A UNIQUE PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP
A nationally-led, evidence-based, multi-sectoral response creates meaningful results at scale.

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

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

Honduras
April 2019

El Salvador
May 2019

Zimbabwe
November 2019

Botswana
December 2019
In Honduras, both girls and boys experience unacceptably high rates of sexual and physical violence.

Percentage of females and males who experienced sexual or physical violence prior to age 18.

Girls and boys who experience sexual violence are not getting the support and services they need.

Females and males who told someone, sought and/or received services for sexual violence, among those who experienced sexual violence prior to age 18.

Percentage of females and males who ever thought of suicide.
HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE DATA: EL SALVADOR

In El Salvador, both girls and boys experience unacceptably high rates of sexual and physical violence

Percentage of females and males who experienced sexual or physical violence prior to age 18

- **Sexual Violence: 14%**
- **Physical Violence: 22%**

Sexual violence often occurs in a familiar location

Location of first incident of sexual violence experienced by females and males prior to age 18

- **Home Environment:**
  - **70%**

- **Other Location:**
  - **31%**

For some youth, the first experience of sexual intercourse is physically forced, coerced or facilitated by alcohol

(among those who had sexual intercourse before age 18)

- **10%**
- **1%**

*Home environment includes: the participant’s home, the perpetrator’s home, or someone else’s home.*
In Zimbabwe, both girls and boys experience unacceptably high rates of sexual and physical violence.

Percentage of females and males who experienced sexual or physical violence prior to age 18:

- Sexual violence: 9% (females) / 1% (males)
- Physical violence: 17% (females) / 23% (males)

For many girls, the first experience of sexual intercourse is physically forced or coerced.

- Among those who had sexual intercourse before age 18:
  - 23% of 13-24-year-olds who experienced physically forced or coerced sex became pregnant.
  - 17% of 13-24-year-olds who had sexual intercourse became pregnant.

Zimbabwe is the first country to repeat the VACS to assess changes over time. Kenya and eSwatini will do the same.
In Botswana, both girls and boys experience unacceptably high rates of sexual and physical violence

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The launch of the Honduras VACS report

The first report of its kind in Latin America, the Honduras VACS report includes pioneering information on the intersections of violence against children and migration.

TfG also supported the International Organization for Migration’s development of a migration-specific fact sheet.
NEW REPORT LAUNCH

The Economic Burden of Violence Against Children

Using the 2014 Nigeria VACS data, the Government of Nigeria, UNICEF and other TfG partners launched a report, the Economic Burden of Violence Against Children in Nigeria.

The report estimated the economic burden of violence against children to Nigerian society through its impacts on selected health and education outcomes.
VACS SECONDARY ANALYSES

Analyzing school-related gender-based violence and violence in school settings

In Nigeria, few students who experience violence in school settings disclose their experiences, fewer seek services, and only a small proportion receive services

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In Honduras, among students who experienced physical violence by classmates, % of students who missed school due to violence

% of students who experienced one or more forms of physical and sexual violence* perpetrated by teachers and/or classmates in Uganda

Female

- 45%

2,139,684 FEMALE STUDENTS**

Male

- 54%

2,523,623 MALE STUDENTS**

*Sexual violence is defined by four types of acts: unwanted sexual touching, attempted physically forced or attempted coerced sex, completed physically forced sex, and completed coerced sex.

## EXPANDING OUR REACH

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[Map of countries with VACS status indicated]
ACTION
DATA TO ACTION (D2A) WORKSHOPS

2019 D2A workshops took place in:

- Colombia
- Côte d’Ivoire
- Kenya
- Lesotho
- Moldova

These workshops support the national government, civil society, and TfG partners in linking the VACS data to the INSPIRE technical package in order to inform national policy and programming decisions across sectors.

Actions are informed by the INSPIRE technical package

Côte d’Ivoire D2A Workshop
Together for Girls, in partnership with The Equality Institute and the Oak Foundation, undertook a systematic review of evidence-based solutions to prevent sexual violence against children and youth called *What Works to Prevent Sexual Violence Against Children.*

The review was completed in collaboration with a group of experts and allied organizations and highlights evidence-based solutions from around the world — from a girl’s empowerment initiative in India to justice reform in Guatemala to school-based education program in the United States.
WHAT WORKS TO PREVENT SEXUAL VIOLENCE AGAINST CHILDREN

Solutions Spotlights

Coaching Boys Into Men
The Coaching Boys Into Men curriculum is helping change conversations around gender equity, recognizing that athletics play a unique and influential role in the lives of boys.

SASA! Initiative
The SASA! Initiative is changing community attitudes, norms, and behaviors around gender and violence, while helping reduce HIV infection among women in Uganda.

Families for Safe Dates
The aim of the US-based Families for Safe Dates program is to motivate and facilitate conversation between adolescents and their caregivers about dating violence.
To tell the story of how a country can implement the VACS process to develop policies that can prevent violence against boys and girls, TfG produced the Tanzania case study, detailing the steps that led to a multi-sectoral National Plan of Action in Tanzania.
INSPIRE Training in Central America

To strengthen the capacity of practitioners from countries across Central America to adapt and implement INSPIRE strategies within their National Plans of Action, with a particular focus on armed and gang violence, school violence, corporal punishment and sexual violence, El Salvador hosted the first Central America INSPIRE workshop in 2019.
ADVOCACY
In 2019, TfG developed new platforms and materials to visualize the VACS data and increase awareness of solutions to end VAC.
GROWING GLOBAL EVIDENCE: COUNTRY FACT SHEETS
ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Website Updates

Resource Bank

New TfG Video
In 2019, TfG launched or continued three campaigns to help spread awareness of solutions to prevent violence against children, adolescents and youth.
The goal of the #SVSolutions campaign was to amplify the *What Works to Prevent Sexual Violence Against Children* key message: We have the tools to prevent sexual violence against children; now it’s on us to bring these solutions to scale.

TfG highlighted solutions like the WePROTECT Global Alliance during the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence.
The #Togetherfor10 campaign celebrated TfG’s 10-year anniversary by sharing powerful stories of the partnership.

TfG highlighted the partnership’s achievements at an event at the New York Stock Exchange by ceremoniously ring the opening bell on behalf of the partnership in honor of our anniversary.
EVERY HOUR MATTERS

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Speed is of the essence.

TfG’s signature campaign about the critical timeline of post-rape care continued to grow in 2019. Various partners in Uganda and Zambia rolled out the campaign at the national level.

Lydia Tabuke, Every Hour Matters Champion and Youth Advocate Ending Violence Against Women and Girls. Lydia shared her experiences advocating for women and girls in Kenya on a panel at the Women Deliver conference.
TfG regularly attends global conferences, meetings, and events to raise awareness about the partnership’s work, showcase VACS data, and amplify solutions to prevent violence against children.
TfG attended Women Deliver, the world’s largest conference on gender equality and the health, rights and well-being of girls and women.

TfG CEO Dr. Daniela Ligiero shares her story as a survivor and advocate working to end violence during a Women Deliver plenary session.

Young leaders share their thoughts about the fight against ending violence against children at the Together for Girls booth in the exhibit hall.

Speakers from “The Time is Now” side event, co-hosted by Jhpiego and TfG: Nancy Smyth, Director General for Social Development at Global Affairs Canada; Dr. Daniela Ligiero, TfG CEO & Executive Director; Ambassador-at-Large, Deborah Birx, M.D., Office of the United States Global AIDS Coordinator; and Dr. Leslie Mancuso, Jhipego President & CEO.
TfG participated in the 2019 Sexual Violence Research Initiative (SVRI) Forum - the world’s key research conference on gender-based violence.

TfG, the Global Partnership to End Violence (End Violence), and SVRI co-hosted a high-level dinner to showcase new resources to prevent sexual violence against children, including INSPIRE, the Out of the Shadows Index, and What Works to Prevent Sexual Violence Against Children.

Dr. Mary Catherine Maternowska (GPEAVAC) and Dr. Daniela Ligiero (TFG) during the Driving Solutions event.
TfG news coverage in 2019

**NOVEMBER 19, 2019** – "Report: Solutions To Stop Sexual Violence Against Children" (NPR)

**NOVEMBER 19, 2019** – "What Works To Prevent Sexual Violence Against Children" (Youth Today)

**NOVEMBER 19, 2019** – "What works to prevent sexual violence against children" (Relief Web)

**SEPTEMBER 20, 2019** – “Getting tough: How New Zealand could stop domestic violence” (Radio New Zealand)

**SEPTEMBER 17, 2019** – “Lo que ocurrió en Nueva York con la primera dama María Juliana Ruiz” (Canal 1)

**SEPTEMBER 16, 2019** – “How Data is Being Used to Curb Sexual Assault Around the World” (Checkdor)

**JULY 23, 2019** – “11% de jóvenes en Colombia ha sufrido violencia física o sexual: Minsalud” (El País)

**JULY 23, 2019** – “Cuatro de cada 10 colombianos sufrieron violencia siendo menores” (El Tiempo)

**JULY 22, 2019** – “Física, sexual y emocional: formas prevalentes de violencia contra menores de edad” (Red Mas)

**JULY 22, 2019** – “MinSalude, Iván Dario González, en la presentación de la PVCHNA” (MinSaludCol)

**JUNE 21, 2019** – “Talking Violence with Daniela Ligiero” (Girls’ Globe)

An [NPR article](https://www.npr.org) about the launch of #SVSolutions featuring an interview of Dr. Ligiero was featured as the top story on NPR for a day.
TfG continued to increase awareness and drive change through our social media platforms.

**10%**

Overall TfG social media growth
TfG Safe Blog

Safe is TfG’s digital storytelling platform used to share stories of solutions to prevent violence and provide a platform for survivors and activists to share their stories.

CDC Kenya project: “Champions for Change”

PEPFAR, in collaboration with the CDC, launched the GBV “Champions for Change” photo exhibition to honor individuals in Kenya that serve a critical role in preventing and responding to acts of GBV in their communities.

Photos courtesy of CDC Kenya and PEPFAR
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