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حماية الطفل من العنف



It takes a world  
to end violence against children

World Vision  
الرؤية العالمية

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## OUR AMBITION

To positively impact the lives of **hundreds of millions of the most vulnerable boys & girls** by 2021 making a significant contribution towards ending violence against children as a contribution towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.

## THE OBJECTIVES

Ignite  
movements for,  
with and by  
children

Fortify  
prevention,  
response and  
restorative  
measures

Increase in long-  
term targeted  
funding

Strengthen  
accountability

# The Solutions

Our campaign, our programs align with Inspire Framework

income and economic strengthening

changing norms and values

providing safe environments

It takes providing parent and care giver support to end violence against children

implementing and enforcing laws

strengthening response and support services

promoting education and life-skills

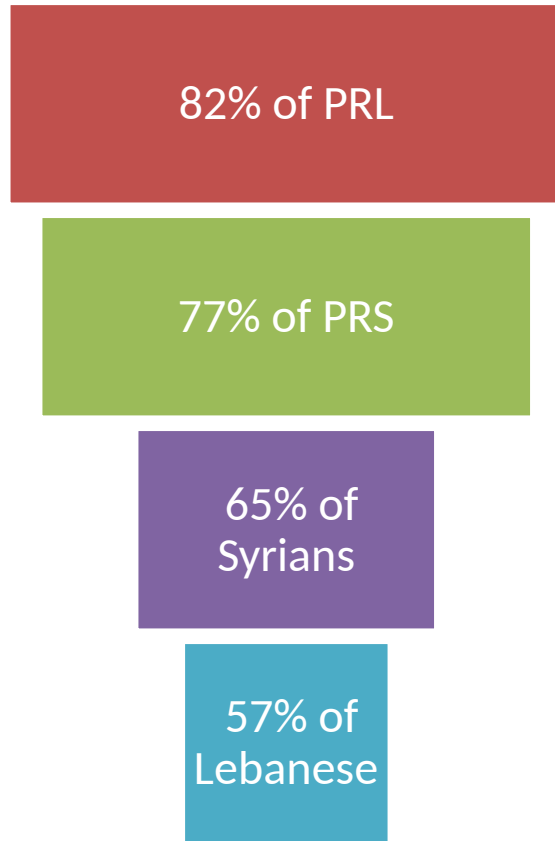


# How Ending Violence Against Children Aligns with the Sustainable Development Goals and other Sectors



SDG Target 16.2 is to “end abuse, exploitation, trafficking and all forms of violence against and torture of children.”

# It takes Lebanon



- Children aged 1-14 were subjected to at least one form of psychological or physical punishment by household members during the last month
- 10% of Syrian children were subjected to severe forms of Physical punishment

***4 out of 10 children experience physical violence by teachers.***

***One of the top three Child Protection issues prioritized by children at community level***

WVL defines violent child discipline as 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.

Categories of Violence	Forms of Violence Against Children
Physical and psychological abuse	Physical abuse
	Physical punishment
	Humiliation, threatening, scaring or ridiculing
	Failing to meet a child's basic needs even when possible to do so
	Punishing a child in solitary confinement, isolation or degrading conditions of detention

## About this research

### Methodology

A mixed method research design was developed adopting both quantitative and qualitative assessments to better understand the perceptions of Lebanese parents and children's reactions around the use of violence for child discipline

### Data collection timeframe

Phone surveys with Lebanese parents (25-54 years old) conducted in December 2018  
Focus Group Discussions with Lebanese children (8-16 years old) enrolled in formal education conducted in February 2019

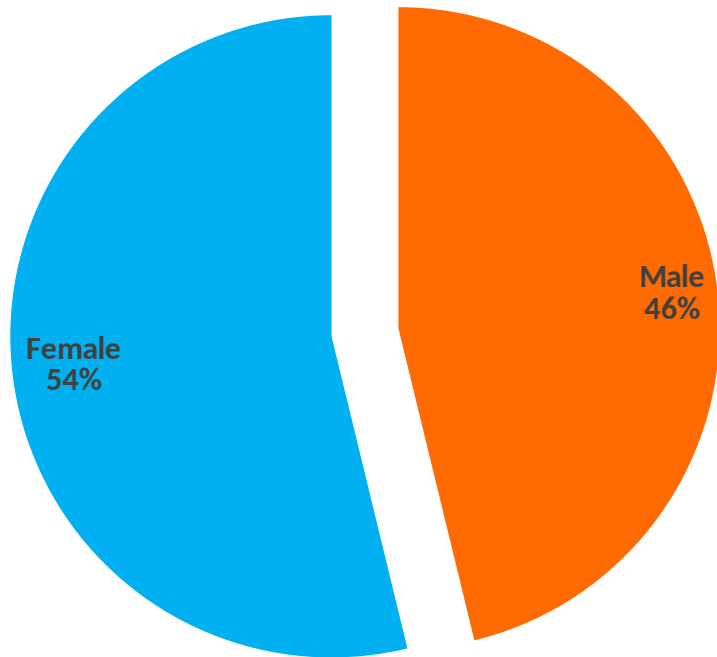
### Sample size

997 parents  
36 children

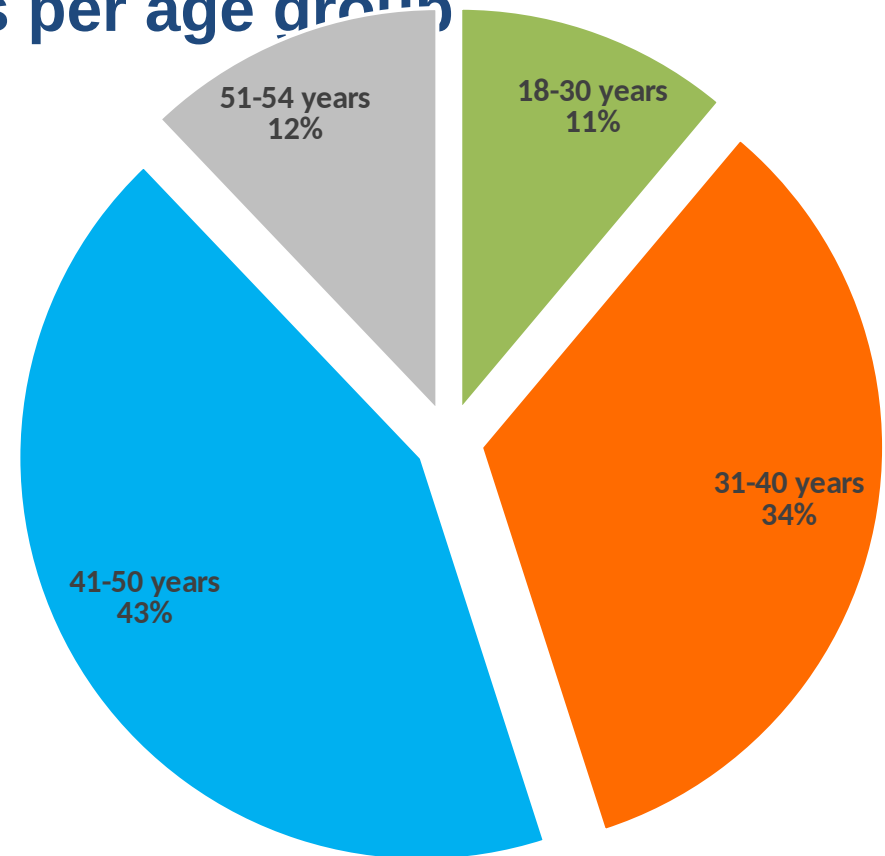


# FINDINGS | DEMOGRAPHICS

Distribution of parents as per Gender



Distribution of parents as per age group



## Parents' exposure to multiple stress factors

76.7%

of parents have overall moderate to high exposure to stress factors

## The main type of stressors that parents are exposed to are:



**FINANCIAL  
STRESSORS**



**HEALTH-RELATED  
STRESSORS**



**STRESSORS RELATED TO  
PARENTING SKILLS**

## Parents' perceptions on different means of violence



**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  
*being pre-occupied and neglecting  
their children's need as a form of  
violence*



**8.9%**

OF PARENTS **DID NOT** CONSIDER  
*emotional violence when you behave  
badly with a child as a form of  
violence*



**8.0%**

OF PARENTS **DID NOT** CONSIDER  
*beating that leave traces and scars on  
the child as a form of violence*



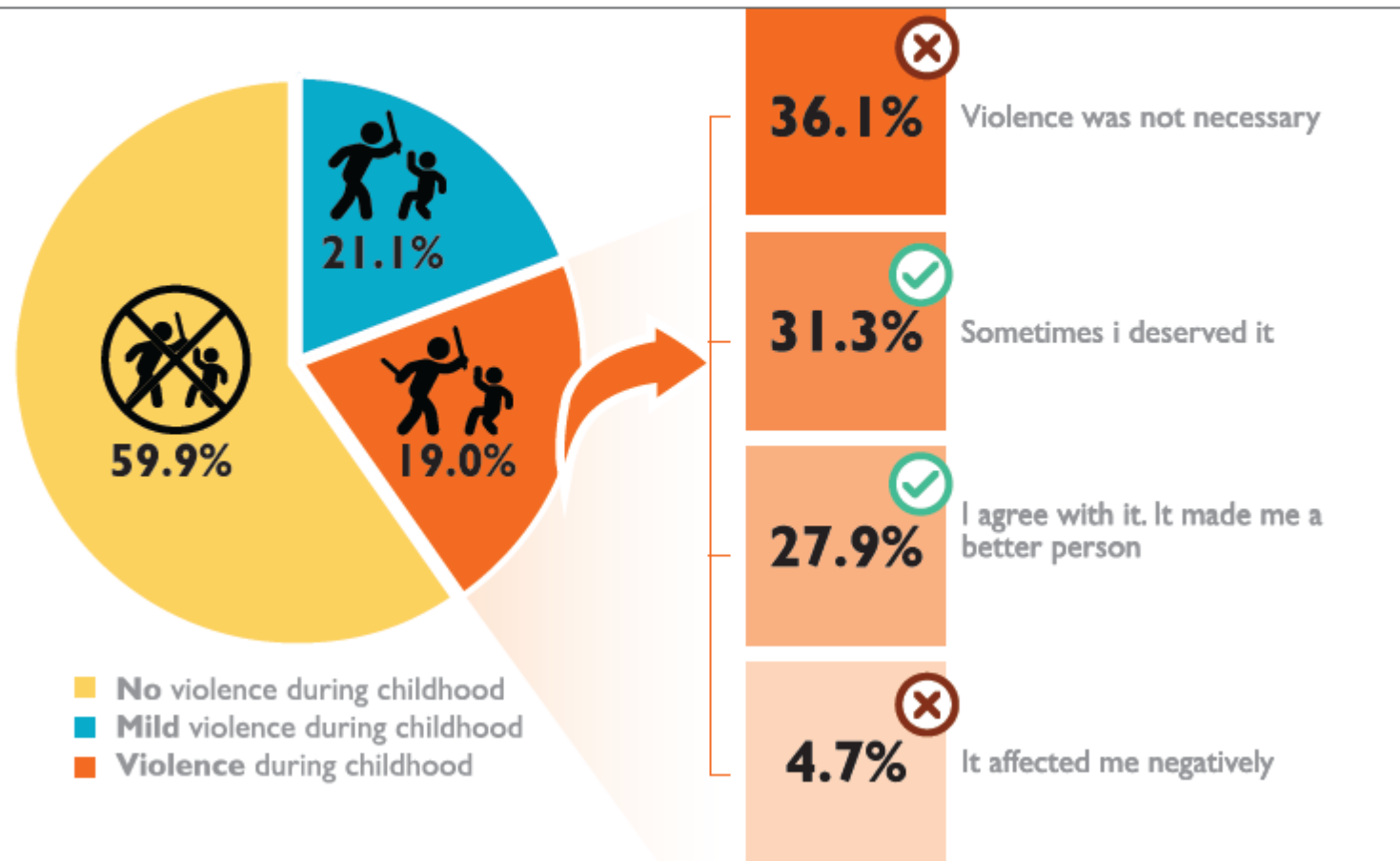
**6.9%**

OF PARENTS **DID NOT** CONSIDER  
*the use of objects to hit the children  
as a form of violence*

## Parents' exposure to VCD during childhood

Parents' exposure to violent behavior during their childhood

Parent's perceptions of violent behavior they were exposed to during childhood



## Profile of parents who resort to VCD



**78.3%**

Guilt-Ridden

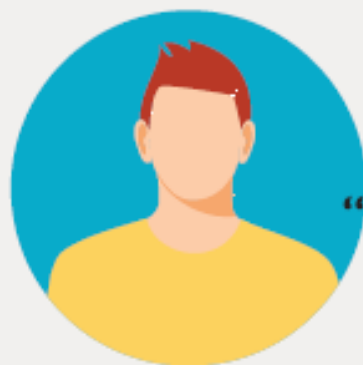
“I feel terrible after hitting my child and I regret it”



**12.6%**

Moral Justifiers

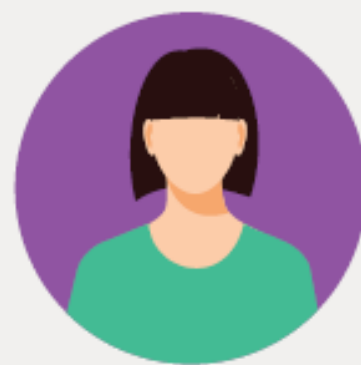
“I’m doing it because this is best for my child”



**7.9%**

Blamers

“It’s the child’s fault he provoked me”



**1.1%**

Social Justifiers

“Everyone does this and so do I”



## Favorite source of information used by parents regarding child rearing



**62.8%**

RELY ON

**ADVICES FROM OLDER PEOPLE**

*(MOTHER, MOTHER-INLAW, ETC.)*



**13.8%**

RELY ON

**ONLINE MATERIAL**

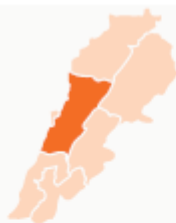


**11.7%**

RELY ON

**BOOKS AND MAGAZINES**

## Risk factors to resorting to violence



Parents in Baalback-Hermel province are  
**72% MORE LIKELY TO RESORT TO VIOLENCE**  
than parents in Mount-Lebanon province.



3-4 CHILDREN



2-3 CHILDREN

Parents with 4-5 children are  
**58% MORE LIKELY TO RESORT TO VIOLENCE**  
than parents with 2-3 children.



Parents with secondary education only are  
**56% MORE LIKELY TO RESORT TO VIOLENCE**  
than parents with university education.



Parents who were exposed to violence during childhood are  
**111% MORE LIKELY TO RESORT TO VIOLENCE**  
than parents who were not exposed to violence during childhood.

I feel like I don't own my future when they keep **threatening** me to drop me from school  
- 12 y.o girl in Arida -

”



“  
I often hear **insults** and name calling such as **dumb, animal, go to hell, etc...**  
- 15 y.o boy in Kabb Elias -

“  
I feel **emotionally exhausted** when my dad keeps telling me that I am a loser not worth an education  
- 14 y.o boy in Kabb Elias -



My dad **threatens** that he would get me some cows to raise since **I don't deserve going to school**  
- 10 y.o boy in Ferzol -

”

I feel like **I don't want to exist anymore**  
- 10 y.o girl in Kabb Elias -

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“  
I feel **guilty** because I got bad grades and **my dad slapped me, I deserve it**  
- 10 y.o boy in Ferzol -

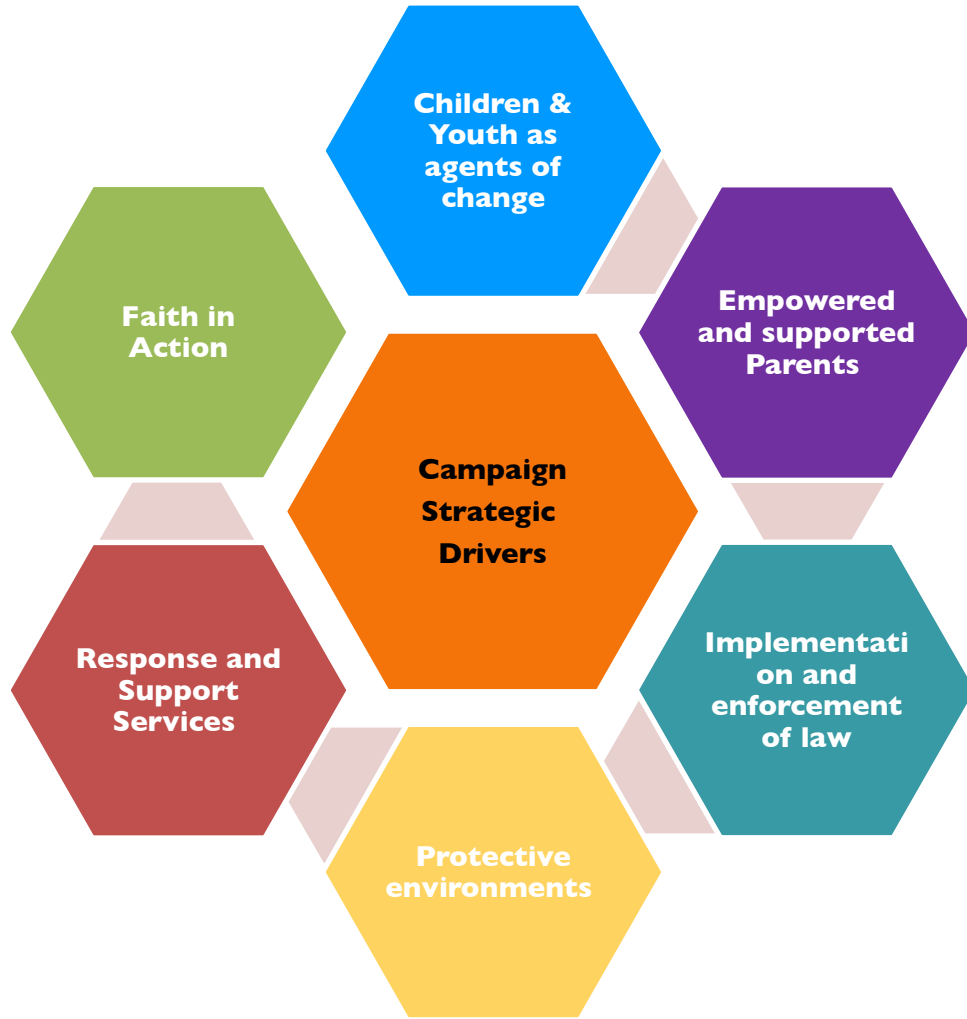
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If I had to choose between **physical discipline and emotional abuse** I would definitely choose the first because **emotional violence is 3 times harder on me**  
- 11 y.o boy in Kabb Elias -



**I regret to live** when they yell at me and **insult me**  
- 12 y.o girl in Arida -

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# Children

Life skills program, youths municipal councils and children communities

# Parents and Caregivers

Positive Parenting programs, non violent communication capacity building for caregivers

# Schools

Child Protection Policies and Active Parent Committees/Councils

# Community

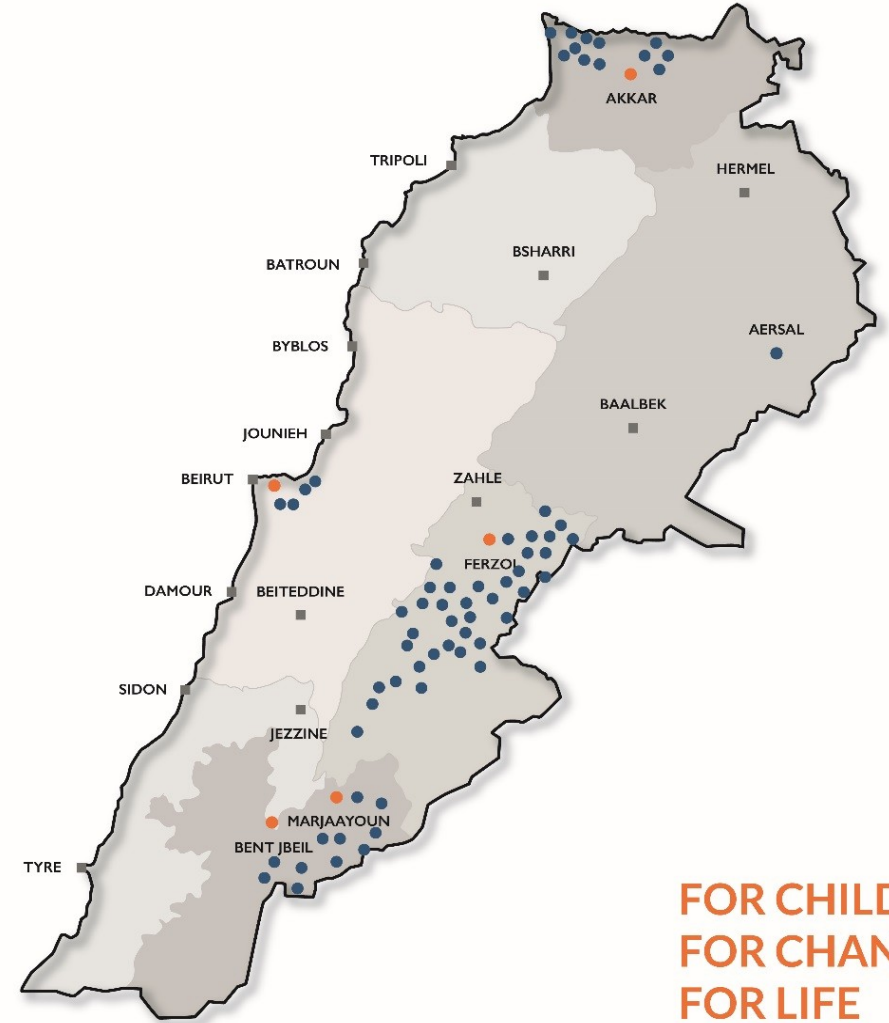
Child Protection committees, local campaigns and community projects

# Faith Leaders

Mobilization, capacity building and outreach through faith communities

# General Public

Media, social media engagement and public engagement initiatives at local level



FOR CHILDREN,  
FOR CHANGE,  
FOR LIFE



knows what it takes to protect a child from violence,  
and is committed to ending violence against children.

But we know **we cannot solve it alone.**



**Thank You**