



Save the Children

Annual Statement 2022-23

Safeguarding

Our safeguarding context

Save the Children Australia (SC Australia) interacts with children and young people, their families and communities through the delivery of services, programs and humanitarian efforts across Australia, Vanuatu, Papua New Guinea, Tonga and the Solomon Islands. SC Australia also funds programs and services to children and young people across the world, with Save the Children International (SCI) acting as our global delivery platform. These services aim to promote and uphold the rights of all children and young people in some of the most impoverished, war-torn, and volatile places on earth.

At SC Australia we understand safeguarding as interdependent with our broader culture- the way we work, and our key values of **Accountability, Ambition, Collaboration, Creativity** and **Integrity**. This understanding will continue to guide our approach to safeguarding as we move forward. Recognising that safeguarding is dynamic and therefore 'never finished', we constantly draw learnings from our successes and our failures to continuously improve.

Some highlights from the past year

The past year has included some significant safeguarding developments for SC Australia, including the appointment of a new team, the establishment of a dedicated SC Australia 'Youth Advisory Board' who bring lived experience, knowledge, and commitment, and will strengthen and enhance our policies and practices. Alongside this we have launched new Incident Management processes and system, ensuring accessible, up-to-date transparent and detailed reporting and rigorous interrogation of incident data by relevant staff and subject matter experts.

The Safeguarding Team have worked with colleagues within 54 Reasons, our Australian service delivery division, to develop practice specific guides and have supported our Pacific colleagues to facilitate child participatory groups which were lots of fun.

Safeguarding Maturity Assessment Tool

We are proud to have developed a Safeguarding Maturity Framework tool which has been designed to enable an accurate measurement and detailed assessment of SC Australia's safeguarding maturity. Using best practice and compliance standards relevant to SC Australia's domestic and Pacific operations, the tool has allowed us to look at *all* areas of SC Australia and identify areas of strength we can build on, and areas of improvement. Already the Safeguarding Team have identified some excellent safeguarding practices and are carrying out improvement

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