



It takes a nation
to end violence against children

World Vision

A child who experiences cruelty will approve of violence as an adult

The recent years have seen a disturbing rise in all forms of violence against children in Sri Lanka. Violence has become a daily experience for almost every child.

In a drive to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the Government and non-governmental organisations that work towards the wellbeing of children launched the **National Partnership to End Violence Against Children (NPEVAC)** in June 2017.

Sri Lanka became one of the first twelve 'pathfinding' countries (2016), with the government taking the lead to end violence including abuse, neglect and exploitation against children by 2030.

Aligning to this, World Vision's global campaign '**It takes a world**' was rolled out in Sri Lanka last October as '**It takes a nation**' with a special focus **on ending sexual and physical violence against children.**

The campaign involves teams at all levels of the organisation in every context and country in which we operate.

In Sri Lanka...



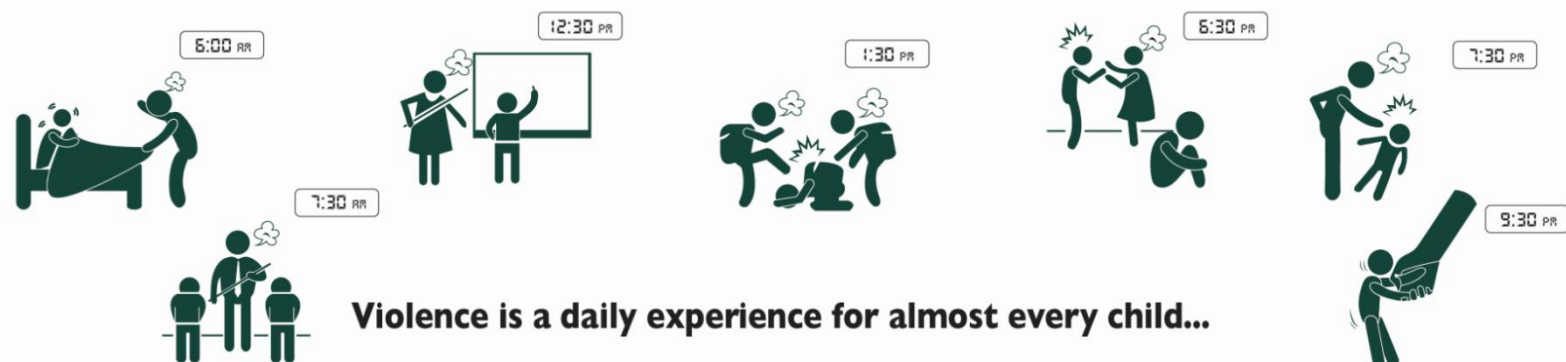
14.4% of girl children
13.8% of boy children
Report having experienced
sexual abuse



80.4% of students
experience some form of
corporal punishment at
school per term



National Child Protection
Authority receives over
9,000 complaints of
violence against children
every year.



How we plan to do this...

Our first effort is to **internalise** the campaign and bring every individual to **a personal conviction and a decision** to end all forms of violence against children.



We seek to **empower children, families, communities and partners** to prevent and respond to exploitation, neglect, abuse and other forms of violence affecting children.

For this, we **facilitate programmes** on psychosocial competency development, Positive Parenting Approaches, alternative discipline methods, family enrichment and positive classroom management.



Through **project models** such as 'Celebrating Families' and Home Visiting we strengthen families and caregivers to be the first line of protection and care for children by growing social support networks.

We focus on **activities that empower girls and boys** to become aware of their rights and responsibilities and to protect themselves and one another via life skills and resilience, youth leadership, and child participation.



We **catalyze communities**, including faith-based communities, to change behaviours and end harmful practices.

We **influence decision makers** to ensure protection of girls and boys by educating local leaders and stakeholders and building evidence to drive policy change.

We bring children who have been exploited into the **process of healing** through medical, legal, and psychosocial services. We work to restore and reunite children with their families and communities when possible and appropriate.

During disasters we provide **Child Friendly Spaces** to provide a safe place for children while providing psychosocial support to help their lives return to normalcy.

Our strength...

- Presence in **34 locations**
- Access to **409 Village Child Development Committees**
- Access to **640 Child Societies** with nearly 40,000 children
- Access to **community care groups**
- Access to **Interfaith and faith groups**
- Strong **relationships with Government** authorities,
- **400+ staff** as ambassadors

Our Partners:

- Ministry of Women and Child Affairs
- National Child Protection Authority (NCPA)
- Department of Probation and Child Care
- Sri Lanka Police
- Ministry of Education

Come, join in being the voice for the voiceless!

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