

Alliance for Child Protection in Humanitarian Action to Launch November 15 in Geneva

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The [Alliance for Child Protection in Humanitarian Action](#), a global interagency group focused on child protection in emergency settings, will be [launched on November 15](#) in Geneva.

Nearly [250 million children](#) (1 in 10) live in areas affected by armed conflict. Fifty million are [affected by disasters](#). Children make up [over half of the 65 million people](#) currently displaced by war.



Photo: Jake Lyell. Sindhupalchok District, Nepal, where ChildFund Japan was responding to April 2015 earthquake emergency.

During emergencies, whether caused by armed conflict or a sudden-onset natural disaster, children face significant protection issues. They are at risk of injury and disability, physical and sexual violence, psychosocial distress and mental disorders. They may be separated from their families, recruited into armed forces and economically exploited. Refugee, internally displaced and stateless children are especially vulnerable.

Sustainable solutions build on and strengthen existing structures, so that children are protected in the short and long term. Child protection is delivered in a wide variety of humanitarian settings, from the immediate locality of the crisis to refugee and internally displaced people's facilities.

Strengthening child protection systems is proven to be one of the most cost-effective ways to build resilience and promote sustainable development. Experience repeatedly shows that when children

are protected in an effective and holistic manner, other humanitarian efforts are more successful. Children themselves prioritize child protection.

Yet child protection remains misunderstood, underfunded and deprioritized.

The [Alliance for Child Protection in Humanitarian Action](#)* is a global interagency group focused on child protection in emergency settings. The Alliance **sets standards and provides technical support to ensure that efforts to protect children from violence and exploitation are effective.**

The Alliance works closely with the [Child Protection Area of Responsibility](#)* (AoR), which convenes a range of UN, NGO and other actors to **ensure that children in humanitarian contexts are protected through well-coordinated, evidence-based child protection efforts from local, national and international actors.**

Our members work with children growing up in some of the most difficult circumstances imaginable. We **enable girls and boys to thrive and reach their full potential**, by:

- Collaborating with frontline workers to identify the need for new standards and guidance;
- Promoting and making accessible existing standards and norms, while learning from their use and improving them;
- Expanding the pool and building the capacity of child protection in emergencies workers;
- Working with national actors for sustainable protection efforts; and
- Engaging local communities and civil society to protect girls and boys from harm.

**The Alliance and AoR were previously the Child Protection Working Group.*

ChildFund Alliance is a member of the Alliance for Child Protection in Humanitarian Action, and chairs its advocacy working group.

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