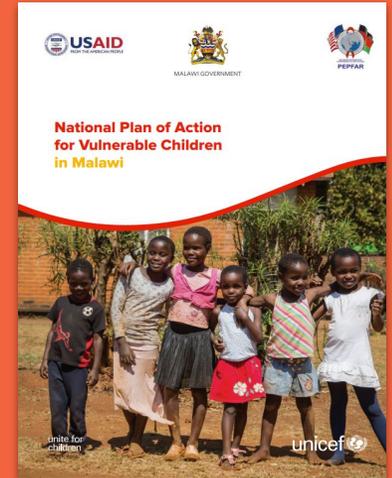
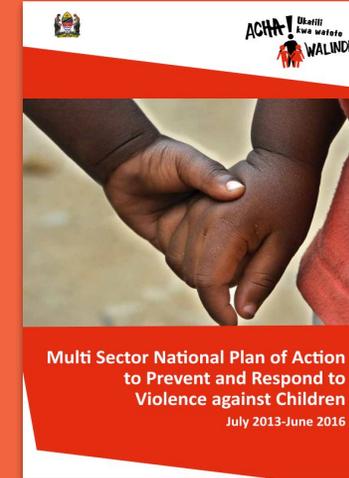
Shaping global and national policy agendas

In every country, VACS results have informed plans, policies, and strategies to address violence against children.

As part of the Data to Action process:

21 countries used VACS data to inform policy and programmatic action

12 countries released national action plans to end sexual violence against children, and more to come



Spotlighting national advocacy

Supporting partners to prevent and respond to violence against children and youth



Honduras launched a national campaign to promote positive social and gender norms for girls and advocate for girls' access to education.



Côte d'Ivoire launched a year-long campaign to help end violence against children across the country.



Colombia made meaningful commitments and took several important steps to end violence against children as it embarked on the VACS process.

Amplifying solutions on a global stage

Leveraging moments to raise awareness and promote evidence-based solutions

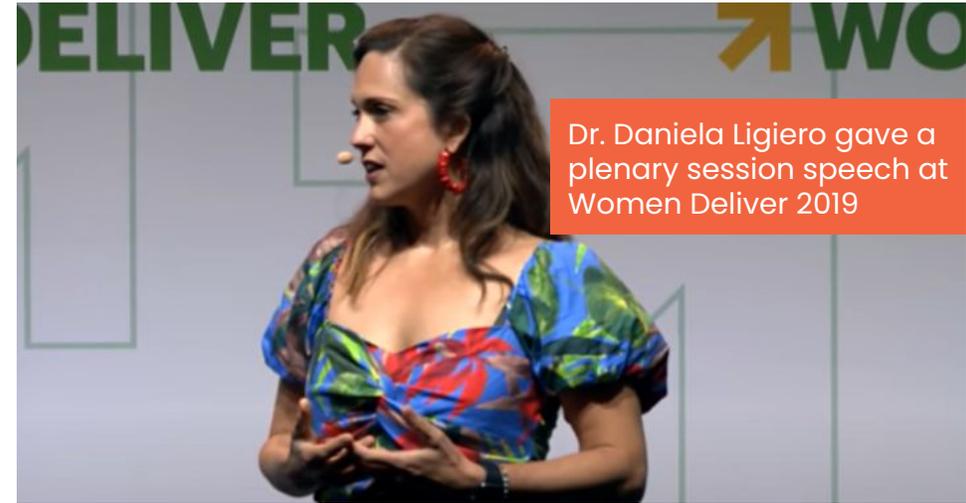


Shattering the silence around sexual violence

Demanding global attention by spotlighting survivor and advocate stories



Flovia is a photographer and one of the PEPFAR DREAMS ambassadors profiled in the 2020 Kenyan storytelling series, "Girls who Dream"



Dr. Daniela Ligiero gave a plenary session speech at Women Deliver 2019



TfG and partners convened more than **1,000** adult survivors and allies around the world to elevate their voices for policy change in 2020 during a powerful virtual event in 2020



Upendo is a Tanzanian survivor-turned-activist profiled in past TfG #16Heroes campaigns

Catalyzing movements for transformational change

Survivor-led movements for prevention, healing and justice



"I see the movement as a speakerphone for my voice to be heard at its loudest speaking out against sexual violence."
- **Janet Aguti**, Brave member

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End Childhood Sexual Violence

A global, networked, and inclusive advocacy **movement of survivors and allies** fighting for an end to childhood sexual violence.

 **keep kids**
safe

The Brave Movement's sister movement in the United States aimed at ensuring a **comprehensive national response** to ending sexual violence against children and adolescents.

We are more powerful together

brave movement™

End Childhood Sexual Violence

- Developing **survivor-centered national calls to action**
- Calling for **bold and transformative action** from G7 leaders
- **Mobilizing billions** for prevention, healing and justice
- Ensuring a **child-rights approach** to end-to-end encryption
- **Abolishing statutes of limitations** around the world

"We must be brave so that children can be safe."



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Survivor advocates
globally empowered

Brave Movement Year 1 Successes

18 National Calls to Action

created by survivor networks demanding action by national governments and international organizations

The Global Survivors' Action Summit

in April united Brave Movement Survivors and Allies for the first time to align demands to end childhood sexual violence

The 9 June Global Day of Action

activated thousands of global survivors to put up purple commemorative plaques and host rallies worldwide to remember survivors of childhood sexual violence

Brave Movement Year 1 Successes

G7 Leaders committed, for the first time ever, to address online and offline childhood sexual violence

The Brave **G7 Survivors Mobilization Task Force** launched a **Call to Action**, a scorecard ranking G7 countries and a petition signed by 81,000+ globally.

SAGE Member Brisa de Angulo succeeded in her longtime work to abolish statutes of limitation (SOL) in Bolivia

The Brave Movement launched its **#StandWithBrisa campaign**. The public outcry surrounding the case pressured the Bolivian Government to abolish SOLs.

Elevating our ambition—from pennies to billions

The Brave Movement is demanding governments **invest billions** in domestic resource mobilization and official development assistance (ODA) for solutions to end childhood sexual violence at scale.

Keeping Kids Safe

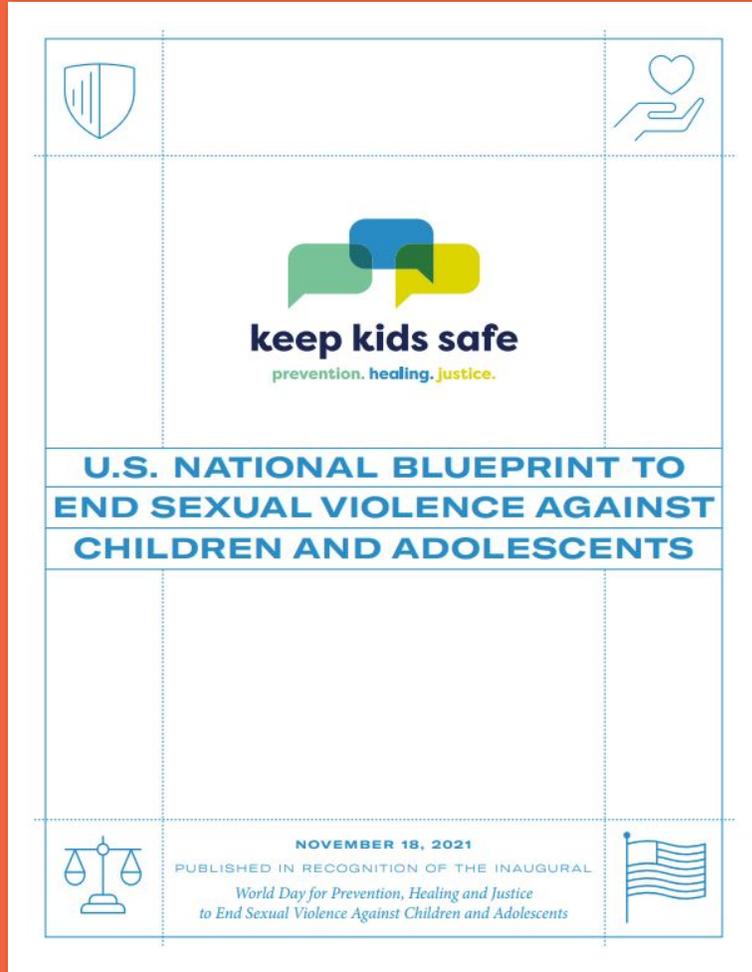
During COVID-19 and beyond

- Led by a group of more than **70 adult survivors** of child sexual abuse, leaders and national leading organizations preventing childhood sexual violence
- Collective advocacy efforts contributed to **US government action** to protect children
- Fighting for urgent action for **prevention, healing, and justice**



Keep Kids Safe protests during the Global Day of Action against Sexual Violence in Childhood in front of the White House (top); Keep Kids Safe survivor leaders pose with photos of themselves as children (right); a tweet from the Biden administration acknowledging Child Abuse Prevention Month (left)





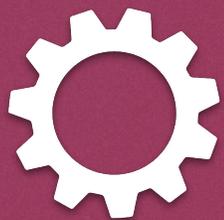
Demanding federal action with the U.S. National Blueprint

- A roadmap for swift and decisive **government action to keep kids safe** from sexual violence through comprehensive prevention, healing, and justice initiatives.
- Includes **executive and legislative recommendations** for immediate steps to end sexual violence

prevention. healing. justice.



PART IV



Action

Galvanizing a coordinated, multisectoral response to bring solutions to scale and ensure violence prevention, healing, and justice.



Igniting the “Power of Data to Action”

Research after over a decade of Violence Against Children and Youth Surveys shows that:

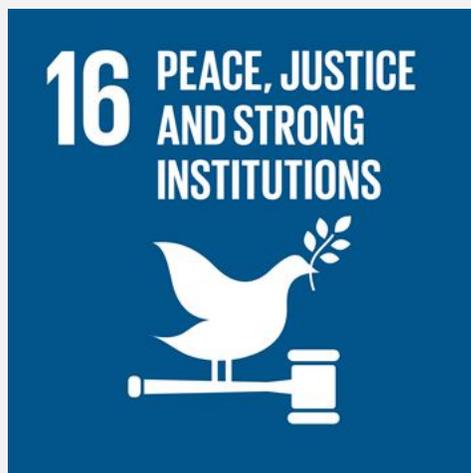
- The survey data is the foundation for **driving national action** across sectors.
- **Strong government leadership** and coordination across sectors is needed for the development of plans and policies to end violence.
- All areas of VAC **need more funding**.

“The **VACS process** makes invaluable, multifaceted and **long-term contributions** to preventing and responding to violence against children and youth and gender-based violence.”



Target 5.2 Eliminate all forms of violence against all women and girls in public and private spheres, including trafficking and sexual and other types of exploitation

Target 16.2 End abuse, exploitation, trafficking and all forms of violence against and torture of children



Igniting the “Power of Data to Action”

The analysis of the views of 225 stakeholders across 20 VACS countries concludes that:

VACS data provide the foundation for developing interventions that work and measuring progress toward achieving the **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**, specifically **Target 5.2** and **Target 16.2**.

“VACS demonstrate that preventing and responding to violence against children and youth and gender-based violence is a **knowable, solvable problem.**”

Driving broad, lasting impact

Results from a review of the VACS “Data to Action” process in 20 countries show that **countries integrated VACS results into broader child-related policies** including:

Improving child
safety laws or
regulations

13 countries

Including
VACS indicators
in national
statistics

5 countries

Banning
corporal
punishment

10 countries

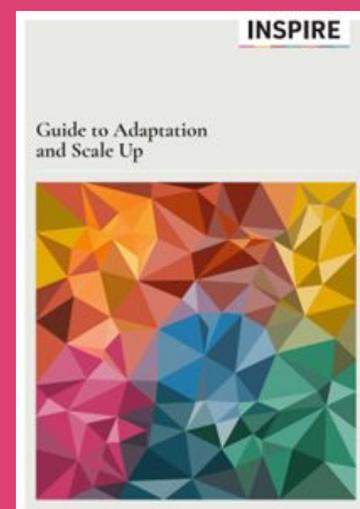
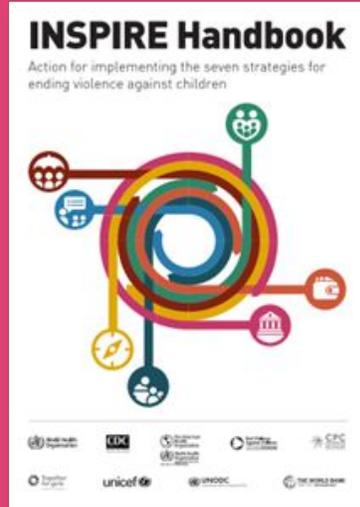
Launching new
initiatives
addressing the
safety of girls

5 countries

Banning child
marriage

9 countries

INSPIRE: Seven Strategies for Ending Violence Against Children



Connecting data to action through INSPIRE



Data to Action workshops use **VACS data and the INSPIRE framework** to drive the coordination that is critical to action and success.

Spotlighting national action: Colombia

After Colombia's groundbreaking work leading the VACS process, the country took a number of steps to end violence against children, including:

- Developed the **National Action Plan** to End Violence Against Children
- **Eliminated the statute of limitations** for sexual violence crimes against children
- **Prohibited all forms of physical punishment** towards children and adolescents



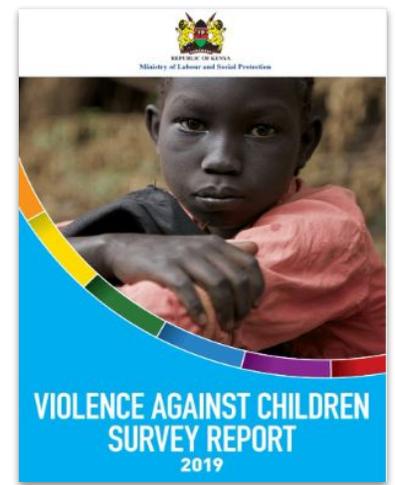
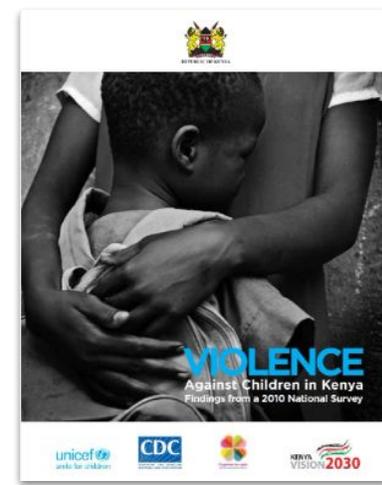


Mary Wamaitha, Founder of Gladways Community Center

Creating lasting change in Kenya

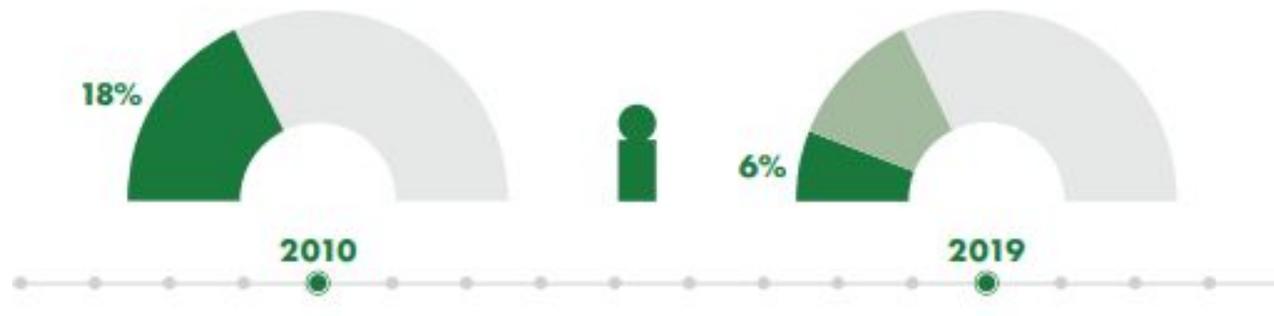
The government of Kenya launched its **second VACS in 2019**, a decade after the country first conducted a survey

Results showcase how **data can inform policies** to create lasting change

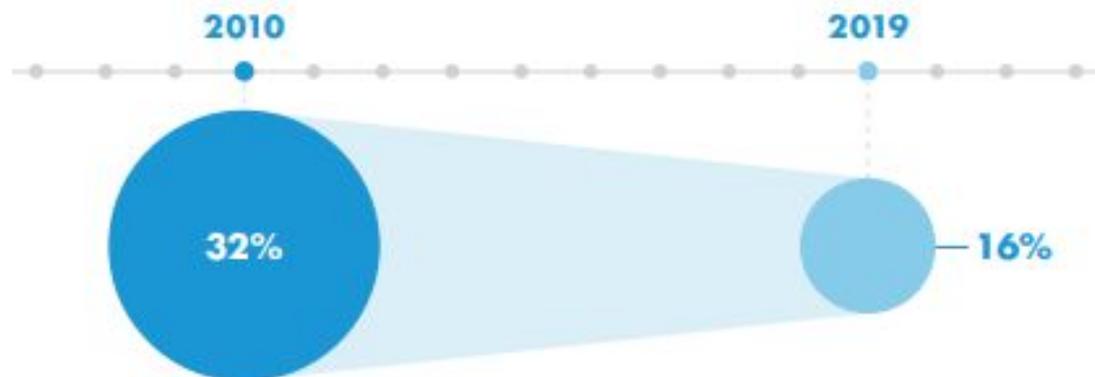


Making a difference for Kenyan children and youth

Since the 2010 Kenya VACS, the prevalence of any childhood sexual violence was **reduced by two-thirds** for males:



The prevalence of any childhood sexual violence was **reduced by half** for females:



Lavender, a PEPFAR DREAMS participant profiled in the "Girls who Dream" series



PART V

Opportunities for engagement

Learn more and get involved



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