**Project Synopsis – Contract Number: EIDHR/2017/ 388-967**

**Name of Partner: Stichting War Child**

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| Title | *Realizing Rights and Expanding Opportunities of Children and Youth in Post Conflict Sri Lanka* |
| Location | Kilinochchi, Jaffna and Mullaitivu |
| Duration | 36 Months |
| EU Contribution | 85% which amounts to EUR 437 750 |
| Objectives of the action | Overall objective: Contribute to the promotion and protection of the human rights (HR) and fundamental freedoms and the strengthening of the national framework for the promotion and protection of the rights of children in Sri Lanka  Specific objective:  Oc 1. Children and their families from the Northern Province of Sri Lanka affected by the conflict and other forms of violence are actively engaged and lead processes for the protection and promotion of children's rights;  Oc 2 Institutions and organizations from the Northern region are strengthened and able to deliver better services for children and women through support and improved coordination. |
| Target group | (i) 12.000 children (52% girls, 48% boys) aged 6-18 from IDP families or migrants and have returned to resettle in the region, as well as their host communities; (ii) 1.200 youth aged 18-34 former child soldiers; (iii) 750 state actors; and (iv) 900 Civil Society actors who work with children in the North. |
| Final beneficiaries | Through the strengthening of the Child Protection (CP) mechanism, total indirect beneficiaries would be 77,000 children (approx. 48% girls). |
| Estimated results | Op 1.1 Children and their families and community receive community-based psychosocial support (PSS) for difficulties related to conflict and other forms of violence  Op 1.2 HR and CP activists at local level and professionals trained to effectively identify and address rights violations including child protection and care issues  Op 1.3 Basic community-led protection mechanisms and services available to children affected by, or vulnerable to, violence and abuse  Op 1.4 Community-led Northern Region Civil Society Coalition / Interagency Working Group established to lobby and advocate for the Rights of the Child  Op 2.1 Existing district, divisional and village level community based structures able to carry out a Childs Need Assessment, including service mapping, identification of service gaps, standardisation of practice, and development of referral pathways and Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for child service provision  Op 2.2 Front line officials, state and non-state actors and Children's Clubs trained on community mobilization, social inclusion, human rights framework, rights based approach and reporting mechanisms.  Op 2.3 Children’s Clubs activated to provide safe spaces and Child forums |
| Main activities | - Diagnosis of situation of mental health and psychosocial needs of children and their families affected by the conflict and other forms of violence in Northern region. Provision of trauma informed mental healthcare and psychosocial services. Establishment of community level and school-based counselling units and interlink with the mental health units for referrals and further supports if needed.  - Identification and strengthening of indigenous structures that exist within communities of intervention and build their capacity and tools to play a role in child protection and child rights;  - Establish / strengthen Community-led Coalition for CP and Child Rights (CR)  - Awareness raising on human rights, children rights to civil society group  - Establishing district, divisional and village level community based structures as per the guide developed by Department of Probation and Child Care Services to identify and refer children in need of protection and care;  - Capacity-building and support of front line officials, state and non-state actors on service mapping, identification of service gaps, standardisation of practice. Accompany in the development of referral pathways and SOPs for child service provision  - Reactivation of Children’s Clubs to provide safe Space and forum for children. |