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TweetChat:

#SaferSchoolsTogether

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A tweet-chat #SaferSchoolsTogether was hosted by the Coalition for Good Schools' twitter account @ForGoodSchools on August 4th, 2022 in collaboration with the three regional hubs.

The objective of the social media engagement was to bring the South-South netizens together to talk about the various aspects of Violence Against Children In And Through Schools.

Video bytes by Dipak Naker, Co-Founder, Raising Voices and Sohini Bhattacharya, CEO, Breakthrough Trust were posted prior to the event to share information about the Coalition. Both the videos have received over 200 views and is still counting

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The five questions discussed during the event were about the manifestation of violence in schools, its impact on children, prevention and role of teachers, school administration, parents and other relevant stakeholders. Several partners from the three regional hubs shared their experiences over tweets.

Some of the Twitter Moments are captured here:

Question 1: Manifestation of Violence

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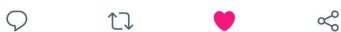
Let's talk about #VAC in schools!
Here is our first question for @RaisingVoices, @HakiElimu, @Aulsenpaz, and @INBreakthrough

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Sohini Bhattacharya
@SohiniBee

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It shows up in so many ways - in how tribal girls in India are asked to clean toilets, to sticks being kept on teachers' table, to not having proper sanitary napkin disposal systems in schools, to unsafe environment on the way to school, to gender non-binary kids being bullied.

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@INBreakthrough

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It ranges from physical fights, verbal abuse, humiliation/ intimidation / bullying, corporal punishment, cyberbullying, sexual abuse, group violence. Social exclusion of marginalised and minority groups #SaferSchoolsTogether (1/3)

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Question 2: Impact of Violence



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Thanks so much @RaisingVoices, @HakiElimu, @Aulasenzpaz, and @INBreakthrough for the great responses so far! Keep them coming. Here is our next question:

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Violence in and through schools has a negative impact on children's well-being, mental health, social relationships and academic performance. It also perpetuates the cycle of violence by teaching children that aggression is the way to manage conflicts.
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These effects can be both short-term and long-term. It affects the way children experience school and learn.

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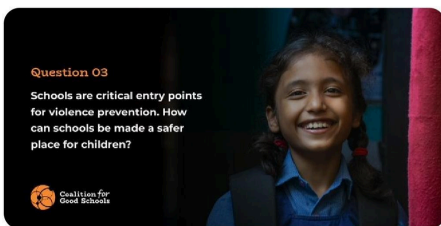
Question 3: Make Safer Schools



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Schools present a unique opportunity to prevent #VAC. How can we make schools safer for children? @RaisingVoices, @HakiElimu, @Aulasenzpaz, and @INBreakthrough

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Ritu
@AceRitu

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Good Schools is where our kids get conditioned for a better future. Implementing policies and processes for Violence Free Environment is a must for maximum learning outcomes #SaferSchoolsTogether #ForGoodSchools

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HussainYuman
@yumanhussain

Replying to @forgoodschools @RaisingVoices and 3 others

A3: It is important to train school teachers, parents and school management committees including Education Dept on school safety issues. The schools should have grievance redressal mechanism to take immediate action #VAC #SaferSchoolsTogether

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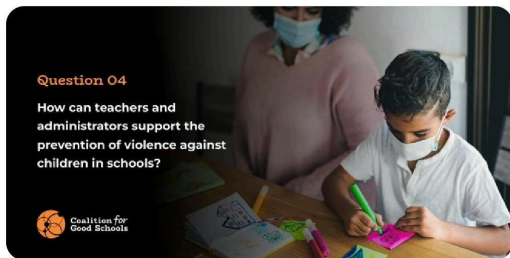
Question 4: Role of Teachers & Admin. Staff



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Thanks so much @RaisingVoices, @HakiElimu, @Aulasenzapaz, and @INBreakthrough and everyone online for all the amazing responses! Now for Question 4 on the role teachers and administrators:

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nakiboneka mastula
@nakiboneka1

Replying to @forgoodschools @RaisingVoices and 3 others

Children learn from observing what adults around them do. When teachers role model positive values like respect, kindness, correcting them using non-violent ways etc, children shall replay kindness, respect in their relationships too!
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Mohd Ikram
@iammohdikram

Replying to @forgoodschools @RaisingVoices and 3 others

Start a school-wide anti-bullying initiative encouraging students to be advocates and speak out against injustices or abuse and set up child-friendly reporting mechanism that is independent, safe, easily accessible and confidential
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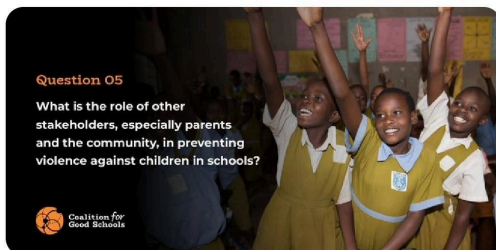
Question 5: Role of Parents & Community



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Thanks so much @RaisingVoices, @HakiElimu, @Aulasenzapaz, and @INBreakthrough. Let's look outside the school for our FINAL question - how can other stakeholders - parents, community members, community structures - join the effort to prevent #VAC at school?

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Dipak
@RVoicesinUganda

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Parents and Community are who the school is accountable too. They have crucial role in ensuring school lives up to the promise of a good school.

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HakiElimu
@HakiElimu

Replying to @HakiElimu @forgoodschools and 3 others

Protection begins at home and is required on the way to and back from school, at school, and in other community places such as churches and mosques, football grounds, while fetching water and collecting firewood, just to mention a few. (2/3)
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@yumanhussain

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Violence against Children manifest in the form of bullying, body shaming, verbal and physical abuse. Most children from minority and marginalised groups suffer and are at higher risk.
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Sunita Menon
@MenonSunitA

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School based violence can be in the form of bullying, corporal punishment, cyber bullying, sexual harassment, physical and emotional violence.
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Society for Equality, Respect And Trust for All
@KitaSerata

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Not enabling safe and secure access for children to get to school to receive their education should be considered violence esp when it involves crossing dangerous rivers without a proper bridge

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Sohini Bhattacharya
@SohiniBee

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The impact can be a range - some immediate & some might leave scars that you discover only as an adult. From emotional trauma to dropping out of school, stress, slow development of social skills and a lack of caring or empathy.

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School based violence can push the students to drop out of education and into a cycle of intergenerational poverty.

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Mohd Ikram
@iammohdikram

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Adversely impact the physical, social and emotional wellbeing of the children that deter them to achieve their full potential
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Having a school council composed of members of staff, students and management collectively can address this issue. [#SaferSchoolsTogether](#) (1/2)

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Students voices needs to be heard and they should be involved in the collective decision making within schools. [#SaferSchoolsTogether](#)

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deepali desai
@desaideepali

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Policies must be in place to create safer environment in schools. Sensitising teachers, faculty members, parents should be at the Centre of solution. Repeated supervision, documentation process is required
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Mohd Ikram
@iammohdikram

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Teachers create a safe, caring and positive learning environment that promote social, physical, emotional and value driven development of the students and also promote a culture of openness where issues and concerns of any kind can be raised and discussed.
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We can create safe school environments by encouraging all members of the school to develop social-emotional competencies ❤️. Additionally, schools can promote participation, the appreciation of difference and the peaceful resolution of conflicts.
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@MenonSunitA

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Empowering students to report abuse and violence, and providing them with support system within schools as well as tie up with other service providers like medical aid, counselling, legal aid.
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Ritu
@AceRitu

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Teachers and staff must be equipped to use positive constructive disciplinary measures, which are educative and not punitive. [#SaferSchoolsTogether](#)
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Having a child safeguarding policy which is implemented proactively

Zero tolerance to all forms of violence

Creating a safe space within school for sharing grievances and seeking support

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Raising Voices
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School administrators need to make deliberate decisions to prevent and address all forms of VAC, commit to set values, standards, and policies.

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Sunita Menon
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Parents need to value the quality of education for their children and be supportive and take corrective action along with teachers in case of [#VAC](#)
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They need to hold school administrators accountable to the set values, standards, and policies to ensure safety of all learners.

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Breakthrough India @INBreakthrough

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Parents and Community members having regular and purposeful dialogues with the school staff on issues related to safety of children, promoting extracurricular activities to make a safe and violence free school.

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Mohd Ikram @iammohdikram

Replying to @forgoodschools @RaisingVoices and 3 others

Encourage children to call-out gender inequities at home, schools and in society, also challenge the cultural attitudes and practices that support the use of violence

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Sohini Bhattacharya @SohiniBee

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Parents have roles to play too, listening to kids & no violence policies at home so children learn to appreciate & ask for the same in school. At @INBreakthrough we use parental engagement tools like games & video which children can play/watch with parents #SaferSchoolsTogether

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yvonneLaruni @yvonne3784

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Teachers need to be intentional about creating healthy relationships with their learners. They should know that children look up to them.

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This is very necessary. Modelling positive and good behaviour for children must be on teachers' minds at all times. There needs to be a conscious commitment to doing and being better.



Wambi Hope @HopeWambi

Teachers should regularly remind themselves about the teachers' code of conduct and other policies that guide them on how they should relate with their learners.

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Schools need to commit time to educate teachers and learners about violence and establish structures of accountability at school level. @JOYFORCHILDREN @RaisingVoices @RaisingTeensUg1 @Gender...

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Wambi Hope @HopeWambi · 04 Aug
School administrators should spearhead the creation of a shared value system

It has been understood through this tweet chat that if we really care about quality of education for children we need to create a conducive learning environment in schools, free from all form of violence, discrimination based on any social norms. A child safeguarding policy in place with proper child centric response mechanisms are necessary for a good school. Students should be given equal opportunities to participate in the decision making process related to them.

Schools should not be seen as educational institutions only, they should be seen as the institutions of creating future leaders, critical thinkers. Teachers should embed social, political and democratic values, the values of diversity, tolerance, fraternity, justice among students in their early age. This cannot be done by the teachers alone; everyone has a role to play in it though, school administration, parents, community, CSO's, faith leaders, and the government authorities. Governments have to include preventing VAC in schools in their agenda on priority basis and to launch an advocacy campaign at a national level. A capacity building program for all teachers and non-teaching staff on VAC and GBV should be mandatory. A consistent school audit process to check if the schools are safe for children or not will go a long way in creating Good Schools for a just world.