

## CAPACITY STATEMENT



# CHILD PROTECTION : ZAMBIA

## Situation in Zambia

World Vision is a faith based and child focused organization which has been operating in Zambia for over 40 years now, improving the lives of children and households in health, livelihood, water sanitation and hygiene (WASH), education, child protection and advocacy for the voiceless in the communities. Working with Government partners, traditional leaders, faith leaders, parents and children, world vision works at transforming the lives of the most vulnerable in the communities. World vision's focus is on helping the most vulnerable communities overcome poverty and experience life in all its fullness.



**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 survey<sup>1</sup>.



**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 school<sup>2</sup>.



**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 violence<sup>3</sup>



**14%** of under 5 children are registered only **5%** having birth certificates<sup>4</sup>.

## 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 CP 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 (CVA).

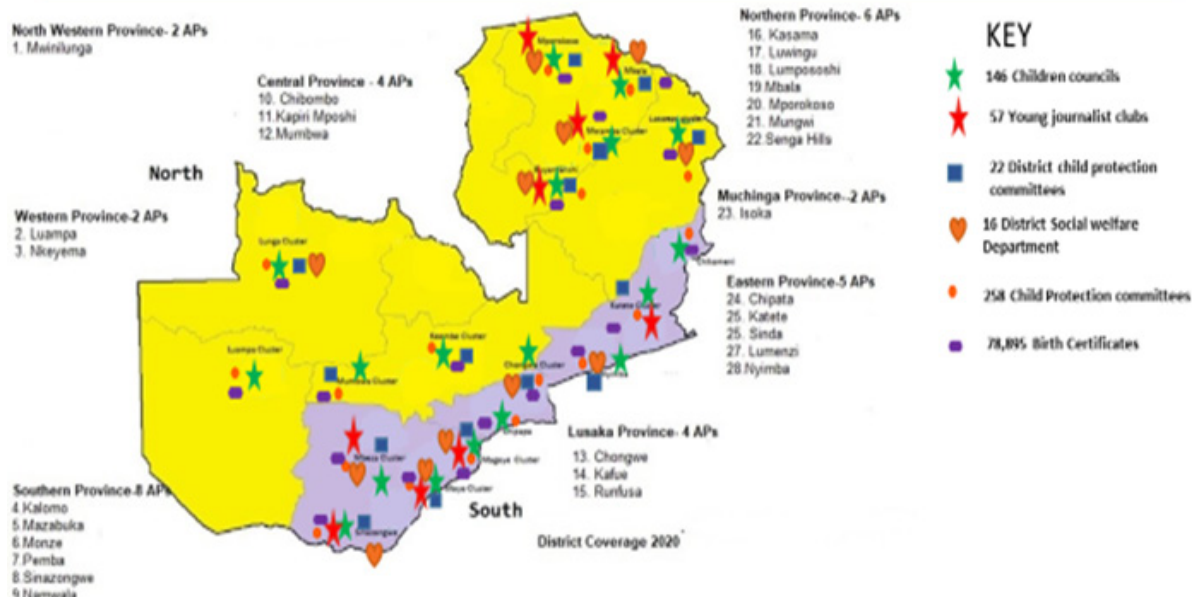
1 and 4 Zambia Demographic and Health Survey 2018

2 World Vision International; Child Protection Country Mapping 2019

3 Zambia Demographic Health Survey 2014



## Map of CP Intervention in Zambia



### Stake Holder Engagements

World Vision Zambia works closely with the Government structures from the community level to the 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 CP 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 explores 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 5000 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 groupings like through the 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:

- 136 clubs have been established, comprising more than 1500 active adolescent members across 9 provinces in Zambia.
- Established and equipped 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 vulnerabilities to abuse, and neglect, including trafficking and other worse forms. Adolescents who undergo livelihood interventions also build their resilience to bounce back from traumatic experiences they would have gone through or



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were at risk of experiencing. This is because their life skills, such as assertiveness and negotiation skills, are increased. Through models such as empowered world view, this is a model which is a faith-based enabling development approach for 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 to change and transformational risks into opportunities for communities and children. Through a model called Savings for Transformation (S4T) , it enhances household income by encouraging the mobilization of community resources. Members of the S4T groups are empowered with knowledge on creating savings that are safe and better suited for each member.

World Vision also utilizes the, which is a Financial Literacy Concept and a building block of empowerment and financial capability for children and young people as it increases their financial literacy, supporting their well-being in adulthood and thriving.

World Vision has currently supported;

- 13,365 adolescent members of the savings groups through 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 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.

- To date, we have facilitated birth certificates for 40,300 which over 31,718 have so far been issued with birth certificates.



District Registrar facilitating birth registrations in Chongwe District.

At community and district level, we engage traditional leaders to review traditional practices, banning those that negative impact children such as age inappropriate initiation. 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 to 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



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## 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%	↓

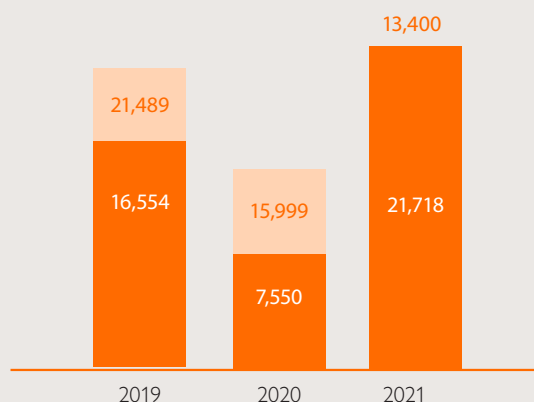


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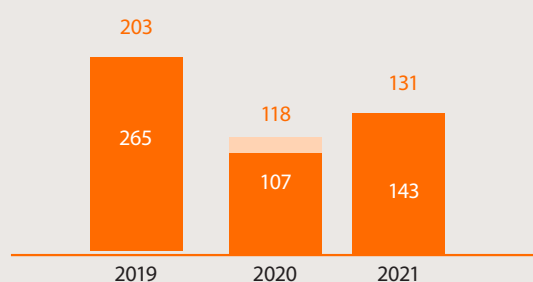
## Our Achievements 2021 - 2022

Target Actual

Children who secured birth registration documents



Number of children's forums formed and functional



We formed **131** children's forums for their voices to be heard



We helped **31,718** children secure birth registration documents against a target of **14,400**



**36** community led monitoring and dialogue/lobbying processes and meetings conducted by communities on child protection without World Vision support



We educated **13,329** parents, caregivers and community members on child protection



We trained **2,124** parents in celebrating families and spiritual nurture of children. In addition **57,684** children participated in spiritual nurture activities against a target of **45,753**

## 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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