

World Vision's overarching comments on the OWG's Zero Draft

World Vision applauds the scale of ambition of the Zero Draft. It sets a challenging agenda for all countries and articulates an ambitious mission to 'End poverty in all its forms everywhere'.

Delivering on this agenda will require:

- repositioning the ambition to end all poverty from its location in Goal 1 to become one of the fundamental objectives of the whole framework. World Vision calls for recognition of a cluster of essential elements of poverty eradication: eliminating income poverty, ending malnutrition, promoting peace, assuring maternal, newborn and child survival, and delivering functional education & learning outcomes.
- giving priority to the most marginalised people and people in vulnerable situations. We suggest that this be strengthened to become a genuinely cross cutting theme, for example through ensuring that future development plans at all levels to prioritise the most vulnerable and marginalised people
- continued commitment to comprehensive peace building as integral to the agenda, in recognition that that the poorest 1.5 billion people in the world live with or are in fear of violence and conflict.

As a child focused agency World Vision affirm the ways that the Zero Draft seeks to promote the rights of children. We celebrate the ambitious targets that have been proposed around maternal, newborn and child survival. We would however urge the OWG to better reflect their stated commitment to end malnutrition by reinstating the target on the elimination of stunting. Stunting not only contributes to preventable deaths, it is one of the single most potent indicators of child well-being and has significant implications for productivity of households and national economies

In relation to children's right to protection, we affirm the commitment to eliminate violence against children that is evident throughout the Zero Draft, and suggest that a similar ambition is vital to ensure the protection of the 750 million children who are at risk from conflict.

We note that the Zero Draft is weak in the way that it addresses children's rights to participation. This is also true of the role of citizens more broadly. We call for a more prominent recognition of the importance of local community action in the pursuit of these goals.

We recognise that the final form of the Open Working Group report will need substantial revision to present a coherent and compelling political case that will inspire sustained action by the global community. World Vision believes that the ambition of the Zero Draft can be preserved and enhanced in a more concise final document.

Means of Implementation

World Vision welcomes the attention paid to the means of implementation in this draft but notes that the strategies articulated are not sufficient to drive the whole agenda.

There are a number of implementation methodologies applicable across all goals. Focus area 17 could focus on these cross cutting modalities including monitoring and accountability (currently not well represented in the draft), transparency, participation, partnerships, financing and technical assistance. Other methodologies or frameworks specific to individual goals (eg the New Deal, SUN, Every Woman Every Child, A Promise Renewed) should be appended to those goals.