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# Ending Violence Against Children through Health Systems Strengthening and Multisectoral Approaches

## **Resolution WHA 74.17 (2021)**

Mission Briefing on implementation progress

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**CANCER**  
**SUICIDE**  
**HEART ATTACKS**  
**HIV**  
**DEPRESSION**  
**STROKE**  
**MATERNAL**  
**MORTALITY**

1

2



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# Sustainable Development Goal Targets

Target:

## 16.2a

end all forms of violence against children

## 4a

ensure non-violent learning environments for all

## 5.2

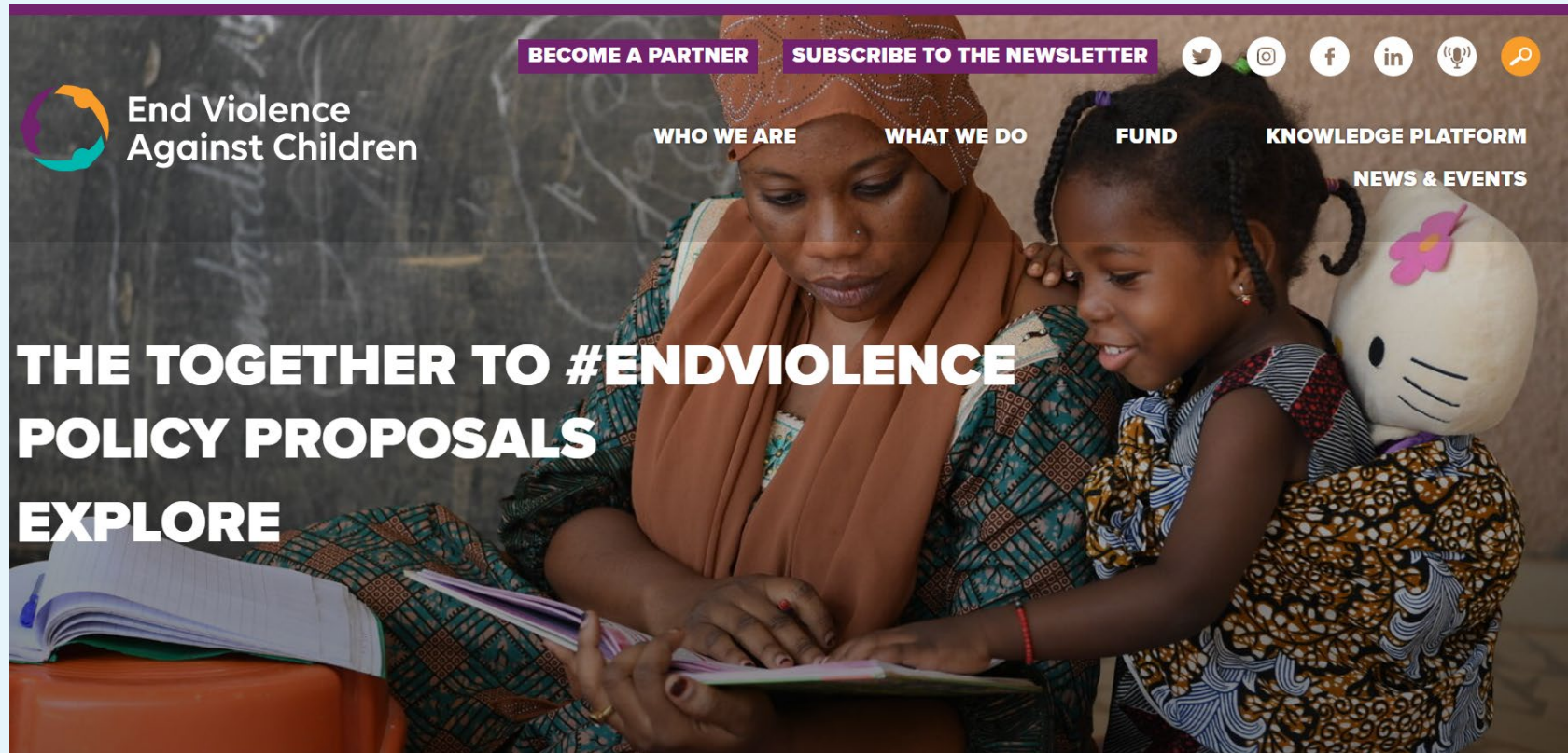
eliminate all forms of violence against women and girls

## 16.1

significantly reduce all forms of violence and related deaths



# Global Partnership to End Violence against Children



<https://www.end-violence.org/>

# INSPIRE: Seven strategies for ending violence against children



Implementation/enforcement of laws

Norms & values

Safe environments

Parent & caregiver support

Income & economic strengthening

Response & support services

Education & life skills

<https://www.who.int/teams/social-determinants-of-health/violence-prevention/inspire-technical-package>

# Presentation overview

- Documenting progress in countries
- Providing technical support to ministries of health
- Supporting nationally representative surveys of violence against children
- Fostering knowledge exchange
- Enhancing capacity in WHO regional and country offices





# Documenting progress in countries

## INSPIRE uptake 2016-2021

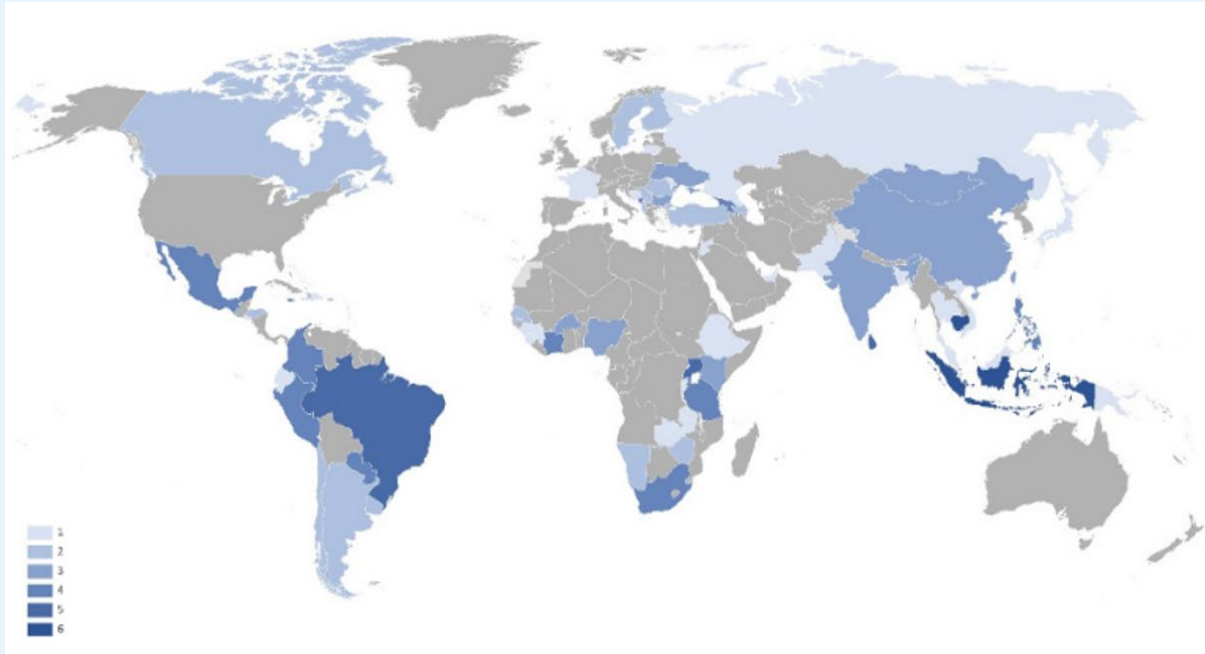
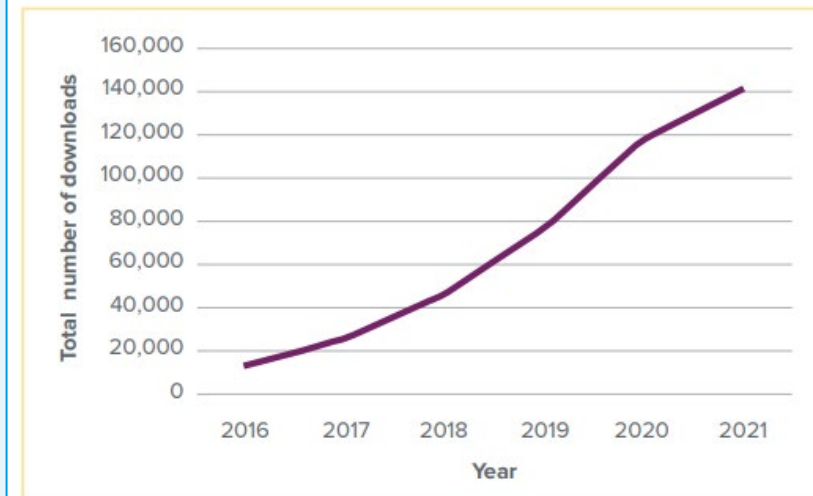


Figure 2: Cumulative number of downloads of the INSPIRE core document



<https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/9789240046689>

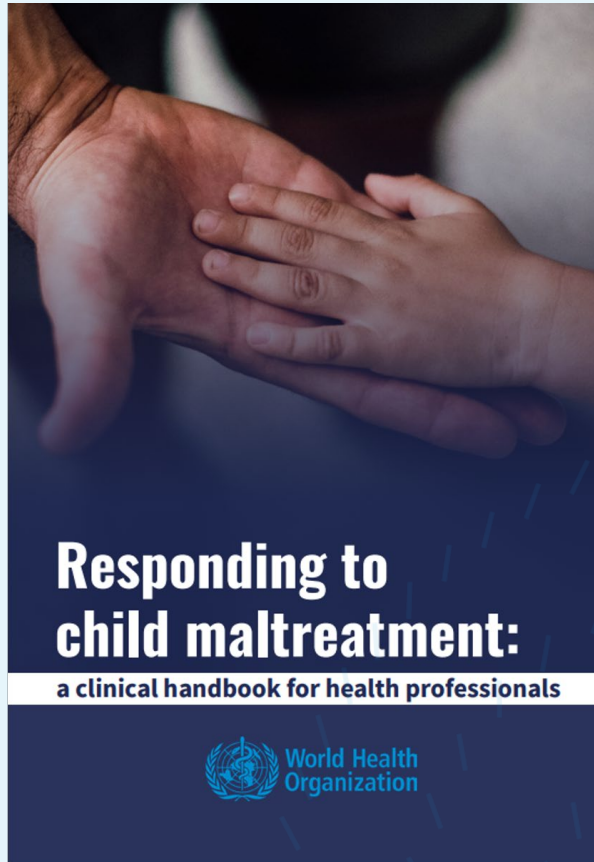
# Country highlights

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- **Colombia:** National Action Plan to End Violence Against Children 2021-2024 launched in 2021, including technical assistance for 32 Colombian departments to design regional action plans.
- **Indonesia:** National Strategy on Elimination of Violence against Children activated in mid-2022 through adoption of a Presidential Regulation.
- **Namibia:** Inter-Ministerial Committee established to monitor the implementation of child protection interventions, ensuring accountability on the national level.
- **Philippines:** new law raising age of sexual consent from 12 years to 16 years signed into force in March 2022.
- **Zimbabwe:** Zimbabwe's constitution amended with addition of a section dedicated to children's safety and well-being.



# Providing technical support to ministries of health



<https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/9789240048737>

## Translations underway

- Chinese
- Portuguese
- Spanish

## Country trainings

- Tanzania (completed)
- Papua New Guinea (scheduled)

# Supporting nationally representative surveys of violence against children

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- Global Schools-based Student Health Survey violence modules updated and expanded
- New Violence against Children and Youth surveys completed in Guatemala, Namibia and Mozambique
- WHO Violence Information System updated September 2022
- Feasibility study on generating country-level prevalence estimates of violence against children underway

# Fostering knowledge exchange

## The End Violence Partnership

Launched by the UN Secretary-General in 2016, the Global Partnership to End Violence Against Children is the only global partnership and fund solely dedicated to ending all forms of violence against children.

The **End Violence Partnership** is a platform for collective, evidence-based advocacy and action, working with a global coalition of 750+ organizations across every continent and sector.

The **End Violence Fund** is a flexible funding vehicle with a track record of identifying new and emerging challenges and investing in initiatives that have the potential to have impact at scale.

The End Violence Board Co-Chairs will lead a **Transition Task Force** to ensure Partnership and Fund readiness to manage and invest for maximum impact the initial \$1 Billion envisioned in the Childhood Sexual Violence Investment Case.

## Selected Board members



**Helle Thorning-Schmidt**  
Former Prime Minister of Denmark;  
Board Co-Chair, End Violence Partnership



**Joy Phumaphi**  
Executive Secretary of the African Leaders Malaria Alliance;  
Board Co-Chair, End Violence Partnership



**Meg Gardinier**  
Secretary-General, ChildFund Alliance,  
Representing the 16 member End Violence Civil Society Forum



**Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus**  
Director-General, World Health Organization



**Cathy Russell**  
Executive Director, UNICEF

Ministers from governments including:



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# Parenting interventions to prevent child maltreatment



- WHO guideline in press
- Recommendations cover:
  - Low, middle- and high-income countries
  - Infants, children and adolescents
  - Humanitarian settings



In support of

# Global Initiative to Support Parents


Regional convenings  
and a Global Summit




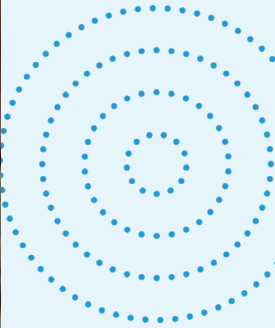
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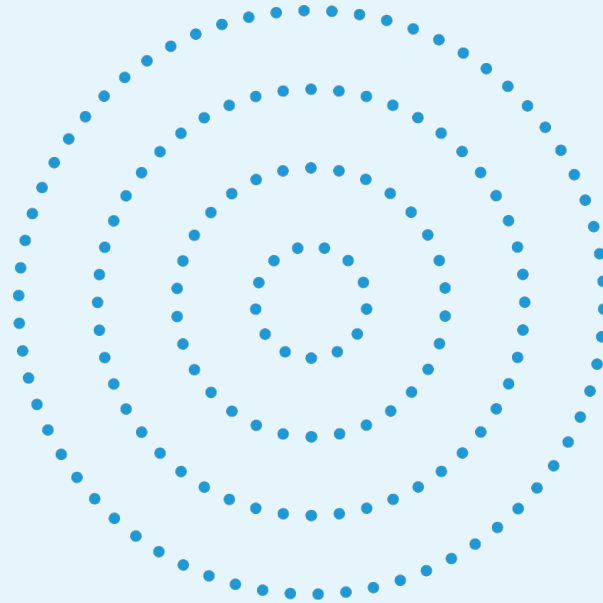
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# Media guide: reporting on violence against children

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<https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/9789240052116>



# Enhancing capacity in WHO regional and country offices



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# Questions that may arise

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## During the January 2022 EB 152 discussion

1. What are the main challenges to and opportunities for scaling up health sector involvement in preventing and responding to violence against children?
2. What can WHO do to strengthen health services to better support child victims of violence?
3. How can WHO best support you to ensure multisectoral coordination for the prevention of violence against children with other sectors such as education, finance, and social welfare?

# Thank you

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