

ChildFund Alliance welcomes the adoption of Security Council resolution on role of youth in negotiating and implementing peace agreements

ChildFund Alliance welcomes the adoption of Security Council resolution 2419 (2018), which calls for increasing the role of youth in negotiating and implementing peace agreements. The resolution, adopted on 6 June by a unanimous vote, recognizes that the marginalization of youth is detrimental to building sustainable peace and countering violent extremism.

“ChildFund strongly believes that child and youth participation is key to building stronger, safer communities,” said Meg Gardinier, Secretary General of ChildFund Alliance. “Child [and by extension youth] participation is one of the core principles of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, which asserts that children and young people have the right to freely express their views and that there is an obligation to listen to children’s views and to facilitate their participation in all matters affecting them.”

The Security Council also called on Member States to protect educational institutions as spaces free from all violence, ensure they are accessible to all youth and take steps to address young women’s equal enjoyment of their right to education.

“We are encouraged that the resolution calls for greater participation by youth at all levels, from the local to the global,” said Gardinier. “This resolution is an important step toward achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, including SDG target 16.2, to end abuse, exploitation, trafficking and all forms of violence against and torture of children.”

Read the full text of [Security Council resolution 2419](#).