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Ensuring that all children, young people and adult volunteers in Scouting are safe, healthy, supported and empowered to take responsibility for their own well-being and that of their communities.

The Challenge

Over 1 billion children worldwide experience violence each year, with long term social, emotional and economic consequences. 61% of National Scout Organizations (NSOs) have a Safe from Harm policy, and 46% have submitted safeguarding procedures.

Young people often lack access to accurate, age-appropriate education on mental health, sexual and reproductive health and rights, and personal safety.

Gender-based violence remains widespread and underreported, including rising online abuse affecting young people. Weak enforcement, stigma and lack of education continue to hinder prevention reporting and survivor support.

The Solution

World Scouting aims to strengthen safeguarding systems across the Scout Movement to ensure 100% compliance with global Safe from Harm standards and requirements for WOSM membership.

Through non-formal educational programming, World Scouting aims to reach young people at scale, equipping them with knowledge, skills and agency to protect their health, well-being and rights. This will result in positioning World Scouting as a credible global leader in protecting children and youth, promoting health and well-being, and combatting gender-based violence.

Activities

The Health, Well-being and Safeguarding funding area comprises three pillars, namely:

- **Safe From Harm:** Capacity building for NSOs to implement and comply with Safe from Harm standards.
- **HealthAllies (Education initiative):** Further development and rollout of the HealthAllies educational initiative and challenge badges across four pillars: healthy lifestyles, mental health, sexual and reproductive health, and rights and personal safety.
- **Education on gender-based violence:** Training and educational resources to prevent and respond to gender-based violence, including online harms. Youth-led advocacy and awareness initiatives on health, well-being and safeguarding and global communications and positioning of Scouting as a leader in safeguarding and youth well-being.

Beneficiaries

- National Scouting Organizations across 176 countries.
- 60 million children and young people participating in Scouting globally.
- Adult volunteers and leaders responsible for youth safety and well-being.
- Indirectly, families and communities reached through youth-led education and advocacy.

Impact

- Increased number of NSOs compliant with global Safe from Harm standards and WOSM membership requirements.
- Improved knowledge, skills and confidence of young people in health, well-being and personal safety.
- Stronger and more robust national Youth Programmes integrating health, well-being and safeguarding.
- Reduced risk of harm and increased capacity to prevent, identify and respond to abuse.
- Youth empowered as advocates for safer, healthier and more inclusive communities.



"I was motivated after witnessing the suffering of children displaced by violent attacks in Zaki-Biam, Benue State. Many had lost their homes, parents, and access to school. Seeing children in Internation Displaced Persons camps without learning or hope pushed me to act. My goal was to use Scouting to restore education, healing, and a sense of belonging. I learned that displaced children are resilient when given safe spaces and care. Community support and Scouting activities help children heal and stay engaged. I also learned how World Scouting and its donation platform can support underprivileged children effectively."

~ Yanibo Kelvin Aondoyavenga
Scout Association of Nigeria

Why Partner with World Scouting?

World Scouting is uniquely positioned to deliver lasting impact in health, wellbeing and safeguarding because of its scale, credibility and long-standing commitment to the holistic development of young people. As the world's largest educational youth movement, reaching over 60 million young people and volunteers through trusted, community-embedded structures in 176 countries. This global reach, combined with strong national and local presence allows safeguarding and well-being interventions to be implemented at scale while remaining responsive to local contexts and needs.

Safeguarding, health and well-being are core Scouting's mission, governance and educational approach. World Scouting has established global Safe from Harm standards, policies and accountability mechanisms, and has demonstrated the ability to support National Scout Organizations to strengthen compliance, capacity and culture. With proven impact in youth development, leadership and life skills through life changing non-formal education, World Scouting equips young people not only with the knowledge, but with the agency and skills to protect themselves, support others and act as advocates for safer, healthier and more inclusive communities.

By partnering with World Scouting, donors support a trusted global Movement that combines prevention, education, capacity-building and youth leadership to address safeguarding risks, health challenges and gender-based violence in a sustainable way. Partner with World Scouting to protect young people, and empower them to build safer, healthier communities.

"By distributing hygiene kits and daily necessities, we learned to identify specific, real-world needs and address them directly. One of the most profound lessons was witnessing the strength of the girls and women at Cheshire Home. Redefining "Perfection" This shifted our perspective from looking at "disabilities" to seeing "different abilities" and the unique light each individual carries. Leadership through Empathy. Service as a Healing Mechanism."

~Debsmita Chatterjee
Bharat Scouts and Guides (BSG), India



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