Violence against children is a prevalent human rights violation that affects the health, well-being, and life opportunities of children everywhere. Despite strong commitments from national governments and international actors, progress in addressing violence against children has not been at a sufficient scale or pace to fully address the problem. Moreover, vulnerability to violence against children has significantly increased due to conflict, the global pandemics and the global hunger crisis in the last few years.

Violence is preventable and addressing violence in childhood is extremely effective, resulting in the highest benefits for survival and development of individuals and society.

The health sector has an essential role to play in preventing, detecting and addressing violence against children, particularly in the most vulnerable communities.

We need to hear both from champion States on good practices that have an impact on children, as well as children themselves. Children’s lived experience is invaluable to finding solutions that work.

Join us in this event to hear:

- What WHO is doing to strengthen the health sector capacity to prevent and respond to violence against children
- Best practices of States highlighting progresses and solutions that work
- Children’s first-hand experience and recommendations to the health sector on solutions to end violence against children.