Nigeria

Child protection

What do we want to change?

- 3 in 5 boys and girls are victims of violence
- 1 in 4 girls undergo female genital mutilation
- +19 million children have no birth certificates
- 23 million girls and women are married as children
- 20,000 children are separated from their families in north-east Nigeria

What are our priorities?

- Protect children from violence, abuse and exploitation
- Address harmful practices through changing social norms
- Accelerate routine birth registration

What are we doing?

- Strengthening child protection systems to end violence against children
- Supporting the government-led child protection case management system
- Training social welfare officers to better protect children
- Training police, lawyers and judges in child friendly judicial practices
- Monitoring and reporting on grave child rights violations
- Improving access to birth registration services
What have we accomplished?

- **11,785** children received child protection services in 2018
- **5,106** victims of gender-based violence supported
- **7,052,139** births registered

- Improved systems to track child protection cases, monitor incidents of grave child rights violations
- Promote political and community engagement to end violence against children and harmful practices (female genital mutilation and child marriage)

What do we need?

- **Legal age for marriage established at 18**
- **Costed action plans to prevent and respond to violence against children**
- **Improved case management processes to provide alternative care for victims**
- **Access to free and universal birth registration services**
- **Investment in community mechanisms to end violence against children and harmful practices**
- **US$ 40 million**