

# Addressing school-related gender based violence (SRGBV)

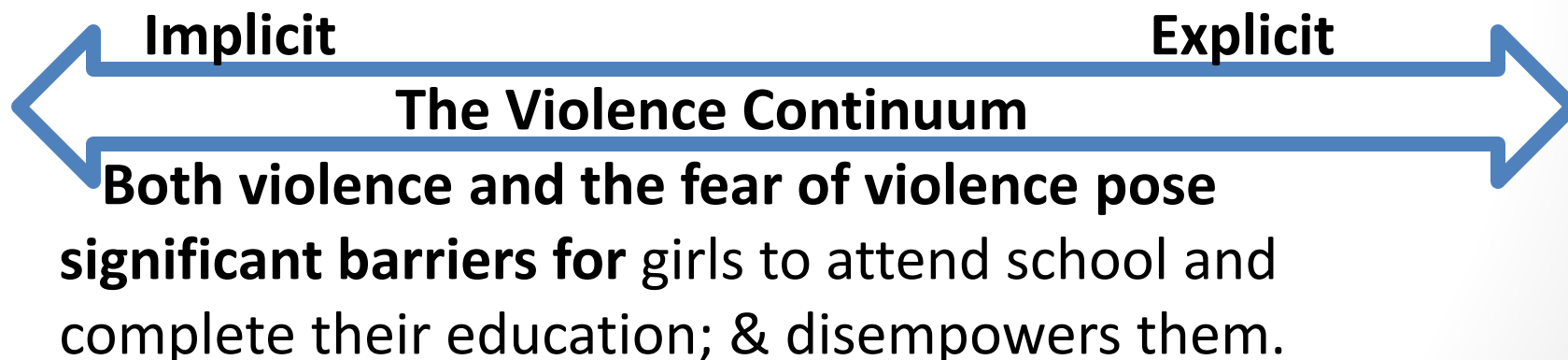
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# What is SRGBV?

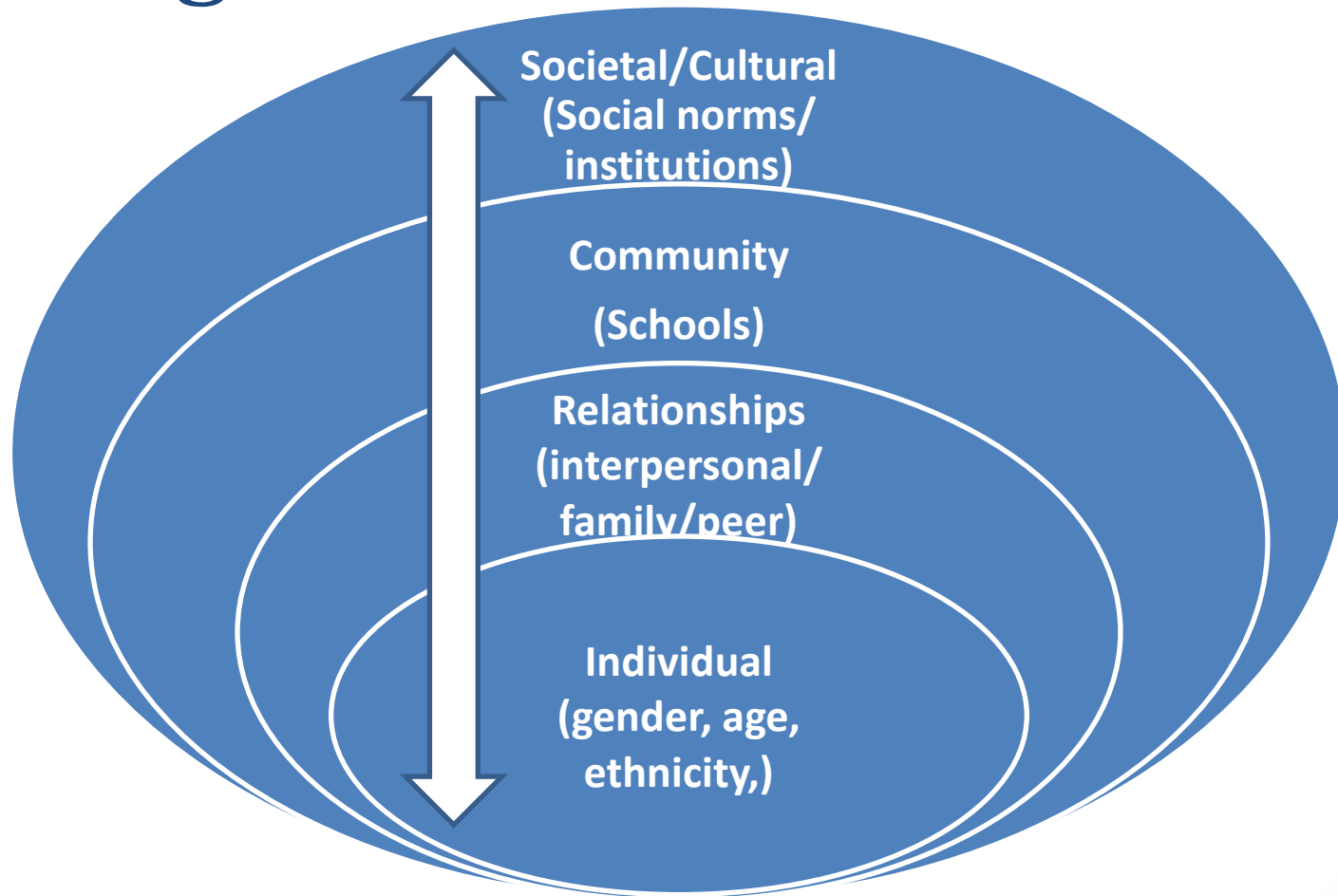
- Is a **violation** of human rights;
  - Infringes on boys and girls' rights and denies their right to education
- **Takes on different forms:** Bullying, corporal punishment, sexual/verbal/ psychological harassment, non-consensual touching/rape/, early marriage, homophobia ...



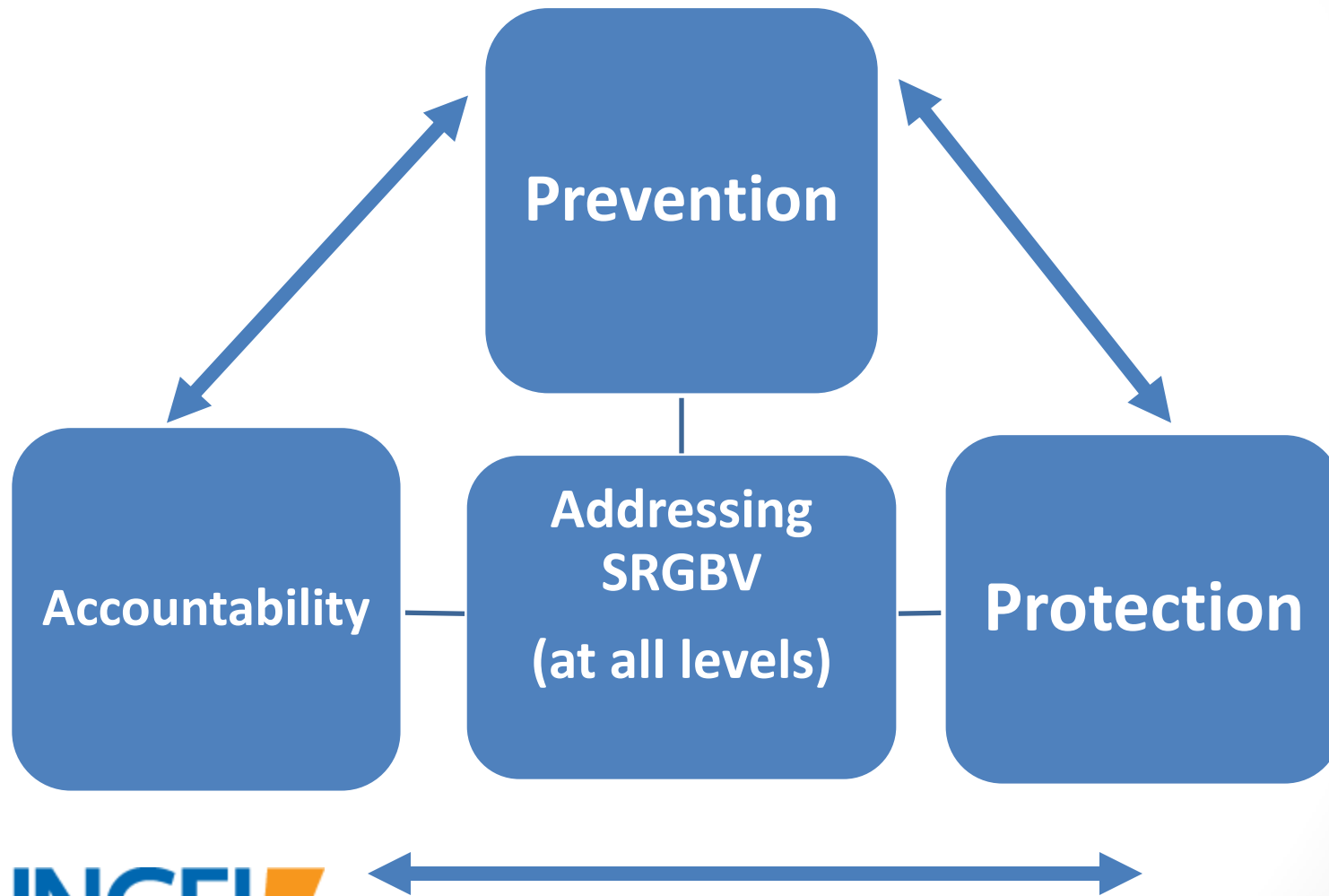
# In numbers ... scale

- **246 million girls and boys are estimated to suffer from school-related violence;**
  - In some countries, more than 80% of students suffer corporal punishment at school.
- **Estimated 150 million girls and 73 million boys have experienced sexual violence.**
  - In Mozambique, 70% of girl respondents reported knowing that some teachers used sexual intercourse as a condition for promotion between grades.
- **Worldwide, an estimated 60 million girls are child brides, including over 14 million in Sub-Saharan Africa**
- **Bottom line - under-researched and under-reported;**
  - Absence of reliable & harmonized approaches to collecting data;
  - Scale of the problem is still unknown;

# SRGBV – through the socio-ecological lens



# What works?



# Alignment with Global Citizenship Education (GCE)

## **Schools as catalysts for non-violence, tolerance, and gender equality:**

- Gendered, inclusive and human-rights based curriculum – engaging with “difference” and “power”;
- Participatory and critical teaching –learning practice to advance human rights, gender equality and non-violence;

## **Transforming attitudes and behaviors:**

- Teachers/peers as critical allies; school-community linkages
- Increased opportunity for and practice of civic engagement among youth;

## **Girls and boys as empowered agents of change**

## **Gender – a disruptive lens to strengthen GCE**

# The power of partnerships

- **Global Partners Working group** - co-lead by UNESCO and UNGEI
- **Objectives:**
  - Strengthen the coordination and impact of responses to SRGBV at all levels;
  - Expand networking and collaboration amongst stakeholders in order to galvanize the international community and mobilize resources to increase the scale and quality of responses to SRGBV;
  - Facilitate knowledge sharing platform focused on the generation and exchange of evidence and good practice on effective approaches to SRGBV;

# THANK YOU

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