

CAPACITY STATEMENT



CHILD PROTECTION : ZAMBIA

World Vision's 2021 - 2023 National Impact



333
adolescent groups,
established



456,164
community
members
engaged in a
CVA community
gathering on child
protection issues



64,723
birth certificates
printed and
distributed. **2** birth
registration centers
established



273
children's forums formed. The
breakdown is as follows:



81,996
children and adolescents
participating
in actions supporting
ending violence against
children

70
Impact+
Clubs

57
Young
Journalist
Clubs

140
Children's
School
Councils



36% females aged **15-24** have experienced sexual violence before the age of 15, and **18%** experienced physical violence within 12 months prior to the survey¹.



58% of children between 5 to 17 years, are involved in the worse forms of labour

60% of pupils have faced violence by a teacher in school and **63%** of children have been bullied at school².



20% of women and **10%** of men reported experiencing sexual violence before the age of 18. **34%** of women and **40%** of men reported experiencing physical violence³



14% of under 5 children are registered only **5%** having birth certificates⁴.

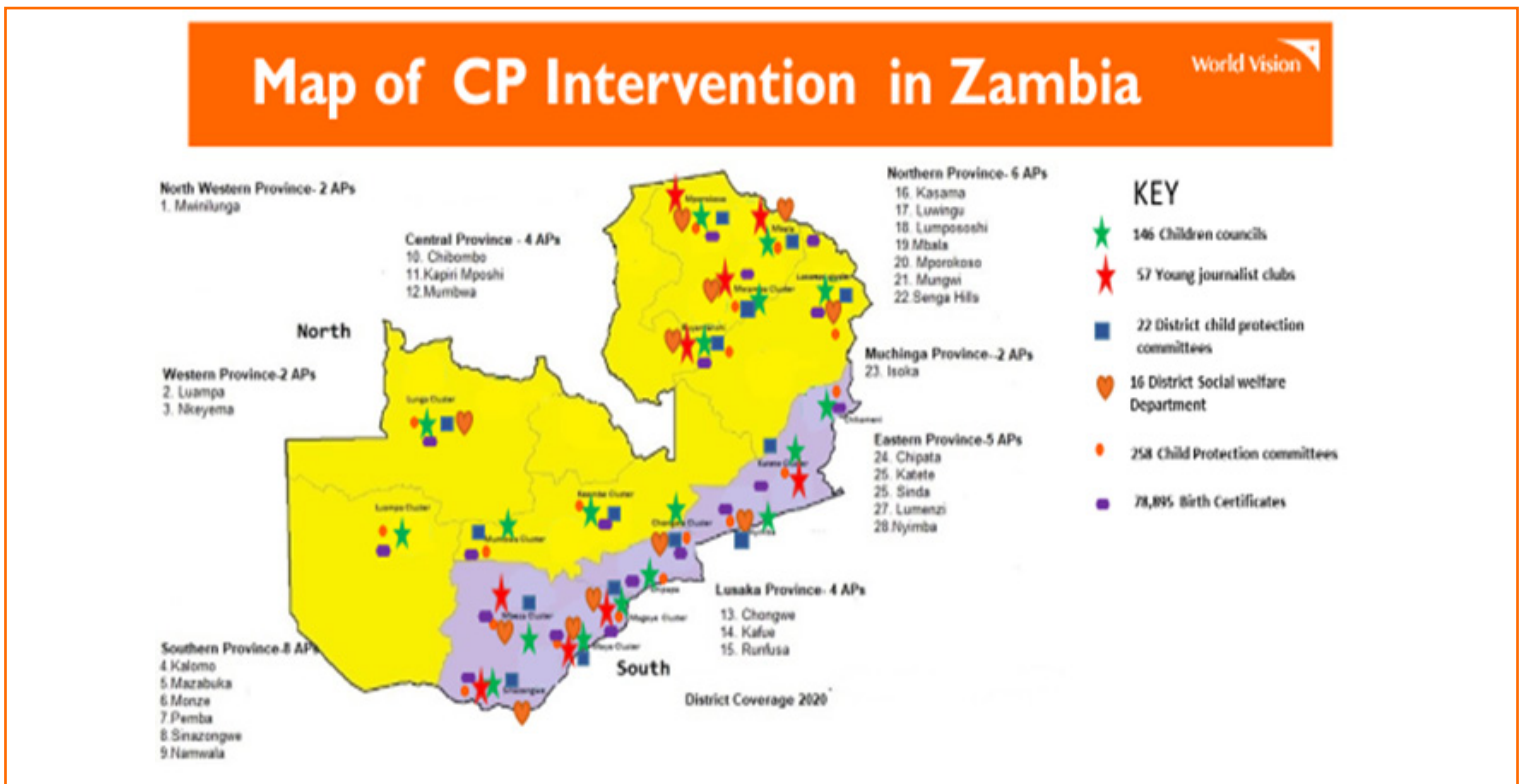
Our Programming Approach

Under the Child Protection program, World Vision Zambia addresses areas that negatively affect children and reduce their ability to realize their full potential, these include, unsafe migration, child marriage, low birth registration, Child Labor, child sexual and physical abuse.

In order for World Vision Zambia to meaningfully contribute to preventing and addressing child rights violations, the Child Protection Program is structured around the following:

1. Stake holder Engagement- Channels of Hope for Child Protection and Gender.
2. Adolescent Programming- IMPACT +, Schools Council and Young Journalist
3. Social protection- Savings for transformation, Empowered World View and Resilience building
4. Advocacy- Social Accountability (Citizens Voice for Action).

1 and 4 Zambia Demographic and Health Survey 2018
2 World Vision International; Child Protection Country Mapping 2019
3 Zambia Demographic Health Survey 2014



Stake Holder Engagements.

World Vision Zambia works closely with the Government structures from community level to National level to ensure that child protection programming is enhanced, this is through the strengthening of the district and the community child protection committees to prevent and respond to child protection issues such as abuse, neglect and exploitation, through the development of the reporting and referral mechanisms that supports communities to prevent and respond to Child Protection issues, including the setting up of one stop centers in the Districts to support communities on issues of gender based violence. Through the engagement of faith and traditional leaders using the Channels of Hope for Gender and Child Protection. Traditional and faith leaders are built with the capacity to explore gender identities, norms and values that impact male and female relationships in families and communities. The model has ensured that faith and traditional leaders take the lead in protecting and responding to child protection issues in the communities. Over 5,000 faith and traditional leaders in the 9 provinces that World Vision operates have been engaged to respond to child protection in the communities.

Adolescent Programming.

World Vision Zambia has been implementing adolescent focused models and approaches that support children to transition into adulthood with the necessary competencies, values and confidence. The models used is the IMPACT+ model which, this model supports vulnerable adolescent girls and boys, especially those at risk of gender based

violence, physical abuse, early marriages, unsafe migration and worst forms of child labour, to develop social and livelihood skills, for them to be economically self-reliant and not to be vulnerable to different types of abuse. IMPACT+ model thrives on linking the adolescents to the relevant vocational trainings. The adolescents are involved in community service-learning projects where they develop livelihood and life skills, that they can utilize in their adulthood. Experiential learning from the service-learning projects helps adolescents in the clubs to develop competencies in the areas of active citizenship, leadership, social entrepreneurship and employability. Adolescents are also engaged at different levels and groups, for example, through your journalist clubs and children's councils to ensure that they develop the necessary competencies and life skills to speak out on issues that affect them in the community.

World Vision Zambia has currently been able to:

- Establish 136 clubs comprising of more than 1,500 active adolescent members across 9 provinces in Zambia.
- Establish and equip 12 One Stop Center's (OSC) in Northern Province with over 20,000 survivors of GBV receiving quality service.

Social Protection.

World Vision Zambia provides the necessary support through financial literacy, life and survival skills, and other age appropriate income-generating activities to improve young people's financial literacy to meet their basic needs. These initiatives make young people more assertive in overcoming life's economic hurdles, this in turn reduces

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vulnerabilities to abuse, and neglect, including trafficking. Adolescents who undergo livelihood interventions also build their resilience to bounce back from traumatic experiences they would have gone through or were at risk of experiencing. This is because their life skills, such as assertiveness and negotiation skills, are increased.

Through, Empowered World View, a model which is faith-based, enables development through mobilizing and empowering individuals and communities' potential to transform their mindset, beliefs, and behaviour, affirming their identity, dignity, and agency to participate effectively in sustainable, transformative change. It is a foundational approach for engaging individuals and groups to address the root causes of many community problems and is used within every development sector. This behaviour change model promotes sustainability in livelihood interventions and positively reinforces resilient capacities among people to absorb shocks, adapt change and transform risks into opportunities for communities and children. Through the Savings for Transformation (S4T) model, households are encouraged to mobilize community resources. Members of the S4T groups are empowered with knowledge that encourages them to save.

World Vision also utilizes a financial literacy concept and financial capability for children and young people as it increases their financial literacy, supporting their well-being in adulthood.

World Vision has supported:

- 13,365 adolescent members through the Savings for Transformation model.
- 1,476 adolescents have been Integrated into livelihood activities, reducing children's vulnerabilities to exploitation and other vices that put their lives at risk.
- A total of 14,481 children have been supported through the Empowered World View program.

National and local level child protection advocacy.

National and local level child protection advocacy contributes to addressing the structural and underlying root causes of children's vulnerability by influencing policy change, systems, practices and attitudes that perpetuate inequality and deny justice to child survivors of child abuse, neglect and exploitation. At national level World Vision child protection advocacy addresses the gaps in national laws or policies that expose children to abuse and drives Government to take action, in addition allocate resources towards policy implementation. World Vision Zambia is working with Civil Society Organizations to raise awareness on the Child Codification act of 2022, which is among other things, address contradictions or inconsistencies in statutory law regarding the "definition of a child labor.



District Registrar facilitating birth registrations in Chongwe District.

To date, we have facilitated 40,300 birth certificates which over 31,718 birth certificates have been issued. At community and district level, we engage traditional leaders to review traditional practices, banning those that negatively impact children such as age inappropriate initiations. Community members also play an active role in demanding for improved child protection services. The district Child Protection Committee members have been engaging their district-level Government administration to establish and strengthen One Stop Centers and support the training of staff to effectively run the centers. As well as ignite a movement of people committed to keeping children safe from harm.

Donors and Partners



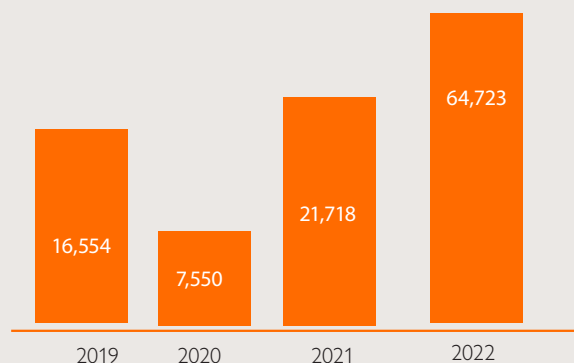
2017- 2021 Child Protection Programme Progress

	2017 Base-line	2021 End-line	
Adolescents participating in children's groups	53%	54%	↑
Adolescents who feel that their community is a safe place	57%	78%	↑
Children under the age of 18 who are married	7%	2%	↓
Boys and girls between the age of 12 and 18 with positive and peaceful relationships with their parents/ caregivers	13%	30%	↑
Adolescents who experienced sexual attacks in the past 12 months	28%	20%	↓
Female and male adolescents aged between 12 and 18 who know what to do in case of abuse, neglect, exploitation or violence; or an adult they could turn to and are aware of services that exist to protect them	64%	46%	↓

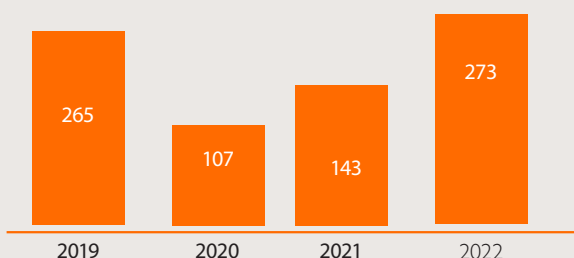
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Our Achievements

Children who secured birth registration documents



Number of children's forums formed and functional



Strong Girls Strong Zambia Campaign

- Campaign supports girls at risk and retrieved from child marriage in all WVZ operation areas between October 2022 to September 2025.
- Aim of the campaign is to reduce child marriage from 29% to 5% in WVZ operation areas.
- Empowering 15,000 girls both retrieved from child marriages and those at risk with education requirements; conducive learning environments; and economically empower their families.

In the last 12 months we have received support for the



Construction of a 1x3 classroom block



Construction of **5** ablution blocks and a mechanized water system



Construction of **3** dormitories



Purchase of school requirements for **300** girls

Funding Portfolio and Management

PROJECT	BUDGET/DONOR	DURATION	DESCRIPTION
From Trauma to Resilience	US\$ 2.7 Million	2018 - 2023	Reducing Sexual Gender based violence (SGBV) through norm change. Survivors have increased access to SGBV care and justice. Benefiting 45,080 children and 23,046 adults.
Natwampane	€ 10.2 Million European Union	2019 - 2023	Reaching 49,000 SGBV survivors and other target groups. Prevention of SGBV in target communities through, prevention, response and support.
GBVSS	US\$ 16.2 Million USAID/PEPFAR, UKAID/DFID	2012 - 2018	70,000 GBV survivors. Provide quality services for GBV survivors. Medical care, counseling and testing for HIV.
STEPS OVC	US\$ 98 Million USAID	2010 - 2016	410,379 orphans, 179,414 adults and children living with HIV. Strengthen capacity of Zambian communities to provide HIV prevention, care, and support services.

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