



Campaign member Kait Dougherty visits with a family in Juba, South Sudan

Our Story

Child Protection International (CPI) began in response to one incident in a remote town of Southern Sudan. In October 2007, University of Minnesota graduate student Gabriel Kou Solomon learned that his two nieces, Yar and Ajak Mading were violently abducted by armed men during a cattle raid on their village. Students affiliated with the Human Rights Program joined together to advocate for the rescue of the two girls by launching the “Save Yar Campaign”. While the girls have not yet been found the campaign has grown into an international NGO, Child Protection International (CPI).


Our Partners:

- Human Rights Program, University of Minnesota—
College of Liberal Arts
- Child Protection International Student Group—
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**Protecting
the Rights of Children
through International
Advocacy**

Who We Are

Child Protection International (CPI) works to bring attention to the global problems of child abduction, trafficking, and exploitation. CPI's advocacy for improving the security of children emphasizes:

- **Accountability:** Hold governmental bodies accountable for the protection of child rights
- **Awareness:** Inform international and local actors about our research on child abduction patterns
- **Development:** Acknowledging that conflict and poverty are aggravating factors in child abduction, we advocate for development assistance for the affected communities.



“When we speak of ensuring children’s rights under the Convention we mean 100 percent of all children...all those desperately needy children at the margins: the poorest of poor and the hardest of all to reach.”

- Carol Bellamy, Executive Director, UNICEF, 1999

Child Protection- It’s a Human Right!

Our organization is guided by international human rights standards including the **United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child** and its affirmation of a child's right to:

- Not be separated from his or her parents against their will nor deprived of his or her liberty unlawfully or arbitrarily
- To preserve his or her identity, nationality, name and family relations without unlawful interference
- To be protected from sexual and economic exploitation.

In accordance with the Convention, we hold States accountable for ensuring children's rights and preventing the abduction of, the sale of, or trafficking of children for any purpose or in any form.

What can YOU do?

Learn about child abductions in Southern Sudan by visiting our website: www.ChildProtectionInternational.org

Advocate for universal birth registration in Southern Sudan. Birth registration is the gateway to all other rights: identity, health and education.

Join CPI as a member by making a donation or giving your time. Your support makes it possible for us to do this important work!

For more info on getting involved, contact info@childprotectioninternational.org.

