

TEMPLATE FOR REPORTING ON RECENT INITIATIVES ON SPORT FOR DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

Provide a summary of the initiative, including a brief overview, proposed/actual outcomes and an assessment of any lessons learned and the way forward.

The Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Violence against Children is a global, independent advocate for the prevention and elimination of all forms of violence against children. The mandate's work is rooted in both the Convention on the Rights of the Child and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The obligation under the Convention to end all forms of violence against children is reflected in a range of SDG targets, especially target 16.2.

The mandate of the Special Representative consistently highlights the need to address violence against children in sport in its advocacy work. This includes direct engagement with Member States (e.g. in the context of country missions) and also through international advocacy opportunities (e.g. the 2019 [Sporting Chance Forum](#)).

The mandate specifically advocates for:

- stronger safeguarding measures to keep all children engaged in sports safe from harm, abuse, violence, trafficking and exploitation; and
- action to prevent and respond to violence against children associated with mega sporting events.

The Special Representative seeks to raise awareness of the need to keep children safe; to challenge norms that undermine children's safety; and to build a community culture of always acting in the best interests of all children. Promoting the ethical and meaningful participation of children in all decisions that affect them is also a cross-cutting priority for the Special Representative.

The mandate considers that action to prevent violence against children and to empower them to be active agents in their own protection should be fully incorporated into the implementation of UN Action Plan on Sport for Development and Peace. The Lines of Action on addressing negative effects associated with sport and protecting human rights provide good entry points.

The mandate is committed to sharing good/promising practices and to providing practical support to Member States regarding violence against children in sports. This forms part of the mandate's contribution to the Decade of Action to deliver the SDGs by 2030.

Equally, the mandate is actively contributing to and supporting the work of other organizations dedicated to protecting human rights in sports, such as the Centre for Sports and Human Rights.

Please provide more details on the initiative below:	
Objective(s):	<i>Please indicate which, if any, of the following fell among the main objectives of the initiative:</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensuring that no one is left behind
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transformation towards sustainable and resilient societies
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research development, data collection and/or data dissemination
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conflict prevention/peace building
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eradicating poverty and promoting prosperity in a changing world
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Empowering people and ensuring inclusiveness and equality
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preventing and fighting corruption in sport
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthened global framework on sport for development and peace
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resource mobilization, programming and implementation
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research, monitoring and evaluation
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other (please specify)
Implementation mechanisms:	<p><i>What are the means/processes of implementation of the initiative?</i></p> <p>Using advocacy opportunities at the international, regional and national levels to promote the mandate's key messages on violence against children in sports.</p> <p><i>What is the time frame of implementation?</i></p> <p>There is no specific timeframe for these activities; it forms an ongoing part of the mandate's advocacy</p>
Target Audience(s):	<p><i>Who are the beneficiaries of the proposed/implemented initiative?</i></p> <p>The ultimate beneficiaries of the mandate's advocacy are children involved in or affected by sports/sporting events.</p>
Partners/Funding:	<p><i>Who are the main organizations/entities involved in the initiative and what are their roles in development and/or implementation?</i></p>

	<p>The mandate is actively engaged with key partners promoting the rights of the child and their protection from violence in sports, such as the Special Rapporteur of the Human Rights Council on the sale and sexual exploitation of children, the Center for Sports and Human Rights, and Safe Sport International.</p> <p><i>What are the main sources of funding of the initiative?</i></p> <p>The mandate’s advocacy activities are supported through its core budget.</p>
<p>SDG Alignment:</p>	<p><i>To what SDG goal/target/indicator is this initiative targeted?</i></p> <p>This activity is principally related to achieving target 16.2 (ending all forms of violence against children). However, it is also relevant to other targets, including target 5.2 (eliminating all forms of violence against all women and girls) and target 8.7 (ending child labour).</p> <p><i>Please indicate any other national or internationally agreed goals/commitments to which this initiative is aligned.</i></p> <p>The mandate’s activities support the implementation of States parties’ obligations under the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child and its Optional Protocol on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography.</p>
<p>Alignment with global frameworks:</p>	<p><i>How does this initiative align with/contribute to the objectives of the Kazan Action Plan, WHO Global Action Plan on Physical Activity or other related internationally agreed frameworks on sport and/or physical activity?</i></p> <p>The mandate’s activities are aligned with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Article 1.3 of the Declaration of Berlin (child safeguarding) • Policy areas II.6, III.1 and III.2 of the Kazan Action Plan (harmful practices; child safeguarding and child labour respectively) • Article 10.1 of the International Charter of Physical Education, Physical Activity and Sport (violence and the integrity of sport)
<p>Alignment with United Nations Action Plan on SDP:</p>	<p><i>Which of the four thematic areas of the UN Action Plan on Sport for Development and Peace is this initiative designed to align?</i></p>

	Resource mobilization, programme and implementation (specifically protection of human rights and addressing the negative effects associated with sports, as set out in Line of Action 3b and 3c respectively)
Outcomes:	<p><i>What are the expected/ actual outcomes of the initiative?</i></p> <p>Increased awareness, commitment and action by Member States and other key stakeholders on child safeguarding and on tackling violence associated with mega sporting events.</p>
Mechanism for monitoring and evaluating implementation:	<p><i>What are the mechanisms for monitoring and evaluating the implementation, outcomes and impact of the initiative?</i></p> <p>There are no specific monitoring and evaluation tools being used for the mandate’s advocacy on violence against children in sports. Its activities in this area will be encompassed by existing frameworks for assessing the delivery of its workplan.</p>
Challenges/Lessons learned	<p><i>What have been/were the main challenges to implementation?</i></p> <p>The mandate has only recently engaged substantially with the topic of ending violence against children in sport. However, at this stage the main challenges to achieving greater protection for children from violence in sports appear to be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uneven promotion of safeguarding standards by international sporting federations • Insufficient attention to children’s protection from violence, abuse and exploitation in the bidding, planning and hosting of mega sporting events.