

World Vision Canada

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Organization's mandate/goals:

World Vision Canada is a Christian humanitarian relief and development agency, working with partners in over 80 countries. Area Development Programs (ADPs), the primary model for WV work, pursue integrated development with local leadership and a child-focus. In some cases peacebuilding components are incorporated in the design and implementation of ADPs, including demand reduction for arms. In conflict situations, WV tries to incorporate local capacity-building into emergency relief.

The Children and Armed Conflict Working Group is a network of NGOs working for protection of the security and rights of children in situations of conflict. The Watchlist project provides a mechanism to monitor, report, and advocate on all dimensions affecting children in specific situations, including small arms and advocate for effective measures, using Security Council resolutions dealing with Children and Armed Conflict.

Areas of expertise relevant to 2001 UN Conference on Small Arms:

Export Controls and Enforcement

-- *Codes of conduct, regulations and procedures for export and in-transit shipping.* The Implementation of small arms provisions in SC resolutions on Children is strong advocacy goal of World Vision.

-- *Monitoring and ensuring proper end use of small arms and light weapons (SALWs).* The Watchlist for Children and Armed Conflict is a tool to monitor and advocate on specific situations.

Security

-- *Promoting good governance*

Their development programs work with local governments to strengthen security, reduce local conflicts, and provide alternate dispute-resolution mechanisms.

Human and Social Development

-- *Eradicating poverty*

Their integrated development programs include a wide range of support to meet local needs.

-- *Teaching conflict and violence prevention*

Peacebuilding measures are incorporated into many development programs. Small arms control is a component of a peacebuilding project on the border of Kenya and Uganda among cattle-herding people groups.

-- *Develop public education programs to enhance efforts to counter SALW proliferation and the development of "gun cultures"*

Their demand reduction project in Ethiopia is being used to explore options in other programs

-- *Promote respect for human rights*

Community education programs in child rights helps to prevent recruitment and resort to violence by teens.

Disarmament and Reintegration

-- *Reintegrating combatants into society*

WV has youth-focused reintegration projects in several places, including northern Uganda, Sierra Leone, Congo, Bosnia, Cambodia, Burundi, Sri Lanka.

Consultation, Co-operation and Information Exchange

-- *Information sharing among relevant institutions, including the establishment of relevant coordination agencies*

The watchlist on Children and Armed Conflict provides a mechanism to combine information from various NGOs on specific situations