



.enabling transformative change from local to global: in summary

.our invitation to you

Violence against children continues to escalate around the world, despite every country's commitment to end it.

We believe that radically different approaches are necessary to achieve a world where violence against children is eradicated and where children and youth exercise their rights, shape their futures, and live in peace.

This includes our own action to:

- ↘ Refocus our efforts on the structural factors that lead to violence on the ground – including social, economic, political and environmental;
- ↘ Prioritise partners on the ground – those who best understand what leads to the violence around them – especially frontline lived experience leaders and their allies most affected by violence; and
- ↘ Continue to engage in global spaces, ensuring that our partners' wisdom and experience inform global conversation and action.

“ **We invite you to join us in our reinvigorated journey towards a world free from all violence against children.** ”

.our learning

We find that VAC is endemic because it is fixed to social, economic, political and environmental conditions that exist outside the individual, and that cannot be resolved by the individual alone. These include poverty, discrimination, inequality, patriarchy, and much more. These structural drivers lead to the many different situations where children are at greater risk of becoming victims of violence.

It is power that keeps these structural drivers in place.

Our central assumption is that structural drivers set the stage for all VAC, and system changes are the only way to dismantle them. This is the cornerstone of our Theory of Change.

.our Theory of Change

Our [→Theory of Change](#) is ambitious in that it aspires to finally eradicate VAC. Nonetheless, we recognise that as a donor intermediary, our achievements pale in comparison to those of our partners. We see ourselves as an engine for change: we ignite so that our partners are able to carry the torch for ending violence. Meanwhile, we remain accountable to them.

.our 2024-2029 offer

With our partners, we will embark on a journey of learning around:

- the structural drivers that most affect violence;
- the pressure points that can be acted on to lead to change; and
- the strategic opportunities that inform and influence international stakeholders and entities.

We will do this through three intersecting and interdependent strands of work, along with a fourth and fully cross-cutting strand of work across the others.



.resourcing for change

Encouraging grantee partners to be accountable to their base, fostering trust-based relationships that integrate power-sharing approaches and primarily award multi-year core operating support



.strengthening for agency

Engaging partners for them to define their own priorities for building greater connectivity, resilience, and sustainability so that their agency increases to effectuate ever greater change



.partnering for action

Bringing funders closer to the changemakers on the ground and the impact that matters the most by fostering trust, community, and learning that aligns partners' priorities with funding strategies



.learning for impact

Employing an iterative learning agenda across the other work strands, supporting partners in identifying and adapting to their contexts the most powerful drivers of transformative change

.our 2024-2029 focus areas

We have set out two broad focus areas for our efforts, one representing continuity for our work and the other representing a critical new frontier:

Childhood Sexual Violence (CSV) and intersecting areas.

We intend to lay the foundations for a new way of working, a way that connects CSV to the wider issues: the structural drivers at play, the context, and intersecting areas. Bold leadership of lived experience-led groups is an example of an opportunity for us to invest in new approaches.

Exploration of Structural Drivers.

The VAC community must begin addressing structural drivers head on, building common cause with new allies in overlapping fields such as climate justice, peace building and transitional justice, gender justice, and anti-poverty. Over the next five years, we will convene and create space to proactively explore such connections, partnering creatively and strategically to chart new paths for intersectoral and intergenerational alliances.

.our accountability

Over the next five years, we commit to transparently monitor our contribution to the changes we hope to foster. In 2029 we want to be writing to our partners and stakeholders to say that together we have tangibly contributed to reducing VAC. We want to be able to say that, as a result of our partnership, this field has grown stronger, more resilient, more sustainable, and better connected – a real force for transformative change. And, more than anything, we want to be able to say that by working together our vision is becoming reality: VAC is eradicated, and children and youth exercise their rights, shape their futures, and live in peace.