

Kenya Violence Against Children Qualitative Study



REGION

Kenya

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PARTNERS

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PROJECT OVERVIEW

Evidence & BEYOND contributed to a national qualitative study examining how children's experiences of violence in Kenya changed between the 2010 and 2019 Violence Against Children Surveys.

The study explored the policies, guidelines, programmes and institutional changes introduced during this period and assessed how violence prevention and response efforts were coordinated and implemented. It also examined investments in service-provider capacity and the information systems supporting child-protection services.

PROJECT GOAL

To explain the factors that may have contributed to changes in violence against children between 2010 and 2019, and to generate practical evidence to strengthen Kenya's national prevention and response systems.

What we did

Evidence & BEYOND worked with national partners to:



Policy & Programme Review

Review policies, guidelines and national strategies introduced between 2010 and 2019, and examine how prevention and response interventions were implemented and coordinated.



Systems & Capacity Assessment

Assess changes in child-protection systems and service-delivery capacity, and explore the role of government, civil society and development partners.



Analysis & Uptake

Analyse the factors that enabled or constrained progress and translate findings into recommendations for national policy and programming.

WHAT THE STUDY EXAMINED

The study considered developments across several areas, including:

- National legislation, policy and planning
- Violence-prevention programmes and strategies
- Coordination across sectors and institution
- Workforce training and service-provider capacity
- Reporting, referral and response systems
- Data and information systems
- The relationship between national commitments and implementation in practice

CONTRIBUTION TO POLICY & PRACTICE

The study generated evidence to help explain shifts in violence against children in Kenya and identify where prevention and response systems needed further strengthening.

The Ministry of Labour and Social Protection adopted its findings and used them to inform the revision of Kenya's National Response Plan for preventing violence against children. The findings were also shared through national and international conferences and webinars, extending their relevance to wider policy and practice discussions. Evidence & BEYOND's current project portfolio describes the study as shaping policy and informing stakeholder action at national and regional levels.

PUBLICATIONS & RESOURCES

Kenya Violence Against Children Qualitative Study Report, 2023

The report documents the study approach, findings and implications for strengthening violence-prevention and response systems in Kenya.

[Read the full report](#)