

MAKING CHILDREN SAFE PROTECTIM PIKININI

CHOISEUL, WESTERN, MALAITA AND
GUADALCANAL, SOLOMON ISLANDS



Children account for half of the population in Solomon Islands, yet many don't receive the learning and development they deserve. Their voices are often not heard on issues that affect them, and high rates of family violence impact the lives of children throughout the country.

Yet we know that early childhood development and education has a powerful effect on children's health, as well as their social and emotional development. Education supports children's self-confidence and gives them courage to make their own decisions. When parents are involved, it builds stronger family bonds and communities – this can help keep more children safe.

Save the Children trained local community members in play-based early childhood education in the Solomon Islands to bring learning opportunities to more children in remote communities. We encouraged parents to participate in their child's learning. We worked with parents, children and the community to raise awareness about child rights and protection, and we built stronger networks with local government, community groups and churches to help more children live free from violence.

1. MORE CHILDREN UNDER FIVE ARE LEARNING



1,214 CHILDREN
enrolled in 35 early childhood
education centres.

These young children now have
the opportunity to learn and develop
in a safe place.

2. WORKING WITH THE COMMUNITY



69 COMMUNITY FACILITATORS
were trained in early
childhood education.

These facilitators have brought a positive
approach to teaching into the classroom.

3. CREATING CHILD CLUBS



2,260 CHILDREN
became involved in
35 child clubs.

Children aged 7–17 engaged in
activities that supported them to learn
and build their confidence.

4. LEARNING ABOUT CHILD RIGHTS



1,592 CHILDREN
learned about child protection
and rights.

Child clubs gave children information about their
right to participation, information and healthcare,
and supported them to stand up for these rights.

5. TALKING TO PARENTS



35 PARENT GROUPS
were trained on
child protection.

Parents are better able to
support and protect their children
through positive parenting.

6. KNOWING WHERE TO GO



438 PARENTS
were informed about
referral systems.

Parents gained valuable knowledge
on who to contact to keep their children
safe and protected.



5,000

children and adults participated in the
project each year, from 2013–2017.



35

early childhood education centres
were supported through the project.

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