Launch of the Study Report at the GA 2006—The exact date for the presentation of the Study report at the General Assembly in New York has not been confirmed by the UN yet. The communication strategy for the launch of the study envisages a number of events as part of the international launch of the Study report in New York. Please check the Study web-site for updates regarding the date of the launch …..

Report development—The Independent Expert is working on the preparation of the SG’s report which will be presented to the General Assembly in October 2006. The draft report is currently being finalized and will be submitted to the SG’s Office on 25 July.

Progress is also being made with regard to the preparation of the Study book and the child-friendly materials, intended to be available at the time of the Study launch.

131 responses to the government questionnaires received as of 30 June (see website http://www.ohchr.org/english/bodies/crc/study.htm).

Regional follow-up—Nine short reports of the regional consultations have been posted on the Study web-site. These do not replace the full regional consultation reports prepared by each region, also on the website, but rather provide summaries of key elements including regional recommendations and declarations. See: http://www.violencestudy.org/a489

Also in this Newsletter—Information on the meeting of child participants in New York, Prof. Pinheiro addressing UNICEF Executive Board and Human Rights Council, and the last of the expert and thematic meetings held in April and May …..

CHILDREN’S FOLLOW UP MEETING

An important strategy of the Study has been the continued participation of children throughout the entire process. From 23-26 May, 22 children and young people reconvened in New York. With strong support from Study partners such as Save the Children, all regions were represented by young participants also involved in the nine regional consultations and the Study’s NGO Advisory Panel.

During the course of the meeting, the children and young people discussed the draft recommendations of the Study and reviewed the main findings of the Study. They generated ideas on how children can be involved in the launch of the Study report in New York at the General Assembly in October. The children and young people also discussed ideas for the content and format of the child friendly materials that will be produced and published (Continued on page 2)
concurrently with the Study report. At the end of the consultation, the children and young people met with the Independent Expert, Professor Paulo Sérgio Pinheiro, to present their feedback before the Study is finalised. They were also able to share their input with Ms Ann Veneman, Executive Director of UNICEF, and Ms Rima Salah, Deputy Executive Director of UNICEF.

After the consultation the children will continue to be involved in the Study including through UNICEF’s Voices of Youth. It is clear that children and young people have been very active in their own countries to prevent and respond to violence against children. Activities will continue well beyond the launch as children and young people continue to advocate and act with adult partners to stop violence against children around the world.

**PROFESSOR PINHEIRO ADDRESSED UNICEF EXECUTIVE BOARD AND HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL**

The Independent Expert, Professor Paulo Sérgio Pinheiro, addressed the first session of the UN Human Rights Council in Geneva on 21 June. The Independent Expert stated that there can be no compromise in challenging all forms of violence against children. He expressed the hope that the Secretary-General’s Study on Violence Against Children will be a catalyst for real and lasting change for children. He also stressed that the Human Rights Council will have an important role in addressing violence against children. (To read Prof. Pinheiro’s statement, [http://www.violencestudy.org/IMG/doc/Statement_for_HRCouncil_final.doc](http://www.violencestudy.org/IMG/doc/Statement_for_HRCouncil_final.doc)

The Independent Expert also addressed the UNICEF Executive Board on 8 June 2006 in New York. He provided an update on progress and recent developments with regard to the Study.

In her closing remarks on Friday 9 June the Executive Director for UNICEF, Ms. Ann Veneman expressed her continued support for the Study: “This week, there has also been a special focus on child protection issues, in particular concerning violence against children and women. UNICEF is committed to this ongoing mission, and to addressing child protection. UNICEF will implement the conclusions in the forthcoming UN Secretary-General’s Study on Violence Against Children in our work with partners and in our cooperative programs with Governments”. (For more information, see UNICEF web-site: [http://www.unicef.org/about/execboard/index34476.html](http://www.unicef.org/about/execboard/index34476.html).

**LAST OF THEMATIC AND EXPERT MEETINGS**

The last of the 14 expert and thematic meetings for the Study took place in April and May. The outcomes of these expert and thematic meetings will contribute to the final Study report. UNODC organised an expert group meeting on criminal justice responses to violence against children (Vienna, 18-19 April).

UNHCR, the Women’s Commission for Refugee Women and Children and the Study Secretariat organised a thematic consultation on violence against refugee and other displaced children (Geneva, 25 April). The meeting clarified risks, and the types of violence that refugee and other displaced children experience, and suggested specific recommendations on how to prevent and respond to violence against them.

The Study Secretariat with WHO organised a meeting on data collection (Geneva, 18 May). Representatives from various agencies met to review methods and output from new and existing data analyses undertaken in the context of the Study, and to provide input on the recommendations of the Study specific to data collection.

Finally, the World conference on Religions for Peace and UNICEF organized a meeting of representatives from various faith-based organizations in Toledo, Spain (9-11 May). The meeting discussed the role religious leaders can play in preventing and responding to violence. At the end of the meeting a ‘declaration on religious commitment to confront violence against children’ was adopted. This network will present their final declaration and plans to stop violence against children at their World Assembly in Kyoto, Japan, from 25 to 29 August 2006.
The theme of the African Child Policy Forum’s second international policy conference on the African Child was ‘Violence Against Girls in Africa’. The conference took place in Ethiopia from 11-12 May. To see the reports of the thematic meetings and the ‘African Declaration on Violence Against Girls’, go to www.violencestudy.org/r180.


PARTNER FEATURE
INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR PREVENTION OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT (ISPCAN)

In response to the UN General Assembly’s recommendation for an in-depth study of violence against children, the International Society for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (ISPCAN) initiated the development of tools for use by NGOs and professionals in different countries to identify the nature and extent of child abuse. Working with the Study Secretariat, UNICEF, WHO and OHCHR, ISPCAN is developing international tools (questionnaires) to strengthen the collection, analysis and understanding of child abuse and neglect within individual nations, and subsequently, globally. The need for such work has been identified repeatedly by researchers and advocates for child protection, especially in non-English speaking and developing countries. On 4 September, WHO and ISPCAN will launch a guide on ‘Preventing child maltreatment: A guide to taking action and generating evidence’ during the XVIth ISPCAN International Congress on Child Abuse and Neglect in York, UK.

As a contribution to the Study, ISPCAN reviewed and submitted the abstracts of 36 articles on child abuse, published in "Child Abuse and Neglect", the official journal of the International Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (ISPCAN) to UNICEF. The 2004 and 2006 World Perspective on Child Abuse data book was also utilized as a resource to the Study. For more information on ISPCAN’s activities, see: http://www.ispcan.org/.

LOOKING AHEAD
WHAT PARTNERS CAN DO

Partners can play an important role in supporting the launch of the Study Report with governments and other partners, and in the follow-up to the recommendations.

Three things that partners could do:

- **Advocate on issues in the Study report, domestically and in programme countries.** Partners could consider organising substantial advocacy on violence against children; and/or link violence against children to existing efforts and issues also identified in the Study Report, such as HIV/AIDS and children, girls’ education, early marriage, FGM/C etc...

- **Translate the Study report into local languages.** The SG’s Study Report will be available in the six UN languages, but the Study book and child-friendly materials will initially be provided in English, subject to the availability of additional funding. Contact the Secretariat to assist with translations: secretariat@sgsvac.org.

- **Work with government and partners to promote a national launch and to mobilize around the issues.** This can happen any time after the official launch in New York, and could roll out over 12-18 months. Local launches will help to draw attention to the issues raised by the Study and link these with national and local action.

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|------------------|------------------|
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Calendar 2006-2007

N.B. Events and dates are subject to change.
Events as of July 2006 are listed below - for the full calendar 2006-2007 see:
http://www.violencestudy.org/r52

July 2006
15-17 C8 Children’s Forum, St Petersburg, Russia
22-23 Children’s Consultation prior to South Asia Forum, Islamabad, Pakistan

August 2006
1 The Body Shop and UNICEF launch short report on the impact of domestic violence on children
2 2nd meeting of the UN Inter-Agency Group on Violence Against Children, Geneva, Switzerland
12 International Youth Day
25-29 World Conference of Religions for Peace World Assembly, Kyoto, Japan
Launch of faith-based organisations campaign on violence against children

September 2006
3-6 XVIIth ISPCAN Intl Congress, York, UK
4 Launch of the WHO/ISPCAN Guide on “Preventing child maltreatment: A guide to taking action and generating evidence”
15 CRC Day of General Discussion, theme: “The Right of the Child to be heard”

October 2006
Final Study Report to General Assembly
Multi-site launches of the Study Report and child friendly version, roll out of regional and national launches of the Study Report into 2007
1 Arab Child Day
2 Children Day in Sweden
14 2.30pm - A Service Dedicated to Children and Non-Violence at Coventry Cathedral, Coventry, UK
16-18 115th IPU World Assembly, Geneva, Switzerland
26-29 3rd International Conference on Children’s Rights in Education, Vilnius, Lithuania

November 2006
30 Oct- 2 Nov Latin America and the Caribbean—Regional Launch of the Study Report, San José, Costa Rica
Nov 16 Days of Activism
19 World Day for Prevention of Child Abuse
20 Anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child

December 2006
10 Human Rights Day

February 2007
11-16 IFCO XV Biennial International Foster Care Conference, Hamilton, New Zealand