

CHILDREN-AT-RISK

TO, FOR, AND WITH CHILDREN-AT-RISK



HALF OF ALL CHILDREN ARE AT RISK ...



Child Labor

More than 200 million children today are child labourers and 120 out of 200 million are engaged in hazardous work that is harmful to their health.

<http://www.theworldcounts.com/stories/Child-Labor-Facts-and-Statistics>

Hunger

About 3.1 million children die from under nutrition each year and making them more vulnerable to health issues.

<https://www.worldhunger.org/world-child-hunger-facts/>



Abandonment

Since 2015, there were nearly an estimated 140 orphans globally.

<https://www.unicef.org/media/orphans>

Abuse

1 billion children between ages 2-17 years, have experienced physical, sexual, emotional violence, or neglect in the past year.

<https://www.who.int/news-room/fact-sheets/detail/violence-against-children>



Trafficking

Around the world there are 5.5 Million trafficked children, suffering from violence, exploitation and abuse.

<https://theirworld.org/explainers/child-trafficking>

Poverty

Poverty can impact the children's ability to learn and contribute to social, emotional, behavioral problems, and poor health.

<http://www.nccp.org/topics/childpoverty.html>



CALL TO ACTION



REFLECTION

The global church must take children seriously, through fresh biblical and theological inquiry.



ACTION

The global church is called to expose, resist and take action against all abuse of children.



TRAINING

The global church has the responsibility to train people and provide resources to meet the needs of children worldwide.



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PROTECTION AND PARTICIPATION



The global church must nurture children with the understanding that each child is a multi-faceted human being, created in God's image, endowed with gifts, who can meaningfully participate as a co-labourer in church and mission.

Children and young people are the Church of today, not merely of tomorrow.

- The Cape Town Commitment II D.5