



# Child Protection in Humanitarian Action

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- Refugees residing in ISs suffer from: poor sanitation, fragile and overcrowded tents, economic, legal, and security problems.
  - **55%** of registered Syrian refugees in Lebanon are below 17 years of age
  - **43%** are not enrolled in formal or informal schools
  - **76%** of displaced Syrians in Lebanon currently live below the poverty line.
- Many affected families adopt negative coping mechanisms, such as engaging their children in work to sustain their livelihoods.





# A visit to an Informal Tented Settlement



**Why do we work with Children  
Affected by armed conflicts?**



# What is WV in Lebanon ?doing

WVL applies a **holistic** and **participatory** approach to tackle CP issues by designing integrated CP interventions with our sectoral programming in Education, Livelihood, and Water Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) interventions, at the family, school and community level.

Our programme is focused on the following outcomes:

Ensuring girls and boys are protected from violence, receive psychosocial services and participate in decisions related to their rights in their community.

Parents/caregivers (men and women) well-being and competencies are strengthened for enhanced child protection within the family environment

Quality Community-Based Child Protection (CBCP) systems are established and active

Influenced improved policies and systems that provide Syrian refugee girls and boys in Lebanon with more protection outputs



# WVL's Interventions

Responsive relationships with caring adults

Strengthening the bond between the child and parents

Supporting Parents and caregivers

Community based interventions with children in street situations, WFCL and working children, PSS (Step by Step)

Focused-non specialized psychosocial support

Early-intervention programs

Strengthening Referral System

Back to School Campaigns (BLN / ECE)

Capacity building for community groups

Community organized home visits

CP adaptive coping mechanisms





## **WVI complements its work with the children and their parents by working with local government actors and employers.**

- The employers have received safety kits to be disseminated to children over 16 years of age working at their shops. This step is the beginning toward an act of advocacy raising the right of those children to education and mitigating their protection concerns at work places
- Targeting Employers and caregivers whom also receives awareness sessions on risk of child labor in order to decrease risks and working hours as an effective step towards Education.
- Training Municipal staff and Police from different Municipalities.

# WV CPHA Project Impact (2018-2019)

WVL has reached more than 37,998 children with child protection activities, 4,610 children with educational activities as well as 7,732 caregivers with parental engagement activities.

Around **80%** of people enrolled in Basic Literacy and Numeracy and Vocational Training had an **improvement in their knowledge**, Caregivers reported a **30% improvement** in their **active parenting** and discipline knowledge and skills.

**64% of children were developmentally on track** after attending WV's ECE programming as compared to 27% at the beginning of the project.

## Challenges:

Lack of funds & sustainability in short terms projects  
Shortage of needed specialized services  
The limited role in governmental participation  
Lack of protection awareness in the Refugee communities  
Focused-non specialized psychosocial support  
Early-intervention programs  
Increasing vulnerabilities amongst children

## Recommendations:

- Advocating toward long term agreements/ funds (2 to 5 years)
- Encouraging and stressing on governmental parties
- Enforcing the laws that ensure protection for most vulnerable children and women
- Enhancing coordination between different partners and stakeholders to ensure CP/GBV mainstreaming
- Following up on the implementation of the National Standard operational procedures



**Grant children their right to be  
Children again**