

The Need

PROBLEM

Over 1 billion children worldwide experience violence, half of that in schools. From classroom bullying to beatings by teachers, this problem affects every aspect of a child's life: development, learning & physical health. The long-term repercussions are costly. Not just to individuals, but to the communities & societies in which they live. A large majority of VACiS is concentrated in the Global South. Contributing to this problem defined by SDG 16.2: cultural norms, poor policies & lack of accountability among stakeholders.

PEOPLE

The Coalition's work impacts three related groups: practitioners, policy makers, and donors in fields that intersect with VACiS in the Global South. These groups include global leaders, national decision makers, researchers, academics, education and school system players, plus civil society organizations.

REASON

Children learning, free from violence, is fundamental for the quality of human life.

The Work

PARTNERS

- 1 – Direct implementers (practitioners)
- 2 – Research institutions
- 3 – Government policy makers
- 4 – National planning steering committees
- 5 – Universities & education systems
- 6 – Direct public comms campaigners
- 7 – Any work done by Coalition members

INTERVENTIONS

- 1 – **Advocating:** influencing policy & funding in the Global South
- 2 – **Convening:** hosting member gatherings to connect, share & learn
- 3 – **Synthesizing:** identifying, commissioning, combining & translating research/practice

INPUTS

- 1 – Committed coalition members
- 2 – Resourced local hubs
- 3 – Funding
- 4 – Expertise from the Global South
- 5 – Comms capacity

BEHAVIORS

- 1 – **Practitioners** share experiences & research among each other, plus implement learnings
- 2 – **Policy makers** incorporate Global South evidence/recommendations around VACiS into policy, agendas & curriculum
- 3 – **Donors** provide adequate resources to evidence-based school violence prevention

BIG IDEA

Shifting the balance of power in global agendas & funding toward VACiS practitioners in the Global South – those who know the issue & solutions best.

MISSION

A coalition of Global South practitioners synthesizing knowledge, convening, and advocating to prevent violence against children in schools.

The Results

SHORT-TERM OUTCOMES

- 1 – Increase in evidence from the Global South globally showcased & referenced into global school safety agenda
- 2 – More donor awareness of VACiS
- 3 – Increase in number of organizations committing to good/safe school initiative
- 4 – Increased collaboration and innovation from South to South
- 5 – Improved capacity building of Coalition members

OUTPUTS

- 1 – # of policies influenced
- 2 – \$ of funding steered toward VACiS
- 3 – # of convening sessions held
- 4 – Amount of evidence synthesized
- 5 – # of comms campaigns/publications
- 6 – # of practitioners engaged & participating in the promoting the Coalition agenda

PATHWAYS

Systems change (+3) via advocacy & policy
Sustainability (+1) via local hubs catalyzing practitioners

LONG-TERM OUTCOMES

- 1 – Engaged education sector owning the problem of VACiS
- 2 – Policy makers prioritizing VACiS
- 3 – Donors allocating abundant resources to end VACiS
- 4 – Practitioners better implement VACiS programs

OUR BIG AUDACIOUS GOAL

By 2030, 30% of Global South countries have policies targeting VACiS. And 30% of funding around VAC prevention focuses on practitioners in schools.

VISION

Good schools,
Just world.