



About War Child

War Child is an international relief and development agency, dedicated to providing immediate, effective and sustainable aid to children affected by war.

War Child was founded in 1993 in response to the conflict in the former Yugoslavia. It has since expanded its work to conflicts worldwide, with an emphasis on Africa and Central Asia. War Child strives to alleviate the suffering of children affected by war and focus public attention on the plight of these children.

War Child believes that children should never be the victims of armed conflict. For those children who become victims of armed conflict, War Child believes that their security and access to quality health, educational and recreational facilities and services should still be a right. War Child also believes that children in conflict areas have a right to the love and care of their families and communities.

War Child exists to:

- prevent, wherever possible, children from being affected by armed conflict
- protect children who live in areas of armed conflict
- provide emergency relief to children and those they depend upon in areas of armed conflict
- work with local communities, their organisations and local authorities in areas of long term conflict as well as in post-conflict areas in order to ensure sustainable security and livelihood opportunities for their children and to address the effects of armed conflict

War Child provides:

Relief Aid

- The provision of relief aid to children and their families in conflict and post conflict zones.
- Where appropriate, food/shelter/clothing/protection, bakery set up and non food item distributions based on needs assessment.
- Grant making to Non Government Organisations/indigenous groups.

Communication and Information

- Programmes designed to increase children's access to information: radio, TV, internet and print.
- Distribution of wind-up radios, radio programming, internet projects.
- Education projects including teacher training, schools rehabilitation and educational material support.

Safe Play Areas

- Rehabilitation and construction of safe play areas where education messages specific to HIV, drugs and mines awareness are given.
- Psycho-social elements are provided through the WC International offices.

For more on War Child, go to www.warchild.org.au or write to us at PO Box 3800 Middle Camberwell Victoria 3124.