

Protection sector key figures



3.7M

people in need



1.2M

people targeted



US\$ 3M

requirements

Protection context

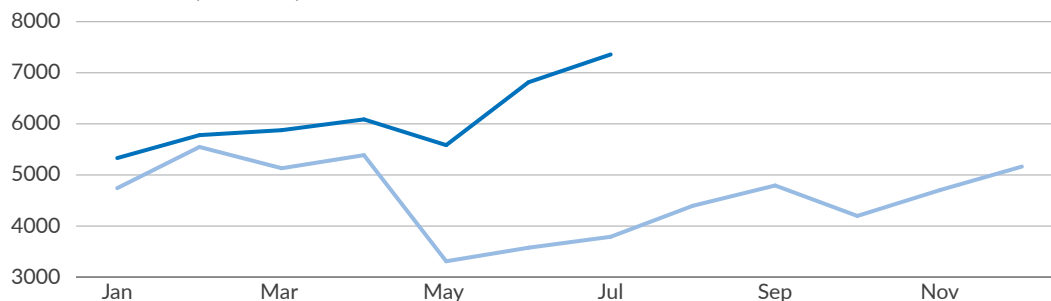
The drought has significantly reduced food availability for the most vulnerable populations, leading to increased protection risks. Social workers have noted a rise in child abuse and gender-based violence (GBV), which they attribute to food shortages and financial difficulties. As a result, families are increasingly resorting to harmful coping strategies.

One such strategy is child labor, with children being sent to work in charcoal production or fishing. There is also a rise in transactional sex, particularly involving adolescent girls with older men and truck drivers in border towns. This trend has resulted in higher rates of adolescent pregnancy, unsafe abortions, and greater exposure to HIV and other diseases. Additionally, there has been an increase in child marriages, often in exchange for money or livestock.

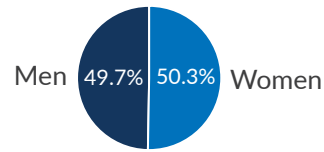
Evidence of the rise in GBV is also reflected in the reports received by Life Line Child Line. The graph below illustrates the number of calls about GBV incidents and concerns. The data shows that calls since the beginning of 2024 have surpassed those from the previous year, with nearly 7,400 calls received in July 2024, marking the highest number ever recorded (16% out of the total number of calls for the month).

GBV related (2024 vs 2023)

Number of calls (thousands)



Demographic breakdown

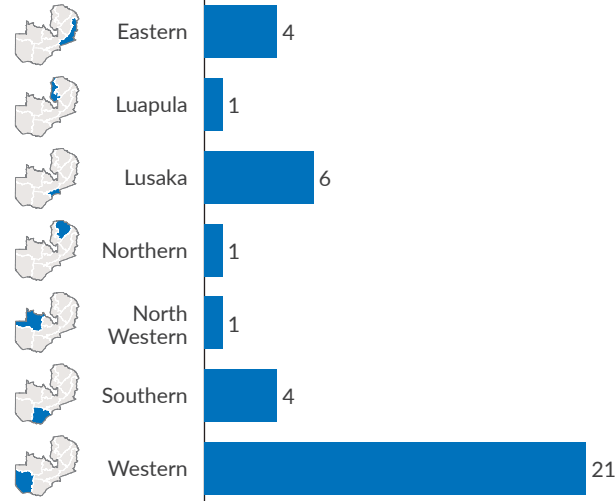


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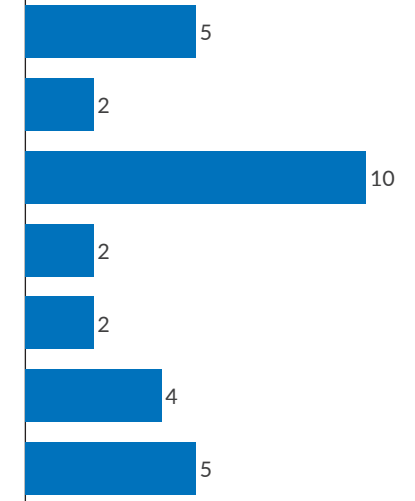
UNHCR tracks which agencies and implementing partners are working in Protection, in which location, and for whom.



Total activities by province



Total partners by province



Activities by province and sub-sector

Eastern: Save the children, YHSS, UNICEF, Ministry of Community Development and Social Services, YWCA

Luapula: UNFPA, Disaster Management and Mitigation Unit

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Northern: UNFPA, Disaster Management and Mitigation Unit

North-Western: UNHCR, Childline/Lifeline

Southern: Generation Alive, NCA DCA, Zambia Land Alliance, YWCA

Western: UNHCR, AAZ, Childline/Lifeline, UNICEF, Ministry of Community Development and Social Services

Sources: UNHCR, OCHA