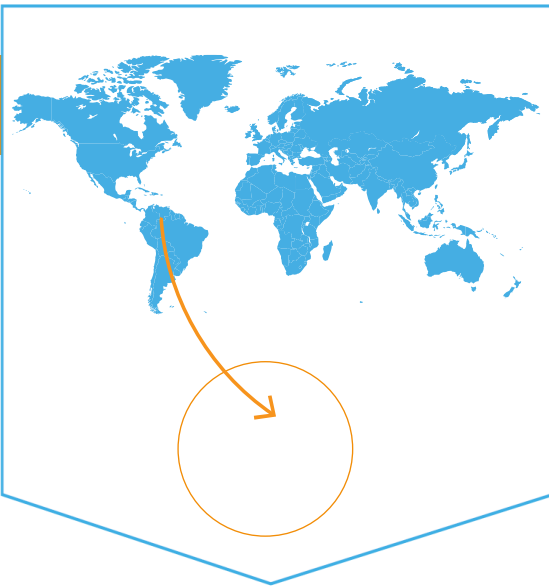




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Recent developments: National Action Plans, Laws, and Budget

2017

The Regional Meeting on prevention and response to violence against girls, boys and adolescents took place in Honduras to discuss current state of data collection in the region.

In July, the Honduran Congress passed a bill making all child marriage illegal

The Honduras Subsecretary of Security led the implementation of the Honduras Violence Against Children and Youth Survey VACS.

2019

In May, the VACS report was launched.

Currently, Honduras is developing its National Plan of Action to end all forms of violence against children

A communications campaign addressing parenting currently underway—Apapachame (Cuddle Me) needs attention to measurement and impact.



**Multi-stakeholder
Collaboration and
Consultation
with Children**

- IN 2014, due to the restructuring of the institutions of the State of Honduras, the Cabinet of Prevention, Peace and Coexistence was created, whose technical secretariat is in charge of the Subsecretariat of Security in Prevention. The Cabinet is mandated to implement actions in the field of prevention of different forms of violence, as well as to promote actions aimed at healthy coexistence and culture of peace. Similarly, the Council for the Prevention of Violence towards Children and Youth (COPREV) is created, an instance formed by State institutions and Civil Society to ensure compliance with various policies and instruments aimed at safeguarding the rights of children in the country.
- In November 2017, data was collected Honduras VACS, which was led by the Subsecretariat of Security in Prevention with assistance and participation from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) as part of the Together for Girls (TfG) partnership, USAID, and IOM. A special module on migration was included in Honduras VACS. In September 2018, the Subsecretariat and IOM co-organized the VACS Data to Action workshop, with support from CDC, USAID and TfG. The purpose of the workshop was to review key findings from Honduras VACS ahead of the official report launch, and develop an initial draft of multi-sectoral priorities and recommendations based on VACS data and the INSPIRE framework. Representatives from various government sectors, civil society organizations and development partners participated

- Within the strategic framework of Prevention, Peace and Coexistence, the Prevention of violence against children and adolescents was established as one of the guidelines, directing resources, strategies and specific actions to reduce the rates of different forms of violence. This strategic framework is implemented by the different institutions of the Cabinet of Prevention, Peace and Coexistence, as well as other institutions and strategic partners in a true inter-institutional collaboration.
- The Honduras Subsecretary of Security led the implementation of the Honduras Violence Against Children Survey VACS in 2017, making Honduras the first country in Latin America to complete the survey.
- A substantial proportion of Honduran youth - 2 out of 5 - experience some form of violence.
- Consistent with global data girls experience higher rates of sexual violence, with high rates of perpetration by family members in the home.
- 3 out of 10 children experience physical violence which is the most common form of violence; more females than males experienced physical violence by a parent or adult caregiver, and more males than females experienced physical violence by a peer.
- Child marriage was not uncommon among females, with more than 1 out of 5 girls married before age 18.
- Parent-youth relationships also appear to be protective factor in Honduras with nine out of ten youth indicated a strong relationship with their mothers and high parental monitoring and supervision.



Data Collection and Situation Analysis

In Honduras there is both the Policy of Coexistence and Citizen Security and the National Policy for the Prevention of Violence against Children and Youth, both instruments aimed at preventing the different forms of violence against this vulnerable group. In this sense, the National Response Plan against violence towards Girls, Boys and Adolescents is in the construction stages. It is based on the pillars of the INSPIRE strategy, which has been presented to various institutions of both the State and Civil Society. With the support of UNICEF, progress has been made in the construction of the strategies that will serve as the basis for the formulation of the Plan, which involves strategic partners from civil society and international cooperation, ensuring multisectoral participation. Currently a technical group has been formed to which both the INSPIRE strategy and its Handbook have been presented as well as the results of the recently launched VACS survey that would be the axis for political decisions based on evidence. Simultaneously, an advisory group has been instituted, which is made up of different international cooperation agencies, that will provide recommendations and technical guidance for the construction phase of strategies in primary, secondary and tertiary prevention of the National Plan. Currently there is a road map to ensure and expand the participation of different national sectors. The process is being led by the Subsecretary of Security in Prevention with the support of UNICEF and the Global Alliance to End violence against children.



Collective Action and INSPIRE

Reporting into CRCs and SDGs

Reported to the CRC in 2015.
Underwent UPR in xx.

Reported to the High-Level Political Forum in 2017 and will report again in 2020.

Will report in 2019.

Opportunities for 2019 where End Violence will engage

Build political will/global movement

1. Over the next 6 months support Honduras to strengthen the existing coordination of working groups and National Action Plans building on the lead Ministries of Presidency and National Security and further engaging the Ministries of Education and Finance.
2. Consider the possibility of organizing Faith based roundtables with the Evangelical Churches.

Resource mobilization

2. With abrupt gaps in funding from USAID funding to the Northern Triangle, the Secretariat will advocate for increased donor engagement with Canada, GTZ and EU (through Spotlight) and explore the role of IDB.

Equip practitioners

3. Support the transformation of VAC prevention through social norms and values training at national, regional, community and family level to inform communications for change strategies to prevent physical disciplinary practices.
4. Enhance "Prevención de Violencia en Centros Educativos" adaptation, scale up and integration of Cure Violence within school programs in two potential city sites: La Ceiba and San Pedro de Sula.