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

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Analysis of Violence Against Children

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

Source: JISS, 2017
Analysis of Violence Against Children

8 out of 10 children ages 2-4 experience some form of violent discipline

Source: A Familiar Face, UNICEF
Analysis of Violence Against Children

66% of sexual assaults in 2015 were committed against children

Source: JCO-ICVIS, 2015
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 sexual violence in their lifetime
• 65% of children say they have been bullied
• 70% of those bullied said it occurred on the playground


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

1. Implementation and enforcement of laws
2. Norms and values
3. Safe environments
4. Parent and caregiver support
5. Income and economic strengthening
6. Response and support services
7. Education and life skills
NATIONAL PLAN OF ACTION
Integrated Response to Children & Violence
2018 - 2023
Goal

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
5. 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.
NPAC V Timeline

2018/19
- Child Care and Protection Act
- Child Diversion Act
- Corrections Act
- Sexual Offences Act
- National Safe Schools Policy

2019/20
- National Safe Schools Policy

2020/21
- Education Act and Regulations
- Offences Against the Person Act
- Children’s Home Regulations
- Children (Adoption, of) Act
- National Policy on Children
- National Framework of Action for Children

2021/22
- Early Childhood Act and Regulations
- Legislation targeting worst forms of child labour
- Sexual Harassment Law

2022/23
- Public Defender Act
- Harmonisation of age(s) of consent
- Child Labour Regulations - OHS Act
- Victim’s Charter
- Sexual and Reproductive Health Policy
### 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).

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#### 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.

*Note: Surveys to be done to gather baseline and progress data.*
# of Children accessing quality services

Baseline

2018

+4%

2019

+8%

2020

+12%

2021

+16%

2022

+20%

2023

↑ Quality of services
↑ Range of services
↑ Reporting and Investigation of cases of child abuse or neglect

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
Child Victims of Violence

2018 - Baseline

-3%
2019
-6%
2020
-9%
2021
-12%
2022
-15%

2023 Target
Zero by 2030

↑ Capacity of parents, teachers, social workers and guidance counsellors to mitigate and address VAC
↑ Counselling, conflict resolution & anger management
↑ Livelihood activities/ Employment
↑ Sexual Health
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.

3. 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

↑ Public education, sensitization and training on children and violence
↑ Capacity of media organizations to respond to and report cases of violence against children
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.

3. 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

Parliament

Cabinet

Human Resource Committee

MOEYI & MFAFT

Inter-Ministerial Committee on Children and Violence (IMCCV)

Technical Working Groups
1. Legal and Policy
2. Child Protection Services, Family & Community
3. Data, Research and Analysis
4. Communications and Public Education

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

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J$100.4 B

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

J$25.1 B
Financing

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19% Additional resources must be sourced
Financing

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J$100.4 B

J$25.1 B

Amounts to J $6,500 per child per year
Local Best Practices for Building Resilient & Peaceful Jamaican Youth
Outcomes:
• Grade level attained
• Secondary level passes
↓ Expulsion from school
↓ depression and violent behaviour
▪ Income: 25% higher
Outcomes:

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

IRIE Tool Kit

Building Empowered & Resilient Jamaican Youth
IRIE Tool Kit

Outcomes:

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

Outcomes:
- Principals supporting each other in a ‘Circle of Friends’
- Increased academic performance in the lowest quintile
- Reduction in gang activity
Holy Trinity High TM Quiet Time

Outcomes:
• 38% ↓ in Fights
• 30% ↓ in Theft
• 47% ↓ 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
- ↘ Readmissions
- ↘ Admission to Children’s Homes C/B $1:1.25 (CAMP Bustamante)
FROM Road Map TO Results
FROM A National Plan

TO National Action for Children