



FAST FACTS



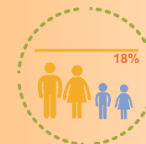
Through World Vision Afghanistan's Street Children Centre in Herat city, children can safely access their rights to education, health, and psychosocial well-being. We believe that these rights are a crucial first step in providing vulnerable street children with the opportunity to experience life in all of its fullness.



An estimated **750,000** children are involved in child labor



4.3 million Children are out of school



3.2 million Children live in poverty and there are between 5,000 and 7,000 street children in Herat City

How their wellbeing is improving



Health

The clinic inside of the centre provides basic health services to the children, focusing on the diseases and injuries street children commonly experience.

The clinic treats any street child who arrives and requests assistance. If the child requires more assistance than what the clinic can provide, the child will be referred to other service providers.



Education

We have teachers who work with the children as tutors, assisting them in areas where they are struggling in school, and also with their homework assignments.

Because of their lives on the street and at home, these children face greater challenges than others, therefore we also work with their school teachers to help them understand and respond to these unique challenges.



Psychosocial support

We have both group and individual counselling. In the group sessions, children discuss their experiences and learn suggested solutions or approaches. Often art is used as a way for them to express their emotions and their experiences.

At times parents or caregivers are also invited to be part of discussions, as many problems are directly related to the family.



Peace building is one of cross cutting themes. Street children who are at-risk learn how to live as peacemakers in society, how to avoid illegal activities, and what their rights are.



Child protection issues are being strictly considered in the Centre. Prior consultation and agreement of caregivers is essential to avoid any kind of harmful practices.



Children living with disabilities are given equal opportunity. Community leaders are being encouraged to reduce barriers that prevent children living with disabilities from receiving services at the centre.