

PRIORITY AREA OF WORK: PROTECTION FROM VIOLENCE



€142M SPENT
(+ 24% from 2021)



Gender-sensitive
child protection for
5,623,770 GIRLS

55

CHILD PROTECTION IN EMERGENCIES

programmes
in 29 countries

RESULTS OF ADVOCACY ON VIOLENCE AGAINST GIRLS

52 changes or
developments in
laws, policies,
regulations and
guidelines



9 increases or
commitments to
spending and services
by governments and
partners

**OUR GOAL:
CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE,
PARTICULARLY GIRLS, GROW UP FREE FROM
VIOLENCE, FEAR AND DISCRIMINATION AND
THE GENDER INEQUALITY THAT DRIVES THEM.**

Challenges in the world today

- ➔ Levels of gender-based violence and violence against children are being exacerbated by:
 - Economic and gender inequalities and social isolation increased by the COVID-19 pandemic.
 - Conflicts and climate-related disasters which have displaced millions of children.
 - The global hunger crisis – increasing risks for girls and young women.
- ➔ Violence in the home, from parents, caregivers or partners, is one of the most prevalent risks.

Global priorities for our work

- ➔ Programmes that target the root causes of gender inequality and violence against children, including in emergencies.
- ➔ Ending all forms of violence through advocacy and programme work.
- ➔ Supporting girl- and youth-led organisations in their efforts to end gender-based violence.

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2022 AT [PLAN-INTERNATIONAL.ORG/ANNUAL-REVIEW](https://plan-international.org/annual-review)**

HOW WE SUPPORT PROTECTION FROM VIOLENCE

SELECTED EXAMPLES OF OUR WORK

AMERICAS

→ **El Salvador:** Supported 150 girls and adolescents to join the Movement Together for Change and Gender Justice and advocate for prevention of gender-based violence and femicide.

→ **Bolivia:** We helped improve the Comprehensive Act Against Trafficking in Persons by working with partners with local knowledge to analyse the legislation. The gaps they identified in the law were shared with the national council on trafficking and added to amendments to the act.

EUROPE

→ **Ukraine crisis:** Worked with local partners in Poland, Moldova, Romania and Ukraine on mental health and psychosocial support for refugee children, provision of safe spaces for children and women, and awareness raising of risks of sexual exploitation and trafficking.

AFRICA

→ **Benin:** Over 540 intergenerational dialogues saw young and older people discuss patriarchal norms, positive masculinities and gender stereotypes which drive violence.

→ **Niger:** Established 47 village child protection committees and trained community members to identify and report children at risk.

→ **Central African Republic:** Organised vocational training for 100 children formerly associated with armed groups. An additional 115 children at risk of recruitment into armed forces and groups were referred to schools to return to education.

→ **Uganda:** Multi-level actions on child protection reporting and referral, through: child wellbeing committees; training police, teachers, probation and social welfare officers; and supporting Uganda's child helpline centres, which has increased reporting of cases.

ASIA

→ **India:** The SARTHAK project in Mumbai works to ensure survivors of violence have access to gender-responsive services. This includes training medical staff, teachers and police on child-friendly reporting and setting up support units to provide legal help, psychosocial counselling and reporting.

→ **Vietnam:** Ensuring children, particularly ethnic minority children, access support services such as school counselling, which provide knowledge and skills on prevention and response to gender-based violence.

→ **Cambodia:** Trained children and youth on the risks of online child sexual exploitation, as well as how to report it.

→ **China:** The School Bullying Prevention Project trained teachers in participatory approaches to working with students on bullying-related topics.

**WORKING
WITH CHILDREN,
YOUTH AND FAMILIES TO
REDUCE VIOLENCE AT HOME AND
IN COMMUNITIES • STRENGTHENING
PROTECTION SERVICES AND REPORTING
SYSTEMS • SUPPORTING MULTI-SECTOR
COLLABORATION • ADVOCACY FOR
STRONG LAWS AND POLICIES • CHILD
PROTECTION IN EMERGENCIES**



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