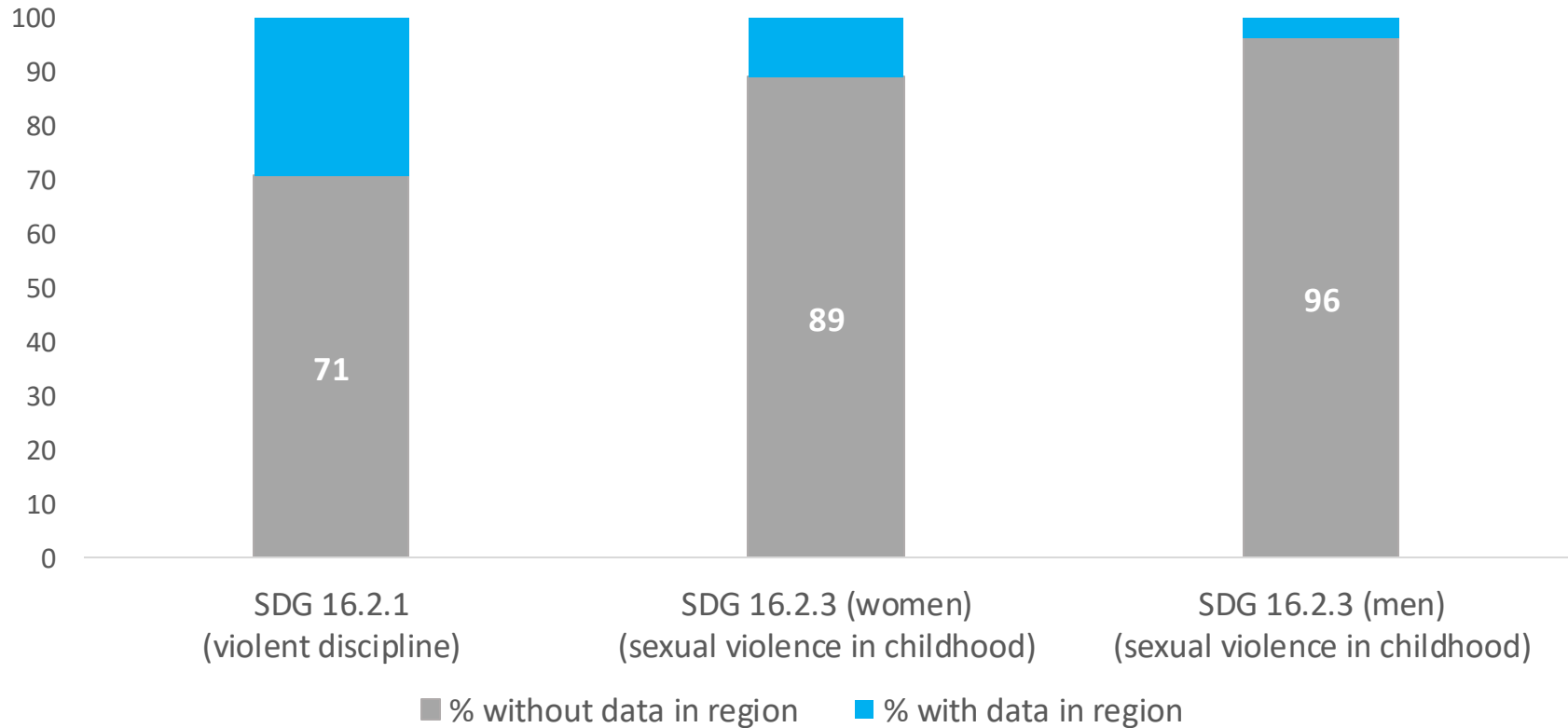


International Classification of Violence against Children (ICVAC)

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AVAILABILITY OF DATA VIOLENCE AGAINST CHILDREN IN EUROPE AND CENTRAL ASIA





01 Introduction

RATIONALE AND PRINCIPLES

- Developed in response to the need to have comprehensive operational definitions of VAC and a statistical codebook/classification of all forms of VAC
- Built on the International Classification of Crime for Statistical Purposes (ICCS) and other classifications
- Follows United Nations Statistics Division's principles on statistical classifications



02

Definition of violence and principles

DEFINITION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST CHILDREN

A **deliberate, unwanted and nonessential act**, threatened or actual, against a child or against a group of children that either **results** in or has a **high likelihood** of resulting **in death, injury or other forms of physical and psychological suffering**.

ELEMENTS OF DEFINITION

ACTS

Single or repeated acts, including acts of omission

INTER-PERSONAL AND COLLECTIVE ACTS

Individual and group violence

FOUR CONCURRENT CHARACTERISTICS

Non-essential, unwanted, deliberate and harmful

NATURE OF VIOLENT ACTS

Physical, psychological, or sexual and neglect



LEVEL 1 CATEGORIES

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| 01 | Homicide of a child |
| 02 | Non-fatal physical violence |
| 03 | Sexual violence |
| 04 | Psychological violence |
| 05 | Neglect |
| 09 | Other acts of violence not elsewhere classified |

DEFINITIONS OF LEVEL 1 CATEGORIES (DRAFT)

| Homicide of a child | Non-fatal physical violence | Sexual violence | Psychological violence | Neglect |
|---|---|--|---|--|
| A non-essential, unwanted and deliberate act leading to death or intending to cause death of a child | A non-essential, unwanted and deliberate act that uses physical force against the body of a child and results or can result in injury, pain, or discomfort | An unwanted, non-essential and deliberate act of sexual nature, either completed or attempted that is perpetrated against a child, including for exploitative purposes | A non-essential, unwanted and deliberate act that harms or has the highly likelihood to harm the self-esteem, identity, or development of the individual child | A non-essential, unwanted, deliberate and ongoing failure to meet a child's physical or psychological needs, protect the child from danger, or obtain medical, educational or other services when those responsible for the child's care have the means, the knowledge, and access to services to do so |

Illustrative examples and detailed definitions available as annexes

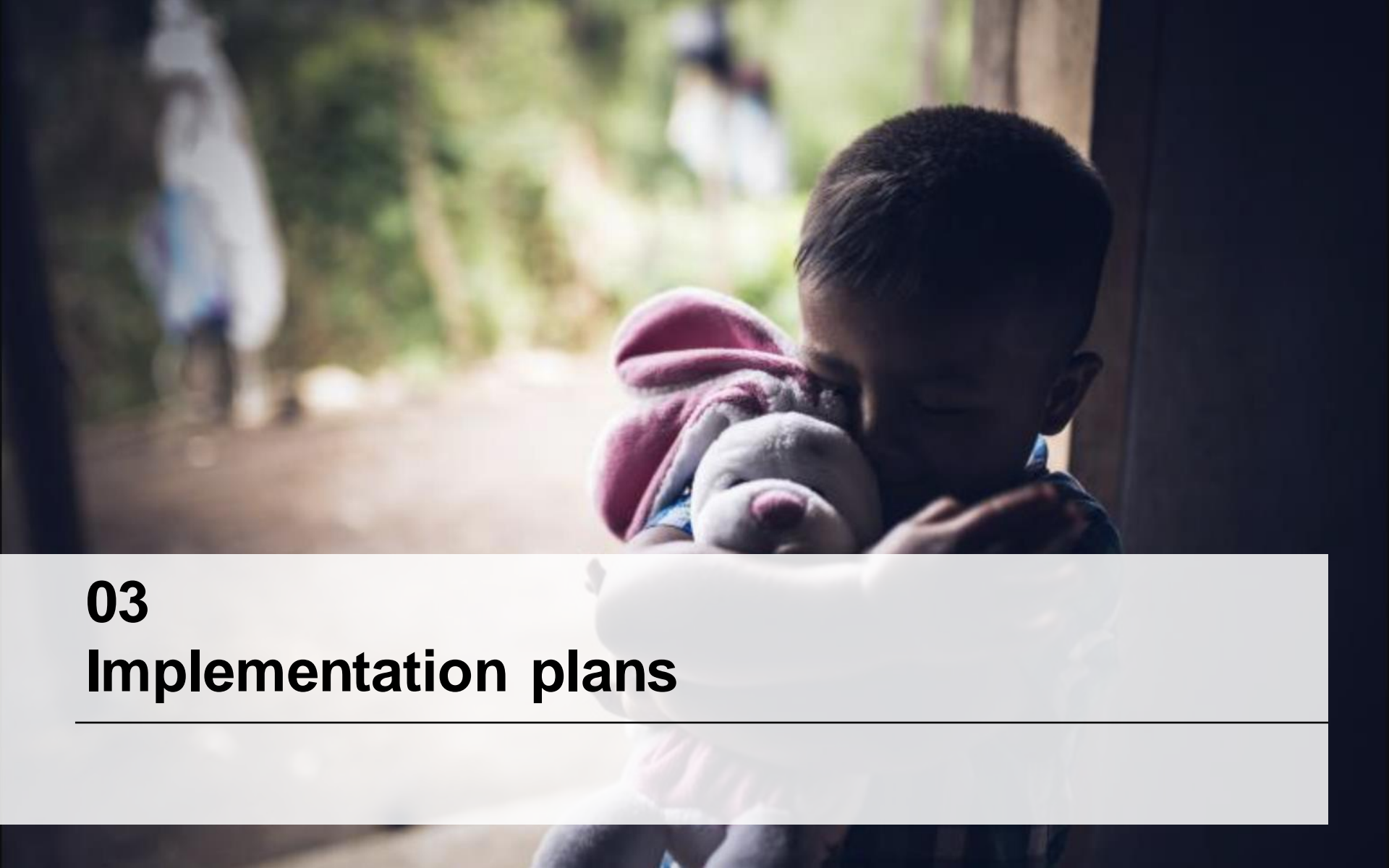
DISAGGREGATING VARIABLES

| VICTIM DISAGGREGATIONS | PERPETRATOR DISAGGREGATIONS | SETTING DISAGGREGATIONS | CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE ACTS DISAGGREGATIONS |
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| GiV – Gender (II) | SP – Gender (II) | Ho – Home (III) | Loc – Location (III) |
| SoV – Sexual orientation of the victim (III) | GP – Group perpetrator (II) | Ed – Education/school settings (III) | DT – Date and time (III) |
| AV – Age of victim (I) | AP – Age of perpetrator (II) | Com – Community (III) | |
| ViP – Victim-perpetrator relationship (II) | ViP – Victim-perpetrator relationship (II) | Car – Residential care facilities (III) | |
| VH – Previous victimisation history (III) | PH – Previous history of violence/recidivism (III) | Wor – Working places (III) | |
| BaC - Background characteristics (III) | | Cus – Custody, police station/detention (III) | |
| | | DS – Digital spaces and platforms (III) | |

(I) = Tier I – in italics (indispensable characteristics)

(II) = Tier II (minimum characteristics)

(III) = Tier III (additional characteristics)



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Implementation plans

IMPLEMENTATION PLANS

The ICVAC will be made available in the six UN languages (French, English, Spanish, Arabic, Russian, and Chinese) and UNICEF will produce tools for the uptake of ICVAC

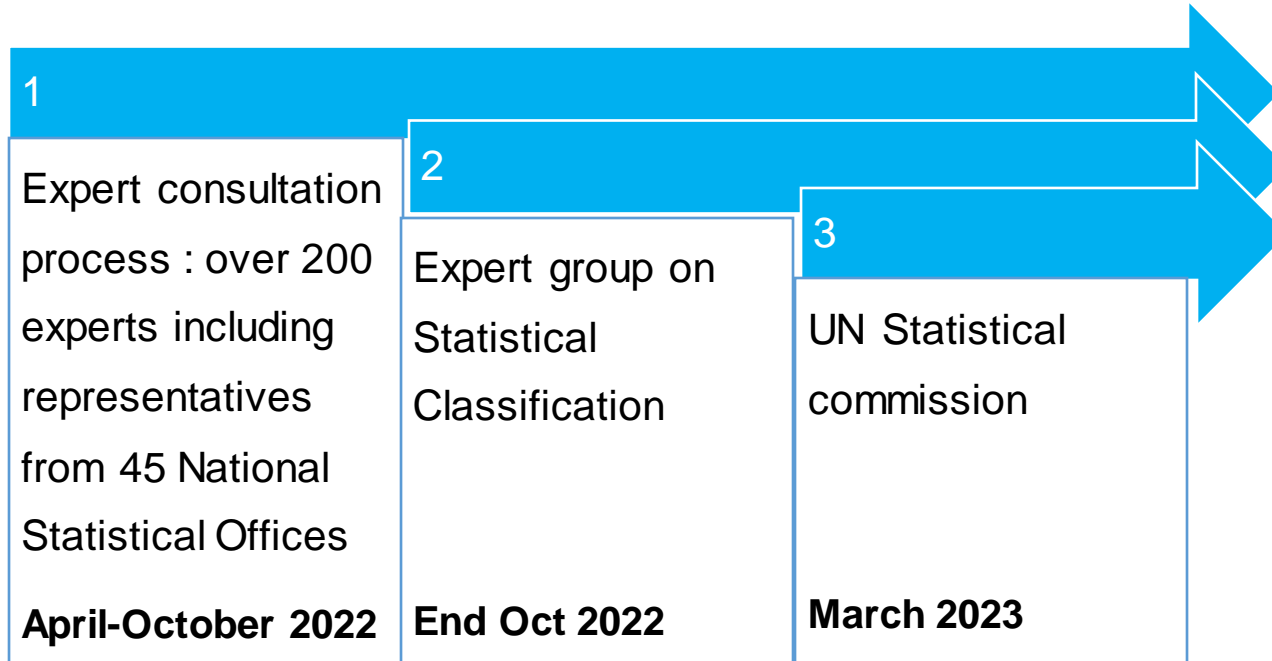
| Implementation tools | Substantive guidance |
|--|---|
| 1) To facilitate the mapping of existing national statistical definitions into the ICVAC framework and identify gaps and needs | 5) To harmonise population-based survey questions on violence against children with ICVAC |
| 2) To facilitate the transition from core and minimum disaggregating variables to additional ones | 6) To strengthen administrative data on violence against children and how to harmonise it with ICVAC |
| 3) To develop a national implementation action plan | 7) On counting rules for different statistical units such as child victims or perpetrators |
| 4) To set up multi-sectoral implementation task forces at country level | 8) How to use of ICVAC to collect data on specific manifestations of VAC such as online violence, dating violence, school-based violence, etc |
| Technical assistance and training (regional workshops in 2023) | |



04

Process and next steps

REVIEW AND ADOPTION PLAN



| Western Europe | Eastern Europe and Central Asia | North America | Eastern and Southern Africa | Latin American and the Caribbean | East Asia and the Pacific | West and Central Africa | Middle East and North Africa |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| Austria | Albania | Canada | Angola | Brazil | Indonesia | Cote d'Ivoire | Egypt |
| Denmark | Belarus | | Burundi | Dominican Republic | Malaysia | Equatorial Guinea | Israel |
| Finland | Croatia | | Kenya | Ecuador | New Zealand | Sierra Leone | Jordan |
| France | Moldova | | Mauritius | Mexico | Viet Nam | | Saudi Arabia |
| Hungary | Serbia | | Tanzania | Panama | | | |
| Iceland | Tajikistan | | Zimbabwe | Peru | | | |
| Italy | Turkiye | | | | | | |
| Lithuania | Turkmenistan | | | | | | |
| Malta | | | | | | | |
| Slovak Republic | | | | | | | |
| Spain | | | | | | | |
| Sweden | | | | | | | |
| United Kingdom | | | | | | | |

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