Together for Girls
Ending Violence Against Children

1st Annual Stakeholder Meeting
October 28, 2013
Together for Girls
A unique public-private partnership
Three Pillars of Action

1. **DATA**: Conduct national violence against children surveys (VACS)

2. **RESPONSE**: Support national government-led multi-sectoral programs and policies

3. **ADVOCACY**: Engage in advocacy and public awareness raising at the global level

**Government-led through Multi-sector Task Force**
The Model

- VACS breaks the silence
- Mobilizes action and policies
- Establishes an accountability framework

Multi-Sector Task Force

- Government Ministry Lead
- UNICEF In-Country
- Multi-Lateral And Bi-lateral Agencies
- USG In-Country

Other Government Ministries

Universities

Civil Society & Private Sector

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Pillar 1: National Surveys & Data

Current Country Partners

- Haiti
- Nigeria
- Cambodia
- Indonesia
- Kenya
- Tanzania
- Malawi
- Zimbabwe
- Swaziland
Percentage of Individuals Who Experienced Sexual Violence Prior to Age 18

*Only girls interviewed in Swaziland*
Percentage of Individuals who Experienced Physical Violence Prior to Age 18

- Tanzania: 80.1% (females), 74.2% (males)
- Zimbabwe: 47.8% (females), 60.9% (males)
- Kenya: 66% (females), 73.1% (males)
- Haiti: 60.5% (females), 57.2% (males)
Association Between Childhood Sexual Violence and Selected Health Conditions, Females 13–24 Years Old, Swaziland 2007

*Adjusted for age, community setting, SES, and orphan status
Disclosure and Service Usage by Victims of Child Sexual Violence as Reported by 18-24 Year Olds, Kenya 2009

Girls
- Told someone about sexual violence: 45.9%
- Sought services for sexual violence: 24.0%
- Received services for sexual violence: 3.4%

Boys
- Told someone about sexual violence: 35.8%
- Sought services for sexual violence: 18.0%
- Received services for sexual violence: 0.4%*  

* Estimate is unstable
Prevalence of Sexual Violence Prior to Age 18 Reported by Females and Males 13-24 by Camp Status in Haiti 2012

Any Sexual Violence Post Quake in Haiti

- Females: 34.7 (Camp) and 21.6 (Non-Camp)
- Males: 24.3 (Camp) and 19.6 (Non-Camp)
Other Examples of VACS Data

• Kenya: 1 in 3 young women who experienced pressured or forced sex reported a resultant pregnancy

• Kenya and Tanzania show reductions in child marriage:
  – Kenya DHS 2008: 20-24 year olds 26.4%;
  – Kenya VACS 2010: 18-24 year olds 12.8%;
    13-17 year olds 3.6%

• Schools are violent places. In Haiti and Kenya, of the estimated 40% of girls and boys who reported being punched, kicked, whipped or beaten in the past 12 months, over 85% were beaten by a teacher.
Next Steps: Priority VACS Countries

Multiple countries in Asia interested, pending funding; Gaps in Latin America, Eastern Europe and the Caribbean.
Pillar 2: Country-led Response

MULTI-SECTOR INTERVENTIONS

- **HEALTH**
  - Child abuse care and forensics, including post-rape care

- **JUSTICE & POLICE**
  - Child-friendly stations and courts; legal aid

- **SOCIAL SERVICES**
  - Child helplines; child protection centers

- **COMMUNITY**
  - Parenting support; safe spaces; engaging children

- **EDUCATION**
  - Training teachers; early childhood education; school-based prevention programs
Swaziland Results

• Passed Children’s Protection and Welfare Bill and Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence Bill in 2011.

• Scaling up post-rape care through one-stop centers

• Establishing child- and women-friendly courts

• Launched database to track cases of violence

• Engaging religious leaders from 8 major faith groups
Tanzania Results

- Implementing 3-year national action plan
- Revised the national code of conduct for the professional ethics of teachers
- Developed guidelines for budgeting for child protection
- Established gender and children’s desks at police stations
- Teaching children their rights through Tuseme Clubs
Zimbabwe Results

• Releasing its National Baseline Survey on Life Experience of Adolescents action plan on adolescent girls.

• Developed Protocol on the Multi-Sectoral Management of Sexual Abuse and Violence

• Providing medical and psychosocial services for children who have experienced violence.

• Establishing “places of safety,” which are temporary foster homes for homeless children, in 14 districts.

• Developing a cost-benefit analysis of child protection
Kenya Results

- Developed national action plan
- Lwala Community Alliance piloting girls mentorship program
- Providing in-service trainings for social welfare officers
- Opening child protection centers
- Integrating CDC Kenya sexual violence prevention module in intervention programs for youth and parents

https://vimeo.com/channels/lwala/77705933
Response: Priority Next Steps

- **Swaziland, Tanzania, Zimbabwe, Kenya**: Support coordination, monitor progress and scale up

- **Haiti, Cambodia, Indonesia, Malawi**: Launch report and national action plan

- Strengthen cross-country learning (Global Meeting in February)

- Establish TfG Results Framework

- Disseminate partnership tools and explore need for sectoral tools
Pillar 3: Global Advocacy

• Social media channels established

• Increased visibility of data

• Hosted and participated in public-facing events
Advocacy: Priority Next Steps

• **Improve online communications**
  – Redesign web site and update content
  – Strengthen social media with original content

• **Pursue public relations opportunities**
  – Package VACS data for easier public consumption
  – Increase external op-eds and blog presence
  – Identify key public events and opportunities for TfG

• **Leverage our partners’ communications networks to raise awareness about the issue and solutions**
Safe.
empower. prevent. protect.

A GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY

Kayla Harrison is the first American to win an Olympic Gold medal in sabá judo for the United States as she did at the 2012 London Olympic Games. Her accomplishment is all the more extraordinary given she was sexually abused by her first coach. Leveraging the limelight that comes with being an elite athlete, Kayla is focused on a new target: a world where children are safe from predatory adults. It’s now her turn to coach others to fight back—a thing she has done with remarkable strength, courage and dignity.

By Regan Hofmann


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Partnership Management

• Partnership structure:
  • Funders
  • Implementers
  • Technical advisors

• Secretariat functions:
  • Coordination
  • Communication
  • Fundraising

• Fundraising priorities:
  • Funding activities in action plans
  • Technical assistance from CDC
  • Increase partnership coordination through UNICEF at regional, country and HQ levels
Partnership Challenges

- Violence prevention is still new
  - An emerging science
  - Low funding available, especially outside of Africa

- Coordination complex
  - Partnership
  - Multi-sector work

- Reaching the most vulnerable
  - Street children; disabled and at-risk youth
Taking Action

**What You Can Do**

- Support dissemination of data
- Collaborate in-country on action plan implementation
- Encourage movement towards shared results framework
- Collaborate on sectoral and/or issue-specific work

**What We Can Do**

- Advance violence prevention and response agenda
- Share tools TfG partners develop
- Provide new data and information on emerging issues
- Serve as forum to bring together diverse partners and implementers
Discussion

Tanzanian children raise their hands for change!

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