HOPE CHILD PROTECTION
Every child deserves to feel safe.

Goal
Protect children by partnering with 4 million girls and boys, family members, and faith, community, and government leaders to address the root causes of violence against children

Progress
4.9 million people reached from October 2015 through March 2022

Investment
$50 million (fiscal years 2016–2023)
Helping to ensure protection for every last child

Half of the world’s children experience some form of violence each year. We believe every girl and boy is a precious gift from God, and every last one should be protected and feel safe. Our solutions help communities get to the root of the problem and work to stop violence before it starts.

As a respected global leader in child protection, World Vision offers unparalleled reach, expertise, and influence to help communities become safer places for children. Thanks to our local staff and long-term presence, we understand the unique dangers children face and can build the trust needed to work alongside children, their families, and local leaders to create safer environments.

What is our approach?
We base our child protection efforts on the “four rings of responsibility”:

1. We empower children with knowledge and practical skills to protect themselves and one another.
2. We strengthen families with parenting skills and social and economic support so they can function as a first line of protection and care for children.
3. We mobilize faith leaders to leverage their influence and help change behaviors and end harmful cultural norms and practices.
4. We influence governments by working with local and national stakeholders to advocate for improved child protection laws.
Since October 2015, 4,859,274 PEOPLE, INCLUDING 1,872,241 BOYS AND GIRLS, have received training and support that leads to safer environments for children.

A community-based, sustainable approach that delivers results

World Vision’s decades of experience in child protection programming and the trust brought about by our long-term presence in communities allows us to address harmful cultural norms that condone and perpetuate child labor, child marriage, female genital mutilation, exploitation, trafficking, abuse, and violence. To ensure solutions are appropriate to the local context, we work closely with families, community and faith leaders, and children themselves to identify the issues and then address them holistically.

This community-based approach leads to sustainable impact because it leads to attitude and behavior change. Families and communities are supported in valuing children, nurturing them, and ensuring they are safe. Girls and boys are celebrated equally and their social protection is supported by ensuring they are registered at birth. Children’s lives are transformed as they’re equipped and empowered to protect themselves and one another and express their opinions in decisions affecting their lives.

This community-based approach applies to all of our child protection programs—including ending female genital mutilation and child marriage through the Kenya Big Dream project, strengthening child protection systems in Honduras, and fighting sex trafficking in India.

“I’ve seen firsthand that when young women’s lives are transformed, they in turn become powerful agents of change in their communities.”

—Suzanne Broetje, donor partner, Washington
Join us in following Jesus into the toughest places, where He’s already at work. Together, let’s equip more children and families to create change for themselves. Protect and empower children for brighter futures.

World Vision’s approach to ending violence against children protects them today and empowers them for tomorrow.

Helping children know their infinite worth

Every boy and girl deserves a childhood free from violence and exploitation—one in which they’re nurtured and encouraged to become the unique person God has created them to be.

Thank you for your investment in the safety and well-being of children. Your gifts through the Child Protection Fund help not only end practices that are harmful to children but also create opportunities for them to build resilience and experience healing and hope.

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