

A photograph of a man in a brown t-shirt lifting a baby in the air. The baby is wearing a striped shirt, pink pants, and sandals, and is laughing joyfully. The man is also smiling and looking up at the baby. The background shows a rural setting with trees and a building.

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ON THE COVER

John, with his son Justin (20 months), has become a more engaged husband and father since he joined a male caregiver parenting group through the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation-funded Nurturing Care Project in Kenya. [Learn more on p. 6.](#)



Waruni (16) helps girls in her community hone their digital skills at an English and Digital for Girls' Education (EDGE) club in Puttalam District, Sri Lanka. Seated left to right are Tharushi (15), Dasuni (15) and Imashi (15). [Learn more on p. 10.](#)



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Isam Ghanim enjoys a moment with a youth program participant in Sierra Leone.

Dear Friends,

As shifts in the international development landscape force the entire sector to evolve, ChildFund remains strong. Our own 87-year evolution has uniquely shaped us to meet this moment — and to carve new paths toward greater impact for children.

It has never been more urgent that we do so. The seismic transformations of how global aid is delivered, financed and evaluated are accelerating as conflicts around the world expand, funding declines and the natural world grows increasingly unstable. Nearly a quarter of the world's children, 520 million, are now living in conflict zones, often at the intersections of multiple crises. Recent gains in development stand to be lost, which will be especially devastating for our youngest generation, further constricting their freedom to choose their own future.

And there is no going back to global development as it was. So, ChildFund is reimagining development as it could be — by building on what we have seen firsthand that it can be.

We move forward anchored in bedrock laid by the nearly 240,000 individual donors whose unflagging generosity both stabilizes us and sustains our investment in 145 local partner organizations. These partners throughout Africa, Asia and the Americas collaborate with us long-term to deliver evidence-driven, locally led sustainable impact for and with children in thousands of communities. Together, as we leverage these relationships of deep trust to forge further connections with governments, businesses and service providers, we transform not only individual lives but entire communities as well as local and national systems.

Now, with established relationships and infrastructure in communities worldwide, we are increasingly deliberate about creating impact at scale by seeking opportunities to innovate through cross-sector collaboration, public-private partnerships, grants, new models for funding, and possibilities that we haven't imagined yet.

We do know, however, that the way forward is together: Children's well-being depends on the communities, systems and structures around them, and transforming these demands collective impact. We need each other urgently, fiercely, at every level.

Thank you for venturing forward with us.

Isam Ghanim
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INTRODUCTION

For nearly 90 years, ChildFund has worked alongside children, families and local partners to meet challenges that shape their daily lives. Our approach is rooted in trust, community leadership and long-term presence — designed to strengthen systems and support children’s well-being in a rapidly changing world.

We collaborate with governments, the private sector, civil society and community leaders, as well as children and youth themselves, to address issues that no single actor can solve alone. Our impact is measured not only in improved outcomes for children, but also in the resilience and capacity built within their communities. Through evidence-based

initiatives, we help ensure that children grow up healthy, educated, skilled and safe.

What distinguishes ChildFund is our commitment to solutions that endure. Supported by nearly 240,000 individual donors and a global partnership network across 66 countries, we invest resources and expertise to ensure that communities can sustain progress long after individual projects conclude.

When children have the support they need to thrive, they shape the futures they envision. ChildFund works to make those futures possible — advancing real, lasting change for children and the communities they call home.



In Sri Lanka, Nuluka and her daughter, Onakshi (7 months), participate in a program where trained “Lead Mothers” guide caregivers in child nutrition, first aid, responsive parenting, and sanitation and hygiene.

HEALTH

ChildFund strengthens public health at the individual, household, community and systems levels. Our holistic, community-based interventions connect children and families to basic health care services for regular checkups and immunizations, prenatal and emergency care, nutritious food and clean water.

Safe Drinking Water Brings Peace of Mind

The Procter & Gamble Children's Safe Drinking Water program increases access to clean, safe water for children and families across three regions.

In a small community of Honduras' El Paraíso department, life revolves around coffee production. Each morning, parents Manuel and Carmen set out for long workdays on nearby farms, joining many of their neighbors as laborers. Their three children watch them leave every day before sunrise, hoping their parents' hard work will be enough to meet the family's basic needs.

During the rainy season, the community faces an additional challenge: access to clean water. The single community reservoir, the only water source for local families, quickly fills with sediment, and the water they bring home is dark, thick and murky. But there is no alternative. That same water is used for drinking and cooking. Health problems are inevitable, and children often miss school due to stomach pain and diarrhea. "You go to work in the coffee fields, but you leave your children at home, afraid they will get sick from the water," Carmen says.

For rural communities like this one — or others enduring the aftermath of an emergency like drought or an earthquake — safe drinking water is often not available. ChildFund partners with the Procter & Gamble Children's Safe Drinking Water program to expand access to potable water for children and families in these areas, reducing waterborne disease by distributing water purification sachets and promoting best practices around water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH).

Carmen's family was overjoyed to get the P&G water purification sachets. "We had never received anything like this before," says Manuel. "Knowing that with one sachet the water can be cleaned and my children won't get sick? That has no price."

The family quickly learned how to use the sachets, and little by little, the change became apparent. Water that had been



In Honduras, community members receive water purification materials as part of the P&G Children's Safe Drinking Water program.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

ChildFund partners with P&G across several countries to support WASH interventions, including:

- **Ecuador:** 2,270,400 P&G water purification sachets distributed to nearly 86,000 people, enabling them to purify 22.7 million liters of water.
- **Ethiopia:** 3,162,000 sachets distributed, enabling community members to purify 31.62 million liters of water.
- **Honduras:** 4,540,800 water purification sachets distributed to over 9,000 families.
- **Senegal:** Sachets distributed alongside installation of two UVC disinfection water treatment systems.
- **Sri Lanka:** Funding secured late 2025; intervention to begin in 2026.

cloudy turned clear and safe. The children stopped getting sick so frequently, regained their energy and returned to school. Money that had gone toward medicine could now be used for food and school supplies.

Today, even as the rainy season continues and the reservoir turns brown with runoff, Manuel, Carmen and their children live with greater peace of mind. After a long day in the coffee fields, coming home and having a glass of safe water is a moment of relief and hope.

MAP International Delivers Critical Medical Supplies and Medicines to Children and Families in Honduras

In rural Honduras, access to essential health care — especially prenatal and maternal care — is limited. Through a partnership with MAP International, an organization that delivers medicine and health supplies to people in need worldwide, rural hospitals and primary care centers have received donated medicines, prenatal supplements and medical supplies to improve care for more than 1.1 million patients including mothers, children and their family members. Deliveries of prenatal supplements to pregnancy clubs at primary care centers have also motivated pregnant and lactating mothers to keep up with monthly or follow-up appointments.

PROGRAM REACH

132,624 mothers
248,585 adults
799,029 children and adolescents



Deliveries of prenatal supplements to pregnancy clubs at primary care centers help motivate women to keep their monthly checkups.



ChildFund partnered with MAP International to provide pharmaceuticals and supplements to primary care centers around Honduras, mainly in rural areas.



Fatou, 13, Zainab, 14, and Mame, 14, display reusable sanitary pads outside the toilet and menstrual hygiene block in their school.

The PASSAJE Project: Supporting Girls' Health, Hygiene and Education

Grassroots organizations in Senegal create and scale impact by blending sponsorship-funded work with grant-funded opportunities.

In Senegal, menstruation often causes girls to miss school due to the lack of accommodation for their hygiene management needs. In 2021, ChildFund Senegal's local partner organization in the Thiés region, Kajoor Jankeen Federation, launched a school-based pilot project to ensure girls' equitable access to quality education and their retention in school by creating dedicated hygiene facilities for girls while also raising awareness among school staff and students, local authorities and health service providers.

The success of the project attracted co-funding from Germany's Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and ChildFund Germany. Joined by an additional local partner in another region, Partenariat pour le Développement de l'Enfant et de la Famille (PDEF) in Diourbel, the Health Improvement Project for Adolescents and Young People (PASSAJE) expanded to reach 16 schools and 16 health posts. The project educated administrative, community and school authorities on the needs of girls and women during menstruation, strengthened schools' menstrual hygiene management, improved girls' and boys' knowledge around menstruation and good hygiene practices, and built gender-sensitive hygiene blocks (complete with boreholes to supply clean water) for all participating schools.

OUTPUTS

- 16 sanitary blocks constructed and equipped
- 16 boreholes connected to sanitation facilities
- Education on menstrual hygiene management for school and community authorities, men and boys

IMPACTS

- Reduced girls' absenteeism from 12.5% to 5.3%
- Increased girls' appropriate hygiene practices from 40% to 83%
- Strengthened school and community systems to sustain menstrual hygiene practices
- Dismantled the menstruation taboo



Josephine, a teacher in Senegal's Thiés region, educates Zainab, 13, about good menstrual hygiene practices.

EARLY FOUNDATIONS

Our programs focused on the youngest children ensure that their first years build health, learning and confidence for life.

Building a Culture of Care Around the Early Years

With responsive and nurturing care, and with systems to sustain it, children thrive.

“The understanding of what a child needs and providing that is something that is really missing in most of our caregivers,” says Mary Ochieng, describing the reality among families with young children in many of sub-Saharan Africa’s vulnerable communities. She sees it daily as coordinator for ChildFund’s A Strengthened Partnership for Nurturing Care project, funded by the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation, which applies a community-based approach to ensure that children aged 0–3 affected by HIV or AIDS in Kenya, Zambia and Mozambique achieve their developmental milestones.

The project, ongoing in all three countries but now in its third phase in Kenya, encompasses three key priorities: increasing caregivers’ knowledge of responsive parenting practices, improving caregiver well-being through psychosocial support as well as economic opportunity, and strengthening coordination among government structures to ensure that all sectors — from education to agriculture to trade — are aligned and responsive to children’s and caregivers’ needs.

The impact? Young children are healthier, safer and more stimulated. Caregivers feel supported and capable. Communities are equipped to protect and nurture their youngest members.

Responsive Parenting

The centerpiece of the project across all three countries is a 10-month module of twice-monthly peer group parenting sessions, where caregivers come together to learn practical skills from nutritional best practices to positive discipline, play, stimulation and emotional bonding — while sharing their lived experiences without fear of judgment. Over 220 groups are active across both of Kenya’s project sites, including 28 groups specifically for fathers.

“Our parenting sessions are voluntary,” says Ochieng. “People are motivated to come because the knowledge we give corresponds to the knowledge gap they had, and they’re finding that useful in their day-to-day activities and in their families.”



“Before, fathers roared like lions,” says John, father of two and a participant in one of the men’s groups (pictured with son Justin, 20 months). “When coming in, I roared like a lion, and my child ran back to his mother, but now, my child runs toward me, calling, ‘Daddy, Daddy, Daddy!’ and it makes me so happy to be with him.”

“I never bothered to help my wife at home with the kids,” he adds. “My wife would have a hard time washing the dishes and cooking, but now we can help each other in taking care of our children.”

Caregiver Well-Being

“It’s only the healthy caregiver who can extend the same to their children and provide the necessary care,” Ochieng says. “But we are interacting with caregivers who are having a lot of emotional, psychosocial problems that relate to their living environment.”

Recognizing the important link between a caregiver’s well-being and a child’s development, Phase 3 of the project has an added emphasis on psychosocial support as well as economic strengthening activities. Between facilitator-led sessions and access to psychological first aid, caregivers learn practical tools for managing anxiety, restoring self-worth and rebuilding a sense of control over their lives. As they do, they become more emotionally present for their children — responding with patience, warmth and consistency.

Stronger Systems to Ensure Lasting Change

To strengthen the systems and services that individual families need to sustain their children’s development, the project has mobilized a multisectoral team (MST) made up of government leaders, child protection officers, civil society partners and community representatives working together with a shared purpose: to create an environment where every young child is protected and nurtured.

“The key role of the multisectoral team in this project is to provide the synergy between the government and ChildFund so that these two entities can work together,” says Winston Mbanda, Busia County’s Communications Director and an MST member. “[The team] is able to incorporate the aspects



“I encourage anyone who hears about training opportunities to take advantage of them,” says Silvia, mother to Francis, 21 months. “I feel like I am now a different Silvia because of what I’ve learned. Silvia who is joyful, Silvia who can take care of her child, Silvia who can advise people — my friends. Not the old Silvia who had a terrible temperament.”

of child care in government planning, so that in every plan, be it budgetary, be it implementation of projects, the aspect of child care is streamlined in collaboration with ChildFund.”

“Every department has a role to play in terms of the holistic development of a child,” says Robert Muganda, the county’s Director of Public Administration and the MST’s chair.

“The health sector, water sector, agriculture sector and all other sectors play a role. So it is critical that we plan together to ensure that the child is not left behind in terms of his holistic development.”

Through joint planning, advocacy and regular reflection, the multisectoral approach builds local ownership and accountability, helping communities maintain and access lasting systems of care.

Learn more through two videos, [here](#) and [here](#).



Ten-month-old Alteshia is weighed and measured at a health outreach event. “For a child to be healthy,” says project coordinator Mary Ochieng, “you realize they need some essential services. This includes access to immunizations, access to growth monitoring, access to treatments for minor and major ailments. So that is exactly what we’re doing through the Ministry of Health, whereby we took the services closer to the people to reduce the distance that they will cover to reach health facilities for these services.”

EDUCATION

ChildFund's education programs take a holistic approach to supporting children's academic and social-emotional development within safe and inclusive environments.

Engaging Students Leads to Radical Change in Sri Lanka

Through the Literacy and Numeracy Project, students re-engage to love school and improve performance.

Even before schools closed during COVID in Sri Lanka's Monaragala District, students were struggling with math and reading. After COVID, what had been a bad situation only got worse. Test scores plummeted, and by 2023, a quarter of students in grades 6-11 were struggling with basic literacy. That year, ChildFund Sri Lanka launched its Literacy and Numeracy Project to introduce engaging new mathematics and Sinhala language curricula in 20 underperforming public schools in the district.

Building upon decades of sponsorship programming and the support of existing neighborhood Child Resource Centers, ChildFund partnered directly with the public school system to help children re-engage with learning. "It was essential for us to get children accustomed to education again ... in a way that is easy for children to learn," says Premasiri Bandara of the Uva Provincial Education Department.

Director of Education Rohitha Amaradasa adds, "The concept and plan was ChildFund's ... the curriculum was very attractive, and our children were very enthusiastic and excited to learn."



Children enjoy fun learning games through ChildFund's Literacy and Numeracy Project's after-school programs in Monaragala District, Sri Lanka.

Teachers received training in dynamic, activity-based methods, and students received colorful new textbooks. "Teachers used to teach us just by the book," says 9th-grader Purnima. "Now, teachers teach us by engaging in activities ... math games, musical chairs."

Veteran teacher Rani Gallage agrees. "Students get to experience an enjoyable and interactive learning environment, rather than feeling trapped in the classroom."

The new curriculum also extends to Child Resource Centers, where facilitators offer synchronized lessons in a more relaxed environment. "We take activities outdoors so they can enjoy the environment and engage freely," says facilitator Lakmi Ishani.

Early results show strong improvement: End-of-year testing for grades 2, 4 and 9 showed a significant improvement in scores compared to 2020, with increases of about 1%, 6% and 19% respectively in mathematics, and 3%, 14% and 22% respectively in language. "With this program, the students have performed exceptionally well," says Gallage.

Encouraged by the success, provincial education leaders hope to scale the approach across all 897 public schools in Uva Province. "If we carry out this program in this way," says Director Amaradasa, "we believe that the skills students are learning will stick with them, even after they leave school."



First-grade teachers teach a Sinhala language class using the new curriculum introduced through the Literacy and Numeracy project.

Bringing Children Back to School in The Gambia

In March 2023, the Ministry of Basic and Secondary Education, the Office of the First Lady of The Gambia, UNICEF and the Education Above All (EAA) Foundation launched a major initiative to ensure that every primary school-age child in The Gambia is in school. The project set out to reach 66,765 out-of-school children and adolescents with access to quality primary education.

This three-year program was implemented nationwide by the Ministry of Basic and Secondary Education, ChildFund and the Education for All Campaign Network, in close coordination with UNICEF and EAA's Educate a Child program and with financial support from the Qatar Fund for Development.

Since its launch, the program has made remarkable progress in expanding access, improving quality and strengthening education systems. As of June 2025, 74,898 out-of-school children had been enrolled either in formal schools, Majalis (Quranic schools) or in Gambia Classes for Open Learning (GCOL).



Children received bicycles through the initiative, improving punctuality, safety and attendance.



Child advocates and students in The Gambia participate in the Zero Out-of-School Children program.

LIVELIHOODS

ChildFund's livelihoods programs prepare young people to create sustainable and dignified sources of income by helping them build market-relevant skills, connecting them with employment and entrepreneurship opportunities, and expanding their access to financial services and resources.

Strengthening a Future-Proof Workforce

Building access, equity and literacy so young people can open their own doors.

As young people come of age in today's changing markets, they face enormous challenges around employability and employment. Most of these youth are in Africa and Asia.

ChildFund's programs help young people build the skills they need for today's rapidly changing global job market, including demand-driven training on technical, vocational and life skills, digital and financial literacy, and entrepreneurship. Through our partnerships at the local, national and international levels, we are building digital access, literacy and safety to ensure that youth are not only prepared to work but also ready to adapt as hiring practices and market needs change.

Kenya: Janet gets to work.

Janet, a 23-year-old from Kenya, knows all too well how it feels to be unemployed and uncertain about her future.

"I spent two years jobless," she says. "Now, I'm offering social media services to local businesses."

What changed? Janet enrolled in the Ajira Digital Skills Training Program, spearheaded by Kenya's Ministry of Information, Communication and Digital Economy and supported by ChildFund. This hybrid program, combining technical training, practical skill development, and in-person and online mentorship, seeks to equip youth with practical skills for online work and digital entrepreneurship.

For youth, the training has opened doors to remote work opportunities, digital freelancing and, most importantly, a sense of purpose and agency.

"This training didn't just give me skills — it gave me confidence and income."

— Janet, a participant in Kenya's Ajira Digital Skills Training Program



From left: Imashi, Amalshi, Piyumi, Shenara, Tharushi (all 15) and peer group leader Waruni (16), participants in Sri Lanka's EDGE Program.

Sri Lanka: Imashi and Waruni close the gap.

In 2021, a nationwide survey in Sri Lanka found that only one in five households owned a computer, less than half of the population used the internet, and email users were even fewer. Digital literacy was low, especially among women and girls. In English literacy, rural children, especially girls, tested behind urban children due to a lack of educational access and resources.

ChildFund's English and Digital for Girls' Education (EDGE) project, funded by the British Council, seeks to bridge the English and digital literacy gap for girls in some of Sri Lanka's most isolated communities, helping them build the hard and soft skills they'll need to succeed in education and, later, employment.

At weekly after-school clubs, adolescent girls aged 13 to 19 gather to learn English, information communication technology and life skills. Peer group leaders from their community facilitate their discussions, along with a coordinator from the British Council.

"We need to learn English considering today's technical advancement," says Imashi (15), a participant. "Most IT things are in English. And if we're applying for a job, they check our English skills first. So, we need English."

Peer group leader Waruni, 16, helps girls learn to navigate technology and do it safely. "We need digital skills to prepare documents, send emails, or to open a Gmail account," she says. "We use phones and laptops in our daily lives, but we must learn to use them properly and responsibly. There are weird people out there."

EDGE now offers two courses: a next-level curriculum for past participants and the foundational one for new girls, reaching 1,200 girls across 38 locations, with over 100 leaders trained.

Brazil: Érica dives into science.

In 2023, Érica, a child in our programs in rural southeastern Brazil, wrote to her sponsor explaining that while she wanted to pursue a career in veterinary science, there were no advanced science classes available at her school.

Her sponsor happened to have a connection at the Elfenworks Foundation, a California-based foundation whose work centers on fueling hope through education and innovation.

The foundation worked with ChildFund Brazil to determine how they could best support students at Érica's school with improved STEM education. When ChildFund and Elfenworks decided to move forward with a robotics course, Érica was thrilled – and hopeful for the future, indeed.

That first project equipped the science classrooms at her school with everything from microscopes to laptops to small robots made of recycled plastic – then trained four teachers and 11 students on how to operate them.

“You can't imagine how much this course has contributed to all of our education by bringing hands-on science into the classroom,” Érica says. “We learned new and different things, and my class and I loved every part of it.”

The computer lab at Érica's school in Brazil.

A second project, completed in March 2025, has allowed ChildFund Brazil to implement a robotics program in another school, this time in a low-income urban neighborhood in northeastern Brazil. Today, a third project reaches seven additional schools for a combined impact on nearly 3,200 young minds.



Students in the robotics class build and test their robots.



PROTECTION

Through violence prevention and mental health support, online safety interventions and advocacy, we ensure that children grow up in secure, caring environments and are protected online and offline, supported in body and mind.

Stemming the Rising Tide of Violence in Ecuador

As violent crime rises across Ecuador, the demand for violence prevention and mental health support among young people has risen sharply. In 2024, homicide became the leading cause of death among adolescents there, and suicide rates have also spiked. In one program area, Santa Rosa, there were 12 suicides among the youth population in 2024 alone. ChildFund Ecuador is responding through programming aimed at violence prevention in schools and communities, mental health and psychosocial services, and advocacy at the national level.

Responding to this mental health crisis, ChildFund Ecuador has expanded its SanaMente (Healthy Mind) program across education, protection and emergency contexts in our program areas. Recent evidence from the pilot program shows significant improvements in emotional well-being:

Severe distress decreased among children and teachers, and participants consistently showed better emotion regulation after brief, structured interventions.

To address high rates of suicide among young people in Santa Rosa, local partner CACTU (the Corporation of Community Associations of Cotopaxi and Tungurahua) stepped in to lead workshops and

prevention sessions in schools and communities, emphasizing open conversations and mental health support, and offering resources for young people struggling with suicidal thoughts.

The SanaMente program has strengthened teacher self-care, improved the emotional climate of classrooms, and supported children affected by displacement, violence and other crises. Its modular design enables individual, group, school-based and community-based support, helping reduce pressure on overwhelmed specialized mental health services.



A facilitator from local partner CACTU leads a session on suicide prevention for around 500 students at a school in Latacunga, Cotopaxi.



AmeriCorps team members facilitate a social-emotional learning activity with children in a south Texas school.

Right: Jesus (8), Ezra and Jose (7) hang out on the NPZ rug.



AmeriCorps Partnership Supports Students in Texas

Programming in the Rio Grande Valley of Texas continues to grow, supported by a 12% increase in sponsorships since 2024 and an AmeriCorps grant — the first in a three-year cycle. These investments are helping us reach more than 8,000 students across elementary, middle and high schools.

Our work in Texas focuses on social-emotional learning through initiatives such as No Pressure Zones (NPZs), academic support and literacy programs, anti-bullying campaigns, youth leadership and civic engagement workshops and family engagement activities. The ChildFund team's commitment to creating a positive, supportive environment for AmeriCorps members was recognized with the OneStar Foundation's Member Experience Shining Star Award.

Strengthening Online Safety Globally

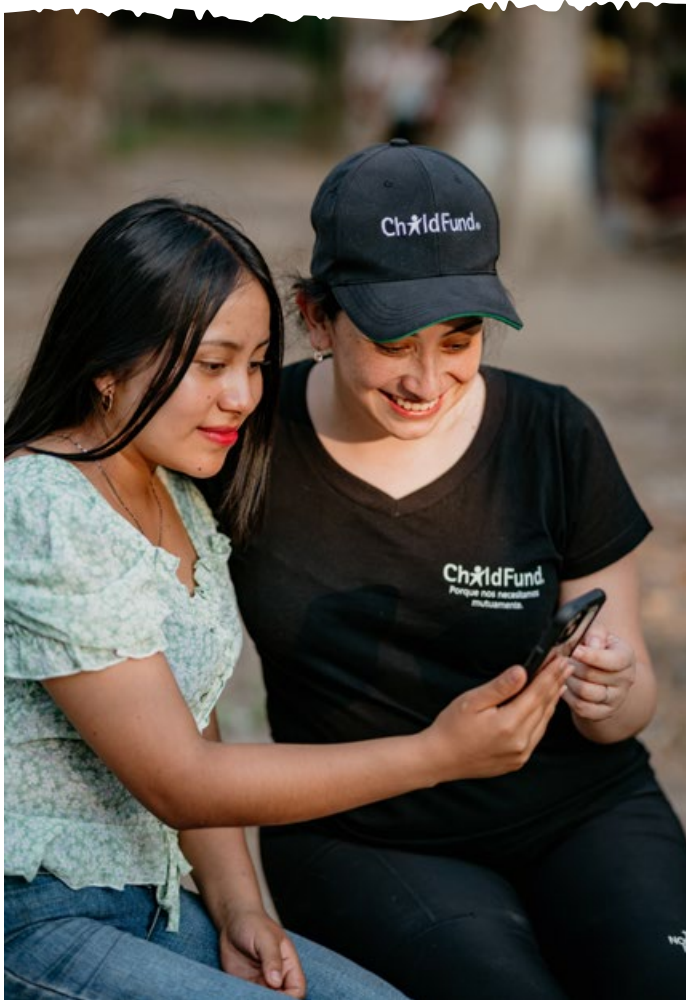
Our latest strides toward a safer internet for children and youth.

In recent years, ChildFund has become not just an international leader in the fight against the online sexual exploitation and abuse of children, but also a convenor — forming coalitions, building trust at national and global levels, and creating innovative campaigns, strategies and partnerships to raise awareness and pass legislation to hold tech companies accountable for crimes on their platforms. As the tech landscape

continues to evolve, particularly with artificial intelligence quickly becoming mainstream, there is still much work to do. But we are proud of the impact we have created so far.

#TakeItDown, ChildFund’s 2023 campaign against child sexual abuse imagery, positioned us as a global player in online protection, raised awareness on online sexual abuse and encouraged the U.S. public to contact their representatives in Congress to pass online safety legislation. The attention brought by the campaign directly led to the January 2024 U.S. Senate hearing where CEOs of “big tech” companies Meta, X, TikTok, Snap, Inc., and Discord testified on online safety issues. Further movement from the hearing led to several important pieces of legislation gaining traction and ultimately being signed into law — The REPORT Act in 2024 and The TAKE IT DOWN Act in 2025.

ChildFund has also made global impact on online safety through a range of policy and programmatic wins. We have shared our expertise at key global forums including The International Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect, the U.N. General Assembly, ADWEEK, South by Southwest and the ASEAN ICT Forum. We have also contributed to numerous initiatives including To Zero, WeProtect’s 2023 Global Threat Assessment and Safe Online’s event at the Global Ministerial Conference to End Violence Against Children.



Kensy (18, pictured with ChildFund’s María Fernanda Morán) is one of the faces of ChildFund Guatemala’s recent #Quenotepase (#BeAware) campaign. Delivered mainly through social media, #BeAware centers the voices of adolescents in an invitation for teenagers to understand the seriousness of online violence, as well as a call for parents to actively protect their children in the digital world. ChildFund’s local partner organizations and government institutions use campaign videos in activities and workshops that have reached more than 300,000 people.

OTHER ADVOCACY WINS INCLUDE:



African Union: ChildFund signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the A.U. to develop a model law on online safety, setting a standard for all member states to consider.



Ecuador: The Naveguemos Seguros (“Let’s Browse Safely”) campaign with the Ministry of Education raised online risk awareness among school professionals to better detect suspected cases.



Guatemala: Passed the DECRETO NÚMERO 11-2022, reforming the penal code on crimes against children and adolescents online.



Kenya: Passed The Children Act 2022 — an act of Parliament protecting children’s rights, including online.



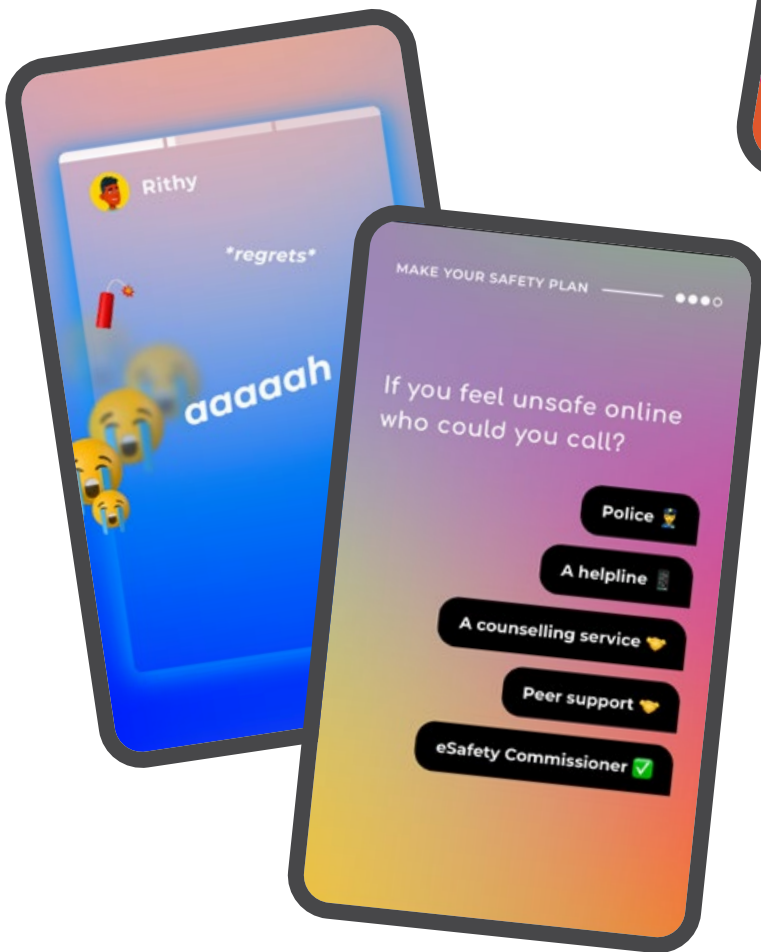
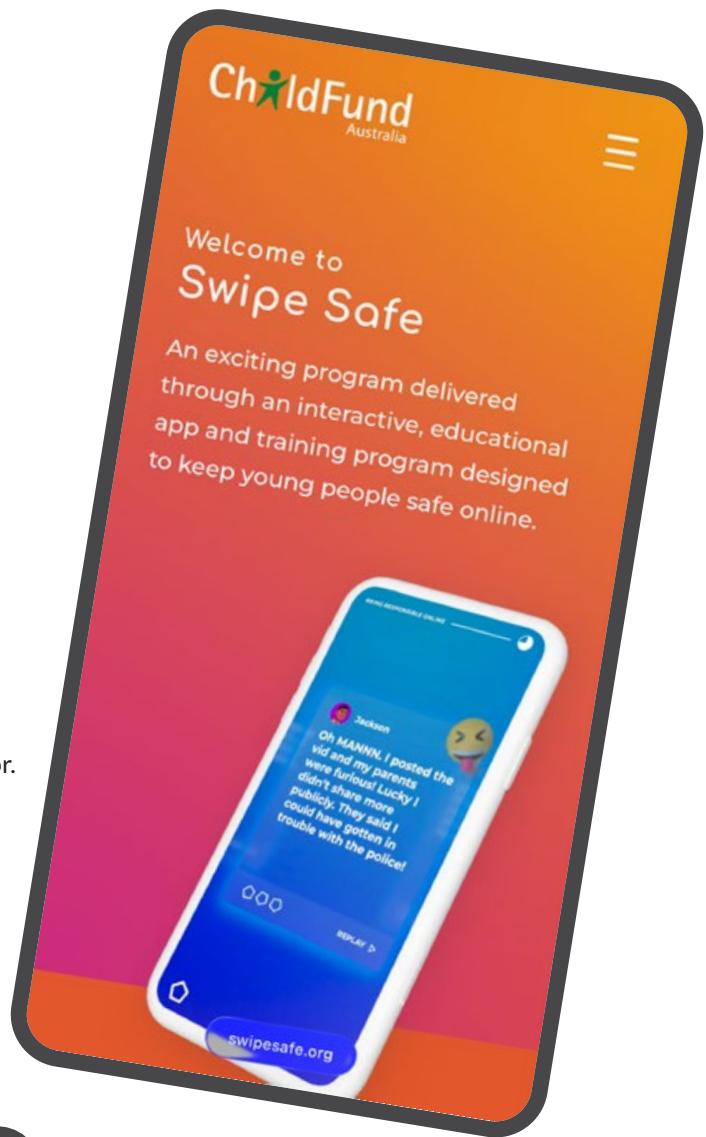
Brazil: The landmark national legislation Digital Statute for Children and Adolescents (ECA Digital) (Law No. 15.211/2025) passed in 2025.

Expanding Swipe Safe to Protect Kids Online

Swipe Safe is an interactive digital safety program designed to help young people navigate the internet safely and responsibly.

As online use expands globally, so do risks such as cyberbullying, data misuse, exploitation and other forms of online harm. The Swipe Safe app and training curriculum, developed by ChildFund Australia, builds young people's skills to recognize risks, make informed choices and protect themselves and others online. The app offers practical, scenario-based learning to help youth understand how the online world works and how to stay safe within it. The accompanying training program also provides in-person sessions for young people, parents and professionals, using technology to reinforce safe online behavior.

Thanks to our partnership with ChildFund Australia, Swipe Safe has now expanded to the Philippines, Brazil and Ecuador. Each country has dedicated Online Protection Specialists to support implementation, scale the program and advance related advocacy efforts.



“Monsters Are Real” in South America: Expanding on ChildFund’s U.S.-focused #TakeltDown and its centerpiece short film “Monster,” ChildFund’s Americas team launched #MonstruosSonReales to educate and mobilize the public around online child sexual exploitation and abuse. Like the U.S. campaign, #MonstruosSonReales offers resources to help parents, caregivers and the community act as digital guardians and help children and youth learn how to protect themselves online.

SUSTAINABILITY

Our work to build sustainability with children and families means that they are invested in their communities, resilient amid environmental stressors and ready to face future challenges.

Youth Take the Lead for a Sustainable Future

As Eco-scouts, Filipino youth are activating their communities to care for the natural world.

In a small town on the eastern coast of the Philippines, a group of teenagers is relearning the way they relate to the natural world – and building local resilience to natural disasters – through a program called Project Greenlight. “We are learning the impacts of deforestation and degradation on our community, and so we encourage other children to become better stewards of our planet,” says one of the participants, who are known as Eco-scouts.

Launched in June 2024, Project Greenlight, implemented by nine of ChildFund’s local partner organizations in collaboration with local governments, employs a classroom-to-forest approach to support youth in taking an active role in environmental protection and conservation, efficient energy consumption, waste management, awareness raising, local policy advocacy and more. The project’s approaches and tools help people adapt to a changing natural environment while also promoting sustainable development, including eco-smart agricultural practices, green jobs and livelihoods (e.g., zero-waste stores), and renewable energy, among others.



A 16-year-old participant in ChildFund’s programs illustrated her own vision of a healthy planet – one built on sustainability. In her new world, humans are more careful stewards of the environment, and all living beings reap the benefits.



An Eco-scout and a ChildFund staffer plant a tree at a reforestation event in the Philippines.

So far, Eco-scouts throughout the Philippines number over 14,500 children and 9,300 youth. Alongside parents, teachers and local officials, they lead activities like tree planting (nearly 1,300 trees so far), coastal cleanups, disaster preparedness training, environmental education and community awareness campaigns. Two community-run zero-waste stores are up and running, one of them led by youth.

“Our ultimate goal for this project is to eventually make this a national program and support more Filipino youth taking action to mitigate climate impacts,” says Erwin Peter Galido, Program Specialist on Disaster Risk Management for ChildFund Philippines.

In the meantime, Eco-scouts will continue to carry their message forward.



Lighting the Way for Learning

Through strong partnerships, we are lighting the way for brighter futures — one community at a time.

Nearly 600 million people in sub-Saharan Africa lack electricity, including 300 million children and youth. Without reliable light, students face shorter study hours, lower academic performance and higher dropout rates — while families rely on unsafe lighting sources that endanger their health and safety.

To address this, ChildFund Africa and the Eonic Earth Foundation partnered to integrate Eonic’s Watts On solar lamps into ChildFund’s education programs. The initiative began in Kenya and Zambia, where 11,000 lamps were distributed to students in remote communities, and is now expanding to Sierra Leone, Senegal and Uganda. The long-term goal: Reach 1 million learners by 2030 with clean, reliable light for study and safety.

Solar lamps have already transformed daily life for thousands of children — helping them study after dark, improving safety at night and reducing household use of hazardous fuels. In 2025 alone, 4,999 learners in Kenya and 2,329 in Zambia received lamps, with further scaling planned for 2026.



Grade 7 students are excited about their new solar lamps, received through the Watts On Solar Lights project.

“When we were using candles at night, I used to worry they could fall on Luyando’s bedding,” says Linah, a mother in Zambia. “Now we are okay. We can even go outside at night without being afraid.”

Beyond lighting, the initiative strengthens children’s education, health and well-being. Students report improved attendance and grades, while families experience fewer fire accidents, reduced kerosene exposure, and safer nighttime environments. Each lamp offsets an estimated 92 kg of CO₂ per year, which means healthier children and a healthier planet.

“When I hang the solar lamp outside,” says Fatuma, a mother of six, “I feel at peace. Strangers keep away and my children and I sleep without fear. The light protects us.”

Bolivia's EcoGuardians

When children and youth are trusted as guardians of their forests and water, they can transform their communities.

Indigenous children and youth of the Chiquitano Nation are becoming safer, more confident and better equipped to protect their forests, water and communities as environmental risks including wildfire and drought intensify. The EcoGuardians program — developed by ChildFund Bolivia with local partner APCOB (Support for the Peasant-Indigenous People of Eastern Bolivia) and We Effect and financed by the Munich Re Foundation — blends ancestral knowledge, disaster risk reduction and environmental stewardship through culturally grounded, play-based learning.

At the center of the program is the Guardians of the Forest Backpack, a child-friendly toolkit co-created with teachers and elders. Through stories, games and hands-on activities, children learn essential habits in hygiene, safe water use and emergency preparedness.

Youth leadership is strengthened through a partnership with JUMA, an Indigenous youth organization focused on climate advocacy. JUMA members participated in national and regional youth climate forums, produced theater pieces and digital campaigns on water and forest conservation, and documented environmental challenges in their communities.



Students test and review the “Guardians of the Forest” toolkit games as part of the co-creation process.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- 500 children and adolescents participated in fire-evacuation drills.
- Three communities established as biocultural learning spaces.
- Two schools improved water systems with solar-powered pumps.
- Youth produced theater, videos and digital campaigns showcased nationally.

Children in Monte Verde gather with local fire fighters after an emergency drill.



CHILDREN IN CRISIS

No matter what the crisis or where it happens, ChildFund delivers lifesaving, multi-sectoral, locally led humanitarian assistance that focuses on protecting and stabilizing the lives of children and youth.

After Two Typhoons: Holistic Support for Families Through Partnership

In late 2024, two typhoons battered the southern region of the Philippines' main island, Luzon, in three weeks: Kristine, which struck Sorsogon, and Super Typhoon Pepitos, which hit the island of Catanduanes, just north. This left thousands of families in urgent need of support both material and emotional.

ChildFund Philippines, with ChildFund Alliance partner Educo, launched an emergency response, working together to provide immediate and long-term support, focusing on three key areas: multi-purpose cash assistance, mental health and psychosocial support, and essential food aid.

The Canva Foundation partnered with ChildFund Philippines to distribute cash assistance to 700 participants, allowing them to decide for themselves how best to spend the funds, whether for food, clothing, temporary shelter or repairs to their homes.

Over 2,000 people, including 803 children, received mental health support to help them cope with the immediate grief and stressors following the storms, and 48 community facilitators took training to extend these services throughout the recovery process.



In Sorsogon, a resident digs out a mud-filled drainage canal in front of a house being built in place of one washed away by Kristine's floodwaters.

To address basic survival needs, ChildFund partnered with Crisis Relief Wesley and Convoy of Hope to ensure that families had access to food.

For the families in Sorsogon and Catanduanes, this holistic set of interventions laid the foundation for rebuilding their lives and futures.



An Educo mental health worker leads an activity with children in a child-friendly space.



ChildFund and Educo deliver food to families.



Haimanot, 14, stands outside a bombed-out classroom at her school.

Back to School After War in Ethiopia

When the Tigray war in northern Ethiopia ended in 2022, it left health, food security and education infrastructure in ruins – literally.

“When I came back to school,” says Mikyas, 11, “what I saw broke my heart. Our classrooms, the walls, the roofs and blackboards were all damaged.”

ChildFund’s Protection and Education in Emergency and Recovery (PEER) project in one conflict- and disaster-affected community in the country’s Amhara Region aimed to restore access to education for children, creating safe and inclusive learning environments while also helping them strengthen their resilience against environmental risks and stressors.

The program also strengthened community-based child protection mechanisms to promote and support educational opportunities for children, especially those from displaced or vulnerable communities. The project reached over 8,000 pre- and primary school students, 244 children with disabilities, 919 adults (teachers, parents and government staff), 200 female-headed households and over 10,000 caregivers. In addition to meaningfully increasing school attendance, the project also doubled the number of students reporting that they enjoyed school, and the proportion of teachers who reported their schools to be safe and inclusive for all children increased by 50 percentage points.

HEALTH, LIVELIHOODS AND SUSTAINABILITY

The Power of Collective Impact (and Orange-Fleshed Sweet Potatoes)

In northern Kenya, the high temperatures and perennial drought that grip Turkana and Samburu counties have long posed a challenge to food security and nutrition, especially for children under 5 and pregnant or lactating mothers. Enter the orange-fleshed sweet potato, a drought-tolerant, vitamin A-rich nutritional powerhouse that grows quickly. Tasty, too.

The Sustainable Production and Consumption of Orange-Fleshed Sweet Potatoes (OFSP) project enhances the resilience and livelihoods of women and children from vulnerable farming communities. The project established producer groups and community seed systems, promoted value addition and developed modern agricultural infrastructure, including boreholes, irrigation systems and eco-sheds.

The impact? County-level data show malnutrition rates declining from over 30% to about 20%, with vitamin A deficiency significantly reduced, while 86% of households report a 50% or greater increase in monthly income.

It's been a strong, multi-year collaboration across donors, government and humanitarian partners:

- Germany's Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) funded the project via ChildFund Deutschland from its launch in September 2020 through April 2024, with ChildFund International sustaining it and investing in infrastructure since then.
- ChildFund's local partners Frontiers Children Development Organization in Turkana and the Samburu Children's Program implemented the project.

Akai sells orange-fleshed sweet potatoes in the town market with her son, Gregory (5).



- Community members rehabilitated irrigation canals through food-for-work and cash-for-work agreements.
- The Etic women's group, established by ChildFund under an earlier Food for Assets project, is an integral link in the OFSP value chain, transforming farmers' harvests into flour, porridge and crisps. The flour has been certified by the Kenya Bureau of Standards and can be sold throughout Kenya.
- Kenya's Ministry of Agriculture (specifically the Kenya Agricultural and Livestock Research Organization) provided training and ongoing technical support for farmers on production of quality seeds and vines.
- The World Food Program supported the project in Turkana by fencing in an irrigation scheme and in Samburu by financing the production of quality, certified vines for distribution to farmers.
- The International Labor Organization provided a grant to facilitate market linkages via a mobile phone application for buying and selling among farmers, traders and buyers.
- Officials from Kenya's Ministry of Health were also trained on the health benefits of OFSP to promote the crop among mothers to combat malnutrition in communities, which they continue to do. The ministry also has been involved throughout the project to monitor how the addition of OFSP to children's diet has moved the needle on malnutrition. It has, so much so that vitamin A is no longer distributed at MOH growth monitoring and health outreach sessions in the three areas of Turkana where the project is implemented.
- World Relief, the World Food Program and an U.S. government-supported nutrition initiative all saw the success of the production and consumption of OFSP and have used it in their own programming.

At a ChildFund-supported early childhood development center, Rebecca serves a meal of sweet potatoes and porridge sourced from the Etic women's group.



FINANCIAL INFORMATION

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Condensed Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

AS OF JUNE 30, 2025 AND 2024

	2025	2024
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$32,041,200	\$31,212,535
Investments, at fair value	102,295,722	91,031,362
Beneficial interests in trusts	11,225,528	10,858,892
Receivables and other assets	9,130,417	11,201,630
Gifts-in-kind inventory	28,290,042	26,098,319
Property, plant and equipment, net	26,786,843	28,448,870
Operating leases right-of-assets	160,222	449,911
TOTAL ASSETS	\$209,929,974	\$199,301,519
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$13,365,070	\$13,199,795
Operating lease liability	171,471	419,774
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$13,536,541	\$13,619,569
Net Assets		
Without donor restrictions	\$99,648,400	\$92,697,631
With donor restrictions	96,745,033	92,984,319
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$196,393,433	\$185,681,950
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$209,929,974	\$199,301,519

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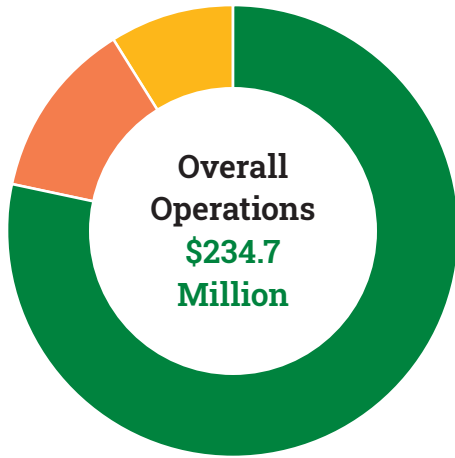
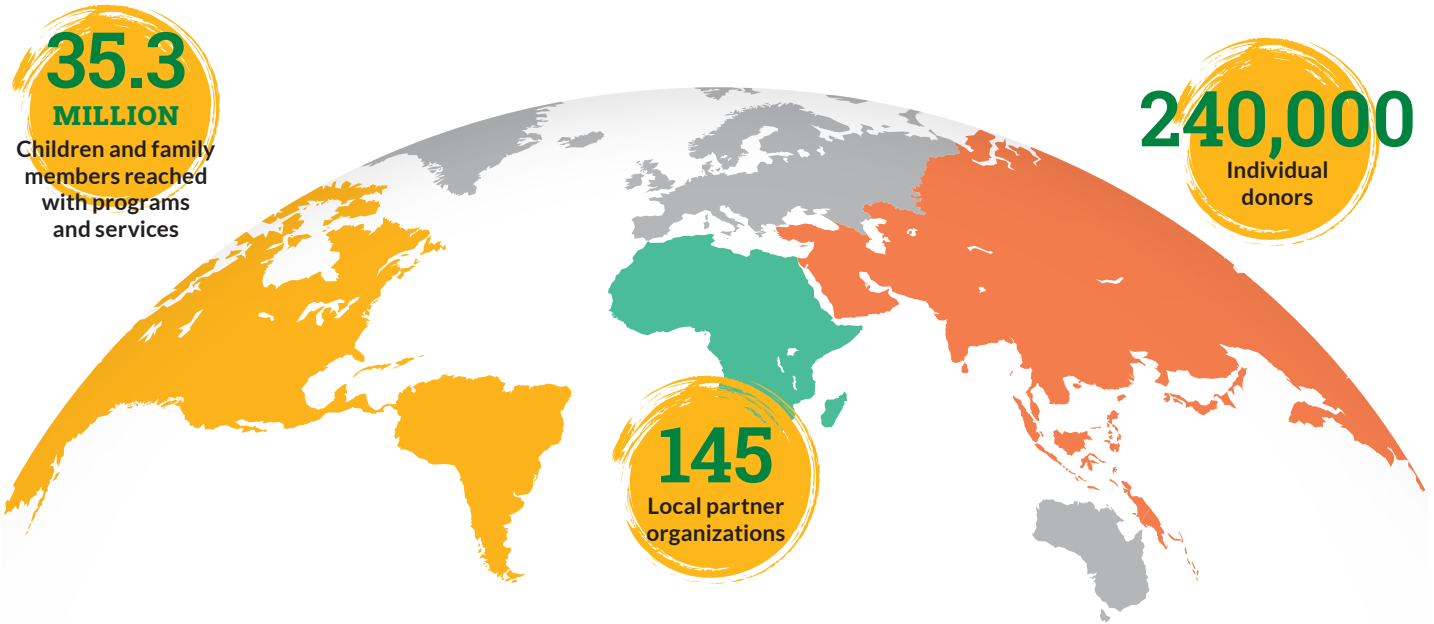
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YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2025 AND 2024

	2025	2024
PUBLIC SUPPORT		
Sponsorships	\$116,288,772	\$120,358,672
Contributions	92,755,283	97,024,175
Grants and contracts	20,888,295	22,667,433
TOTAL PUBLIC SUPPORT	\$229,932,350	\$240,050,280
Other revenue	7,690,719	2,490,907
TOTAL PUBLIC SUPPORT AND REVENUE	\$237,623,069	\$242,541,187
EXPENSES FROM OPERATIONS		
Program Services		
Basic education	\$61,221,795	\$62,552,923
Health and sanitation	57,734,972	25,220,049
Nutrition	7,753,170	11,999,848
Early childhood development	15,535,402	16,544,260
Microenterprise (family income generation)	28,206,807	31,799,935
Emergencies	14,012,251	21,296,060
TOTAL PROGRAM SERVICES	\$184,464,397	\$169,413,075
Supporting Services		
Fundraising	\$29,633,479	\$31,732,764
Management and general	20,599,740	21,143,751
TOTAL SUPPORTING SERVICES	\$50,233,219	\$52,876,515
TOTAL EXPENSES FROM OPERATIONS	\$234,697,616	\$222,289,590
Change in Net Assets From Operations	\$2,925,453	\$20,251,597
Nonoperating Gains (Losses)		
Investment return, net	\$7,249,124	\$5,277,825
Change in fair value of trusts	536,906	800,967
Change in accrued benefit liability other than net periodic costs	-	726,789
TOTAL GAINS (LOSSES) FROM NONOPERATIONS	\$7,786,030	\$6,805,581
Change in Net Assets	\$10,711,483	\$27,057,178

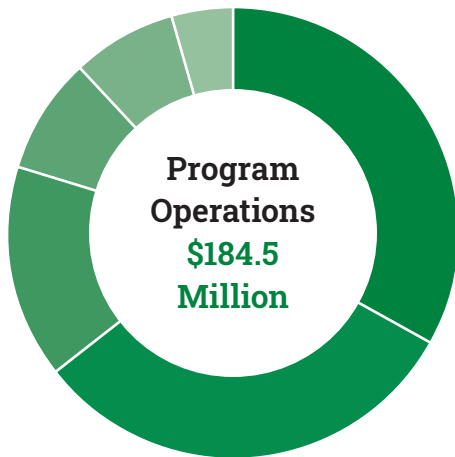
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How Your Gift Helps Children

- 78.6%** Program Services for Children
- 12.6%** Fundraising
- 8.8%** Management and General



Assistance to Children and Families

- 33.2%** Basic Education
- 31.3%** Health and Sanitation
- 15.3%** Microenterprise (Family Income Generation)
- 8.4%** Early Childhood Development
- 7.6%** Emergencies
- 4.2%** Nutrition



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In the Nampula Province of Mozambique, Patricio, a father of nine, cuddles with his daughter, Felicia (2), outside their home. The Integrated Care for Early Childhood Development project (Okhala Sana) – funded by the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation – is being implemented by two of ChildFund’s local partner organizations in Nampula Province, Mozambique.

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“What I’ve learned is that nobody can touch my body without my consent,” says Yureni, 11, who participates in ChildFund Mexico’s Me Quiero Me Cuido (Loving and Taking Care of Myself) program to help children learn how to protect themselves from violence. “Nobody can tell me to do something that I don’t want to do.”

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