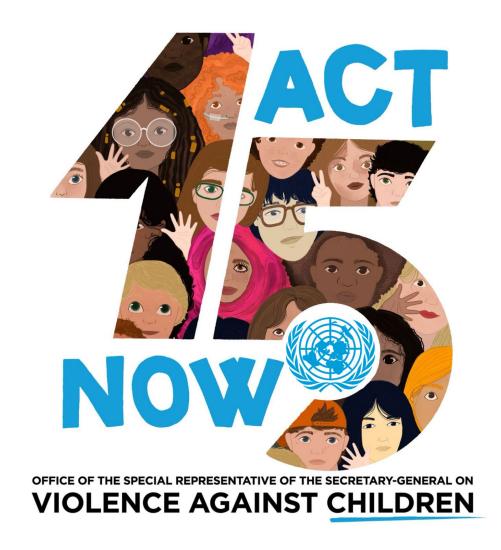
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IS POSSIBLE!



15 years of Advocacy

**Together For & With Children** 

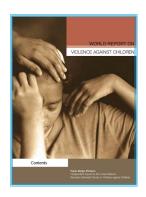
## 15 YEARS AGO

Following the establishment of the mandate by General Assembly Resolution 62/141 in December 2007 and the appointment of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Violence Against Children in May 2009.

This mandate, framed by the UN Study on Violence Against Children, also leads the implementation of the UN Global Study on Children Deprived of Liberty and emphasizes the urgency of implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

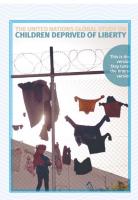
As a global advocate dedicated to preventing and eradicating all forms of violence against children, the Special Representative serves as a vital link and catalyst for action across regions, sectors, and settings where such violence may occur.

She mobilizes support and political will to sustain momentum on this agenda and raise awareness of the detrimental impacts of violence on children. Additionally, she works to foster behavioral and social changes necessary for meaningful progress.









2006

UN Study on Violence Against Children.

"No violence against children is justifiable and all violence against children is preventable"



The mandate of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Violence Against Children is established and the first mandate holder is appointed 2015

Implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development 2019

UN Global Study on Violence agiast Children

15 years of advocacy to end VAC

### **ENDING VIOLENCE AGAINST CHILDREN**

#### CANNOT WAIT

Despite numerous strides made in safeguarding children from violence, their vulnerability to and exposure to violence continues to increase worldwide, exacerbated by multifaceted and intersecting crises. Shockingly, **over half of the world's children encounter some form of violence annually.** 

The repercussions of violence against children are profound and enduring, constituting an intergenerational dilemma.



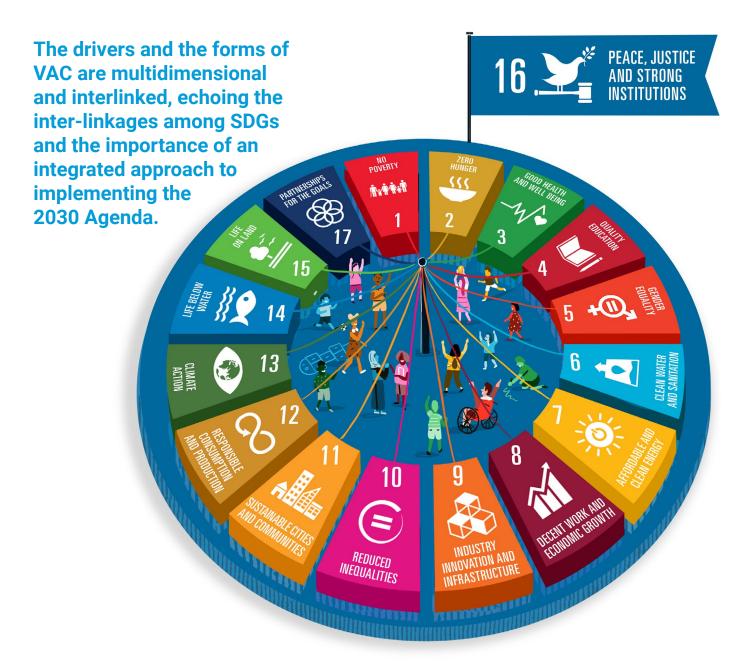
## INVESTING IN CHILD PROTECTION AND WELL-BEING:

#### AN ACCELERATOR FOR SDGs



Only six years remain until the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) deadline, yet the world needs to catch up on most SDG targets.





We cannot hope to end violence against children if harmful social norms, poverty, social inequalities, gender discrimination, hunger, lack of access to health/education/justice/ social protection/decent work and living conditions, and humanitarian crises are not addressed.

Equally, progress toward Agenda 2030 will be impeded if we do not end violence against children. Investing in children's protection and well-being must be made to ensure people-focused development across the life cycle, with children and families at its core.

#### **ENDING VIOLENCE AGAINST CHILDREN**

#### IS POSSIBLE

The solutions exist to prevent and respond to VAC. We have more and more evidence-based and cost-effective solutions that, unfortunately, are siloed and not scaled up.

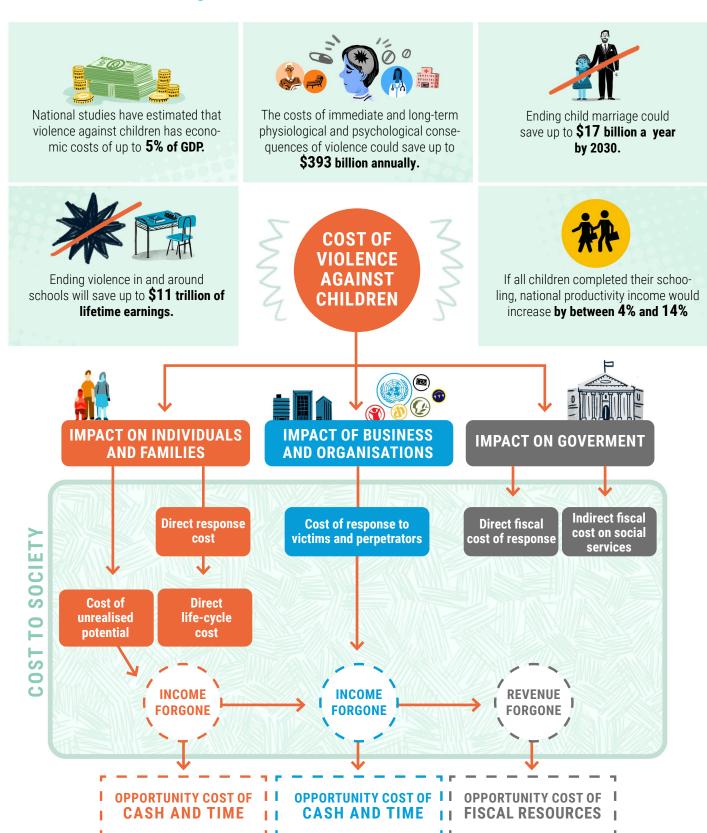
We know that effective violence prevention and child protection require addressing the root causes and drivers of violence at the same time as ensuring a chain of services.



We know that child sensitive and gender responsive protection systems must be fully embedded in national and local development plans.

# ENDING VIOLENCE AGAINST CHILDREN MAKES ECONOMIC SENSE

Violence Against Children has enormous economic costs.
Investing in child protection, development, and well-being has a high return and makes economic sense.



## LET'S ACT TOGETHER NOW

## FOR AND WITH CHILDREN

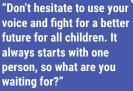
Everyone has a role to play in ending Violence Against Children.



Governments



**United Nations** 



Farah, 17, Egypt



Local communities



Children and young people



Civil Society Organizations



Private sector



**Donors** 



Traditional and religious leaders



Media



Academia

"You have to believe that you can make a big impact! Because if we don't take the role, who will?

Let's unite our voices for the protection of children!"

Indy,17, Indonesia



CHILDREN ARE PART OF THE SOLUTION



"Violence leads nowhere. Instead of fighting you can join our cause, and you can help prevent violence."

Amadou, Niger, 14

## **2024: MILESTONES ADVOCACY MOMENTS**

2<sup>nd</sup> Global Workshop for 2024 VNR countries UN Departement of Economic and Social Affairs

(Rio de Janeiro)

SRSG VAC missions to Africa

43<sup>rd</sup> Session of the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child (Lesotho)

ECOSOC Youth Forum

(New York)

Latin America and the Caribbean Regional Forum on SDG (Santiago de Chile)

Africa Regional Forum on SDG (Cairo)

SRSG VAC mission to Latin America

General Assembly of the Organization of American States (Paraguay)

**SRSG VAC mission to Asia** 

2<sup>nd</sup> African Children Summit (Johannesburg) Presentation and launch of SRSG VAC report to the GA

"Taking stock and ways forward on ending Violence Against Children"

Launch of the Documentary on Ending Violence Against Children "Act Now" (New York)

24<sup>th</sup> Global Summit of the World Travel and Tourism Council (Perth) The Global Network of Religions for Children (Abu Dhabi)

5th Anniversary of the UN Global Study of Children Deprived of Liberty

We protect Summit - Online Child Sexual Exploitation (UAE)

Feb

The #SaferInternetDay online

**Protection Through Online** 

Asia Pacific Regional SDG

Participation's campaign

Forum (Bangkok)

March

April

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Arab Regional Forum on SDGs (Beirut)

55<sup>th</sup> Session of the Human Rights Council Presentation of the SRSG VAC report to the HRC – Focus on children on the move (Geneva)

68th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (New York)

Europe Regional Forum on SDG (Geneva)

SRSG VAC mission to Europe

Session of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (Vienna)

SDG 16 High-Level Conference (New York)

International Conference on Small Island Developing States (Antigua and Barbuda) The High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (New York) EU Annual Forum on Children's Rights

Sept

79<sup>th</sup> Session of the United Nations General (New York)

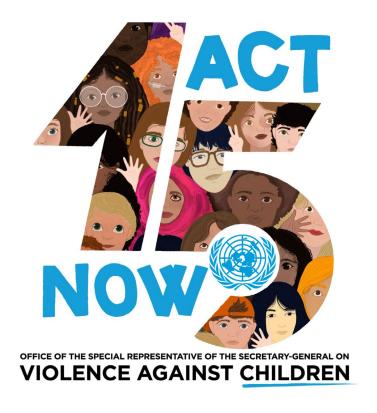
Summit for the future and Global Digital Compact (New York)

Global Conference on Ending Violence Against Children (Bogota)

**G20 Rio de Janeiro Summit** 

35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child

SRSG VAC mission to MENA



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