The Violence Prevention Agenda Within the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

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What are the SDGs?

- A new, universal set of goals, targets and indicators that UN member states will be expected to use to frame their development agendas and political policies through 2030.

- The SDGs follow and expand on the millennium development goals (MDGs), which were agreed by governments in 2001 and are due to expire at the end of this year.
By defining our goal more clearly, by making it seem more manageable and less remote, we can help all people to see it, to draw hope from it and to move irresistibly towards it.”

John F. Kennedy, 1963
Why the SDGs Matter

- Social mobilization - Help the world to move in one direction
- Peer pressure – political leaders can be questioned on their efforts to address goals
- Spur development of networks of expertise, knowledge, and practice.
- Mobilize stakeholder networks – brings community leaders, donors, religious groups, politicians, businesses together for a common purpose.

Violence is on the development map...

Millennium Development Goals

No Millennium Development Goals targets or indicators relate to violence

Sustainable Development Goals

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A sustainable violence prevention agenda?

Direct SDG violence targets

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SDGs with targets that address risk factors

1. **No Poverty**
2. **Good Health**
3. **Quality Education**
4. **Gender Equality**
5. **Reduced Inequalities**
6. **Peace and Justice**
7. **Sustainable Cities and Communities**
## An SDG and Violence Prevention Matrix

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What Should We Do to Translate these Lofty Aspirations into Measurable Progress by 2030?
Target Prevention Efforts Towards Highest Risk Countries and Regions
Global Trends in Homicide Rates by Income Level

- High Income
- Middle Income
- Low Income

Year: 2000 to 2012

Graph showing trends in homicide rates by income level from 2000 to 2012.
Global Trends in Homicide Rates by Region

[Line chart showing trends in homicide rates by region from 2000 to 2012. Regions include: Africa, America, Eastern Mediterranean, Europe, Southeast Asia, Western Pacific. Each region is represented by a different color line.]
Act on the Cross-Cutting Nature of Violence
What Forms of Violence Are Included in this Target?

- **EARLY CHILDHOOD**
  - Child Maltreatment
  - Bullying

- **ADOLESCENCE**
  - Youth Violence
  - Dating Violence
  - Sexual Violence
  - Suicide

- **ADULTHOOD**
  - Intimate Partner Violence
  - Elder Maltreatment
  - War and Other Collective Violence
Prioritize Environmental Change
The Health Impact Pyramid

1. Socioeconomic Factors
   - Changing the Context to make individuals’ default decisions healthy
   - Long-lasting Protective Interventions
   - Clinical Interventions
   - Counseling & Education

Increasing Population Impact

Increasing Individual Effort Needed

Changing the Environment

Access to Lethal Means  Alcohol  Poverty/Equity  Social Norms
Focus on Preventing Violence in Children and Youth

“The most powerful way to change the world is to make it a better place for kids”

Jack Shonkoff
Violence Disproportionately Impacts Children and Youth

Violence Against Children and Youth is a Risk Factor for Future Violence

Evidence for Effectiveness of Interventions is Strongest for Children and Youth

Children and Youth Experience all Forms of Violence with the Exception of Elder Abuse

Preventing Violence Against Children and Youth is Strategic
Act on the Best Available Evidence

- Research Evidence
- Experiential Evidence
- Contextual Evidence
Key Actions Needed to Prevent and Respond to Violence Against Children - THRIVES

- T raining in parenting for caretakers
- H ousehold economic strengthening
- R educe violence by legislative protection
- I mprove services for victims of violence
- V alue norms that protect children
- E ducate and build life skills
- S urveys to monitor trends and progress
Build Capacity and Infrastructure Needed to Scale Up Violence Prevention
Moving from Innovation to Action

- **Creating a Workforce**

- **Synthesis and Translation:** Making Violence Prevention Innovations Broadly and Easily Accessible

- **Prevention Support:** Successful Implementation Requires Training, Monitoring, Technical Assistance, and Coaching

- **Prevention Delivery:** Creating Organizations that can Carry Out and Sustain Effective Programs, Policies, and Practices
“What You Get by Achieving Your Goals is Not as Important as What You Become by Striving to Reach Your Goals”

Henry David Thoreau
For more information

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