



Spotlight  
Initiative

# Spotlight Initiative Technical Resource Repository

GLOBAL GUIDANCE, BRIEFS AND REPORTS

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## 1. Guidance

### Comprehensive Programme Design\*

The Spotlight Initiative leverages the latest evidence and thinking on violence against women and girls (VAWG) and works to apply it within the context of country-specific insight and analysis. Its theory of change is comprised of 4 pillars/outcomes that, together, form a cohesive and comprehensive approach to ending VAWG. The following guidance notes provide the theory of change and the “what, why, how” for each pillar to support the development and implementation of evidence-based and comprehensive programs on VAWG.

- [Spotlight Initiative Theory of Change](#)
- [Technical Guidance on the Four Pillars of Spotlight Initiative](#)

### Four Outcomes and cross thematic

The Spotlight Initiative works in cross-thematic areas to effectively deliver on its four pillars and address violence against women and girls in its entirety. The following guidance notes provide the latest evidence base, programming definition and principles, a set of sample actions, and resources on various topics.

- [Guidance on understanding the linkages of Violence against Women and Violence against Children](#)
- [Guidance on age group considerations](#)
- [Guidance on engaging men and boys](#)
- [Guidance on COVID-19 and its impact on violence against women and girls](#)
- [Guidance on COVID-19 and its impact on violence against women and girls - Pillar tip sheets for civil society](#)
- [Guidance on key steps for coalition building for EVAWG](#)
- [Guidance on women's economic empowerment](#)
- [Guidance on mental health](#)
- [Guidance on gender-based violence and climate change](#)
- [Guidance on the Interlinkages between HIV and violence prevention and response](#)
- [Guidance note on compensation for reference group members](#)
- [Guidance note on meaningful reference group engagement](#)

### Others

As an SDG model fund and to strengthen innovations and capacities within the field of EVAWG as well as participatory monitoring and evaluation, the following Spotlight Initiative guidance notes provide definitions, guiding principles, relevant resources, and a set of recommendations with key actions and points to consider.

- [Guidance on innovation](#)
- [Guidance on capacity development](#)
- [Spotlight Initiative: an SDG model](#)
- [Guidance on participatory monitoring and evaluation](#)

## 2. Briefs on Lessons, and Promising Practices

### Men and Boys, Religious Leaders

In addressing VAWG, the Spotlight Initiative programmes have taken a holistic approach to address patriarchal masculinities by directly engaging with men and boys and religious and traditional leaders. The following briefs provide results, lessons, and promising practices from Spotlight Initiative programmes in engaging men, boys, faith-based and traditional leaders.

- [Engaging men and boys to transform patriarchal masculinities](#)
- [Engaging faith-based and religious leaders in the Spotlight Initiative](#)
- [Embracing healthy masculinities for the prevention of violence against women and girls - Latin America and the Caribbean](#)

### Prevention

The Spotlight Initiative implements a uniquely comprehensive approach to preventing violence against women and girls. This approach fosters gender-equitable social norms, attitudes, and behaviors and employs an all-of-society approach across the socio-ecological model. This brief surfaces overarching insights from Spotlight Initiative programmes with key results, lessons, and promising practices on prevention.

- [A comprehensive approach to preventing violence against women and girls: results, lessons learned and promising practices](#)

### Services

Access to essential services is an integral part of a comprehensive EVAWG programming approach. The following brief highlights critical insights and lessons on the innovative use of new and existing tools and mechanisms for essential service provision within the context of COVID-19.

- [Innovative Access to Essential Services: Key Lessons Learned](#)

### Girls' Rights

Girls are right holders and equal partners when addressing gender equality and the Spotlight Initiative is working to address violence against girls in all its programmes. The following brief highlights key lessons that have emerged as well as promising practices and results.

- [The promotion and protection of girl's rights: results, promising practices, and lessons](#)

## Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights, Harmful Practicess

The Spotlight Initiative prioritizes addressing harmful practices and strengthening women's and girls' awareness and understanding of their sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR). The following knowledge briefs share promising practices, lessons, and results from the Spotlight Initiative's work to end FGM, Child Marriage and promote SRHR.

- [Ending child marriage: results, lessons, and promising practices](#)
- [Ending FGM: results, lessons, and promising practices](#)
- [Sexual and reproductive health and rights for the elimination of violence against women and girls](#)
- [Addressing harmful practices and promoting sexual and reproductive health and rights through effective stakeholder engagement - Africa and Asia](#)

## COVID-19, Humanitarian- development-peace nexus

Humanitarian emergencies, natural disasters, and global pandemics put women and girls at increased risk of violence, and Spotlight Initiative programmes have had to pivot programming and flexibly respond to shifting needs and national priorities. The following briefs share results, challenges, promising practices, and lessons in the adaptability of Spotlight Initiative programmes and support continuous reflection.

- [Adaptability of the Spotlight Initiative: Strengthening the Humanitarian-Development-Peace Nexus to end Violence against women and girls](#)
- [Adaptations: Spotlight Initiative Programming in COVID-19 and other emergency contexts - Pacific](#)

## Private Sector

Building partnerships with non-traditional actors such as the private sector is a strategic approach for addressing VAWG and promoting gender equality. The following brief provides the "WHY" and key lessons on private engagement for addressing VAWG

- [Engaging the private sector to end violence against women and girls: results, lessons and promising practices from the Spotlight Initiative](#)

## Sustainability

To better understand how to ensure the sustainability of Spotlight Initiative's results, it is pivotal to identify opportunities for bringing what works to scale to sustain the gains of ending violence against women and girls (EVAWG). The following brief draws out promising approaches, and lessons on sustaining EVAWG efforts across Spotlight Initiative programs as well as questions that need to be further interrogated to strengthen the sustainability efforts of the Spotlight Initiative.

- [Promising approaches and lessons on sustaining the gains of Ending violence against women and girls](#)
- [Guidance Note: Sustainability of Spotlight Initiative](#)

## Women's movement, civil society engagement, and participatory monitoring and evaluation

Women's rights and civil society organizations are central stakeholders and partners of the Spotlight Initiative, and the Initiative works to foster meaningful engagement and partnership that can reflect the principles of equality, inclusivity, transparency, and respect. The following resources provide tools, lessons, and promising approaches on inclusive and flexible funding, civil society engagement, monitoring, and reporting.

- [Fostering Civil Society Engagement through Participatory Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting Globally](#)
- [Toolkit for independent civil society monitoring and reporting](#)
- [Supporting the women's movements in advancing EVAWG policy and reaching a feminist funding ecosystem](#)
- [A missing brick for sustaining women's movement: flexible institutional funding for local women's organizations](#)
- [Compendium of good and promising practises for reference group engagement](#)
- [Spotlight-Specific Integrated Protection Approach for Women Human Rights Defenders](#)
- [Grassroots Action Plan](#)

## Spotlight Initiative Global Learning symposium

The first Spotlight Initiative Global Learning Symposium took place from 16 to 18 September 2022 in Cancun, Mexico. Attended by more than 200 stakeholders from governments, civil society, and the UN system, as well as youth activists and other partners, the symposium provided a space to share and build upon the Initiative's results, lessons, and good practices. The symposium was designed to reflect all parts of the Initiative from the critical nature of the UN reforms, and national ownership to localization and leaving no one behind through civil society. Access relevant resources such as concept notes, presentations, and summaries from the symposium below

- [Global Learning Symposium Resources](#)

## 3. Report and Assessment

Global Annual report captures the critical contributions and impact of Spotlight Initiative globally. The Imperative to Invest report, authored by Dalberg, brings evidence together for the first time to showcase the wide potential of investing in eliminating violence against women and girls by including future estimations for a model like the Spotlight Initiative. The meta review summarizes the learning results of Phase 1, upon the completion of the mid-term assessments of programmes in Africa and Latin America

- [Global Annual Reports](#)
- [Meta Analysis and Mid-term Assessments](#)
- [Imperative to Invest Study](#)

## To access more resources, connect to these platforms



- [Community of the Spotlight Initiative \(COSI\)](#)
- [SHINE](#)