



# SUPPORTING PROTECTION OF AFGHAN CHILDREN IN EMERGENCY (SPACE II)

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## 2024 Project Summary

The Supporting Protection of Afghan Children in Emergency (SPACE II) project, implemented by War Child Canada, began in November 2024 and focuses on delivering critical child protection services in the provinces of Balkh, Saripul, and Nangarhar. As of the end of 2024, the project has made strong progress across its key components despite operational challenges associated with winter onset and access constraints.

Significant preparatory and implementation milestones were achieved in the first two months of project implementation. Recruitment and deployment of qualified staff—including psychosocial counselors, child protection case workers, and community mobilizers—were completed. These staff underwent orientation and training sessions on child safeguarding, case management, and PSEA protocols.

WCC successfully established 30 child-friendly spaces (CFSs), which have begun delivering structured psychosocial support to children. By December 2024, 1500 children were reached and participating in CFS activities. These spaces also serve as hubs for recreational learning and life skills education.



Community mobilization efforts have been initiated across all five target districts, including the rollout of parenting education sessions. By December 2024, 221 caregivers have been reached with messages around positive parenting, winter safety, and prevention of family separation. Feedback mechanisms were also established, and community members have already been engaging in feedback sessions to guide program responsiveness.

Procurement of winter kits was completed, and distributions were set to begin in early 2025. Kits are prioritized for orphans, children with disabilities, and those from economically vulnerable households. WCC will ensure equitable access and gender-sensitive distribution in all areas.

Monitoring activities, including post-distribution assessments and CFS quality reviews, were set to commence in 2025. Findings from these exercises are informing mid-course adjustments and planning for 2025 activities. The project is on track to achieve its 7-month goals and has already delivered lifesaving support during the critical winter onset.

## Key Results for 2024

Indicator	Progress (as of Dec 2024)
Children participating in CFS	1500 registered
Children receiving case management services	200 identified and referred
Winter kits distributed to children	2,542 kits procured and distributed
Parenting education participants reached	221 caregivers engaged
Child-friendly spaces established and operational	30 CFSs

