



**IGNITE
PHILANTHROPY**
inspiring the end to violence
against girls and boys

Violence against girls and boys is a chronic global pandemic that afflicts 3 in 4 children each year.¹ Yet violence is preventable, and by working in partnership to support evidence-based solutions, we can help end it.

Ignite Philanthropy's goal is to maximize philanthropy's collective ability to take risks and act boldly to prevent violence and help girls and boys to thrive.

In partnership, we can achieve more together than we ever can alone.

Violence takes many forms: neglect, physical and emotional abuse, rape, inhuman and degrading treatment or punishment, female genital mutilation/cutting, sexual abuse, exploitation, trafficking and child marriage, not to mention the many violent ways in which children die during conflict.² For the survivors, the consequences of violence can be devastating and last a lifetime – often with rippling effects across subsequent generations.³

Violence against children is a serious and costly global issue, impairing children physically, mentally, and developmentally for years to come.⁴ It undermines the effectiveness of investments we're making in areas like health, education, and gender equality that should be making children's lives better.

In South Africa, for example, rigorous analysis of the cost of physical and emotional violence against children found the cost may be as high as 6% of GDP.⁵ In every country, violence against children has direct costs for the health care, social welfare, and criminal justice systems.⁶

Ignite Philanthropy is a pooled donor fund created to give girls and boys the chance for a childhood free from violence.

We have an historic opportunity to end violence against girls and boys:

- * For the first time, every country has committed to ending all forms of violence against children as a cornerstone for global development.⁷ **The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)** provide the mandate through 2030 for nations to achieve interconnected targets such as ending all violence against girls and boys, eliminating gender-based violence, ending child labor, and ensuring that schools are safe. The SDGs offer a rare chance to energize international, regional, national, and local initiatives behind a universal mandate for action, resources, and results.
- * To build political will, accelerate government action for proven solutions, and strengthen collaboration, the **Global Partnership to End Violence Against Children** is the first shared worldwide platform for stakeholders across levels. There has never been a more auspicious moment for progress.
- * For countries to be effective in preventing violence against children, the evidence-based solutions package **INSPIRE: Seven Strategies for Ending Violence Against Children** offers unprecedented scientific consensus and clarity.⁸



Ignite Philanthropy takes advantage of philanthropy's unique role, flexibility, and ability to act quickly to empower partners and allies.

These are urgent, must-succeed priorities for catalyzing broader impact over the next 15 years and beyond:

* **Build a Robust Global Partnership to End Violence Against Children**

The Global Partnership needs to serve as a robust, worldwide platform to consistently connect stakeholders across sectors, facilitate collective learning and strategy, and amplify voices and efforts.

* **Fueled by Powerful Grassroots Voices**

Authentic children/youth, grassroots, and national leadership must be the heart of a powerful movement that drives the Global Partnership, and creative communications are needed to make their stories visible at all levels.

* **With a Strong Resource Base**

A strong resource base requires leveraging and aligning resources for the Global Partnership, the associated Fund to End Violence Against Children, country-level implementation, movement and civil society organizations, as well as Ignite Philanthropy.

Join Ignite Philanthropy and together we can give girls and boys a childhood in which they don't just survive—they thrive.

Structure and Approach

Ignite Philanthropy is a pooled, collaborative donor fund fiscally-sponsored by New Venture Fund, a U.S. 501(c)(3) public charity. Ignite Philanthropy's founding Members are Human Dignity Foundation, Oak Foundation, and Wellspring Philanthropic Fund.

Members play leadership roles in setting Ignite Philanthropy's overarching strategy and comparing insights for pooled grant making investments.

Please visit www.IgnitePhilanthropy.org for more information about Ignite Philanthropy.



¹ Know Violence in Childhood, "Ending Violence in Childhood: Global Report, 2017".

² Violence against girls and boys includes all forms of harm perpetrated by an individual or group of people, resulting in actual or potential harm to the child's health, survival, development or dignity. It additionally includes, but is not limited to, intimate partner violence, honor killings, torture and child labour.

³ UNICEF, Hidden in Plain Sight: A Statistical Analysis of Violence Against Children, 2014.

⁴ McEwen, B. S., "Physiology and neurobiology of stress and adaptation: central role of the brain," *Physiology Review*, 2007, 87(3), 873–904.

⁵ Save the Children, "Violence Unwrapped: The Social and Economic Burden of Violence Against Children in South Africa", 2016.

⁶ UNSRSG on Violence Against Children, "The economic costs of violence against children", 13 July, 2015.

⁷ United Nations General Assembly, Resolution 70/1: Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, 21 October 2015. http://unctad.org/meetings/en/SessionalDocuments/ares70d1_en.pdf

⁸ INSPIRE: 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. Jointly developed and endorsed by the WHO, CDC, Global Partnership to End Violence Against Children, PAHO, PEPFAR, Together for Girls, UNICEF, UNODC, USAID and the World Bank http://www.who.int/violence_injury_prevention/violence/inspire/en/