

# Working Group on CHILDREN AND VIOLENCE



## THE PROBLEM

Every day, boys and girls around the world endure some form of violence. It happens in every country, and it doesn't discriminate between culture, class, income or education. In many cases, violence against children is allowed by national laws or justified for disciplinary reasons or cultural tradition. This has devastating consequences for children's health and development.

## OUR MISSION

The Working Group on Children and Violence aims to promote action that will prompt violence prevention strategies and protect children who are vulnerable. In particular the Working Group focuses on the framework provided by the **Convention on the Rights of the Child** and works towards the implementation of this instrument as a legal obligation for governments and as a core protection tool for children.

## OBJECTIVES

- Work alongside UN Human Rights mechanisms and UN agencies based in Geneva, which are pertinent to the theme of violence against children;

- Continue to maintain strong links with, and provide collaborative support to the **SRSV/VAC**, the **SRSV/CAC** and the **Committee on the Rights of the Child**;

- Act as a global focal point for advancing the actualization and implementation of **Post 2015 Global Sustainable Development Violence Against Children (VAC)** related goals and targets, to ensure the continuous implementation of the recommendations put forward in the UN Study on Violence Against Children.

## MEMBERS

- Arigatou International (co-convenor)
- World Vision International (co-convenor)
- Bureau international catholique de l'enfance
- Defense for Children International
- Defense for Children International – Costa Rica
- Save the Children
- SOS-Kinderdorf International
- Terre des Hommes International Secretariat
- War Child Holland
- Women's World Summit Foundation - WWSF
- World Organization Against Torture (OMCT)

## Observers

- Casa Alianza
- Intervida
- Global Campaign to End All Corporal Punishment of Children
- Plan International
- The Quaker United Nations Office
- World Council of Churches

## ACT NOW

In December 2014, a video and campaign titled **Act Now - End Violence Against Children** was launched. The Campaign aims to provide evidence on the importance, need and cost-effectiveness of ending violence against children to achieve equitable development.

For more information please visit:  
<http://www.childrightsconnect.org/child-rights-issues/violence-against-children/>

