



ENDING VIOLENCE AGAINST CHILDREN

Despite the existence of international protections, including the Convention on the Rights of the Child, a staggering one billion children face violence each year. The scale and long-lasting effects of violence against children underscore the urgent need for immediate and comprehensive policy interventions.

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development and
humanitarian organisations

70+  Countries

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WHO WE ARE

ChildFund Alliance is a global network of 11 child-focused development and humanitarian organizations reaching nearly 30 million children and family members in more than 70 countries. We are dedicated to creating a world where every child feels safe and protected.

OUR APPROACH

With more than 80 years of collective experience, ChildFund Alliance works to end violence against children through:

- **Child Participation:** Amplifying the voices of children and young people, in all their diversity.
- **Community-Based Approaches:** Building the capabilities of parents, caregivers, and communities to keep children safe.
- **Systems Strengthening:** Strengthening child protection systems at community, national and global levels.
- **Engaging with Government:** Engaging with policy makers through dialogue, advocacy, and partnership.

Our Research: ChildFund Alliance World Index Report 2024

ChildFund Alliance is pleased to announce the launch of our flagship World Index Report 2024, which provides a comprehensive global ranking of 157 countries based on their level of implementation of child rights and identifies areas most urgently in need of intervention. Through consultation with over 10,000 children from over 40 countries the World Index explores children's perspectives on critical issues, including ending violence.



Young people in Ethiopia leading the fight against early marriage



Children in Cambodia playing on tablets after a Swipe Safe training



ChildFund supported Adolescent and Youth Club in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh

OUR IMPACT

KEY



Alliance Member



Location

SAFE AT HOME AND IN THE COMMUNITY

- Creating opportunities for children to influence the policies that affect their lives.
- Building the awareness of communities, parents and caregivers, and supporting intergenerational solutions.
- Strengthening community-based child protection systems and building trusted referral pathways.

Building Child Friendly Communities



Children Believe



India

Using the Child Friendly Accountability Methodology, Children Believe are enhancing child protection and participation in 268 communities in Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh. This approach empowers children to understand and advocate for their rights. By supporting child-friendly policies and promoting child protection, the program has reached over 200,000 people with 100 communities becoming 'Child Friendly Communities'.

National Helpline Supporting Children and Young People affected by Violence in Papua New Guinea



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Papua New Guinea

The 1-Tok Helpline is a free 24-hour national helpline that provides survivor-centered counselling, information and referral services to survivors of gender-based violence as well as children in need of protection. Receiving over 70,000 calls since launching, the Helpline connects survivors with vital services across the country and is supported by the PNG Department for Community Development and Religion and New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

SAFE AT SCHOOL

- Partnering with government to ensure laws and policies address children's safety.
- Strengthening school leaders' capability to implement policies and build strong referral pathways.
- Building the capability of teachers and school staff to prevent and respond to violence.

Re-Engaging Survivors of Violence in Education



WeWorld



Nicaragua

The ¡PARA! Boys and Girls Free from Violence project improves access to specialized psychosocial support, health, and legal services for indigenous and Afro-descendant children and adolescent survivors of sexual violence. The project deepens inter-service coordination and community support networks improving access to education for survivors. The project is funded by the EU Delegation in Nicaragua.

Integrating Community and School-Based Child Protection Systems



ChildFund Korea
ChildFund International in Kenya





Kenya

The Tharaka Nithi Child Protection Project strengthens formal and informal child protection systems, including in schools, alongside community awareness, child rights forums and psycho-social support for survivors of violence. Reaching approximately 44,900 children, the project strengthens child protection in schools through training for school board of management and Child Protection Champions.

SAFE ONLINE



- Partnering with government to create laws and policies that protect children online.
- Building the knowledge and capability of parents, caregivers, and frontline workers.
- Supporting children to be effective and responsible digital citizens.

Swipe Safe: Empowering Young People to Navigate the Digital World

 ChildFund Australia  Asia-Pacific

The Swipe Safe App is a hands-on learning tool that equips young people with the knowledge and skills to stay safe online. To reinforce learning and ensure maximum impact, Swipe Safe is supported by a face-to-face training program delivered to young people, parents, and frontline workers. Since its inception in Vietnam, Swipe Safe has reached over 53,000 children and young people across the Asia-Pacific.

Addressing Emerging Threats Facing Young People Online

 ChildFund Alliance  Global

As digital technologies are rapidly expanding, children face unprecedented threats to their safety and well-being. WEB Safe & Wise works in partnership with children to create tools to help them be effective digital citizens able to navigate the online world safely. The initiative aims to strengthen laws and policies to protect children online, while building children's skills and knowledge.

SAFE IN TIMES OF CRISIS



- Providing children with safe access to basic needs and education in emergencies and protracted crises.
- Establishing and strengthening child protection systems in humanitarian response and protracted crises.

Enhancing Child Protection for Children in Cox's Bazar

 ChildFund Australia  Cox's Bazaar
ChildFund New Zealand
Educo

Educo's program in Cox's Bazaar strengthens the capacity of community groups, leaders, children, youth, government and humanitarian workers to enhance child protection, address gender-based violence and mitigate disaster risks. The project has reached 16,540 children, young people and adults through 25 community-based child protection committees, 30 adolescent and youth clubs, and women support groups.

Protecting Children in Crises and on the Move



 ChildFund International  Ecuador, Mexico, Honduras, Guatemala, Uganda, Ethiopia

ChildFund's holistic approach for children in crisis unfolds across the migration cycle, prioritizing children's protection and inclusion. ChildFund deploys StopGate programming to address immediate protection needs. ChildFund builds Child-Friendly Spaces as places where children can learn and play in safety, with access to psychological first aid to address any mental health issues that arise, while their parents and caregivers seek the resources they need.

SAFE IN A CHANGING CLIMATE



- Supporting schools and communities to prepare for climate-induced disasters through integrated disaster risk reduction, preparedness and adaptation with a focus on child protection.
- Understanding and addressing the multiplier effect of climate change on children's right to safety.

Challenging Harmful Coping Mechanisms in a Changing Climate

 Barnfonden  Ethiopia
ChildFund International

Climate change is impacting livelihoods, resulting in children being removed from school to engage in child labor. The CIRCLED project builds community knowledge and family resilience in the face of shocks such as drought and floods, ensuring children are not negatively impacted. This has resulted in a reduction in child labor from 45% to 5%. The project is delivered with funding from Radiohjalpen.

Protecting Children in the Context of Food Insecurity

 ChildFund Deutschland  Ethiopia
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ChildFund International
Burkina Faso

The second phase of the Joining Forces for Child Protection in Emergencies intervention in Ethiopia and Burkina Faso funded by German Federal Foreign Office uses a socio-ecological model, focusing on the link between food security and child protection risks in humanitarian settings. By strengthening referrals and health services, the project aims to reduce violence, abuse, neglect, and exploitation for 25,952 children affected by crises and food insecurity.

CALL TO ACTION

Immediate and comprehensive policy interventions are required to meet the scale and urgency of violence against children.

- Establish and formalize mechanisms for safe and inclusive child participation in decision-making.
- Adopt and implement policies and legislation that protect children, in all their diversity, from violence, abuse, exploitation, neglect, and harmful practices in all contexts.
- Provide and strengthen a continuum of child protection prevention, early intervention, and response services; and enhance data systems and capacity.
- Increase funding for and transparency in budgets (including Official Development Assistance) to End Violence Against Children.

SAFE AT HOME AND IN OUR COMMUNITIES:

- Engage caregivers and communities in the development of child protection laws and policies, integrating community-based mechanisms.
- Strengthen multi-sectoral and collaborative approaches including cross-ministerial collaboration with CSOs, NGOs, community, and private sector.

SAFE AT SCHOOL:

- Develop and implement laws and policies that prohibit the use of corporal punishment in schools, and integrate child protection in education settings.
- Fund and implement 'whole of school' violence prevention education in schools, such as respectful relationship education.

SAFE ONLINE:

- Develop, strengthen, and enforce laws that protect children's data and privacy online; criminalize online child sexual exploitation and abuse; and regulate safety-by-design.
- Strengthen and resource existing child protection systems to incorporate online violence against children.

SAFE IN TIMES OF CRISIS:

- Improve coordination between humanitarian, development and peace-building efforts with a focus on education and child protection systems strengthening.
- Increase investment in education and child protection in emergencies, and strengthen monitoring and reporting.

SAFE IN A CHANGING CLIMATE:

- Ensure essential children's services are integrated into climate adaptation, risk reduction and preparedness efforts at all levels.
- Ensure climate policies and climate adaptation plans recognize and respond to the unique needs of children and young people, with a specific focus on children on the move.



Learn more about ChildFund Alliance's collective work on Ending Violence Against Children here:

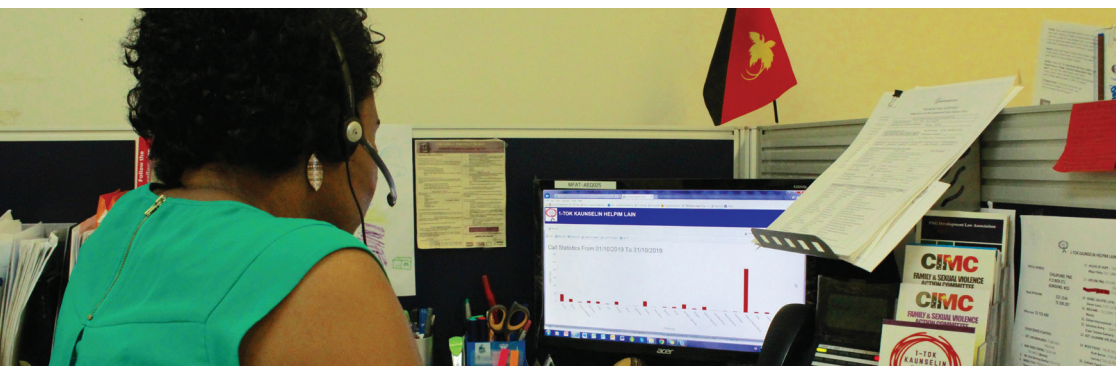


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Jovia (7), Nancy (8) and Antias (8) attending one of three ChildFund-supported child-friendly spaces in the Palorinya Refugee Settlement in Northern Uganda.

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