

2014 CHILD PROTECTION REPORT CARD

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We believe all children should be protected. We run child protection programs in countries all over the world, like Bangladesh and right here in Australia. We make it our business to ensure vulnerable children are protected, to the best of our ability, wherever they are.

OUR POLICIES AND TOOLS

Our child protection principles are embodied in these policies and tools:

- Child Protection Policy 2013 which is compliant with the Save the Children International Child Safeguarding Policy and Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade Child Protection Policy.
- Child Protection Implementation Guidelines.
- Child Rights Business Principles and Due Diligence Checklists for corporate and high-worth donors.
- Child safeguarding tools and templates including our child protection risk assessment tool, child safeguarding recruitment checklist, partner organisation child protection checklist, and investigation guidelines.

OUR PROCESSES

We have Child Protection Focal Points in all country offices and in each Australian state and territory office. These focal points are responsible for implementing our Child Protection Policy and Code of Conduct, providing training on the Policy and Save the Children Child Safeguarding Measures, and receiving any reports on the safety or wellbeing of a child.

These Focal Points are separate to our dedicated child protection programs, such as programs that support the children of sex workers or support the victims of child abuse.

In 2014, we ran child protection training days for our Australian staff and our staff on Nauru. We also provided child safeguarding training for other NGOs in Australia and in the Pacific; to government and tertiary institutions in Vanuatu and Papua New Guinea; as well as being asked by ACFID to deliver training with Plan Australia for the international non-government organisations sector in Melbourne and Sydney.

INCIDENTS

In 2014, four child safeguarding incidents were reported to our Board and two resulted in staff/volunteer dismissal.

OUR IMAGE POLICY

In line with our Child Protection Policy and the ACFID Code of Conduct, all our published images of children must protect their dignity, privacy, safety and rights.