



OFFICE OF THE SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON
VIOLENCE AGAINST CHILDREN

Keeping the promise:
ending violence against children by 2030!

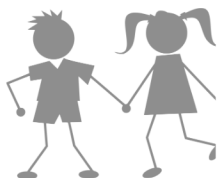
OUR STRATEGY



**DECADE
OF
ACTION**

“No violence against children is justifiable;
all violence against children is preventable.”

Paulo Sérgio Pinheiro
United Nations Study on Violence against Children



1 billion/year

Half of the world's children
suffer violence every year.



\$7 US trillion/year

Financial cost of violence against
children to national economies.

SRSG-VAC Strategy

All children live free from all forms of violence - Our **vision**



Across regions, violence against children remains a hidden and pervasive epidemic, which undermines the achievement of the SDGs and the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda. We need to act together, simultaneously and on several fronts to end violence against children by 2030 leaving no child is left behind.

Guiding principles and approaches - Our **DNA**

1. Child-rights
2. Life-cycle approach
3. Inclusive
4. Gender sensitive
5. Participation
6. Accountability



Leaving no child behind - Our **promise**

1. Accelerating implementation of SDG 16.2 and other related SDGs
2. Ensuring that all forms of violence are included in the implementation of the 2030 agenda for Sustainable Development
3. Amplifying the voices of children



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Children as drivers of change - Our **focus**



The most important partners in ending violence are children themselves. The active and meaningful involvement of children in identifying the challenges to sustainable development and how to overcome them both realizes their right to participation and provides an effective way to accelerate progress.

Roadmap 2020



Main activities



Country visits

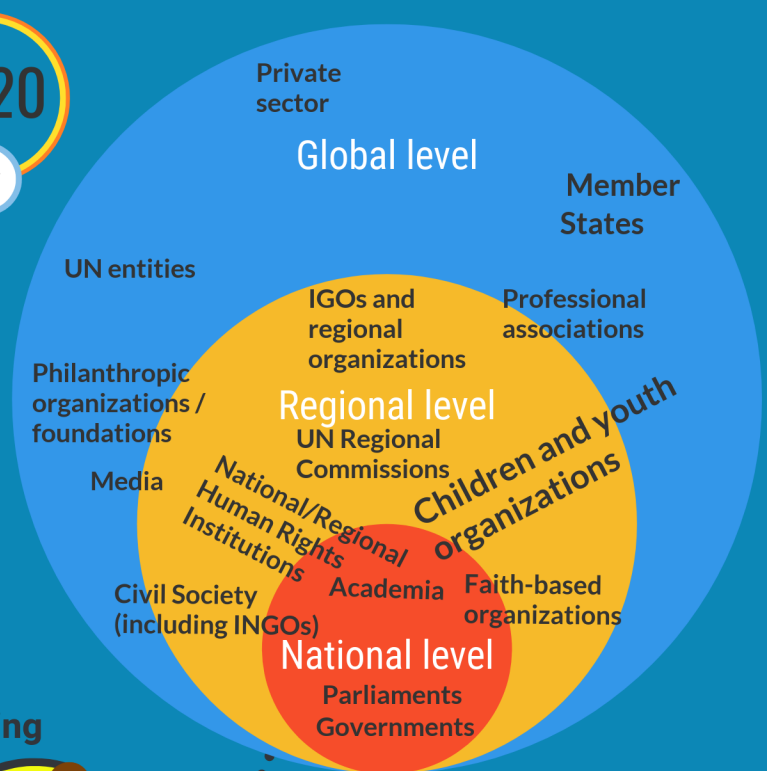


Barbados / Iceland
Indonesia / Jamaica
Jordan / Lebanon /
Maldives / Philippines
Senegal / Tunisia /
Vanuatu



Advocating
Partnering
Catalyzing
Mobilizing
Connecting

VNRs >>> Support Member States in the preparation of VNRs
(50 countries in 2020)
>>> Coordination of VNR labs
>>> Side event during HLPF



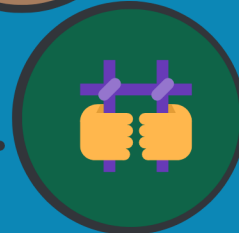
Bullying



Mental health



Children deprived of family care



Children deprived of liberty



Early and forced marriage



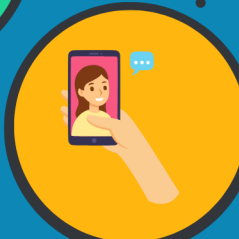
Children on the move



Armed violence



Children's engagement as citizens



Sexual violence against children including online



Justice for children



Children affected by violent extremist groups

Thematic Focus





CHILDREN

"Nothing for us, without us!"

Violence topped the list of concerns for 800,000 children who took part in consultations in the lead-up to the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs. It was top of the list for 170,000 children and young people surveyed online on their views on refugee and migrant children by the Special Representative and UNICEF, and for more than 100,000 young people worldwide polled on bullying, with the resulting U-Report initiative finding that two-thirds had been victims of bullying.



UN SG ANTÓNIO GUTERRES

"Violence against children is a silent emergency that must end. And zero tolerance for violence against children is a priority that I am committed to pursue. It is high time to change the continuum of violence that shapes children's lives to a continuum of protection of their human rights. The transformative vision of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development gives us a pathway. It foresees a world of universal respect for human rights and human dignity, a world which invests in its children and in which every child grows up free from fear and from violence. The 2030 Agenda applies to every country, rich or poor, and requires that no one be left behind."



SRSG MAALLA M'JID

"There is no better time to demonstrate visionary political leadership. We need to do more, act faster and be more effective. Not only on behalf of the children today, but also for the 1 billion individuals who will be born between now and 2030: the children who will inherit a post-SDG world. Our goal is to position the protection of children from violence and children's empowerment as top priority in the implementation of the Decade of Action for SDGs and to reinforce the role of the mandate as the global catalyst in this area."