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End Violence Against Children

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Together for girls
EVERY CHILD, ADOLESCENT AND YOUNG PERSON

is safe, protected and thriving.

Girls and women are at risk for multiple forms of violence across the life course.
A nationally-led, evidence-based, multi-sectoral response creates meaningful results at scale.

Quality, comprehensive data helps in understanding the problem, guides effective policies and programs, and spurs action.

Targeted and strategic advocacy and communications raises awareness, improves data use for effective action and sets global and national agendas.
NATIONAL SURVEYS & DATA

Data should always guide the way
WE ARE NOW WORKING IN 22 COUNTRIES

Through the VACS, we now have data for more than 10% of the world’s adolescents and young people.
GIRLS AND VIOLENCE
### Unacceptable Percentage of Girls Experience Sexual Violence

**Sexual Violence Before Age 18**

Percentage of 18-24 year old females who experienced sexual violence prior to age 18.

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For more than 1 in 4 girls, her first sexual intercourse was physically forced or coerced.

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Percentage of females ages 18-24 who experienced physically forced or coerced first sexual intercourse prior to age 18, among those reporting sexual debut before age 18.

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Girls are at risk for sexual violence throughout childhood & adolescence.

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Age of first incident of physically forced or coerced completed sex in childhood, reported by 18-24 year old females who experienced sexual violence prior to age 18.
PERPETRATORS OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE ARE OFTEN SOMEONE KNOWN

Most common perpetrators of first incidents of sexual violence, among those who experienced sexual violence before age 18
BOYS AND VIOLENCE
SEXUAL VIOLENCE AGAINST BOYS

BOYS ARE VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE TOO, AND AT SURPRISINGLY HIGH RATES

Percentage of 18-24 year old males who experienced sexual violence prior to age 18

- Botswana: 6
- Cambodia: 6
- El Salvador: 3
- Haiti: 21
- Honduras: 10
- Kenya: 18
- Lao: 12
- Malawi: 15
- Nigeria: 11
- Rwanda: 10
- Tanzania*: 12
- Uganda: 17
- Zambia: 10
- Zimbabwe: 1

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BOYS WHO EXPERIENCE SEXUAL VIOLENCE

Are more likely to perpetrate violence against a partner

% of males in Malawi and Nigeria ages 18-24 who report using violence against a partner*, among those who did and did not experience sexual violence prior to age 18

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BOYS WHO EXPERIENCE PHYSICAL VIOLENCE

Are more likely to perpetrate violence against a partner

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CONSEQUENCES OF VIOLENCE

- HIV
- Mental Health and Suicide
- Unintended Pregnancy
- Substance Abuse
- School Drop-Out

SEXUAL VIOLENCE
SEXUAL VIOLENCE LEADS TO AN INCREASE IN THE ODDS OF NEGATIVE HEALTH CONDITIONS

### Adjusted odds ratio*

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Association between childhood sexual violence and selected health conditions, reported by females 13-24 years old in Swaziland

*Adjusted for age, community setting, SES, and orphan status
High unintended pregnancy rates among girls who experienced pressured or physically forced sex

Percentage of 18-24 year olds who experienced physically forced or coerced sex before age 18 and became pregnant:

- Botswana: 6
- El Salvador: 9
- Haiti: 16
- Honduras*: 16
- Kenya: 30
- Malawi: 33
- Nigeria: 15
- Rwanda: 48
- Tanzania**: 31
- Uganda: 28
- Zimbabwe: 23

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EXPERIENCING SEXUAL VIOLENCE DURING CHILDHOOD IS ASSOCIATED WITH BEHAVIORS THAT INCREASE THE RISK OF CONTRACTING HIV

In Malawi, infrequent condom use is more common among young women who experienced sexual violence in childhood

% of females with infrequent condom use in the last 12 months

| Experienced childhood sexual violence | 20%* |
| Did not experience childhood sexual violence | 7% |

In Kenya, having multiple sex partners is more common among young women who experienced sexual violence in childhood

% of females with multiple sex partners in the last 12 months

| Experienced childhood sexual violence | 7%* |
| Did not experience childhood sexual violence | 2% |

Among 19-24 year-olds who ever had sex

*Statistically significant difference
### Thoughts of Suicide More Common in Girls Who Experience Sexual Violence

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Percentage of females ages 18-24 who reported thoughts of suicide, by whether they did or did not experience sexual violence prior to age 18 years.

*Data for Tanzania reported by 13-24 year olds*
THOUGHTS OF SUICIDE MORE COMMON IN BOYS WHO EXPERIENCE SEXUAL VIOLENCE

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ACCESS TO SERVICES
Victims of sexual violence are not getting the support and services they need

Disclosure and service usage by those who experienced sexual violence prior to age 18, as reported by 18 to 24 year olds females*

- % of females who told someone about an experience of sexual violence:
  - Kenya: 46%
  - Malawi: 61%
  - Uganda: 57%
  - Zambia: 52%

- % of females who sought services for sexual violence:
  - Kenya: 7%
  - Malawi: 10%
  - Uganda: 10%
  - Zambia: 1%

- % of females who received services for sexual violence:
  - Kenya: 3%
  - Malawi: 9%
  - Uganda: 8%
  - Zambia: 0%

*Data for Tanzania reported by 13-24 year olds
**RESULTS: DATA AND NATIONAL SURVEYS**

16 countries have published a VACS report
VACS Core Questionnaire updated to align with SDGs
VACS datasets publicly available for 9 countries*

Recent VACS reports:
- Botswana & Zimbabwe launched reports in Dec. 2019
- Honduras & El Salvador launched reports in May 2019

* eSwatini, Tanzania, Haiti, Malawi, Cambodia, Kenya, Nigeria, El Salvador, Honduras
COORDINATED ACTION

Working together across sectors we can change the lives of millions of boys, girls and adolescents
FROM DATA TO GOVERNMENT-LED ACTION

- VACS Implementation
- Data to Action Workshop
- Report Launch
- Action Plan Development by Multi-Sector Task Force
- Comprehensive National Response to Prevent and Respond to VAC

Multi-Sector Task Force

- Government Ministry Lead
- Other Government Ministries
- Universities
- Civil Society & NGOs
- UN agencies In-Country
- Multi-Lateral And Bi-lateral Agencies
- USG and Canada In-Country
As a result of the VACS process, government leadership and donor support, 9 countries* have developed comprehensive multi-sectoral responses to prevent and respond to VAC

* eSwatini, Tanzania, Kenya, Zimbabwe, Malawi, Nigeria, Uganda, Cambodia and Lao PDR
NATIONAL RESULTS: TANZANIA

2009
- VACS completed

2011
- Launched survey and Response plan

2013
- 3-year costed multi-sectoral plan in 12 districts

2016
- 3-year plan completed
- New combined action plan for VAC & VAW launched
- Commitment as Pathfinder for #EndViolence

Results (with UNICEF & Gov of Canada support)
- Child Protection teams expanded nationally to 47 local Gov. Authorities
- 700,000 children reached
- 1,151 workers trained in 498 health facilities; training of police, social welfare, magistrates, teachers
- National hotline and campaigns
- Initiative rolling out in four more regions & four additional regions in 2018

Together for girls
NATIONAL RESULTS: CAMBODIA

2014
- VACS report launched
- Study on Economic Burden of VAC

2013
VACS completed

2015 – 2016
- Government-led violence prevention & response in five focus provinces
- Piloting and scale up of positive parenting & positive discipline curricula in schools

Dec 2017
- Cambodia Action Plan to Prevent and Respond to Violence Against Children 2017 - 2021

Results (with UNICEF and Gov. of Canada support)
- Social protection interventions reached 10,000 vulnerable children
- Child protection services reached 20,000 children
- VAC National Action Plan launched December 2017
NATIONAL RESULTS: MALAWI

RESULTS

Empowerment & Safety
- Empowerment & self-defense training for 16,080 adolescent girls and 4,980 adolescent boys in 7 districts
- Partnership between No Means No Worldwide & Ministry of Education.
- Girls participating in program saw a reduction in the incidence of rape by nearly 50 percent.

Service access and improvements:
- Increase in survivors seen at one stop centers
- 18% increase in sexual abuse cases handled by Police Victim Support Units

2013
VACS completed

2015 – 2019
Gender-Based Violence National Plan of Action and Orphans and Vulnerable Children National Plan of Action

MARCH 2016
Malawi completed initial 10-point plan to respond to VAC

2015
VACS report launched

2015
VACS completed
Swaziland’s ranking on the Child-Friendliness Index, by African Child Policy Forum

**2008 Ranking**
1. Mauritius
2. Namibia
3. Tunisia
4. Libya
5. Morocco
6. Kenya
7. South Africa
8. Malawi
9. Algeria
10. Cape Verde
11. Rwanda
12. Burkina Faso
13. Madagascar
14. Botswana
15. Senegal
16. Seychelles
17. Egypt
18. Mali

**2013 Ranking**
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Evidence-based programs and policies to prevent and respond to VAC

From 10 worst countries to 10 best
GLOBAL RESULTS: INSPIRE & TECHNICAL SUPPORT

INSPIRE: Seven Strategies for Ending Violence Against Children

- Income and economic strengthening
- Norms and values
- Safe environments
- Parent and caregiver support
- Implementation and enforcement of laws
- Response and support services
- Education and life skills

INSPIRE details a group of strategies distilled from the best available evidence and with the greatest potential to reduce violence against children, and is a framework to guide efforts at the country level.

- In 2016, with WHO’s leadership, TfG partners worked with other organizations to develop INSPIRE
- In 2018, WHO and UNICEF launched the INSPIRE Implementation Handbook and Monitoring Framework
When we stand together as citizens, survivors, victims and advocates, we can change the world.
GLOBAL COMMUNICATIONS & ADVOCACY EVENTS

Raising awareness with policymakers and influencers
SHARING THE DATA

Kenya

VACS COMPLETED

Kenya implemented the Violence Against Children Survey (VACS) in 2010, released its report and action plan in November 2012, and released the first public data set in 2014.

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Prevalence of Childhood Violence*

As reported by 18-24 year olds

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During the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence, TfG honors the achievements of the world’s most influential heroes dedicated to ending violence with the #16Heroes campaign. These heroes show us that tackling global problems starts with individual action.

Over the past five years, we’ve honored more than 132 heroes.
Our online platform, Safe, shares the stories of survivors, celebrates youth engagement and showcases the work of advocates.

**Recent articles include:**
- The Power and Influence of Girls: The World in Your Hands Art Contest
- Male Survivors of Sexual Assault: Uncovering the Hidden Narrative
- 5 Young People Changing the World
EVERY HOUR MATTERS FOR POST-RAPE CARE

In 2016, TfG launched the Every Hour Matters campaign to address the critical timeline for post-rape care. In 2017, TfG gathered Every Hour Matters Youth Ambassadors to create a youth engagement toolkit that helps galvanize adolescents to help their peers access care.
The EHM toolkit guides trained young professionals in hosting educational workshops on post-rape care. The toolkit also fosters dialogue around gender dynamics, power structures, and stigma surrounding sexual violence. They also teach young people the importance of reacting empathetically to survivors. Though this toolkit was tailored to Kenya and Uganda, with inputs from Kenyan and Ugandan youth professionals, these tools can be adapted for other countries and regions around the world.
AMPLIFYING THE MESSAGE

BREAKING THE CYCLE OF VIOLENCE

From the CEO: New Look, New Site, Same Mission!

Congresswoman Debbie Dingell, TFG CEO & Executive Director Demi Moore Iyengar, UN Women Executive Director Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka, and UN Foundation President & CEO Kathy Calvin celebrate International Day of the Girl at the Embassy of Canada.

Dear Friends,

From the UN General Assembly, to the Sexual Violence Research Initiative Forum, to International Day of the Girl, it has been a busy but incredible fall!

You may have noticed things look a little different around here. As Together for Girls (TFG) has grown and evolved, we thought it was time to refresh our branding and launch a new website to better showcase the work of the partnership and serve as a resource to the community.

We are especially excited for you to explore our new interactive map, which highlights data from the Violence Against Children Survey (VACS), led by CDC as
THANK YOU