



We believe in the rights of all children, everywhere and that they should be valued, protected and met by all.

We exist to make this the reality for children in northern Ghana, where more than half of all families live in poverty and need our support to give their children the protection, health and education they need to escape poverty for good.

Our work is entirely led by local staff with a simple approach of listening to their communities and empowering them to make sustainable changes themselves.

For every child in northern Ghana, we work to ensure:

Education a quality education for the chance to escape poverty and secure a bright future

Child Protection safety, nurture and protection from harm

Health good health and well-being to live life to the full



Our work in:

Child Protection

Projects under our Child Protection Programme tackle issues threatening children's safety, ensure they have a safe home to grow up in and educate children and communities on child rights.

Programme Goal

Ensure all children are safe and supported

Programme Objectives

Safe and supportive homes

Reduce the number of children living without a home that is conducive to their well-being and development, promoting family and rehabilitation over institutional care wherever possible

Safe and supportive communities

Reduce the prevalence of issues threatening child rights like child marriage, the Spirit Child Phenomenon, child streetism and harmful child labour

Care and support services

Improve the availability and quality of facilities and protection services for children at risk of abuse, neglect or exploitation

What we do

Tackle issues threatening children's safety

AfriKids' local team and trusted reputation mean we are in a unique position to tackle complex, harmful issues, such as child marriage, the 'Spirit Child Phenomenon' and misconceptions about disability. By involving all levels of society and respecting local culture and tradition, we have been able to change deeply-held beliefs and practices that endanger children and prevent them from going to school, particularly for girls, children with disabilities and children without a safe home, who are most at risk.

Ensure children have a safe home to grow up in

We remove the pressures on children to drop out of school for work or to marry young by ensuring families understand and value their children's rights and have financial security, through small business loans. We educate womens' groups on good child care and nutrition and how to access family planning services. For children living on the streets or facing neglect or abuse, we work with the authorities and local partners to find a solution - preferably at home with family but in quality care when this is not possible.

Educate children and communities on child rights

Our Child Rights Clubs have taught thousands of children about their rights in fun and interactive ways which give them the knowledge, voice and confidence to demand their rights are met. Our outreach activities educate entire communities on the risks children face and empower them to work together to prevent child suffering and ensure all children are healthy, safe and in school.