

NATIONAL PLAN OF ACTION

Integrated Response to Children & Violence 2018 - 2023

IF WE ARE TO TEACH REAL PEACE IN THIS WORLD, AND IF WE ARE TO CARRY ON A REAL WAR AGAINST WAR, WE SHALL HAVE TO BEGIN WITH THE CHILDREN.

Mahatma Gandhi SayingImages.com

Analysis of Violence Against Children

24% of Violence-Related Injuries in major Jamaican hospitals are CHILDREN



Analysis of Violence Against Children

8 out of 10

children ages 2-4 experience some form of violent discipline



Analysis of Violence Against Children

66%

of sexual assaults in 2015 were committed against **children**



Situational Analysis of Jamaican Children: UNICEF 2018

- 85% of children under age 15 experience violent discipline (physical or psychological) at home
- 6% of children under age 15 are subjected to severe corporal punishment (5 times higher among children from the poorest households)
- 190,000 children live in poverty
- 38,000 children aged 5 17 are engaged in child labour
- 1 in 4 adolescent girls aged 15 19 have experienced sexal violence in their lifetime

- 65% of children say they have been bullied
- 70% of those bullied said it occurred on the playground

(Investigating the Prevalence and Impact of Peer Abuse (Bullying) on the Development of Children in Jamaica: UNICEF/Child Development Agency 2015)

- 10 in every 1000 children subject of a child abuse and maltreatment report
- 6 in every 1000 children in child protection

The National Plan (NPACV)

- Builds on the significant existing work done.
- Coordinate action, achieve goals and track results.
- In alignment with:
 - Vision 2030
 - Sustainable Development Goals



National Development Plan









GOAL 16 TARGETS

16.1 Significantly reduce all forms of violence and related death rates everywhere

16.2 End abuse, exploitation, trafficking and all forms of violence against and torture of children

16.3 Promote the rule of law at the national and international levels and ensure equal access to justice

16.4 By 2030, significantly reduce illicit financial and arms flows

16.5 Substantially reduce corruption and bribery in all their forms

16.6 Develop effective, accountable and transparent institutions at all levels

16.7 Ensure responsive, inclusive, participatory and representative decision-making at all levels

16.8 Strengthen the participation of developing countries in the institutions of global governance

16.9 By 2030, provide legal identity for all, including birth registration

16.10 Ensure public access to information and protect fundamental freedoms

16.11 Strengthen relevant national institutions

16.12 Promote and enforce non-discriminatory laws and policies for sustainable development



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End Violence Against Children

THE GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP



- ✓ Raise awareness of the importance of delivering SDG16.2
- Strengthening the political will that is needed for delivery of ambitious, evidence-based policies and programmes
- ✓ Strengthen the case for **prevention** and **response** to violence
- ✓ What works to keep children safe
- ✓ Work to end violence in countries in all regions and among all income groups through Pathfinder Countries

Pathfinder Countries



Countries chosen to be leaders in ending violence against children





9 - Country-Level Engagement

Jamaica: A Pathfinder Country

- Jamaica was designated a Pathfinder Country in 2016
- Commitment to accelerate achievement of the End Violence goals
- Effective engagement of partners at all levels
- A clear focus on prevention of violence against children
- Co-ordination of different levels of service delivery and the importance of consolidating protection efforts across vulnerable groups



Pathfinder Launch, November 2016

Jamaica's Response

- Faced with increasing levels of violence against children and under the commitment of accelerated action, the Jamaican government decided to review existing interventions, policies and legislation to enable greater combined action for children.
- The National Plan of Action for an Integrated Response to Children and Violence was therefore guided by the INSPIRE strategies
- A High level Inter-Ministerial Steering Committee on Children and Violence and Technical Working Group convened
- Consultations across all sectors and ages to update the existing plan and create a national road map

INSPIRE: Seven Strategies for Ending Violence against Children

- Implementation and enforcement of laws
- Norms and values
- Safe environments
- Parent and caregiver support
- Income and economic strengthening
- **Response and support services**
- **Education and life skills**

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To create and maintain a protective environment, supportive and responsive to the issues of children and violence.

OBJECTIVE

• To reduce the impact of violence on children through an integrated approach of prevention, mitigation of and improved response to violence against children so that children may preserve their rights and grow to be productive citizens of Jamaica

OUTCOMES

- 1. Strengthened policy, legal and regulatory frameworks to ensure the protection of children from all forms of violence and exploitation
- 2. Improved quality of and access to services, for children affected by violence
- 3. Strengthened family and community capacities to address issues related to children and violence
- 4. Enhanced and increase public education sessitization and training on violence prevention, the care of child victims of violence, and child rights
- Establishment of an integrated framework for the effective coordination, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the NPACV

Outcome 1: Strengthened Policy, Legal and Regulatory Framework to Ensure the Protection of Children from all Forms of Violence and Exploitation





INSPIRE Strategy: Implementation & enforcement of laws

Target:

The review or revision of specified laws, policies and plans within the stipulated timeframe to ensure the protection of children.

Headline Indicator

 Number of laws, policies, national plans of action and protocols developed or revised in line with the CRC to protect children from violence.

NPACV TIMELINE



Outcome 2: Improved Quality of and Access to Services for Children Affected by Violence



INSPIRE Strategy: Response and Support Services

Target:

To increase by at least 20% the number of children accessing quality service (by type).

Note: Surveys to be done to gather baseline and progress data.

Headline Indicators

Case worker to children in care ratio.
Number of substantiated cases of violence against children during a 12 month period per 100,000 children.
% of child victims referred to Reintegration or Psychological Support Services during a 12 month period.
% of child victims who used Reintegration or Psychological Support Services during a 12-month period.
% of clients (children and caregivers) reporting satisfaction with the quality of child protection services.

+20% +16% 2023 +12% 2022 *# of Children* accessing +8% 2021 quality +4% services 2020 \uparrow Quality of services \uparrow Range of services 2019 ↑ Reporting and Investigation of cases of 2018 child abuse or neglect **Baseline**

Target

Outcome 3: Family and Community Capacities Strengthened to Address Children and Violence Issues

INSPIRE Strategies:



Income and economic strengthening



Parent and caregiver support



Safe environments



Education and life skills



Norms and values

Target:

To reduce by 15% the number of reported cases of violence against children in targeted communities.

Headline Indicators

- Number of verified cases of violence against children
- Number of cases seen at hospital from JISS
- Number of families accessing services



Outcome 4: Enhanced Public Education, Sensitization and Training on Violence Prevention, the Care of Children Affected by Violence and Children's Rights

Target:

- 1. By 2023, 30% of the total adult population can name three rights that children are entitled to and three corresponding violence prevention strategies.
- 2. By 2023, 50% of child population can name three rights and three corresponding responsibilities to prevent violence.
- Increase by 30% the awareness in the adult population of the link between corporal punishment and trauma as well as alternatives to violent discipline.

Headline Indicators

- Percentage of population can name three rights that children are entitled to and three corresponding violence prevention strategies.
- Percentage of children who can name three rights and three corresponding responsibilities to prevent violence

Public awareness of link between corporal punishment and trauma & alternative forms of non-violent discipline



Outcome 5: Integrated Framework for the Effective Coordination, Implementation, Monitoring and Evaluation of the NPACV

Target:

- 1. Multi-sector coordination mechanism established and operational by 2019 to ensure timely and effective implementation of the NPACV.
- 2. Increase by at least 5% per annum the budget allocated to children and violence.
- Improve communication among child protection agencies and other MDA's.

Headline Indicators

- a) Multi-sector coordination mechanism established and operational
- b) Percentage of national budget allocated for the protection of children against violence
- c) Use of a common case management system



Coordination and Leadership



Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs), Civil Society, Private Sector, Jamaican Diaspora, International Development Partnerrs (IDPs), Communities

• J\$25.1 billion per year for 5 years (J\$125.5 billion total) required for the achievement of NPACV 2018-2023.



Total Resources

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 81% Existing Resources (captured in the Government's recurrent and capital expenditures)

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Local Best Practices for Building Resilient & Peaceful Jamaican Youth







Outcomes:

- •Grade level attained
- •Secondary level passes
- \downarrow Expulsion from school
- \downarrow depression and violent behaviour

FIRS

Income: 25% higher

Building Empowered & Resilient Jamaican Youth

IRIE Tool Kit



Outcomes:

- •↓ Fights ES-0.69
- Improved behaviours
- \downarrow conduct, hyperactive and peer problems
- •Positive parent contact
- •Other similar studies C/B \$2.52

Building Empowered & Resilient Jamaican Youth

AGE

1 TO 6 YRS

IRIE Tool Kit



Outcomes:

- 67 % reduction in violence
- Positive parent contact increased
- Better classroom management skills

Building Empowered & Resilient Jamaican Youth

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AGES

1 TO 6 YRS

School-Wide Positive Behavioural Interventions & Supports



Outcomes:

- Reduction in behaviour problems
- Improvements in prosocial behaviour and effective emotion regulation after training in SWPBIS







Outcomes:

- 100% graduation of students
- 75% fewer fights among the children
- 75% increased literacy
- 50% parent participation
- 85% of parents use non-violent forms of discipline

Empowered & **Resilient Jamaican** Youth AGE 6 TO 12 YRS

Building

Change from Within



Outcomes:

- •Principals supporting each other in a 'Circle of Friends'
- •Increased academic performance in the lowest quintile
- •Reduction in gang activity



Building

Holy Trinity High TM Quiet Time



Outcomes:

- •38% \downarrow in Fights
- •30% \downarrow in Theft
- •47% \downarrow in Extortion



Career Advancement Programme



- For students aged 16 to 18
- Gain training and skills for the job market
- Further their education







- Identify and treat cases of violence against children at CRH
- Home and school visits
- Referrals
- Ψ Readmissions
- ↓ Admission to Children's Homes C/B \$1:1.25 (CAMP Bustamante)

Building Empowered & **Resilient Jamaican** Youth ALL CHILDREN



FROM Road Map To Results



Integrated Response to Children & Violence 2018 - 2023

FROM A National Plan



TO National Action for Children

2018











for every child

