Introduction

• Globally violence against children is recognised as an epidemic at the highest levels and that data is critical to developing effective prevention and response measures.

• Strategy documents like INSPIRE acknowledge that children’s participation is a right.

• The goal is to move towards approaches where children are respected and viewed as partners in research.

• This presentation gives a brief overview of kinds of research done with children and the array of support available to build researchers’ capacity to conduct ethical research with children.
Examples of participatory VAC research
Children and young people took on many different roles— as advisors, facilitators, researchers, and advocates, as well as active participants during national, regional and global consultations.

Children made clear recommendations about how they thought violence could be stopped at each level of the process.
Cross-sectional surveys

- Living Labs (local)
- Violence Against Children Surveys (National)
Child led research

Digital technologies – empowering girls
TEGA
Supportive tools and resources – accessible online

ERIC
Save the children library
End violence resources
Participation for protection
Online portal including

• Evidence-based guidance on key ethical issues (harm and benefits; informed consent; privacy and confidentiality; payment and compensation)

• Twitter feed with useful tips and links to new materials

• Access to experts

https://childethics.com/
Participation for protection - QUB

• Information about the project
• Resources for professionals
• Resources for children and young people co-produced with children and young people
Knowledge network resources:

- Evidence gap map
- Methods menu
- Resources and guidance on working with children

https://www.end-violence.org/knowledge
Libraries of participatory tools

https://resourcecentre.savethechildren.net
Partnerships, networks and forums

There is a lot of effort going into building communities of practice, to share skills and experience to overcome the barriers and improve the experience of VAC research for all children.
International Canadian Child Rights Partnership

https://www.ryerson.ca/international-canadian-child-rights-partnership/
Coalition of and for the Global South

- Focused on ending violence in schools and supportive of participatory methodologies
Learning and exchange

Conferences and congresses
International conferences
BEING HEARD: ENGAGING YOUNG PEOPLE AT SVRI FORUM TOOLKIT

MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR YOUTH PARTICIPATION AT SVRI FORUM

1. Young people have equal opportunity to attend and participate in conferences
2. Young people's engagement is positive and ethical
3. The diversity of young people is recognised
4. Young people's well-being is protected
5. There is accountability to young people
6. The Forum promotes inter-generational openness and is youth-friendly
7. Staff have effective skills, knowledge and capacity for working with youth

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