

## **Save the Children Commitments for the international “Protecting Children in Armed Conflict” Conference 2023**

### **Strengthening systems and architecture**

- We commit to promoting the specific needs of children within the roll out of the IASC Centrality of Protection toolkit, and to work to ensure its implementation through strengthened engagement and representation at critical forums at the response level, including the Humanitarian Country Team (HCT).
- We commit to documenting learning on how child protection systems strengthening - through improvements to the existing social service workforce and the extension of services to conflict affected populations, including refugees - impacts the lives of conflict-affected children in 5 humanitarian responses by the end of 2024.

### **Shifting the power**

- We commit to advocating for attention to and respect of child rights and meaningful participation of children, irrespective of their refugee or migration status, in the full cycle of building sustainable peace.
- We announce a \$5 million allocation from Save the Children’s Humanitarian Fund to national and local actors in 2023.
- We aim to increase the allocation of pooled funding to national and local actors in humanitarian crises from 10% in 2022 to 25% in 2024. We commit to partnering with 150 local and national actors to take an active role in humanitarian action and coordination.
- We commit to implementing community-led child protection in 15 humanitarian responses by the end of 2027.

### **Strengthening our work across sectors**

- We commit to build the MHPSS foundational knowledge of country based technical staff across sectors and ensure the provision of appropriate capacity in at least 8 humanitarian and refugee responses, and at minimum in each of the most prioritized humanitarian responses.
- We will advocate on increasing humanitarian funding and strengthening our internal approaches to prevent, mitigate and respond to Gender-based violence (GBV) against children, recognising the disproportionate impact of GBV on girls.

### **Strengthening accountability**

- We will continue to call for political support to the “Children and Armed Conflict” agenda for practical actions and advocacy to address grave violations, to improve humanitarian access to protect children affected by armed conflict, and to support the effectiveness of the MRM and Country Task Forces with all relevant stakeholders.
- We commit to galvanize political and financial support to promote a child-centered approach, including through dedicated child rights expertise, in all existing and newly created international accountability mechanisms to ensure that the full breath of crimes, violations and abuses affecting children during armed conflict are documented and investigated.