

## Oslo Conference for Protecting Children in Armed Conflict June 2023

### The Alliance for Child Protection in Humanitarian Action's Commitments



## ABOUT THE ALLIANCE

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[The Alliance for Child Protection in Humanitarian Action](#) (the Alliance) is a global network of operational agencies, academic institutions, policymakers, donors and practitioners. We facilitate inter-agency technical collaboration and advocacy to prevent and protect children from experiencing abuse, neglect, exploitation and violence in all humanitarian settings. By setting standards and producing technical guidance, the Alliance supports the efforts of humanitarian actors to achieve high-quality and effective child protection interventions in humanitarian contexts.

The Alliance's work falls into five core functions: 1) Standard Setting and Guidance Development; 2) Capacity Strengthening, Learning and Development; 3) Evidence and Knowledge Generation; 4) Advocacy and; 5) Convening.

[The Alliance's 2021-2025 Strategy](#) centres around one goal to ensure that 'the centrality of children and their protection is recognised and prioritised as essential and life-saving across the humanitarian system'. All The Alliance's technical work, advocacy, collaborations, and partnerships, will contribute to this goal through action and progress on four strategic priorities:

- 1) Accountability to children, including ensuring their meaningful participation;
- 2) Localisation – Transforming how child protection works in humanitarian action;
- 3) Multi-sector and integrated programming and collaboration; and
- 4) Prevention.



## OUR COMMITMENTS

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The Alliance pledges are for a two-year period through 2025. They draw upon all five core functions of the Alliance to contribute to the enhanced protection of children affected by armed conflict and are in line with the Alliance's 2021-2025 Strategy.

### 1. Capacity and Knowledge Sharing

**The Alliance commits to providing capacity and knowledge sharing opportunities for child protection and other sectoral practitioners at all levels and within local, national and international organisations, to protect children affected by armed conflict, through:**

- Strengthening the knowledge and skills of 2,500 child protection and other sectoral practitioners per year, on prevention of and response to recruitment of children into armed forces and groups as well as other child protection violations that impact children affected by armed conflict.
- Providing capacity and knowledge sharing opportunities to 2,000 practitioners per year, to increase their awareness of and ability to use the Minimum Standards for Child Protection in Humanitarian Action.
- Strengthening the capacity of 1,000 child protection and other sectoral actors per year, on designing and implementing child-friendly and child-led accountability mechanisms.

### 2. Advocacy

**The Alliance commits to advocating for the centrality of children and their protection in humanitarian response to armed conflicts, through:**

- Advocating for the centrality of children and their protection across humanitarian planning processes, including Humanitarian Response Plans (HRPs), Humanitarian Needs Overviews (HNOs) and Refugee Response Plans (RRPs).
- Ensuring that children in all their diversity are considered a critical component of the Centrality of Protection agenda.

### 3. Evidence Building

**The Alliance will contribute to building the evidence base of effective programming for the protection of children in armed conflict, through:**

- Building evidence on the effectiveness and cost-efficiency of programmatic approaches that prevent harm to children before it occurs.
- Developing and disseminating guidance on ethical good practice in participatory research methods with children affected by conflict and crises.

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