

CHILD PROTECTION

Capacity statement



MEER CONTEXT

Children in the Middle East and Eastern Europe face unique challenges that affect their safety, development and participation in the society. 1 in 3 children in MEER live in horrific situations of war, conflict and violence¹.

World Vision Middle East and Eastern Europe operates in 16 countries, addressing the diverse needs of children, from ensuring their safety and well-being to empowering them to fulfil their potential and enabling sustainable social and behaviour change in communities.

TECHNICAL APPROACH

World Vision is embracing a systems approach, that addresses root causes of violence by empowering key actors to create a protective environment for children. The goal is to strengthen the protection of girls and boys from abuse, neglect, exploitation, and other forms of violence as guided by World Vision International's Child Protection (CP) roadmap.

The backbone of WV's CP approach is **CP Partner Groups**, consisting of formal and informal partners who coordinate and implement interventions focusing on five domains of change:

- (1) empowering children with **life skills and resilience**,
- (2) transforming **attitudes and behaviors**,
- (3) strengthening **services and support mechanisms**,
- (4) improving **laws and accountability**, and
- (5) addressing **other root causes** through integrated sectoral interventions.

The domains of change remain relevant for contexts across the nexus, with programming adapted according to the specific environment and needs, however, in humanitarian settings, our CP approach further prioritizes interventions, framed within the CPHA Minimum Standards²:

- (1) child protection **case management**,
- (2) primary and secondary **prevention activities**,
- (3) group and individual **psychosocial activities**,
- (4) **integrated activities** to reduce child labour, child marriage and separation.

Protection of girls & boys World Vision's systems approach



¹ World Vision MEER 2023 brief. https://www.wvi.org/sites/default/files/2024-01/MEER_Regional%20Brief_FY23.pdf

² CPHA Minimum Standards (2019), https://alliancecpa.org/en/CPMS_home

CHILD PROTECTION PROJECT MODELS AND APPROACHES



Child Protection and Advocacy (CP&A): Focuses on creating safe environments for children and advocating for their rights.



Peace Road: Promotes peacebuilding and conflict resolution skills among children, youth and communities.



Channels of Hope for Child Protection: Engages faith leaders and communities to address child protection issues through faith-based approaches.



CP Case Management: Provides individualized support and services to children at risk or survivors of abuse, neglect, or exploitation.



Positive Parenting: Provides parents with skills and knowledge to raise children in a supportive and nurturing environment.



Home Visiting: Delivers personalized support and guidance to vulnerable families in their homes to improve child well-being and protection.



Nurturing Care Groups (NCG): Community-based groups that promote child health, nutrition, and development through peer support and education.



Citizen Voice & Action for CP: Empowers communities, including children, to hold service providers and local authorities accountable for child protection services.

EVIDENCE OF IMPACT

>600,000

children benefited from child protection interventions in MEER in 2023-2024



>400,000

parents and caregivers have benefited from positive parenting interventions in MEER in 2023-2024

LIFT IN SYRIA RESPONSE



Life in Fullness Together (LIFT) is designed for nexus contexts, being piloted in Türkiye and includes initiatives to support children's holistic development.

NCG IN LEBANON



Nurturing Care Groups (NCG) approach targeted ECD, Education and Child Protection behavior change and was able to reduce harmful behaviors of violent child discipline and parental aggression in 6 months.

DAYCARE CENTERS IN GEORGIA



More than 500 street-connected children received crucial support through the **World Vision's Daycare 24-hour Shelters**, Mobile Groups, and dedicated individuals in 2023. Nini's story.



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