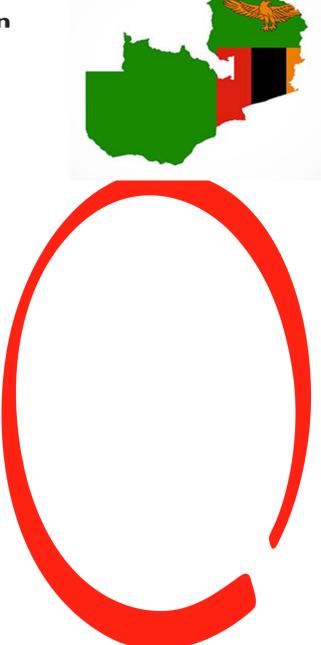


## PARENTING WITHOUT VIOLENCE

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# **Overview**

Background/ Problem Statement for Promoting the Parenting without Violence (PwV).

Description of the model

Evidence and results
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Q & A

#### **Problem Statement**

Often experience of violence starts in the home, starts early and is a socially acceptable norm in communities.

Promotion of children's rights including positive discipline seen as spoiling children
Half of all Zambians experience violence in Childhood of all forms (VAC, 2014)

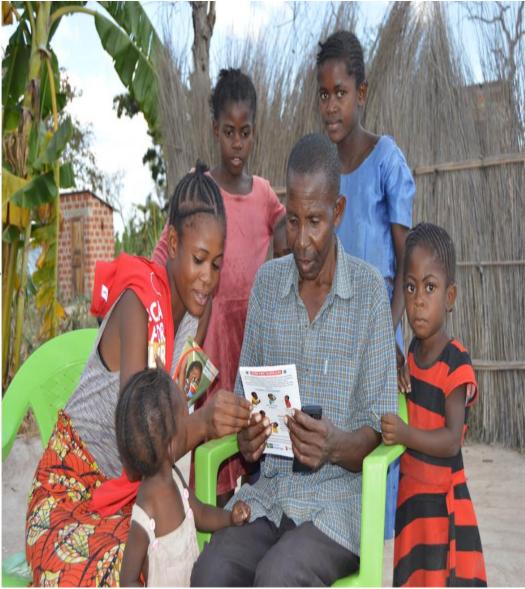
Parents, adults or adult caregivers were the most frequent perpetrators of physical violence prior to 18 years.

"Families can be the greatest source of support and protection for children but also-under unfortunate circumstances-the greatest source of Harm"- Daly 2015



### What the approach seeks to achieve

- PwV seeks to prevent children from experiencing physical and humiliating Punishment in the home environment.
- Improving positive parenting capacities of mothers, fathers and caregivers & promotes respectful, loving, nurturing and non violent home environment.
- Strengthening positive relationships between caregivers and children and gender transform negative social norms.
- □ It is a preventative approach to VAC.
- □Can be applied in development and humanitarian context.



#### SOCIO-ECOLOGICAL FRAMEWORK FOR PARENTING WITHOUT VIOLENCE

#### CHILD

Gender & Power dynamics Empowered children, girls and boys, feel equitably valued, respected and safe within their family and community.

#### FAMILY

Fathers, mothers and other caregivers have the knowledge, skills and attitudes to parent positively without using violence.

#### COMMUNITY

Supportive communities willing to equitably protect all children, girls and boys from violence, and change discriminatory gender norms.

#### SOCIETY

Institutional systems and legal frameworks are gender sensitive, support families and ban violence against children and women.



#### FOUR COMPONENTS TRANSFORMING GENDER & POWER DYNAMICS









Providing fathers, mothers, and caregivers with the knowledge, skills and attitudes to parent positively without using violence Empowering children, and working to ensure they can feel valued, respected and safe within their family and community Supporting communities so that they are willing and able to protect all children, girls and boys, from violence. Strengthening equitable and gendersensitive child protection systems

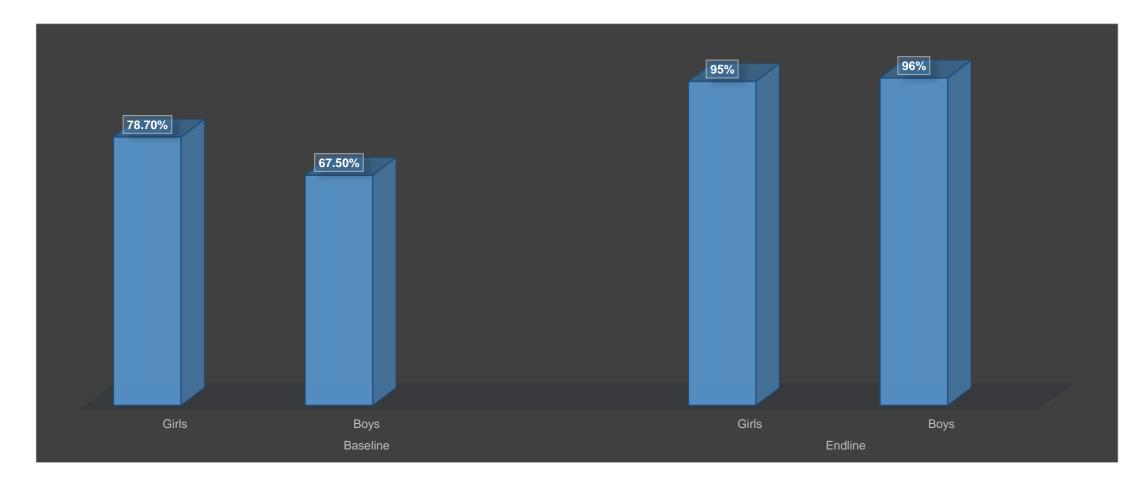
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Improved care and support of children by caregivers and communities.

- Improved knowledge of children to protect themselves and their peers from protection harms and seeking support services as needed.
- The model contributes to strengthening child protection systems and structures at local level.
- Strengthens children's self-esteem, problem solving and communication skills & self Protection.
- A key entry point for strengthened gender transformative actions, access to support services and enhanced care and protection of children.



Changes in Knowledge and skills on Service seeking among for acts of VAC PwV participating boys and girls



This demonstrate its ability to promote children's experience of a safe and comfortable environment engaging protection issues, understanding the services available, and engaging with key stakeholder groups for help.



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### **Evidence and Results.**

- 66% and 69% of male and female caregivers respectively expressed that communication with their children had improved.
- In the four months of the training my new approach to parenting I have adopted is fulfilling as I communicate effectively with my children"





#### **Evidence and results**



" My mother has learnt to be patient and talk to me rather than using a whip or beating me".

"Lessons have helped to promote peace in my home with my husbands and to be a caring and loving mother & father for our children"



# Recommendation(s)/Way forward

- Acts as a key entry point to gender transformative actions on care and protection of children / strengthen linkages to other support services.
- Advocacy to government to strengthen efforts to abolish all forms of physical and humiliating Punishment including in home(s).

