



**South Asia Initiative To End Violence Against Children**  
**SAARC APEX BODY**  
*"IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE CHILDREN OF SAARC"*

# **INTERNATIONAL EXPERT CONSULTATION**

## **STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES TO SECURE CHILDREN'S RIGHT TO FREEDOM FROM VIOLENCE**

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## Challenges and Issues in the Region

- 1.67 billion people - home to nearly one fourth of the world's population
- Nearly 621 million people in the region are younger than 18 years, with 11% (177.1 million) below 5 years of age.
- It is estimated that close to 50% of South Asian children under 5 are not registered.
- 48% of young women - married before 18;
- Around 44 million (13%) of South Asian children involved in Child Labour;





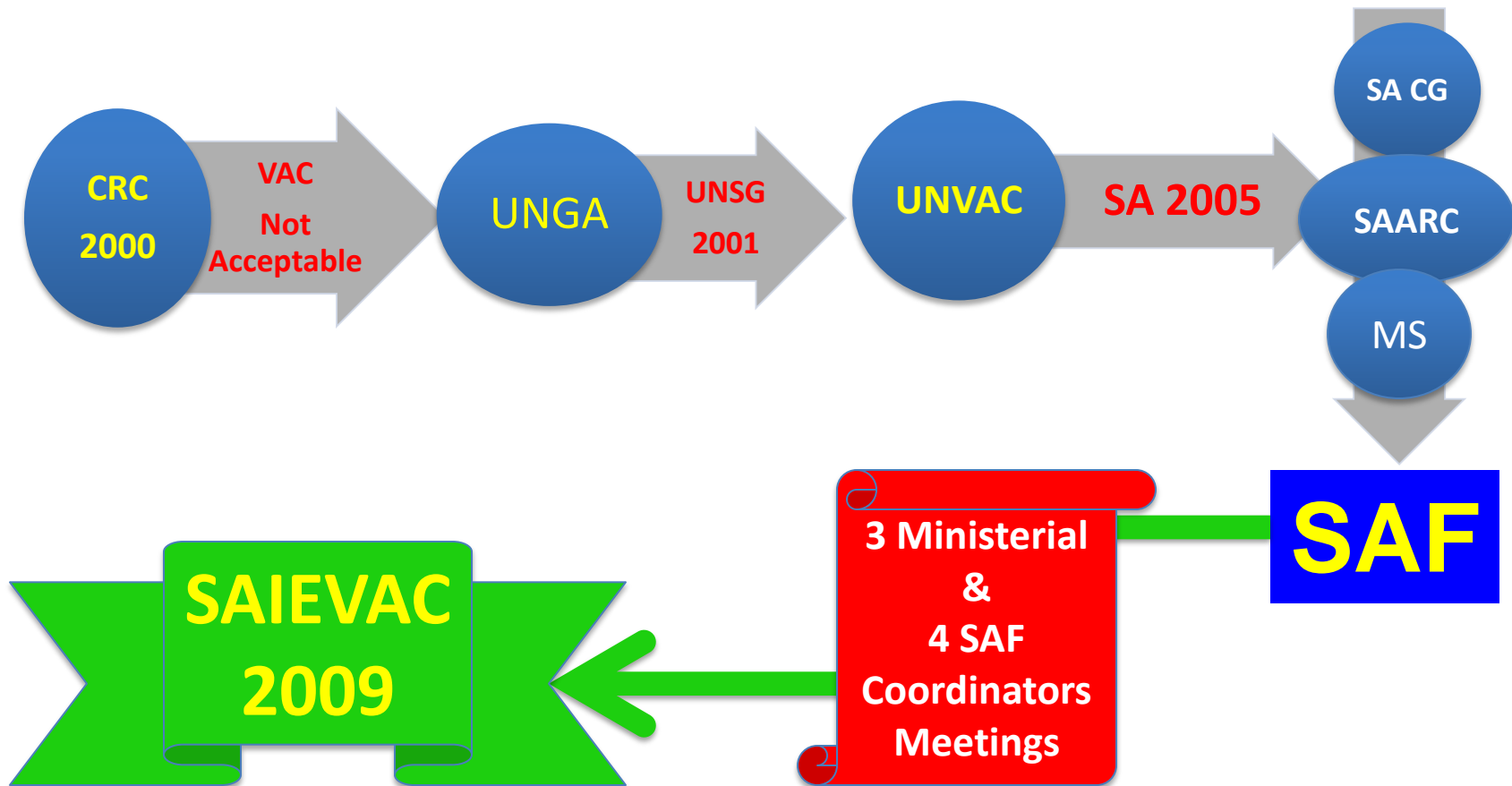
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- Commercial sexual abuse and exploitation of children continues to be one of the most pervasive violations of children's rights in South Asia;
- 95 % of the world's total child population are not legally protected from all forms of corporal punishment by parents & 29.3 % live in South Asia;
- 54.7 % of the global child population are not legally protected from corporal punishment in schools & 44.7 % live in South Asia.

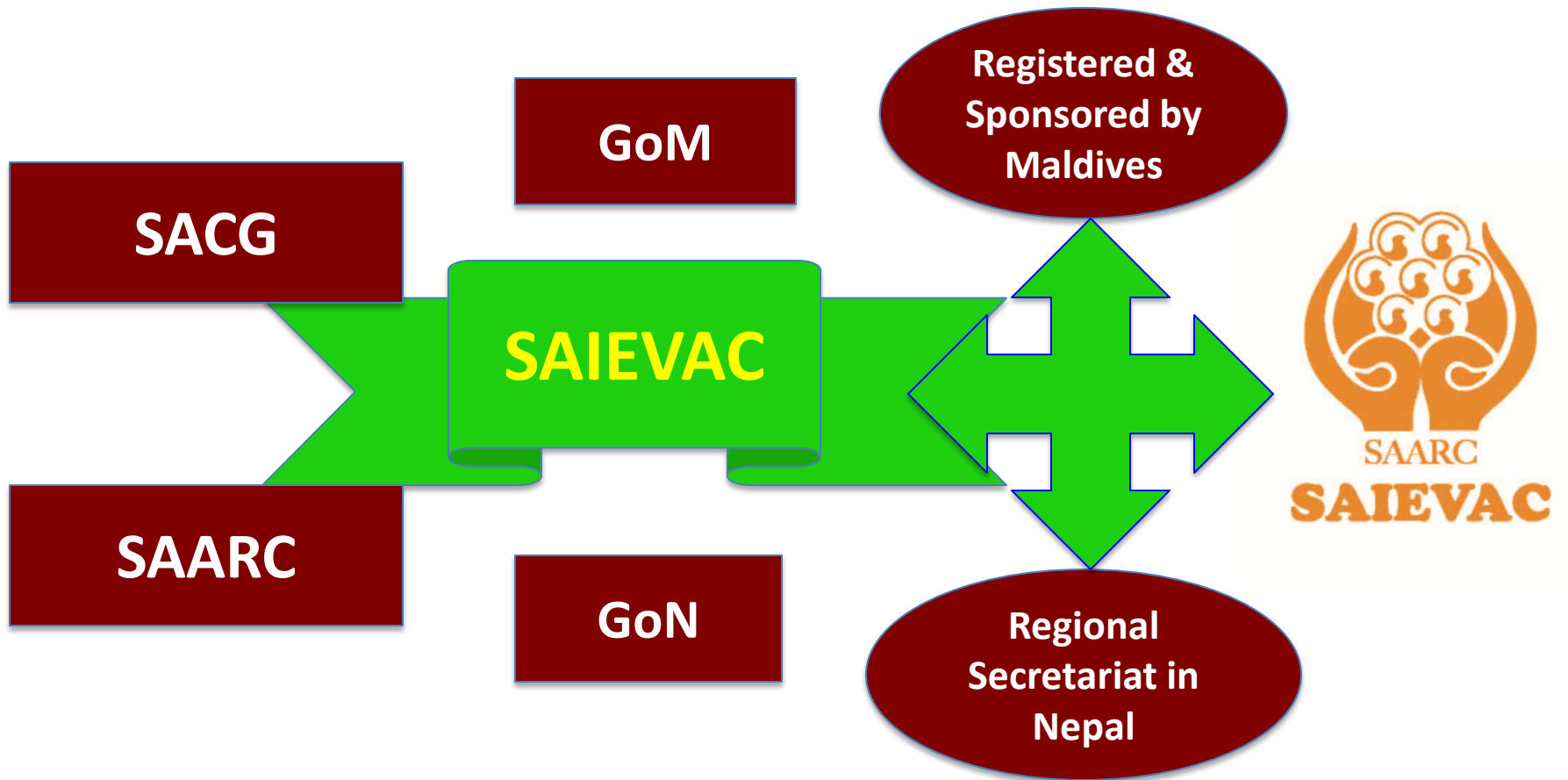




## The SAIEVAC Journey .....



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## **SAIEVAC's Vision**

**All children, girls and boys, throughout  
South Asia enjoy their rights  
to an environment free from all forms of  
violence, abuse, exploitation, neglect & discrimination.**



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## SAIEVAC's Core Context

**Root causes,  
such as  
poverty,  
social norms,  
lack of  
awareness,  
discrimination and social  
exclusion,  
emergencies**

- 1. Early Marriage**
- 2. Sexual Abuse and Exploitation**
- 3. Trafficking**
- 4. Child Labour**
- 5. Corporal Punishment**

Fragile  
Child  
Protection  
Systems

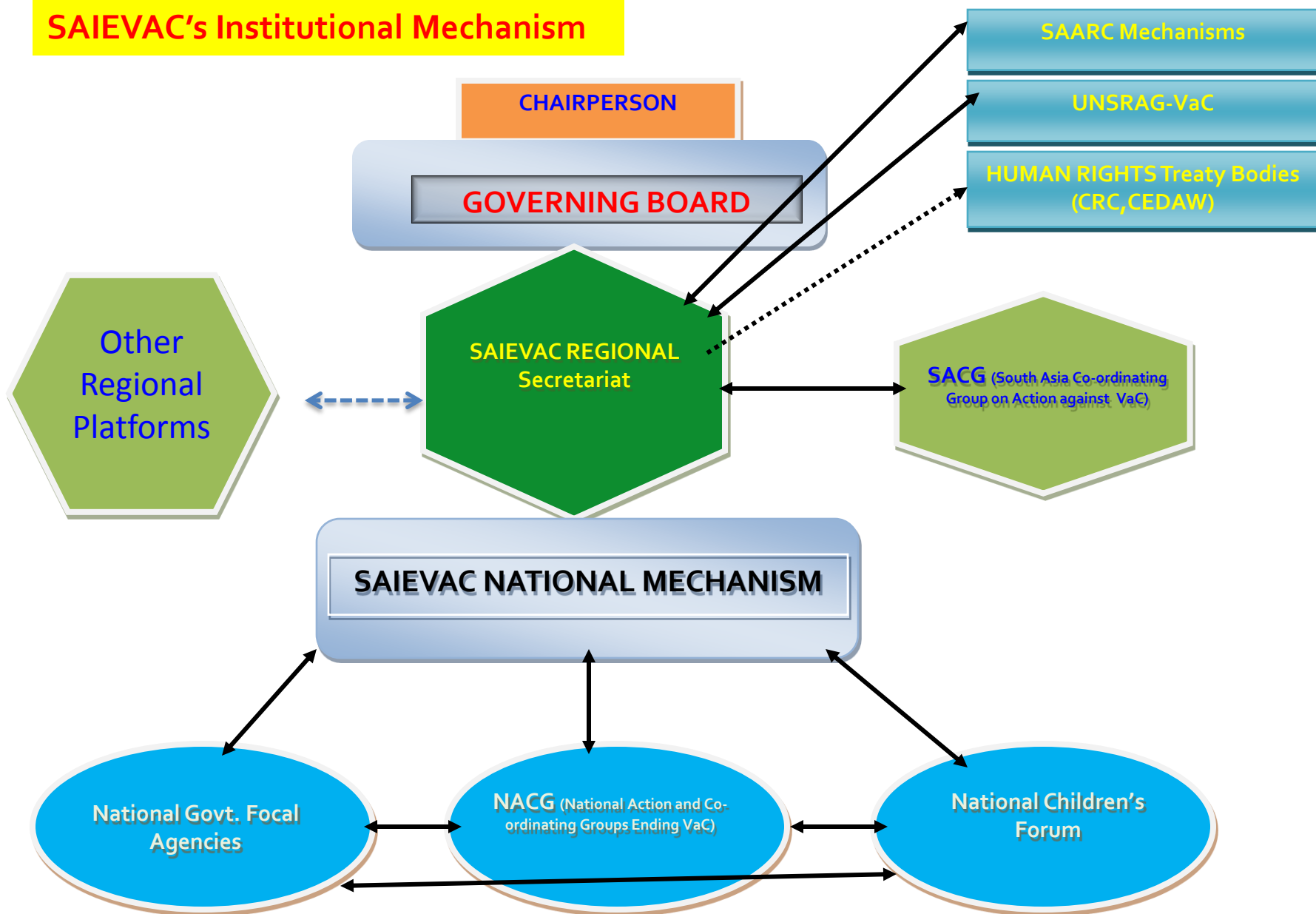
**Lack  
of  
systematic  
follow-up  
of  
child  
protection  
issues**







## SAIEVAC's Institutional Mechanism









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*In Solidarity with the Children of SAARC !*

