

# CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S PARTICIPATION

## An essential approach for ending violence against children

World Vision is committed to creating spaces and opportunities for children and youth to meaningfully engage in policy debates and shape programmes and practices towards ending violence against children. This focus builds upon previous successful initiatives involving children and young people in advocacy and campaign efforts. World Vision promotes a menu of options that includes four approaches from which children and youth can craft their own spaces in the campaign. Those four methods include the following:

### CHILD- AND YOUTH-LED (CAY) MOBILISATION

Based on the experience of the Brazilian Young People Monitoring Public Policy project – MJPOP, its acronym in Portuguese – CAY-led mobilisation aims to open up spaces for children and young people to engage in social movement and participate in public policy debates through campaigning and awareness-raising initiatives. This method is inclusive of other movements and rooted in an intergenerational dialogue approach.

### CAY-LED RESEARCH

This approach is based largely on research experiences from Lebanon and Bangladesh where children and youth have led their own research on issues that impact their daily lives. This approach provides children and young people with new avenues to influence decision-making by using the findings of their own research to put pressure on stakeholders and decision makers on issues around VAC.

### CAY-LED SOCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY

This model is rooted in experiences from El Salvador and Malawi where children and young people monitored the performance of governments providing essential services at the local level, particularly for child protection in Malawi and teenage pregnancy in El Salvador. CAY-led social accountability enables young people to design and carry out their own processes to monitor policies and practices and use that information to take action alongside local government leaders and service providers.

### YOUNG LEADERS FOR ENDING VIOLENCE AGAINST CHILDREN

This approach is a network-based project, involving dynamic learning and collaboration of young leaders from different countries and regions. Through this network, young leaders seek to influence, collectively and individually, their communities, countries and regions on ending violence against children. This network of young leaders is the driving force that connects the campaign to end violence against children to the grassroots movement. This project gives young leaders space and opportunities to gain skills, knowledge and tools to engage in campaigns across the globe and make their voices heard in policy discussions and at high-level debates.



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to end violence against children