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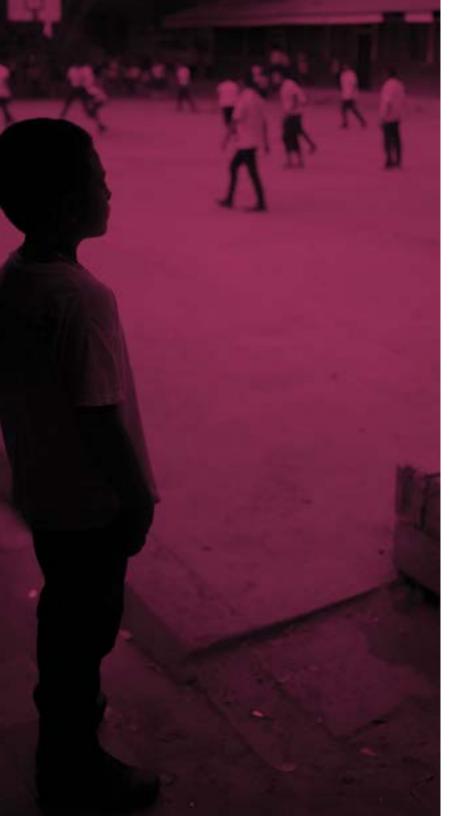
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ABBREVIATIONS

CDC Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

DHS Demographic and Health Surveys

FRA European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights

GBD Global Burden of Disease Study

GSHS Global School-based Student Health Surveys

HBSC Health Behaviour in School-aged Children

MICS Multiple Indicator Cluster Surveys

SDGs Sustainable Development Goals

SERCE Second Regional Comparative and Explanatory Study

TERCE Third Regional Comparative and Explanatory Study

TIMSS Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study

VACS Violence Against Children Surveys

WHO World Health Organization

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

All children have the right to be protected from violence inflicted on them by anyone in their lives – whether parents, teachers, friends, romantic partners or strangers. And all forms of violence experienced by children, regardless of the nature or severity of the act, are harmful. Beyond the unnecessary hurt and pain it causes, violence undermines children's sense of self-worth and hinders their development.

Yet violence against children is often rationalized as necessary or inevitable. It may be tacitly accepted due to the familiarity of perpetrators, or minimized as inconsequential. The memory or reporting of violence may be buried due to shame or fear of reprisal. Impunity of perpetrators and prolonged exposure may leave victims believing violence is normal. In such ways, violence is masked, making it difficult to prevent and end.

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