

## On Universal Children's Day, ChildFund Alliance renews its commitment to the world's children

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**New York, NY** — Every child has an inherent, universal right to survive and develop, in a life free from violence, abuse, exploitation and neglect. Yet today, more than one billion children – more than half of the world's children – are exposed to violence each year.



“As we celebrate Universal Children's Day (November 20), ChildFund Alliance reaffirms its commitment to become a global voice with and for children, to highlight the issues children care about, and to mobilize effectively to address threats to their lives, safety and well-being,” said Meg Gardinier, Secretary General of ChildFund Alliance.

“We have made a commitment to do all we can to prevent violence at all levels, protect children from violence and exploitation, and enable children to meaningfully participate in decisions related to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).”

For the one billion children who experience violence and exploitation, implementation of SDG target 16.2 (End abuse, exploitation, trafficking and all forms of violence against and torture of children) and its related targets is critical.

Through its global, regional and national advocacy and its new child-friendly accountability initiative, ChildFund Alliance will hold governments and local authorities accountable to their commitments in SDG target 16.2.

In the words of the late Nelson Mandela, “Many who live with violence day in and day out assume that it is an intrinsic part of the human condition. But this is not so. Violence can be prevented. Governments, communities and individuals can make a difference.”