

# It Takes Lebanon To End Violent Child Discipline

Violence is the world's worst crime against children. It affects around 1.7 billion children every year, in every country, city and community. Violence against children is a thief that robs kids of their childhoods, dignity, human rights and God-given potential. It costs trillions of dollars and slows economic growth. But it doesn't need to be this way. There are proven solutions and we believe, with your help, that a world without violence against children is possible. World Vision's campaign, *It takes a world to end violence against children*, is igniting movements of people committed to keeping children safe from harm.

## Lebanon

A child's first human interaction experience, typically in a caring and nurturing context, occurs at home. However, it is the same place where a child is most likely to experience violence for the first time. Girls and boys in Lebanon experience violent discipline by their caregivers every day, whether at home, school or other settings. Violent Child Discipline (VCD) is any form of physical or emotional/psychological violence exercised by caregivers whether parents or teachers or caregivers of children in institutions in the treatment and discipline of children. The impacts of VCD are devastating and lead to a range of direct and indirect health and social problems in addition to mental health problems. WVL conducted a national study to sample the attitudes and behaviors of caregivers in Lebanon to better understand how to reach them effectively. %28 of the 997 parents who took part of the survey admitted resorting to violence. Article 186 of the Lebanese Penal Code legitimizes corporal punishment for disciplinary purposes. Social protection systems face critical lacks on capacity, funding, and implementation levels. Identifying areas that need continued attention will allow NGOs and INGOs to better support the Lebanese government and civil society in moving towards the full actualization of children's rights, participation and protection.



**%44.9**

of parents did not consider beating their children on the buttock as a form of violence



**%23.7**

of parents did not consider screaming at their children as a form of violence



**%12.9**

of parents did not consider neglecting their children's needs as a form of violence

## Our Promise?

To relentlessly advocate for an end to violence against children. To highlight it when it occurs, support caregivers to prevent violence hold those responsible to account when it occurs. To work with victims and amplify their stories and voices. The bottom line is, children deserve better. Let's work together to make sure they grow up happy, healthy, educated, loved and protected in line with the international Convention on the Rights of the Child. It takes a world has seen presidents, parents, civil society, artists and faith leaders come together with children to call for an end to all forms of violence against children in over 50 countries.

## Campaign Objectives

Ignite movements for, with and by children

Fortify prevention, response and restorative measures

Increase in long-term targeted funding to end VAC

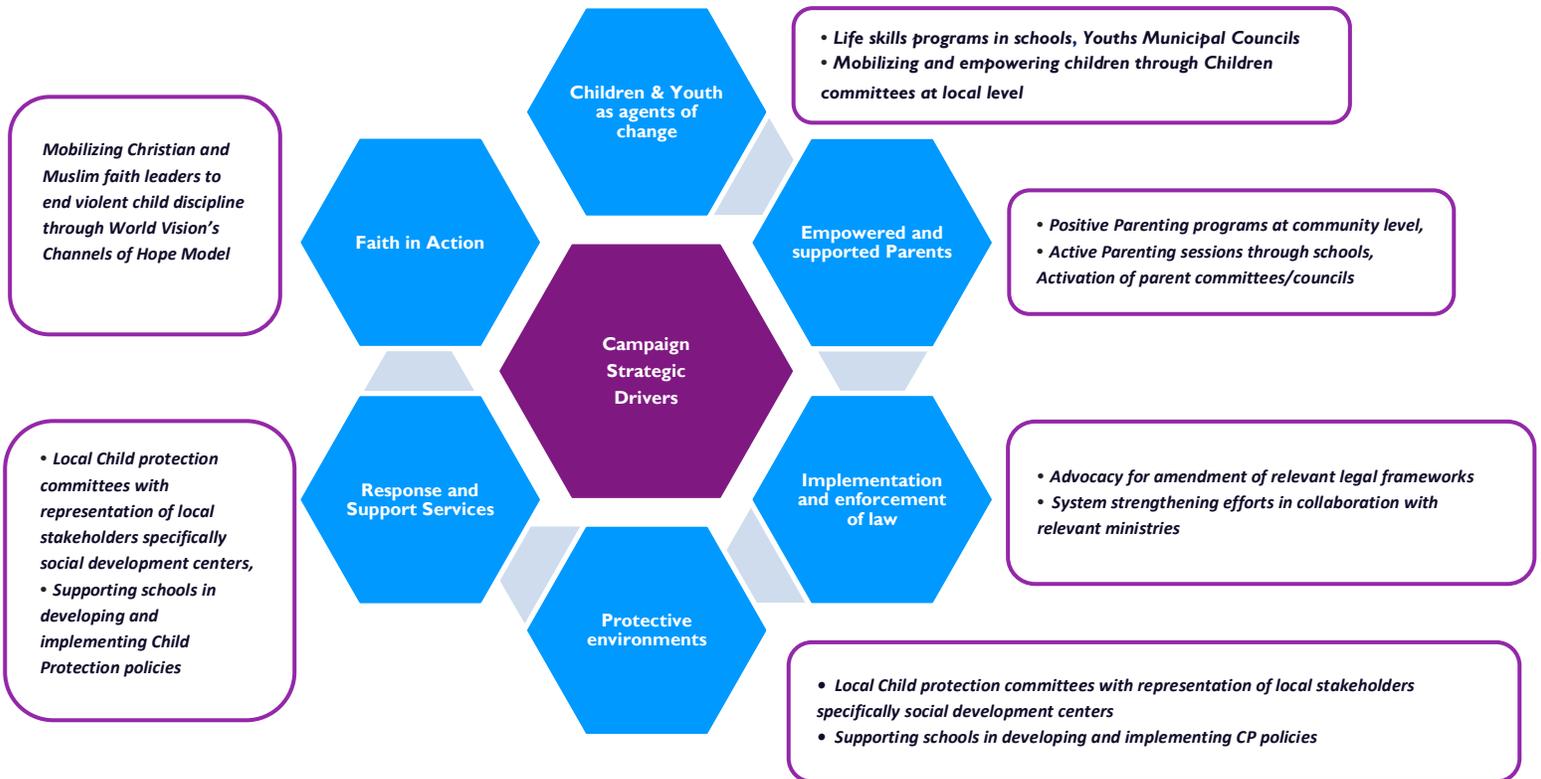
Strengthen accountability for implementation of commitments to end VAC, especially the SDGs.

## Our Direction

It Takes a World Campaign is specifically aligned with the Sustainable Development Goal Target 16.2 and a few other Targets that speak to the issues of protection. WV wants to encourage actions and offer programs that achieve these goals/targets. It Takes a World Campaign is solutions driven. We are adopting the INSPIRE Framework's 7 strategies for ending violence against children.



## Campaign Drivers and Programs between 2019-2021



## Our Partners



Academic Institutions



Civil Society Organizations



Government Institutions



Private Sector



Broadcast Media



Faith Leaders  
Faith-Based Organizations



World Vision in Lebanon