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Seven Strategies for Ending Violence Against Children

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Acronyms

CDC	The Center for Disease Control and Prevention	SRSV-VAC	UN Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Violence Against Children
ISS	Institute for Security Studies	SVRI	Sexual Violence Research Initiative
IWG	Implementation Working Group	USAID	United States Agency for International Development
LMIC	Lower-middle-income country	VAC	Violence Against Children
MOOC	Massive Open Online Course	WHO	World Health Organization
PEPFAR	President's Emergency Plan For AIDS Relief		



The Implementation Working Group (IWG), established to support the roll-out of *INSPIRE: Seven strategies for ending violence against children*, held its annual in-person strategic meeting from 26 –28 June 2024, in Buenos Aires, Argentina (see Appendix 1 for a list of participants). The INSPIRE Secretariat met on 26 June, and the IWG on 27 and 28 June. [Red Por la Infancia](#) hosted the meeting, which the Institute for Security Studies (ISS) and the Care and Protection of Children Learning Network (CPC) facilitated.

The host, Paula Wachter, founder and executive director of Red Por la Infancia, formally opened the meeting. Clara Mussio, an authority of the executive of the City of Buenos Aires, and Diego Pérez, an authority of the legislative Legislatura de la Ciudad Autónoma de Buenos Aires, both delivered

welcoming speeches. Three adolescents from the Consejo Consultivo de Adolescentes (Adolescent Advisory Council) delivered a brief presentation on their experiences on the council and what this meant for preventing violence against children (VAC) in Argentina.

Purpose and objectives

The primary objectives of the meeting were to maintain the WG’s collective momentum, collectively strategise on the IWG and members’ actions at the upcoming Ministerial Conference on Ending Violence Against Children (the Ministerial Conference), and begin envisioning the IWG’s future. Additional objectives of the meeting included, to:

- Share developments and highlights from IWG member organisations
- Take stock of the progress made on the five priority activities and evaluate whether these remain relevant to the IWG.
- Deepen relationships among IWG members
- Connect with the local context and learn how Argentina uses INSPIRE and VAC.



The changing context of INSPIRE and preventing violence against children

The INSPIRE secretariat spent considerable time analysing the global INSPIRE and VAC ecosystems. Discussing global, national and local developments and their possible implications is essential to ensuring the continuity and relevance of INSPIRE.

Notable developments were identified according to the themes below:

Changes in the global political system that may impact on our work

- A global increase in and shift towards extremism and right-wing agendas. It is uncertain how these political shifts will impact the funding of VAC work and programming in countries
- Global investment in averting war and preventing further escalation of conflict could shift funding away from development, the prevention of VAC and child protection
- Global migration continues to change social-political landscapes
- Many countries have progressive laws on VAC and child protection but there is poor implementation
- By the end of 2024, more than 50 countries will have had national elections. There is a possibility that this may result in shifts in

child policies due to changes in leadership. This could have implications for engaging governments on VAC.

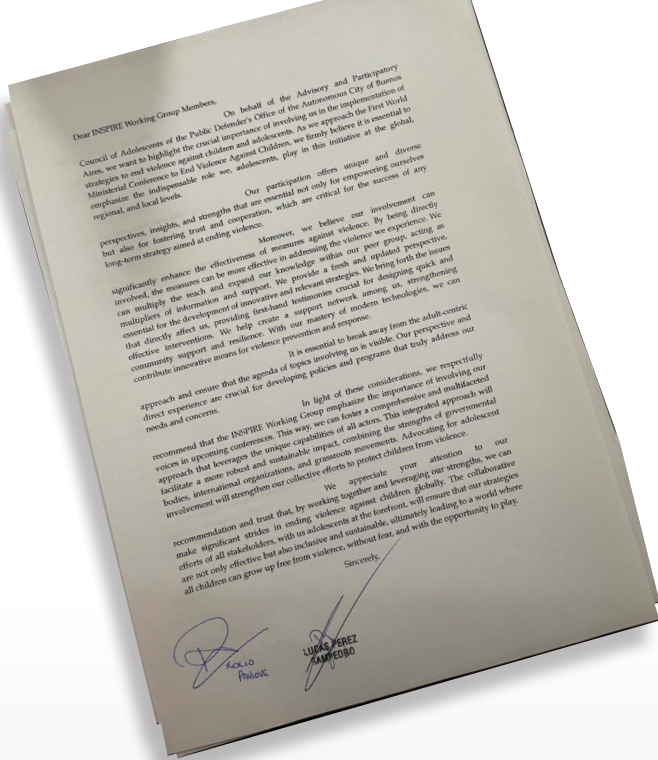
Changes in policy in key countries relevant to INSPIRE

- Norway and Sweden are reducing welfare services
- There is a global increase in policies to address online safety and online VAC
- There is an increase in anti-LGBTQI+ laws and policies
- The new US government policy on children in adversity is aligned with INSPIRE

Changes in knowledge that may be relevant

- The INSPIRE Evidence Update
- There are several major initiatives underway to improve VAC prevalence estimates





- Increased focus on the potential benefits and risks of digital use on children
- The increased recognition and research of the intersection between VAC and violence against women, including systematic reviews
- Increased focus on mental health data
- Increased scholarly work on the social drivers of VAC

Changes in the institutions that are part of the INSPIRE IWG or larger VAC ecosystem

- The Global Partnership to End Violence Against Children has sunsetted. This has several implications, including that the Partnership coordinated and drove pathfinding efforts, and that these efforts are now being driven by the UN Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Violence Against Children (SRSG)
- The Sexual Violence Research Initiative (SVRI) has joined the IWG
- The secretariat agreed that the UN Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Violence Against Children (SRSG) is playing an increasingly important role in the VAC agenda, particularly in the build-up to the Ministerial Conference and since taking on Pathfinding. There was an agreement that the SRSG should be invited to join the IWG
- INSPIRE organisations are shifting to novel priorities

Changes in the funding environment

- The Children's Investment Fund Foundation has shown increased interest in funding VAC work
- Foundations are moving away from funding academia and are shifting their focus towards grassroots organisations
- PEPFAR is moving away from funding social behavioural change work
- Climate and heat-related disasters and human conflict threaten child wellbeing and create competition in donor priorities

Policy and resource prioritisation shifts and changes that could be relevant to INSPIRE/VAC

- Increase of models that integrate VAC prevention, child development and mental health
- More intentional alignments between INSPIRE and national, regional and global policies and frameworks
- The global increase in costs of living and the resulting economic stress on households increases the risk of VAC

Other changes in the ecosystem

- There is a major concern about the risks associated with artificial intelligence (AI) and VAC, such as doxxing and deep fakes. Countries and the VAC sector are still grappling with how to address these risks. Simultaneously, there are questions about how AI can be used positively. Members shared examples of several apps that use AI to help women and the LBGTQI+ community to access services. There were questions about whether this could be used for VAC
- The upcoming Ministerial Conference represents a watershed moment for VAC

INSPIRE Working Group updates

The following session provided an opportunity for IWG members to share updates from their organisations and sectors.

This activity was performed in three breakout groups and four questions guided the sharing:

- 1** What is alive in your organisation/sector about INSPIRE?
- 2** What encouraging progress are you seeing in your sector about INSPIRE?
- 3** How are you using INSPIRE in your work?
- 4** What is challenging you?

After the small group discussions, high-level feedback was shared in plenary. What follows are the key reflections for each question.

What is alive in your organisation/sector about INSPIRE?

- Strengthening gender dimensions of VAC and increased intersections with the RESPECT framework
- There is both hope and anxiety about the Ministerial Conference
- Four provinces in Argentina have shown interest in Pathfinding
- Argentina is working on strengthening private-public partnerships

What encouraging progress are you seeing in your sector about INSPIRE?

- The integration of INSPIRE at the Ministerial Conference
- A shift towards using evidence-based models in governments
- We need to continue the current research on population-level results of VAC and childhood adversities
- A community of practice of Pathfinding cities is emerging

How are you using INSPIRE in your work?

- The new US government policy on children in adversity is aligned with INSPIRE
- Grappling with how best to implement national strategic plans

What is challenging you?

- Not everyone in the sector understands how INSPIRE works
- How do we best support governments to develop evidence?
- How best to sustain government support for social services in Jamaica
- Some INSPIRE strategies seem to have more priority than others
- Some governments struggle to commit to long-term agendas. There is also concern about political agendas
- PEPFAR is no longer able to fund the Violence Against Children and Youth Surveys





Tracking the progress of the five INSPIRE activities

This session's objective was to track the progress and developments of the five INSPIRE activities from January to June 2024.

The INSPIRE Evidence Update

Madison Little, from the University of Oxford who is leading the update reported on the progress of the INSPIRE Evidence Update. The presentation can be viewed [here](#). The INSPIRE evidence update is a systematic review of reviews and has three objectives:

- To systematically identify evidence reviews on the impact of INSPIRE interventions published from 2010.
- To provide clear recommendations on which interventions should be prioritised for scale-up.
- To identify evidence gaps and areas where higher quality evidence is necessary.

Since the last IWG meeting in February 2024, 215 reviews have met the evidence review's selection criteria for inclusion in the update. The quality of the evidence base within the 215 reviews varied.

Seventy per cent of the reviews were rated as 'low' or 'critically low' confidence. Twenty reviews considered vulnerable populations, most focusing on children in care. Only four reviews specifically looked at humanitarian or crisis contexts.

The evidence is not evenly distributed across the seven INSPIRE strategies. Nearly half the reviews focused on Education and Life Skills, while only five concentrated on implementing and enforcing laws.

The team also created an evidence classification system for the reviews. Four INSPIRE strategies have been analysed and categorised into the evidence classification thus far. These are:

- Implementation and enforcement of laws
- Norms and values
- Safe environments
- Response and support services.

No interventions were classified as 'harmful'. The next steps of the update are to complete the analyses for 'Parenting and Caregiver Support', 'Income and Economic Strengthening', and 'Education and Life Skills'. The final analyses will be presented at the next IWG meeting in September 2024. The main output of the update is intended to be a peer-reviewed journal article published in *The Lancet*.

A robust discussion followed the presentation. It was questioned whether it was accurate to say that none of the interventions were harmful. The University of Oxford reported no consistent evidence of harm in any particular intervention. The IWG agreed that it is necessary for the field to recognise harmful interventions and this could be included in the written outputs.

The University of Oxford said that the updated evidence only included English reviews. Red Por la Infancia asked if there was a way to include reviews in other languages as this would widen the scope of the reviews and allow for a larger evidence-based. This was not possible, given the scope and resources for the update. CPC and Universidad de los Andes offered to have interns look for non-English systematic reviews for the INSPIRE Evidence Update.



The ISS provided a brief update on strengthening INSPIRE engagements. Strengthening INSPIRE engagements at national, regional, and global levels remains

essential to maintain visibility and promote the adoption of the INSPIRE package. This is particularly important in the run-up to the Ministerial Conference, including the regional preparatory meetings. To track the progress of this goal, it will be valuable to be aware of any INSPIRE-related events the IWG plans on hosting in 2024.

At the time of writing, key events for the remainder of 2024 include:

ISPCAN Congress, 18–21 August, Uppsala, Sweden

UN SRSG Pathfinding meeting, 9 September, Geneva, Switzerland

Summit of the Future, 22–23 September, New York City, United States

SVRI Forum, 21–25 October, Cape Town, South Africa

The Global Ministerial Conference, 7–8 November, Bogota, Columbia

Since the meeting, the CDC has produced a calendar of key INSPIRE-related events for 2024 and 2025. The calendar has been shared with the coordinator and will be circulated. The calendar has since been uploaded to the INSPIRE [website](#).

The ISS briefed the IWG on the International Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect's (ISPCAN) plans to convene a full-day INSPIRE meeting after the 2025 ISPCAN Congress, currently named the 'Rise Up Forum'. The impetus for this is that since many organisations and sectors in the VAC and child protection fields attend the ISPCAN congresses', it is the ideal time to hold an additional day for focused engagement on VAC and INSPIRE.

This one-day meeting is intended to be a space for a community of learning where governments, policymakers, researchers, and practitioners meet for sustained dialogue on VAC and INSPIRE. The IWG is intended to drive the agenda, starting with foundational principles for child protection systems and then best practices in key areas in what works to prevent VAC.

The ISS has had initial discussions with ISPCAN on this and has indicated their support. The IWG has shown enthusiasm and support for this engagement. ISPCAN has developed a draft concept note, which has been circulated to the IWG. The ISS suggested further discussing this at the September IWG meeting.



The ISS provided a brief update on two activities relating to INSPIRE communications. The first was that the ISS launched the INSPIRE Working Group newsletter in April. It is issued monthly and showcases research, publications, events and opportunities in the INSPIRE and VAC system. The ISS invited the IWG to share any content they'd like added to the newsletter.

Secondly, the ISS, in partnership with ISPCAN, has launched a webinar series on each of the seven INSPIRE strategies. The series is focused on sharing lessons learned for INSPIRE/VAC. Thus, the webinars focus on the learnings and process of interventions, including coordination of multiple stakeholders, how to scale, challenges faced, etc. There is also an effort to showcase work from diverse contexts worldwide, especially from LMICS.

Previous webinars were held on:

[Norms and values](#) – 3 June 2024

[Parenting and caregiver support](#) – 12 June 2024

[Safe Environments](#) – 31 July 2024

[Income and economic strengthening](#) – 28 August 2024

The dates for the remaining webinars are:

[Response and support services](#) – 25 September 2024

[Education and life skills](#) – 30 October

The ISS will share 'save-the-dates' for the remaining webinars. This can be used to share with colleagues and networks since the ISS received feedback that many people wanted to attend the webinars but could not because they missed the date or received the information too late.

The ISS also highlighted the recently published '[INSPIRE Working Group flyers](#)', intended to be circulated at events and the Global Ministerial Conference. USAID led this work, with support from PEPFAR, the University of Oxford, and the ISS.



The CPC provided a brief update on the INSPIRE [Massive Open Online Course](#) (MOOC). The MOOC will be translated into Spanish, French and Arabic during the fall of 2024. The CPC

also plans to evaluate the MOOC to assess stakeholder and user experience and uptake. The objective is to understand how users apply the learning to their work and what they find useful and challenging. The CDC mentioned that it delivers INSPIRE training workshops in partnership with the WHO. This work remains ongoing.

The ISS provided an update on this activity. In previous meetings, it was agreed that it remained important for the IWG to focus on brokering requests for technical assistance and that the coordinator keep track of it. However, this has proved challenging since many IWG members already provide technical assistance as part of their organisation's mandates. Therefore, the ISS has received very few requests to keep a record of. Given this, the IWG would have an opportunity to collectively review all five priority INSPIRE activities later at the meeting.



Brainstorming the evidence around INSPIRE

In the field of violence against children, as in many other fields, questions about evidence abound and can become challenging.

Some of the questions include: What is considered to be good enough evidence? How do we balance research evidence with the knowledge generated through practical experience? Who has the power to generate evidence that is considered valid, and who is not?

Questions of this nature have emerged in previous IWG meetings and deserve to be addressed.

This session aimed to brainstorm a list of questions and issues about evidence relevant to INSPIRE.

The goal was to avoid answering or debating the questions. This was a brainstorming session on questions the IWG may be holding themselves or questions they have been asked. The following questions emerged in the session:

Do I only have to use the interventions in the INSPIRE handbook, or can I use my own?

Do any interventions in INSPIRE come from lower-middle-income countries (LMIC)?

How are INSPIRE and RESPECT related?

How do I get my interventions into INSPIRE?

Why is not intervention not in INSPIRE?

Does it count as evidence if not evaluated using a randomised controlled trial?

If beneficiaries say it's working, why isn't it considered evidence?

How do I implement INSPIRE intentions?

What is the process for becoming a Pathfinding country?

Why do VAC intentions have to be evidence-based?

Can we adapt existing programmes to INSPIRE?

Why does INSPIRE include 'prudent' interventions?

Is INSPIRE relevant to humanitarian contexts?

Is the evidence rigorous/valid?

Where does child participation fit into INSPIRE?

Who decides what the evidence is?

Why aren't children with disabilities represented?

Who does it work for?



The IWG noted that two sets of questions emerged: 1) questions about the INSPIRE package and 2) questions about the evidence.

The WHO indicated that the INSPIRE [Guide to Adaption and Scale-up](#) contains FAQs that answer many of these questions. The SVRI reported there

was also an FAQ about INSPIRE on humanitarian contexts. The coordinator will circulate these documents to the IWG.

In response to the proposal to arrange a special meeting dedicated to this issue, the IWG agreed that it was unnecessary.



Open Space sessions

This portion of the meeting was an ‘Open Space technology’ session, which was first introduced at the 2023 Cape Town meeting. The WG expressed positive feedback on it and requested that it be held again in Buenos Aires.

Open Space was founded on the idea that while formal meetings are useful and necessary, real information sharing and connections often happen in informal spaces, like tea breaks and dinners. This methodology is intended to mimic that.

Open Space is a facilitation technique that allows participants to create the agenda and discuss relevant topics that are not on the formal agenda. The Open Space process is intended to be emergent, participatory, and self-organised. An Open Space process proceeds as follows:

- The meeting facilitator provides an overview of the process and explains how it works.
- The facilitator invites participants to bring any topics or issues relevant to the meeting. Participants write the issue on paper and stick it on a wall or flipchart. These participants are ‘convenors’ who choose a place to hold their session.
- Participants view the options and decide which sessions they want to attend.
- The sessions are convened in smaller groups. The convener takes responsibility for writing up a short report of their session that captures the key points and recommendations generated.
- The group then finishes the meeting with a closing circle where people are invited to share comments, insights, and commitments arising from the process.

Open Space is guided by four principles:

1

Whoever comes are the right people: Since participants can choose which sessions to attend, there is an understanding that whoever attends is the right people. Even if a session only has two participants, that is precisely how it should be.

2

Whatever happens, is the only thing that could have: Open Space sessions are not predetermined and predictable. The convener of the session cannot predict how the conversation will unfold; thus, the session is fully emergent. Even if the conversation steers off-topic, that is precisely how it was meant to unfold.

3

Whenever it starts is the right time: Ideas emerge at unpredictable times. If discussions on the topic occur late into the session, that should not be viewed as an issue. The conversation will flow and emerge as it should.

4

When it is over, it is over: If a group is in a good flow, participants can keep discussing or end the session early and do something else.

The 'Law of Two Feet' underscores the voluntary nature of participating in Open Space sessions. If participants join a session and they long wish to contribute or prefer to move to another session, they walk to a space that is more productive for them. In Open Space, this is not considered unprofessional or offensive. It is encouraged so that each participant gets the maximum benefits from the session. The following elements guide the law.

The bumblebee: Bumblebees fully embody the law of two feet. These are participants who choose to hop from session to session. Like bees, they help to cross-pollinate insights and ideas between groups.

Butterflies: These participants decide not to join any session because it does not resonate with them. This is not considered impolite or unprofessional in an Open Space context. Typically, unexpected and insightful conversations emerge between butterflies.

The following high-level insights emerged from the session:

- Ensuring the sustainability of the coordination and the IWG more broadly is vital. There is a sense among members that the IWG is functioning well. This indicates the IWG has value and that efforts should be made to sustain it. The question of resourcing and sustaining the coordination functions is continued on page 13.
- One high dream of INSPIRE is to develop a community of practice for each strategy. The networks and communities that exist around parenting and caregiver support were cited as examples. The IWG expressed agreement on this vision. It was mentioned that networks of practitioners and academics on other INSPIRE strategies already exist. Being able to find and identify them is what is required.





Visioning the future of the IWG

This session of the meeting was dedicated to thinking about the future of INSPIRE and the IWG. This involved a creative activity called ‘bringing down the vision’ in which participants drew their vision for the IWG in response to prompts.

Participants were invited to share and describe their drawings and visions with the group. Coincidentally, many participants drew pictures with similar imagery. Three kinds of imagery/themes emerged:

Nautical imagery



Various stakeholders working to prevent were represented by boats and yachts sailing in the same direction. This symbolised the coordination, collaboration, direction, and common goals of the INSPIRE system.

Space/solar system imagery

- In some drawings, the INSPIRE package or the child was portrayed as the sun, which symbolised the stern of the INSPIRE system
- Different actors in the INSPIRE system were represented as planets that orbited the sun
- The connections between actors (planets) symbolised the relationships and networks in



the IWG. These networks symbolised inter-dependent and symbiotic relationships within the INSPIRE system.

Ocean imagery

- Different underwater sea creatures represented different actors in the INSPIRE system.
- Underwater drawings symbolise the harmony of the ocean ecosystem, where there is a sense of community, interconnection, and collaboration.
- The drawings also represented peaceful ocean life symbolic of safety and community.



The insights and ideas were captured and revealed how participants perceive the IWG and the INSPIRE system. These insights were captured as adjectives, some of which are shown in the word cloud on the next page.



Chart 1: How participants perceive the IWG and the INSPIRE system



Based on these insights, the IWG was asked to reflect on the following:

- What themes are you seeing here about the WG?
- What are you seeing here about what we want to be?
- What does this tell us about the future of the IWG?

The IWG grappled with these questions. Participants expressed that the IWG was generally functioning well and in line with, or at least working towards, the adjectives listed above. Therefore, it was somewhat challenging to answer the three questions fully.

That concluded the activity's visioning element. With a new vision, the session moved on to concretising it. Two critical questions guided this activity:

- What do these themes mean for the ongoing work on the WG?
- What is the most minor doable next step (or steps) that will take us there?

The IWG also grappled with this question. Participants expressed that they felt the IWG was generally functioning well and that the work was guided by the five priority activities, but it needed to be refined. The IWG collectively decided to conclude the visioning activity and instead, move on to revisiting the five priority activities. What follows is the outcome of this discussion.

The INSPIRE Evidence Update

The IWG agreed that the Evidence Update remains a priority for the IWG and, therefore, remains a crucial activity.

The capacity-building plan

This activity remains relevant to the IWG as it involves the MOOC and ongoing INSPIRE training. The MOOC and INSPIRE trainings were categorised as external capacity-building. On the other hand, internal capacity-building was also identified as important. This took the form of unearthing knowledge networks for each INSPIRE strategy that would be an additional resource available to the IWG.

Several IWG members suggested that since the INSPIRE webinar series focuses on sharing lessons learned for INSPIRE and VAC implementation, it can also be viewed as a form of capacity-building activity. There was overall consensus on this.

The INSPIRE communication strategy

Similarly, the communication strategy remains a crucial activity for the IWG. Discussions highlighted the need for the IWG to focus on external

communications. It was recognised that the IWG's communication in the build-up to the Ministerial Conference would be particularly important. Some initial ideas on communication strategies/materials in the lead-up to and during the Ministerial Conference include:

- Disseminating the INSPIRE FAQs
- Circulate the IWG flyers
- Using the newsletter to draw attention to the conference
- Develop an INSPIRE social media presence, specifically Instagram. USAID, CPC and Red por la Infancia volunteered interns to develop a social media strategy
- Red por la Infancia volunteered an intern to translate the INSPIRE website to Spanish. At the time of writing, the coordinator received the first draft of the Spanish translation.

Strengthening INSPIRE engagements

This activity remains particularly relevant to the IWG. In addition to the key events highlighted above, the WHO and CDC mentioned the following:

- In September 2024, the SRSB and the WHO will convene a pathfinding meeting in Geneva. One government representative from each pathfinding country will be invited. The meeting will be a consultation on Pathfinding in preparation for the Ministerial Conference.
- The WHO and CDC will convene representatives of 10 INSPIRE signatory agencies to share updates about INSPIRE and strategise on opportunities to engage before the Ministerial Conference.

Brokering requests for technical assistance

Given the ongoing challenges with this activity, the IWG agreed that it was no longer relevant. While technical assistance remains a necessary activity for many of the organisations within the IWG individually, it was agreed that it was no longer a priority for the collective. Moreover, the IWG was reminded that Pathfinding is intended to be one of the mechanisms through which countries request technical support.

Additionally, the IWG acknowledged the overlap and intersections between the communications strategy,

building capacity and strong INSPIRE engagements. For example, the webinar series could be seen as one of these three activities. There were robust debates about potentially combining activities, specifically merging capacity-building and strengthening INSPIRE engagements. Ultimately, the IWG agreed to keep the activities separate while recognising they are not mutually exclusive and reinforcing each other. Moving forward, the IWG has four priority activities:

- The INSPIRE Evidence Update
- Strengthening INSPIRE engagements
- The INSPIRE communication strategy
- The capacity-building plan

Resourcing INSPIRE

The issues of funding and resource mobilisation were raised regarding the future of the IWG. IWG members had concerns about the continued funding of INSPIRE. The WHO clarified that only the coordination function of INSPIRE is funded, not the secretariat. The funding for the coordination is not guaranteed, and it is for 12 months. The WHO said that in the event the coordination is no longer funded, the role will rotate within the secretariat.

Questions were raised about how to provide travel support to other IWG members, especially those from LMICs, to attend the annual in-person meetings. It was noted that fewer IWG members were present at this meeting than at previous in-person meetings. This was mainly due to funding constraints. This meant that the voices of IWG members from LMICs were missing in the meeting—an issue that was acknowledged by all. What followed was a brainstorming session on possible ways to mobilise resources for more attendance at in-person meetings. The initial ideas include:

- To reconsider the frequency of annual in-person meetings
- To consider having the meetings as a hybrid event
- For each agency within the secretariat to sponsor one IWG member's participation
- To host the meetings in countries that are cheaper and nearer to travel to.

All of these ideas need to be considered within the broader context of organisational restrictions and funding policies.

Collective strategising



1st Global Ministerial Conference
on ending violence against children

The WHO began this session with a framing on the Ministerial Conference, which provided detailed updates regarding planning, participation and developments.

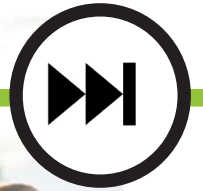
These include:

- Participation in the conference is by invitation only. All countries have been invited to send a delegation, and all WG members have been invited.
- Side events will take place during the conference. The topics of the side events relate to the call-to-actions that will be discussed at the conference.
- Satellite events will be held in the days before and after the conference. Applications for satellite events will close at the end of July. These events are not formal agenda items. The convening organisation is responsible for the agenda and details of its satellite events, which are open to all conference participants.
- The national preparatory sessions are intended for countries to plan how they want to participate in the conference. Supported by UNICEF, these in-country meetings also provide an opportunity for countries to develop their pledges.
- All countries will be invited to pledge future action on VAC. The pledge is currently being developed.
- There is a travel fund available to support one minister attending from LMICs.
- The UN Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Violence Against Children (SRSG) will launch 'Pathfinding 2.0' at the Ministerial Conference.
- protection systems and one on ending corporal punishment. Joining Forces will be supporting the child-participation element of the conference.
- USAID and CDC are co-convening a satellite event on INSPIRE. The CDC is developing INSPIRE talking points for the IWG, hosting an INSPIRE booth, and compiling a list of INSPIRE materials to take to the conference. USAID supports UNICEF in some national preparatory sessions and encourages the US government to attend.
- CPC Learning Network will be attending. They applied to a satellite event that intends to connect implementers with researchers.
- Two representatives from Together for Girls will attend the conference. They have submitted applications for two satellite events: online VAC and Safe To Learn.
- World Vision International is hoping to attend. They have submitted a satellite event on ending child marriage.
- Impact and Innovations Development Centre will be attending the conference.
- Violence Prevention Alliance Jamaica will attend the conference and has been involved in the national preparatory sessions.
- Universidad de los Andes has been involved in the national preparatory sessions.
- At this stage, SVRI aims to partner with the Brave Movement to attend the conference.
- The ISS will attend and will act in support of Working Group members and co-ordinate post-conference activities.

IWG members shared their plans for the Ministerial Conference. These are as follows:

- Save the Children (part of Joining Forces) will convene three satellite events: one on children in care, another on strengthening child

Next steps



After the meeting, the following will be actioned:

- The CDC will share the event calendar with the coordinator. Then, it will be circulated to the IWG in a shared document.
- The coordinator will circulate the FAQs with the IWG.
- The WHO will contact the SRSB and invite the office to join the IWG.
- CPC and Universidad de los Andes will ask their interns to look for non-English systematic reviews for the INSPIRE Evidence Update.
- Planning for the September IWG meeting will be underway, and invitations will be sent.
- The coordinator will share save-the-dates for the remaining INSPIRE webinar series.

IWG members

represented at the meeting held 26–28 June 2024

INSPIRE Secretariat members

- World Health Organization
- Institute for Security Studies
- Center for Disease Control and Prevention
- Care and Protection of Children Learning Network
- Joining Forces Alliance

INSPIRE Implementation Working Group members

- Impact and Innovations Development Centre
- Red por la Infancia
- Sexual Violence Research Initiative
- Together for Girls
- The US President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief
 - Universidad de los Andes
- UNICEF
- USAID
 - Violence Prevention Alliance Jamaica
 - World Vision International





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