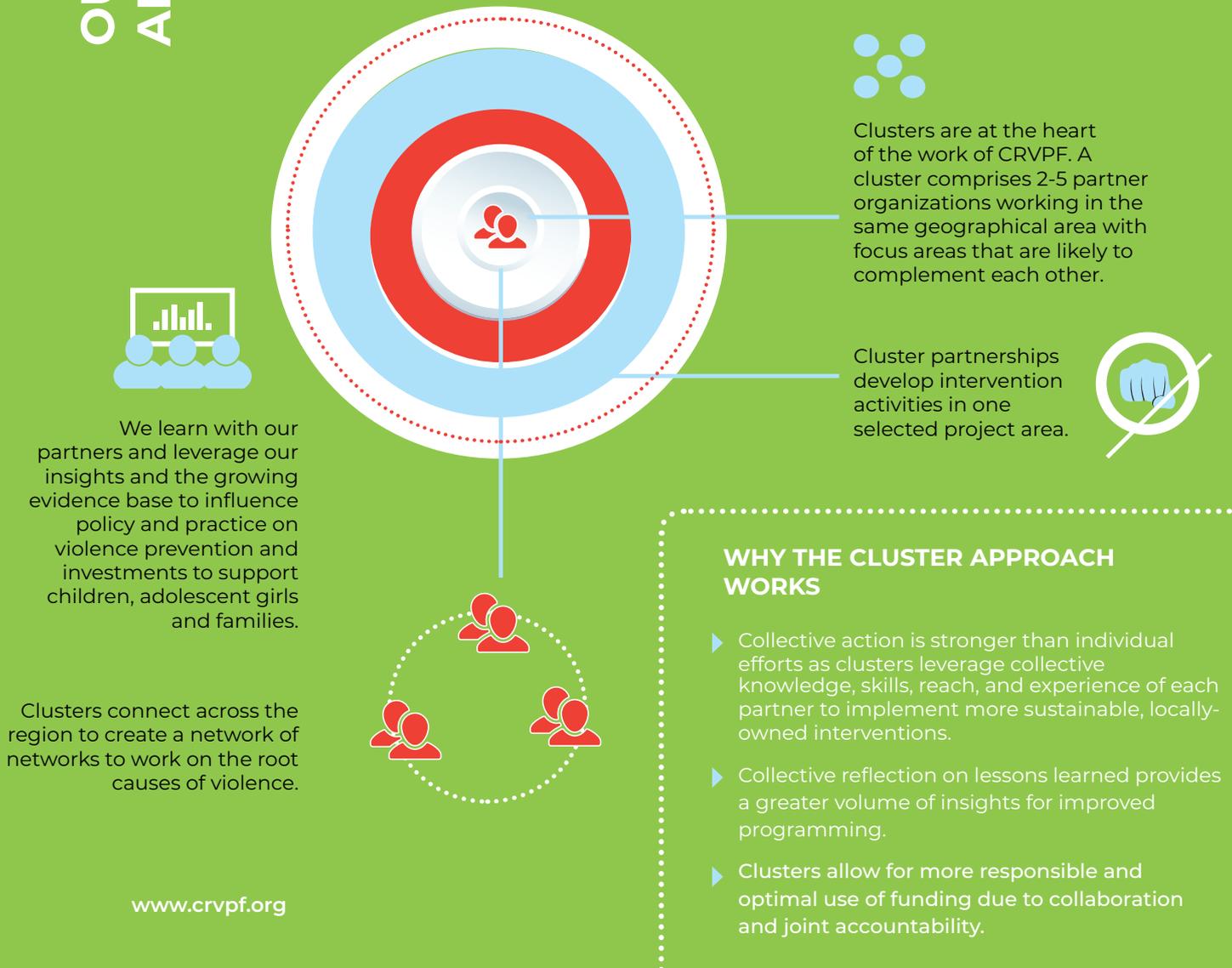


# OUR APPROACH

CRVPF partners with 152 community organizations and local NGOs that work with children, adolescents, families and communities using the Cluster Approach.



## Clusters at work: A case study of Mwangaza Cluster in Kilifi county, Kenya

In order to support community-led, collaborative interventions, CRVPF trains clusters in data collection, collective monitoring, evaluation and learning. Mwangaza cluster, comprising two community organisations in Kenya (Trace Kenya and Mwangaza Initiative CBO), was supported to conduct a joint situational analysis and baseline assessment on the status of violence against children and adolescents in Junju ward, Kilifi county.

Data was collected from 625 households, with 317 parents and 306 adolescents to identify the different forms and levels of violence. Sexual, physical and psychological violence were reported as the most common forms of violence against children. Based on these findings, the cluster, together with the community, designed their violence prevention project interventions.

Children and parents involved in the study were excited to learn of a cluster located in the heart of the community. They stated that most organizations that offer their services often visit and leave, but having one based in their community will encourage them to report cases of violence against children.

*"This approach is good because we need interventions that we recognize and accept within our community for them to be effectively executed in the fight against violence against children."-Community Leader*

The Cluster approach has been particularly effective in Kilifi as the two partner organizations were already well-recognized in the community and their combined efforts and resources to tackle violence increased community buy-in. The Cluster is being supported by the village leaders and the Community Health Volunteers who create awareness and report incidents.



A cluster member interviews an adolescent girl about violence in the community



A focus group discussion held in the community to discuss the prevalence of violence against children

## Types of Planning/Learning Grants Support to Clusters

CRVPF provides clusters with grants to learn and study each other's strengths and areas of collaboration so they can develop clear Memoranda of Understanding specifying the roles of each partner during the long term implementation and programming of VAC prevention programs.

Cluster member organizations actively participate in developing and implementing a joint project proposal on prevention of violence against children and adolescents hence building a sense of ownership and sustainability of activities for greater impact.

During the situational analysis, partners develop evidence-based project design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation.

The planning grant enables CRVPF to learn more about the Cluster and provide capacity-building support where necessary.

The Cluster approach is shaping up as a regional program and building a movement in Kenya and Tanzania to prevent violence against children and adolescents.