

PROJECT SUMMARY



HONDURAS

CHILD PROTECTION PROJECT

Donor(s): Privately funded

Location: San Pedro Sula and El Progreso in the Department of Yoro.

NUMBERS

Participants: 30,000+

Background

Since 1974, World Vision has contributed to sustainable development in Honduras. Our work is carried out in the areas of child protection, violence prevention, strengthening of community structures, gender equality, education, health, economic development, emergency response, and disaster prevention. Interventions cover 27 program areas grouped into three program regions, with emphasis on the holistic strengthening of local capacities.

Purpose and Objectives

The Honduras Child Protection Project is a five-year project supported by private donors. The project aims for youth living in targeted communities to be protected and able to protect themselves from physical, sexual, psychological, and community violence with the support of their families and communities.

The project addresses three key priorities:

1. Youth, especially the most vulnerable, are active participants in reducing physical, sexual, psychological and community violence.
2. Families are strengthened and positive attitudes and behaviors are promoted through Child Protection Advocacy (CPA) Groups and faith communities.
3. Communities, including faith communities, are working together to establish and sustain a safe and protective environment for all children.



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GEOGRAPHIC FOCUS: The project is currently implementing in the cities of San Pedro Sula (Barrio Las Palmas and Colonia La Pradera communities) and El Progreso (Colonia Mangandy community) in the Department of Yoro. A partnership with World Vision Honduras' Sula Valley Urban Initiative is extending reach to the Sula Valley. Expansion is planned for Tegucigalpa in fiscal year 2019. The project will reach a total of 7,710 young people, with an additional 23,000 children and parents benefiting from project trainings.

Project Overview

Youth are active participants in reducing physical, sexual, psychological and community violence: The project is working to strengthen adult, child, adolescent, and youth-led advocacy initiatives to implement Child Protection laws. This effort will be achieved through mapping specific faith and community-based organizations and organizing community social accountability groups. The groups monitor government services, and carry out advocacy plans to improve inadequate government-provided services. Additionally, Peace Clubs are being established for children, adolescents and youth to build life skills, resilience, and ultimately support young people to become agents of change and peace.



Families are strengthened and positive attitudes and behaviors are promoted: The project is supporting faith-based organizations (FBOs) to implement the Parenting with Tenderness methodology to cultivate relationships of unconditional love and promote positive parenting practices. The project will also begin implementing the Home Visitors model to protect and care for children, adolescents and youth living in extremely vulnerable circumstances. Through this model, trained community members, groups and organizations connect vulnerable children or children affected by violence and their families to social networks and relevant social services in the community, including services such as physical safety, healthcare including mental health, and continuing education support.

Communities are working together to establish and sustain a safe and protective environment for all children: Violence Prevention Plans will be developed or strengthened through an inclusive community process of identifying, prioritizing, and analyzing the root causes of child protection issues in the community. This process helps with the identification and mapping of existing systems that are in place to protect children, and highlights gaps or weaknesses to be addressed in the system. The project will work closely with FBOs and community based organizations along with local public institutions to create and/or improve services for violence prevention to benefit young people. Faith communities will be further mobilized to respond to family and community violence through an evidence-based approach that motivates and builds capacity in faith communities to address harmful traditional practices toward children, to support and advocate for children's rights, to become better child protectors, and to ultimately strengthen the local child protection system.

Key Achievements:

- Trained 132 children, adolescents and youth in Peace Road methodology
- Formed six Peace Clubs
- Trained 44 representatives from governmental and non-governmental agencies on the Municipal Policy on Children and Adolescents, the municipal-level legal framework for the protection of children, in partnership with the Child Protection Roundtable of San Pedro Sula
- Trained 201 church leaders representing 46 churches to be trainers in positive parenting practices
- Established the Child Protection Roundtable in the Municipality of El Progreso, in collaboration with the Directorate of Children and Family, the Municipal Government, and other institutions
- Established two local Child Protection Committees in Barrio Las Palmas and Colonia La Pradera