International Classification of Violence against Children – Implementation Strategy

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Consultation with stakeholders
Rationale

Understand the current situation in terms of quality and availability of statistical data related to violence against children

Identify tools and strategies that should be developed to foster implementation of the ICVAC
Key takeaways

- At national level, multiple agencies producing some data on VAC including ministries of health, education, social welfare, as well law enforcement and the criminal justice system.

- National Statistical Office (NSO) is usually not involved in the production and collection of administrative data on VAC and, in general, there is no dedicated entity leading the work on VAC data.

- In countries that have survey data on VAC it is thanks to the Multiple Indicator Cluster Surveys (MICS) or the Demographic and Health Surveys (DHS).
In general, there is a widespread lack of technical capacity on VAC data at national level, also because of limited involvement of NSOs in this area.

Important policy documents or strategies on child protection at national level rarely refer to the need of improving statistical data on VAC.

Among data users, the goal of an international statistical classification is not always clear. For example, it is not always clear that it is a tool to harmonize and improve data rather than to produce and/or make data immediately available. This lack of understanding may generate expectations that data will improve in a very short time.
Implementation plans
Pillars

- Preparing the ground for ICVAC implementation
- Development of methodological tools
- Development of knowledge products
- Development of an implementation framework
Preparing the ground for ICVAC implementation

Outreach campaign

An outreach campaign to be developed to identify and engage key stakeholders that may be interested in being associated with the ICVAC implementation.

Examples of such partners include countries (national authorities/NSOs) that can feature as champions of ICVAC implementation and other international agencies (such as UNODC, WHO and UN Women).

Information and advocacy campaign

- Prepare advocacy materials to inform key stakeholders about the game-changing role of ICVAC. This campaign should target two main entities - national data producers, national data users
- Develop a “call to action” at national level with relevant partners
- Produce technical booklets to illustrate contents of the ICVAC
- Organise visibility/advocacy events in international fora, possibly in partnership with other international agencies
## Development of implementation tools

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Development of knowledge products

1 International data collection

Through UNICEF annual country consultation and data collection exercise, it will be possible to monitor to what extent countries are complying with ICVAC, while at the same time identifying implementation challenges. It is key to establish a link between UNICEF global data collection processes and ICVAC.

2 Global and regional knowledge products on VAC

A vital link between data production, data collection and their analysis can support the cycle for better data and better knowledge. It is important to establish this dynamic link, as users need to see tangible results from activities promoting the implementation of the ICVAC.
Development of implementation framework

1 Technical advisory group
Technical advisory group to be established to support UNICEF in its role as custodian of ICVAC. The group would comprise of experts from national statistical offices and other national institutions responsible for the production and dissemination of statistics on VAC.

2 Technical assistance activities
- Implementation of technical assistance activities and programmes targeting national data producers
- Development of an implementation manual on ICVAC as well as development of an on-going capacity building component
- Priority will be given to activities at the regional level to optimize the use of resources and facilitate the exchange of expertise

3 Fund-raising activities
Implementation of the plan requires additional resources for which availability will determine the pace of completion.
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