



CHILD PROTECTION | Resources

Child Safeguarding Standards

(Keeping Children Safe)

“An overall approach to child safeguarding is rooted in understanding the risks to children from the organisation, (its staff, programmes and operations) and addressing those risks with measures that create child-safe organisations.”

This simple and concise resource outlines child protection standards and gives guidance for developing a comprehensive, context-appropriate child protection policy. It highlights standards in four key areas: policy, people, procedures, accountability. The standards serve as a benchmark for minimizing risk of harm to vulnerable children. When these principles are followed, children are protected, organization staff and associates are protected, and an organization and its reputation are protected.

Also available in French and Spanish

Minimum Standards for Child Protection in Humanitarian Action

(Global Child Protection Working Group)

“There are threats to the safety and wellbeing of children in every emergency. For this reason, child protection is a consideration in all humanitarian action, and child protection objectives are often an explicit component of humanitarian preparedness and response.”

This resource is an extensive outline of 26 principles of child protection related to humanitarian action. It may aid organizations in improving current policy content, or may assist in identifying gaps in protection. The stated purposes of these standards are as follows: strengthen collaboration of those working in humanitarian settings, improve quality of child protection programming, improve accountability in child protection work, define the professional field of child protection, provide synthesis of good practices, and enable better advocacy and communication on child protection risks, needs, and responses. Each standard contains a principle, key actions, measurements, guidance notes, and references.

Available in multiple languages.

Additional Resources

Developing a Child Protection Policy and Procedures

(Unicef)

Child Protection Policy Template

(National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children)

Towards Positive Systems of Child and Family Welfare: International Comparisons of Child Protection, Family Service, and Community Caring Systems

(Freymond and Cameron)

{Video} We Don't Report Because It's a Family Affair: A Grounded Look at Community-Based Child Protection in Three Rural and Urban Areas in Kenya

(CPC Learning Network)

Safeguarding the Rights of Children and Young People

(International HIV/AIDS Alliance)

Thrives: A Global Technical Package to Prevent Violence Against Children

(Center for Disease Controls)

Examples of Child Protection Policies:

[Tearfund](#)

[Every Child](#)

[Save the Children](#)