

Summary of 2021 Annual Meeting Moments

2021 Annual Meeting for Child Protection in
Humanitarian Action: Preventing Harm to Children

A Record of Live Tweets from the

2021 Annual Meeting on Child Protection in Humanitarian Action

The Alliance for Child Protection in Humanitarian Action (the Alliance) held the 2021 Annual Meeting on Child Protection in Humanitarian Action over a virtual platform from the 4th of October 2021 to the 8th of October 2021. The Annual Meeting was an opportunity for Child Protection actors to come together and exchange knowledge and experience, while networking with other agencies, academics, policy makers and donors. This year's theme, Preventing Harm to Children, was selected to explore the lessons learnt, promising practices and innovative approaches to preventing harm to children in humanitarian contexts. The meeting explored primary prevention approaches that address risk and protective that negatively impact children in particular humanitarian settings, alongside examples of prevention programming in emergencies from other sectors. To explore the work the Alliance has been doing on prevention, please visit this [webpage](#).

For more information on the Alliance's work, please visit <https://www.alliancecpha.org> or contact us directly: info@alliancecpha.org.

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List of Acronyms

AME - Assessment, Measurement, and Evidence
CET - Central European Time
CEFM - Child, Early, and Forced Marriage
CP - Child Protection
CPHA - Child Protection in Humanitarian Action
CPMS - Child Protection Minimum Standards
IDO - Infectious Disease Outbreak
L&D - Learning and Development
MHPSS - Mental Health and Psychosocial Support
RSH - The Safeguarding Resource and Support Hub
SEAH - Sexual Exploitation, Abuse, and Sexual Harassment
SRS - Special Representative of the Secretary General
UASC - Unaccompanied and Separated Children

List of Annual Meeting Resources:

- [Agenda of the Annual Meeting](#)
- [Position Paper | From Theory to Practice: Towards a Framework for Primary Prevention in Child Protection in Humanitarian Action](#)
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List of Presenter Organizations:

AVSI

Bent Al-Rafedian Organization (BROB)

Center on the Developing Child at Harvard

Child Resilience Alliance

CPC Learning Network

Daillaire Institute for Children, Peace, and Security

ENGENDER Consultancy

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InterAction

International Institute for Child Rights and Development

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Magenta Consulting

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UNICEF

University of Oxford

Viva

War Child Holland

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Women's Refugee Commission

World Vision International

The 2021 Annual Meeting Moments



This year's Annual Meeting on Preventing Harm to Children had the greatest turnout of participants and abstract submissions! It was a great success thanks to all the attendees, presenters, and volunteers. Continuing from our lessons learned from the 2020 Annual Meeting, we were able to engage with Child Protection practitioners and colleagues across the globe over social media. We streamed [live on Facebook](#) and kept our Twitter feed up to date with live updates, photos, drawings, and new resources. Below, you will find a summary of Day 1 – Day 5 moments and links to the recordings of the sessions held each day.



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Day 1

The first day of the 2021 Annual Meeting began with the Co-Coordinator of the Alliance, Audrey Bollier and Hani Mansourian welcoming participants and announcing a new record of 94 abstracts that were submitted this year, with over half of them presented during the Annual Meeting. Opening Remarks were presented by Henrietta H. Fore, Executive Director of UNICEF calling all Child Protection practitioners and other sectoral actors to address root causes of harm to children towards sustainable prevention of harm to children. Followed by a Q&A panel on global humanitarianism and prevention, the first set of thematic sessions began. In Thematic Session 1a, “Strengthening Caregiving Environments,” presenters discussed various parenting interventions and programming including psychosocial initiatives to reduce child maltreatment. Session 1b centered on “Learning from Across Sectors: GBV, Health, ECD, and Multisectoral Approaches.” Presentations were given on how to strengthen multisectoral collaboration to improve child outcomes. Lastly, Session 1c focused on “Preventing Harm to Children Affected by Armed Conflict,” where presenters led participants through ways to develop interventions to prevent recruitment and use of children in armed conflict, communicate appropriate negotiations and community-led child protection, and the knowledge needed for prevention.

- [Live Recording: 2021 Annual Meeting Opening Plenary and Introduction to Primary Prevention Sessions](#)
- [Session 1a: Strengthening Caregiving Environments](#)
- [Session 1b: Learning from Across Sectors: GBV, Health, and ECD](#)
- [Session 1c: Preventing Harm to Children Affected by Armed Conflict](#)
- [Introduction to Primary Prevention with the Alliance Prevention Focal Point and AME WG Co-Lead](#)

- [From Theory to Practice: Towards a Framework for Primary Prevention in Child Protection in Humanitarian Action](#)
- [Day 1 Wrap-Up](#)



Day 2

The second day of the 2021 Annual Meeting started off with the first thematic session of the day, “Preventing Harm to Children in the Context of COVID-19.” Presentations covered the needs of various vulnerable groups of children including those who are survivors of sexual abuse and those living on urban streets. The session closed with a case study presentation on providing child psychosocial support in Bangladesh through a helpline. Session 2b, “Preventing Child Marriage,” had presentations on various humanitarian programming to address the prevalence and drivers of child marriage, and empowering youth community builders. Session 3a, “Prevention through Multisector Integration: Education and Child Protection,” featured context-specific interventions focused on psychosocial interventions to reduce child maltreatment, gender transformative approaches to prevent child protection risks, and behavioral change theory to reduce violence in schools. Session 3c, “Prevention through Psychosocial Support and Life Skills” emphasized the need to build adolescent life skills to cope and build resilience against trauma. Session 4a was entirely held in Spanish, featuring “Experiences from Latin America” on shifting the paradigm within parenting to address child maltreatment. Session 4b, “Prevention of Violence against Children” illustrated the importance of leveraging behavioral and social sciences as well as utilizing community-led approaches to prevent the violence and sexual exploitation of children, women and girls specifically. We closed Day 2 with reflections on the Alliance’s fifth anniversary and moving forward, our 2021-2025 strategy, Introducing the Centrality of Children and their

Protection. The Alliance's 4 strategic priorities are 1) accountability to children; 2) localization of child protection; 3) multi-sector and integrated programming and collaboration; 4) and prevention.

- [Session 2a: Preventing Harm to Children in the Context of COVID-19](#)
- [Session 2b: Preventing Child Marriage](#)
- [Session 2c: Preventing Child Labour](#)
- [Session 3a: Prevention through Multisector Integration: Education and Child Protection](#)
- [Session 3b: Local Actors Advancing Prevention](#)
- [Session 3c: Prevention through Psychosocial Support and Life Skills](#)
- [Session 4a: Experiences from Latin America \(Spanish\)](#)
- [Session 4b: Prevention of Violence Against Children](#)
- [Session 4c: Child Participation and Accountability](#)
- [Alliance Fifth Anniversary Celebration: Reflecting on the Past 5 Years and Looking Forward!](#)



Day 3

Day 3 started off with Session 5a, “Strengthening Caregiving Environments,” where presenters spoke on the importance of structure household coaching, holistic and targeted family strengthening interventions, and socio-cognitive approaches to prevent child abuse and harm. Afterwards, the L&D Working Group led a session on what participants and their organizations have adapted during COVID-19. This soft opening led to the presentation on the Alliance’s 2021-2025 Strategy and its 4 main priorities. We finished the day with a session on Infectious Disease Outbreaks.

- [Soft Opening: Programme Adaptations during COVID-19 with the L&D Working Group](#)

- [Session 5a: Strengthening Caregiving Environments](#)
- [Session 5b: Prevention through Multisector Integration: Food Security and Education](#)
- [The 2021-2025 Alliance Strategy: Introducing the Centrality of Children and their Protection](#)
- [Strategic Priority 1: Accountability to Children, including meaningful child participation](#)
- [Strategic Priority 2: Localisation – Transforming how CP works in Humanitarian Action](#)
- [Strategic Priority 3: Multi-sector and Integrated Programming and Collaboration](#)
- [Strategic Priority 4: Prevention](#)
- [The 2021-2025 Alliance Strategy: Strategy Introduction Wrap Up](#)
- [Infectious Disease Outbreaks](#)
- [Solutions Summit Event: Data Driven Prevention to End All Forms of VAC in Humanitarian Settings](#)



Day 4

Hot Off the Press, a session on the latest resources, guidance, and tools developed by the Alliance’s Learning and Development Working Group kicked off Day 4. Following this, each Working Group and Task Force presented their current and upcoming projects and objectives including a session on community engagement, children associated with armed conflict and armed groups, Child Protection Minimum Standards, a child labour toolkit, and the Learning & Development training package.

- [Hot Off the Press Video from Alliance’s Learning & Development Working Group](#)
- [Working Group and Task Force Pitches: Part 1](#)
- [Working Group and Task Force Pitches: Part 2](#)
- [Child Protection Minimum Standards Working Group + Case Management Task Force](#)

- [Assessment Measurement and Evidence Working Group + Community Level CP Task Force](#)
- [Learning and Development Working Group + Child Labour Task Force](#)
- [Advocacy Working Group + CAAFAG Task Force – The Audrey Show](#)
- [Family Strengthening Task Force + Unaccompanied and Separated Children Task Force](#)



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Day 5

For the last day, the Alliance held a special session on, “The Climate Crisis, Climate Justice, and Child Protection.” It featured a panel discussion with youth climate activists from around the world. Following this enlightening and inspiring panel, CPHA discussions on good practices from the field, greening child protection in humanitarian action, and youth engagement were facilitated. The final wrap up was held, and we said our goodbyes. Until next year’s Annual Meeting! We hope to see you there.

- [Plenary: The Climate Crisis, Climate Justice and Child Protection – Panel with Youth Activists](#)
- [The Climate Crisis, Climate Justice and Child Protection: Good Practice from the Field](#)
- [Discussions on CPHA and Climate Change: Greening Child Protection in Humanitarian Action](#)
- [Discussions on CPHA and Climate Change: Youth Engagement](#)
- [Discussions on CPHA and Climate Change Debrief & Final Wrap Up](#)