



It takes a nation
to protect the future generation

World Vision
South Sudan

Annual Campaign Report 2018

it takes a nation to protect the future generation

In the world's newest country, violence against children, whether from conflict, grinding poverty, or institutional fragility, robs girls and boys from the safe, bright future they deserve and limits the potential for this nation.



World Vision South Sudan is deeply committed to working alongside the people of South Sudan, the international community and partners to realize an end to violence against children.

On October 1st 2017, World Vision South Sudan launched its national campaign, **It Takes A Nation to Protect the Future Generation**. The campaign focuses on the protection of children and youth, including reduction of gender-based violence (GBV) and promotion of gender equality. The It Takes A Nation campaign focuses on the centrality of protection and promotion of the human rights, specifically those that protect children's rights and promote the equal rights of women and girls.

What follows is an account of World Vision South Sudan's achievements over the 15 months since the campaign was launched.



Our Achievements

WorldVision South Sudan progressively increased geographic scope of programming, number of projects, number of staff trained with capacity to raise awareness and promote attitude and behaviour change safely and effectively, and number and capacity of partners, with an emphasis on engagement with faith actors.

In Western Equatoria, local dramas on GBV awareness and two anti-GBV local songs developed by conflict-affected youth were developed and began playing on local radio station of Yambio FM as part of raising awareness to prevent GBV. Community awareness sessions were organized by faith leaders, reaching **1,630 participants** on GBV prevention and promotion of gender equality. Two inter-school debates on SGBV conducted with **300 students** on reducing early marriage and importance of education for girls.

Through Protection focused programming in Greater Upper Nile and Central Equatoria Zones, World Vision South Sudan continued to promote attitude and behaviour change focused on reducing violence against children, specifically physical and sexual violence, and early/forced marriage. In Juba's urban programming alone, **680 children** (410 boys, 270 girls) participated in awareness-raising.

Awareness raising and attitude and behaviour change initiatives continued, reaching 61,885 women, girls, boys, and men on child rights, GBV, and protection issues overall, across Central Equatoria, Western Equatoria, and Greater Upper Nile.

1

Increased awareness, changed attitudes and behaviours at community level that promotes protection and a reduction of all forms of violence affecting children and their families, particularly GBV.

Key entry points have been through Education, working with Parent Teacher Associations and School Management Committees, Community based Protection Committees, Camp Women's Rights Committees, Water Committees, Farmer Field School groups, and mother-to-mother support groups in nutrition programming. Parent Teacher Associations and School Management Committees were mobilized and trained on protection of families, child safety and protection and positive parenting in Greater Upper Nile and Greater Bahr El Ghazal states.

WorldVision South Sudan launched an Access to Justice Program pilot in Juba. The program focuses specifically on increasing awareness of South Sudan's domestic legal and policy environment to promote civil society

knowledge of South Sudan's protective rights and laws for children, equal rights for women and girls, and the criminalization of most forms of GBV.

A radio programme guide for 20 domestic laws was developed, field tested and finalized for use. The tool includes simple guidance to adapt for community discussion formats where radio is not available.

WorldVision South Sudan co-led the annual Great Lakes Initiative (GLI), a faith based peacebuilding forum bringing faith leaders from South Sudan and the other Great Lakes countries together to reflect on faith leadership in peace and reconciliation. This annual forum was leveraged to initiate conversations with faith leaders as advocates for changing community level attitudes and behaviours to better protect the rights of children.

Leveraging Faith in Action to promote an end to violence against children, faith-based Celebrating Families and Local Capacities for Peace trainings were conducted with 50 faith leaders across all denominations in Greater Upper Nile. This type of capacity building helps to ensure Do No Harm and support faith leaders to be effective advocates for children's rights and protection.

Coaching and supervision of Community Based Child Protection Committees to lead local advocacy and dialogues for behaviour change on early child marriage was scaled up across Central Equatoria, Western Equatoria, Greater Upper Nile, and Greater Bahr El Ghazal states. In Greater Upper Nile, five denominations and two schools continued to carry out local advocacy activities focused on ending violence against children in support of the Campaign. Advocacy meetings were successfully completed in Greater Bahr El Ghazal with 20 faith leaders and community members to mobilize local actions to end violence against children and help institutionalize advocacy at community level.

Awareness raising and attitude and behavior change initiatives culminated in the launch of WorldVision South Sudan's 16 Days of activism against GBV, beginning November 25, 2018. Over 60 events took place throughout the country, focused on raising awareness to end violence against women and girls. The focus of this year's campaign was "peace starts at home", highlighting the devastating impact of intimate partner violence. 16 Days events took place each day, taking place in collaboration with the GBV Sub Cluster, peer organizations, local women's groups, and youth networks. All activities included safe child participation. Through 16 Days of Activism specifically, 25,720 individuals were reached with awareness raising celebrations, sports events, community dialogues, theatre and dance, and radio programmes.



Community people in Northern Bahr El Gazal watch a gender-based violence role play. [Read more from this story](#)

2 Strengthening prevention, mitigation and response measures to address violence against children.

World Vision South Sudan launched an ambitious Child Soldier Reintegration programme in collaboration with UNICEF. On February 7, 2018 over 300 children associated with armed forces/armed groups (CAAFAG) were released by the National Demobilization, Disarmament & Reintegration Committee into World Vision South Sudan's care. During the initial 3 months of release, this included the running of two interim care centres for unaccompanied and separated minors (UASCs) as family tracing takes place. Children with serious protection concerns in their home were also supported with interim care whilst alternative care solutions were identified. Throughout the first 15 months of the campaign, 859 children have been released.

World Vision South Sudan has prioritized a comprehensive approach to addressing the protection risks experienced by children, thereby moving away from smaller scale programming focused on basic awareness raising and Child Friendly Spaces (CFS). This approach included the establishment of comprehensive child protection case management services and focused psychosocial support (PSS), provided by qualified national social workers. Intensive capacity building efforts to ensure safety, quality and appropriateness of case management and PSS provided by World Vision South Sudan and government social workers was prioritized in this period, with ongoing coaching and supervision. As part of this comprehensive approach, WV South Sudan increased community-based PSS and Child Protection systems

strengthening at the community level through Child Friendly Spaces, Child Help Desks, and initiation, training and coaching of Community Based Child Protection Committees. World Vision South Sudan has interlinked Child Protection response services with GBV Prevention and Response programming, recognizing the high number of child survivors of GBV.

A critical risk to the lives and safety of children in South Sudan are Explosive Remnants of War, including Unexploded Ordnances (ERW/UXOs). The greatest number of deaths attributed to ERW/UXOs occur among children under the age of 15 and whilst playing. World Vision recognized the need to advocate for children's safety, and the opportunity for impact by expanding child protection programming to include Mine Risk Education, specifically for children. In August 2018, World Vision South Sudan established, trained and received UNMAS accreditation for two dedicated Mine Risk Education teams. In their first quarter of operation, 1,428 girls, boys, women and men were reached – the largest impact of all NGO Mine Risk Education partners in South Sudan. MRE Teams successfully identified over 15 ERW/UXOs for clearance and destruction by mine clearance actors.

WV South Sudan's advocacy and leadership in comprehensive child protection prevention and response, coupled with operational advocacy on protection issues and rights violations in Tambura led to a high-level HCT mission to Tambura after a micro-conflict resulted in forced displacement of 18,500 IDPs. World Vision South Sudan was identified to lead the humanitarian response for this population, and the specific prioritization of Child Protection and GBV Prevention and Response services. This saw CP and GBV as second only to WASH and together the most funded sectors for this micro-response. World Vision South Sudan established comprehensive child protection case management response services in Mabia, a new location with Tambura, supporting an IDP population of 18,500.

Highlights of the Child Protection Program

752 former child soldiers

supported with case management service psychosocial support, and re-enrolment in formal education.

Of the 112 complex cases requiring interim care,

92 were reunified with their families.



72 children were reunified with their families or placed in sustainable alternative care.

By the end of the quarter, only two children remained in requirement of alternative care arrangements but severe mental health needs were prioritized to be addressed first.



70 girls and boys were registered into vocational training, while 90 children were supported with primary and secondary school fees to allow a return to regular education.

48 children (28 boys, 19 girls) with special needs received PSS at 5 CFS sites in the Juba Urban Programme alone.



Comprehensive care to **895**

children with protection concerns, including survivors of GBV. World Vision engaged with



4,380 individuals in strengthening Child Protection and GBV Prevention in three operational zones.



1,000 Dignity Kits were distributed for extremely vulnerable IDP women and adolescent girls in Unity State in a rapid response to conflict related displacement.

Continued advocacy for the importance of prevention programming in all projects, resulted in the inclusion of the aforementioned Access to Justice program. World Vision South Sudan has hired a former human rights lawyer with a background on children's and survivor justice advocacy. In Juba specifically (where the program is being piloted), WV South Sudan is now able to support children in conflict with the law and survivors of GBV to safely navigate the police and justice system, advocate for respect for and accountability to South Sudan domestic laws and legal procedures within this space, provide legal advice and referral to legal representation in statutory courts.

Momentum from the Campaign allowed World Vision South Sudan to continue to expand GBV Response programming,

leading to the resourcing of two Women & Girls Safe Spaces and recruitment of social workers to provide GBV case management and PSS services in Melut (Greater Upper Nile), where there was a population of over 22,000 and no service provider available until this intervention.



KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- Contributed to South Sudan's first Member State Report on the domestication of the Convention of the Rights of the Child.
- Supported South Sudanese civil society actors to develop a supplementary report to South Sudan's first Member State Report on the domestication of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.
- Presented at the ECHO Global Call to Action to Protect Against GBV in Emergencies Symposium, in a panel discussion with UNHCR as a thought leader on "what works" for mainstreaming GBV in Food Security interventions, sharing achievements of the FEED Project, which realized a 5% reduction in GBV.
- Prepared, submitted and disseminated "Partnering With Faith Actors to End Violence Against Children" paper to the Joint Learning Initiative, in support of the Global Church Forum for Children on the Move.
- Held South Sudan It Takes A Nation Event in partnership with the University of Juba. University students spoke out on what they believe causes violence against children and youth in their society, and their solutions for South Sudan.

3

Strengthen accountability for implementation of global commitments to end violence against children (SDGs, World Humanitarian Summit, Humanitarian Architecture) in South Sudan

Available Resources

- [Supporting Survivors of Sexual Violence through Faith and Community Advocacy](#)
- [Girls on the Move Report](#), World Vision East Africa Region
- Children on the Move Displacement Report in collaboration with World Vision Global Centre
- Research Evaluation Case Study on reducing stigma towards survivors of Sexual Violence and the involvement of faith leaders
- Abstract Report on Early Marriage in South Sudan as contribution to the Office of the High Commission on Human Rights Report
- Coalition Brief for United Nations General Assembly for special panel on South Sudan with peer NGOs and World Vision Global Centre.
- Stories available in [World Vision South Sudan website](#)



World Vision

Back Cover photo: James, a former child soldier, with his sisters. All of them were abducted but were able to escape from captivity. [Watch the video of James here](#)