

VNR LAB: HLPF 2020

DEVELOPING A CHILD-SENSITIVE AND CHILD-INCLUSIVE SDG VOLUNTARY NATIONAL REVIEW

Date: Wednesday 15 July 2020

Time: 07:30-09:00 AM EDT

Format: Online platform ([register here](#))

Co-organized by: UNICEF and the Office of the SRSG on Violence against Children

Background: The United Nations Secretary-General has stressed that by placing “children at the heart of the 2030 Agenda, and at the centre of all that we do, we can realize its ambitious vision, while leaving no child behind.”

Governments across all regions are using the SDG targets related to children to spur accelerated actions towards ending poverty, ensuring healthy lives, increasing access to quality education, achieving gender equality, promoting child participation, and eliminating all forms of violence. This VNR Lab aims to encourage Governments to report on the SDG targets related to children in their VNRs by sharing positive examples from Member States. The Lab will highlight how inclusive and participatory VNR processes can help ensure that children’s wellbeing and protection is at the centre of national development planning and accelerate progress towards reaching the SDGs. The Lab will also draw attention to the need to maintain national budgets for the health, education and protection of children from violence, even in the face of the global economic crisis created by the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic

Objectives of VNR Lab:

- Clearly demonstrate the elements of a child sensitive and inclusive VNR;
- Share promising practices and approaches from a regionally diverse range of Member States and experts;
- Highlight linkages between children’s rights, including to protection from violence, and effective systems of social protection;
- Equip Member States and partners with tools to bring child rights, data and voices into VNRs.

Draft Run of Show:

1) Welcome from co-hosts: Use interactive element to poll participants (such as Menti survey) on level of understanding and interest in child sensitive VNRs.

2) What is a child sensitive and inclusive VNR? Brief expert presentations on producing child-sensitive and child-inclusive VNRs:

Each representative will be given 3-5 minutes to briefly describe the importance of their topic and tools that support these VNR elements.

- Investing in children and aligning national plans with adequate budgets and well trained social workforce for children’s services, particularly in light of COVID-19 (TBC)
- Multi-stakeholder engagement in VNR processes (CSO Representative)
- The importance of collection, analysis and use of disaggregated data (UNICEF)
- Empowering and involving children in the development and monitoring SDGs (Child Representative)
- How ending violence against children supports progress across the SDGs and helps break the cycle of intergenerational poverty, inequality and exclusion (SRSG-VAC Office)

3) Good Practices Panel Discussion with Member States

Moderator (SRSG-VAC) will pose the following discussion questions to Member State discussants:

- What is the **importance** for integrating child rights/child voices into your VNR?
- What were your **biggest challenges** in developing a more child-sensitive VNR?
- What partnerships and tools **helped you** in developing and monitoring a more child-sensitive VNR?
- What is your **advice** to other reporting Member States?

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