



Child Protection in the COVID-19 Emergency Response (COVER)

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World Vision is responding to the impact of COVID-19 in **more than 70 countries.**

Our **US\$350 million response** aims to reach **72 million people,** including **36 million children,** especially the most vulnerable.



RESPONSE GOAL

To limit the spread of COVID-19 and reduce its impact on vulnerable children and families

Strategic Objectives



1: Scale up preventive measures to limit the spread of COVID-19



2: Strengthen health systems and workers



3: Support for children impacted by COVID-19 through child protection, education, food security, and livelihoods



4: Collaborate and advocate to ensure vulnerable children are protected

People Reached

24,431,077

Men 7,003,099

Women 7,710,633



Children 9,717,345

Boys 4,767,963 Girls 4,949,382

Observations From the Field

1. Violence against children in the home is going up
2. Remote access is a huge challenge
3. Inconsistent acknowledgement of CP and social services as essential service
4. Challenges to already stretched or inadequate child protection systems
5. Dealing with pre-existing poverty & injustice, and emerging new disasters





WV's Priority Focus Areas in Child Protection COVID-19 Response

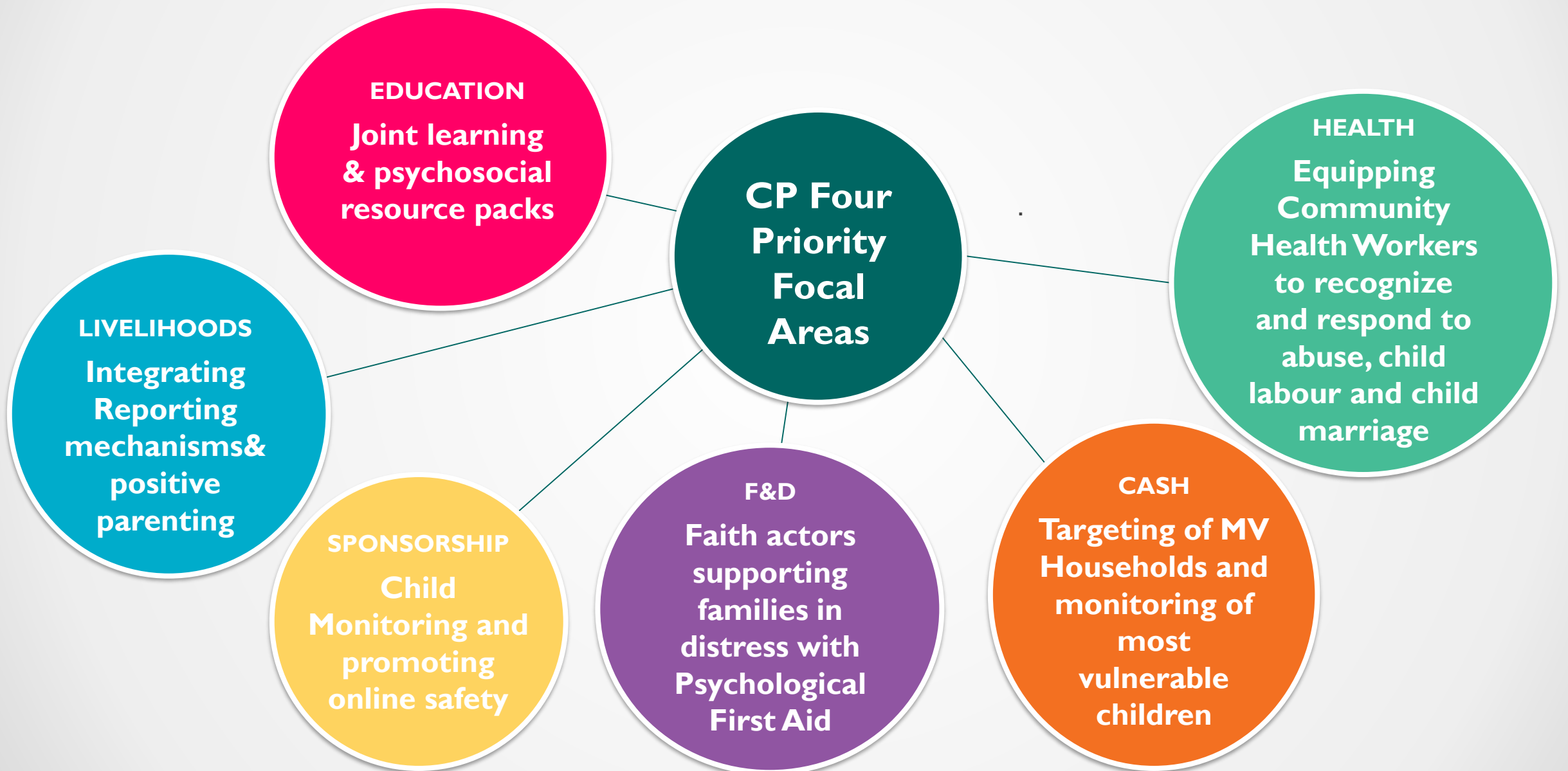
1. Adapted reporting and referral mechanisms

2. Standard procedures on alternative care

3. Psychosocial support for parents and caregivers

4. Psychosocial support for children and adolescents





LESSONS & CHALLENGES

1. Stress on staff and volunteers
2. “Lock and Lift” variable social distancing restrictions
3. Most vulnerable children
4. Contributions of various actors, including government, faith communities, media, civil society, business.
5. Need for ongoing monitoring of emergent CP issues and scenario planning

