



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

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## 2025 Project Summary

The Supporting Protection of Afghan Children in Emergency (SPACE II) project, implemented by War Child Canada, completed its implementation in May 2025, delivering critical child protection and winter preparedness services in Balkh, Saripul, and Nangarhar provinces. Building on initial progress made in late 2024, the project scaled up activities to reach vulnerable children and families across five target districts, with a focus on mitigating protection risks during the harsh winter period.

Throughout 2025, the project successfully delivered an integrated package of child protection interventions, including psychosocial support, case management, parenting education, and winterization assistance. Strong coordination with local authorities, community leaders, and humanitarian actors facilitated effective implementation and ensured that services reached the most vulnerable populations.

Significant achievements were made in the establishment and operation of Child Care Centers (CCCs), which served as safe spaces for children to access psychosocial support, life skills education, and recreational activities. A total of 30 CCCs were established and fully operational, reaching 1,500 children (800 girls and 700 boys), including children with disabilities.



The project also delivered case management services to 201 vulnerable children (105 girls and 96 boys), ensuring individualized support, referrals, and follow-up for children facing protection risks. In parallel, 97 community information and follow-up sessions were conducted, strengthening community awareness, engagement, and feedback mechanisms.

Community-based interventions were a core component of the project. A total of 2,742 parents, caregivers and children participated in parenting education sessions focused on positive parenting practices, child protection risks, and winter safety.

A major component of the response was the distribution of winterization kits. The project successfully procured and distributed 3,190 winter kits, reaching approximately 9,570 vulnerable children and their families across all target locations.

Overall, 2025 marked the successful completion of the SPACE II project, demonstrating strong delivery of life-saving child protection services in an emergency context. Building on these achievements, the SPACE III project, launched in December 2025, will continue and expand this critical protection work, ensuring sustained support to vulnerable children and communities in Balkh and Baghlan provinces.

## Key Results for 2025

Indicator	Progress (as of Dec 2025)
Children participating in CCCs (CFS equivalent)	1,500 children (800 girls, 700 boys) reached
Children receiving case management services	201 children (105 girls, 96 boys) supported
Winter kits distributed to children and families	3,190 kits (9,570 children)
Parenting education participants reached	2,742 beneficiaries (1,082 females, 1,660 males)
Child Care Centers established and operational	30 CCCs
Community information & feedback sessions conducted	97 sessions

