Don’t forget about boys. They’re victims of violence too.

In every country and every setting, both boys and girls are vulnerable to violence.

All children have the right to be protected from harm.

**VIOLENCE IN THE HOME AND AT SCHOOL**

6 in 10 children aged 2 to 14 are regularly physically punished by caregivers. In many countries, boys are more likely to experience violent discipline than girls.

**SEXUAL VIOLENCE**

73 million boys under 18 years experienced sexual violence.

**HOMICIDE**

Almost 1 in 5 victims of homicide are children, and boys account for 70% of adolescent victims.

**CHILD MARRIAGE**

156 million men alive today were forced to marry as children but little research on child grooms exists and they receive little attention in advocacy and prevention work.

**CHILD SOLDIERS**

There are 250,000 child soldiers in the world and up to 90% of them are boys.

Seeing boys as perpetrators rather than victims denies them the protection they need and ensures the cycle of violence will continue.

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We’ll never end the Cycle of Violence if we don’t include both girls and boys

Growing up with domestic violence is the single best predictor that a child will become a victim or perpetrator in later life.

Children who grow up with violence in the home learn powerful lessons about the use of violence to dominate others.

A significant number of men who abuse their intimate partners were themselves abused as children.

Boys who are exposed to violence are more likely to continue the cycle of violence against their partners, families, or others.

Children exposed to violence often have their life-long earning potential reduced by up to US$5,000 per year.

They are also more likely to leave education early, become trapped in a cycle of poverty, and suffer from addiction.

Being a victims or witnesses of violence as a child has an impact on the development of the brain.

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There are effective ways to protect both girls and boys from violence.

Protecting all boy and girls from violence should be a priority for countries committed to the Sustainable Development Goals #post2015

**CHILD MARRIAGE**
Tostan's Community Empowerment Programs address the social norms and practices that encourage child marriage. They raise awareness about respecting children’s rights and create sustainable solutions that meet the needs of at risk children.

**SEXUAL VIOLENCE**
Stepping Stones in South Africa produced a long-term trend in the reduction of the use of sexual violence among males and females by promoting mutual cooperation and understanding.

**CHILD SOLDIERS**
Programs ensuring children stay with families during conflicts, reducing poverty, changing attitudes to child recruitment and providing alternatives through schooling and training were shown to reduce childhood recruitment by armed groups.

**VIOLENCE IN THE HOME**
Families Make the Difference reduced physical and verbal punishments by up to 56% by introducing families in adverse conditions to new ways of coping with stress and conflict.

**VIOLENCE AT SCHOOL**
In Uganda, The Good Schools Toolkit has reduced the use of physical violence by teachers against students by up to 40% by introducing guidelines for teacher-student cooperation.

**HOMICIDE**
The Cure Violence health-model employs violence interrupters in 50 cities around the world and has resulted in up to 75% reduction in shootings in program areas in Chicago, and a 50% drop in homicides in Loiza, Puerto Rico.


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