



**End Violence
Against Children**

THE FUND

Conflict and Crisis



Humanitarian situations can be man-made, such as conflict or civil unrest; they can result from natural hazards, such as floods and earthquakes; or they can be a combination of both. They often have devastating effects on children's lives. They result in girls and boys being killed or injured, becoming orphaned, losing access to essential services, becoming separated from their families, being recruited into armed forces or groups, being sexually abused, being trafficked or, worse, experiencing several of these at the same time. In addition to experiencing violence in their own homes, schools or communities, children represent a disproportionate proportion of the world's refugees, accounting for about half (51 per cent) of the world's refugees¹.

The Global Partnership to End Violence Against Children and its associated Fund accelerate actions to realize the commitments made in the Sustainable Development Goals by supporting those working to prevent and respond to violence, protect childhood and make societies safe for the world's most precious asset – its children. Nowhere is this more urgent than in crisis, in particular those children living in or fleeing conflict. The Partnership and Fund combat violence by delivering evidence-based solutions for all children, linked where possible to the INSPIRE² set of seven strategies with the greatest potential to reduce violence against children; by increasingly focusing as much on prevention as response; and prioritizing work across sectors, as the problem and solutions are not limited to a single area.

Progress to date

Thanks to the generous contributions of the Government of Japan, the humanitarian window of the Fund to End Violence Against Children became operational in March 2018. A dozen projects – five in Nigeria and seven in Uganda – are now working to address the prevention and consequences of violence on children, in line with national and inter-agency response plans. In both countries, children have been displaced from their homes by violence and are then faced with heightened risk of abuse, exploitation and neglect. Current projects are responding with psychosocial support, case management for unaccompanied and separated children, and reintegration assistance for children formerly associated with armed groups. For example, in the Adamawa state of northeast Nigeria, International Rescue Committee is providing psychosocial support for children affected by armed conflict and parenting programmes for their caregivers with a specific focus on community-based child protection interventions for sustainability. And in Uganda, where children have fled violence in neighboring South Sudan, World Vision is working in the Bidibidi refugee settlement that hosts more than 270,000 people to empower teenage mothers, child-headed households, and survivors of sexual violence with improved access to livelihoods through life skills and vocational training along with needs-based case management services.

What is needed?

The Fund and the Government of Japan encourage other investors to prevent and address violence against children facing conflict and crisis. Protecting children in humanitarian situations is severely underfunded, and funding is sought flexibly to support projects where and when needed most. Funds would support projects contributing to national commitments to ending violence against children and aligned to national and inter-agency response plans. Besides addressing violence in crisis and conflict directly, a secondary gain will be improving the evidence base on what works to tackle violence in this area.

By investing in catalytic solutions, the Fund seeks to deliver on the promise of the Global Partnership to End Violence Against Children – a world in which every child grows up free from violence.

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1. UNHCR Global Trends, Forced Displacement in 2016, <http://www.unhcr.org/globaltrends2016/>
 2. http://www.who.int/violence_injury_prevention/violence/inspire/en/

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The Global Partnership to End Violence Against Children and its associated multi-donor trust fund support the commitments made in the Sustainable Development Goals to end all forms of violence against children by 2030. The Fund aims to prove through catalytic investment that evidence-based programming yields tangible results and there is an 'investment case' to be made.

