

Child Protection

World Vision addresses child protection by working to prevent and respond to all forms of violence against children — including abuse, neglect, and sexual exploitation.

Sadly, millions of children are not safe from harm because their environments are affected by poverty, exploitation, family dysfunction, discrimination, war or natural disasters. They experience violence, abuse and neglect. They can be trafficked, forced into dirty, dangerous and degrading work (3D jobs) and sexually exploited. They often don't have access to the most basic rights like going to school or getting health care.



As an organization, we work to address the root causes of poverty and injustice in a holistic way. World Vision is committed to promoting an environment where vulnerable children, their families and communities are educated and empowered to prevent abuse and exploitation. Where they're able to protect children from danger and restore kids who have been exposed to abuse, neglect, exploitation or violence.

Protecting children means protecting their right to live free from these realities. This is one of World Vision's top priorities. We work to prevent harm from coming to children and to protect and restore boys and girls who are experiencing abuse and neglect or are recovering from it.

The negative impacts of these situations can last a lifetime. But if children receive timely and appropriate care for their needs, they're able to heal and grow into caring and productive adults.

Some of the children most vulnerable who need protection:

- 115 million child labourers doing dangerous work and trafficked children
- 250,000 child soldiers
- 13 million children under 18 who have lost both their parents
- Up to 150 million street kids

What World Vision Is Doing:

1. Speaking up about the child protection issues like child trafficking, child labour and exploitation. We're talking to Canadian individuals and governments in Canada and in developing countries.
2. Using firsthand experiences to help create solutions with governments, humanitarian organizations and communities. For example, WV was involved in the passage of a bill that resulted in more jail time for child traffickers as well as creation of a plan to combat human trafficking, launched by the government in 2012.
3. Supporting education for boys and girls on how to protect themselves from exploitation and help them speak and get help if they're in an exploitive situation. We also help them to be very involved in coming up with solutions and putting them into practice.

We focus on the children who are most vulnerable – those who have been orphaned, who live on the street and who aren't in school. We teach them about trafficking and the techniques that abusers use to lure children. World Vision protects children by looking out for their well-being, ensuring that communities are working to identify and support children in need; advocating for kid's rights and providing for immediate needs like emergency shelter and essential care.

Projects We Support that Keeps Kids Safe:

- Bangladesh - Child Safety Net
- DRC - Protecting Child Miners: Community Development & Advocacy

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