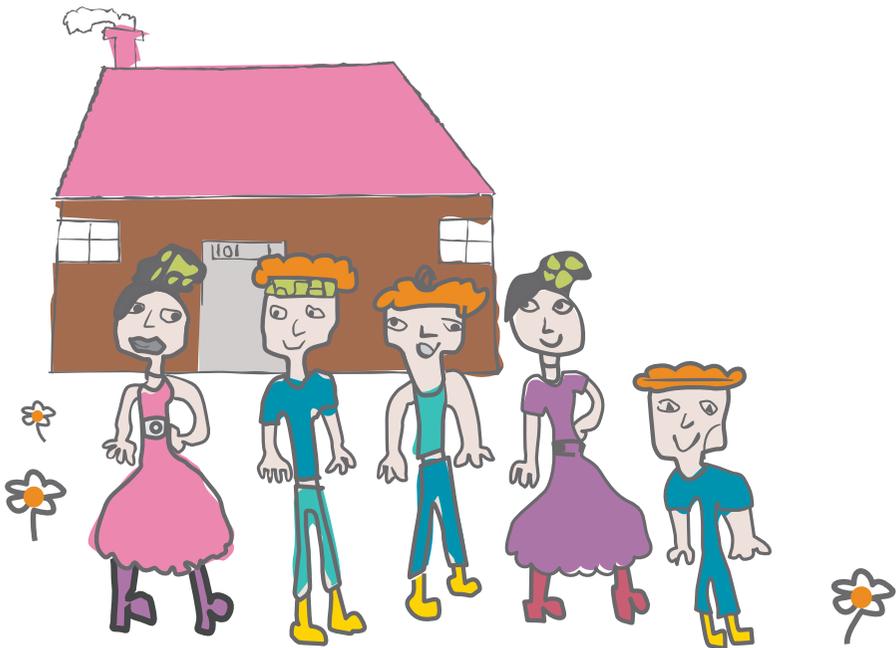


Everyone is responsible for the protection of children

The Australian Volunteers Program is committed to the
protection of children from all forms of harm and abuse.



I feel safe when I am with my family.*
Because they take care of me.

My rights



*I have a rights
to play*

*because I want
to have friends*

Children have rights

All children have the right to be protected from physical, sexual and emotional abuse and exploitation.

All children have the right for their opinion and their voices to be heard. These, and other rights, are enshrined in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.

The Australian Volunteers Program is committed to upholding the rights of children. This is a responsibility we share with our staff, our partners, and our volunteers.

Our approach to child protection

Child abuse and exploitation can occur in all countries across the world, within home, school, community and online environments.

The program is committed to protecting children from all forms of harm. We take a child-focused, rights-based approach.

Our Child Protection Policy requires all staff, volunteers and partners to do no harm to children and always act in their best interests.

We have a zero tolerance approach to child exploitation and harm. We will always immediately respond to all incidents, concerns or allegations of harm, or non-compliance with our policy, and place the interests of the child above all else.



How we support our partners

The protection of children is a shared responsibility.

We work in partnership with organisations to strengthen child protection policy and systems, and build on existing child safe measures to support the protection of children.

Partners are provided with:

- Support to develop and implement a Child Protection Policy
- Practical resources, such as the Child Protection Policy Workbook
- Guidance on how to report an incident and confidential reporting lines
- A dedicated local staff member in your country office, known as the Child Protection Focal Point
- Access to workshops and training

Got a question?

Contact the local Child Protection Focal Point in your country office.

Visit the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Child (UNCRC) at: unicef.org./child-rights-convention

Download the Child Protection Policy Workbook at: australianvolunteers.com/child-protection

Report an incident or concern by emailing your country office or: childprotection@australianvolunteers.com

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Contact: childprotection@australianvolunteers.com

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*Images based on a drawing by a child beneficiary of the 'Three2Six Refugee Children's Education Project,' hosted by Sacred Heart College, South Africa. The project provides education and advocacy for primary school age refugee and migrant children.

**These are only some of the rights of a child, read the United Convention on the Rights of the Child to learn more.