



YOUR IMPACT 2020

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*Names have been changed throughout this report to protect identities.



IN 2020, SAVE THE CHILDREN REACHED **OVER 83 MILLION PEOPLE**, INCLUDING ALMOST **45 MILLION CHILDREN (50.5% GIRLS, 49.5% BOYS)** DIRECTLY THROUGH OUR PROGRAMMING, ADVOCACY AND CAMPAIGNING AROUND THE WORLD. WE ALSO RESPONDED TO **136 EMERGENCIES** IN **77 OF THOSE COUNTRIES**, SUPPORTED **COVID-19 RESPONSES** IN **65 COUNTRIES** TO ENSURE THAT CHILDREN WERE PROTECTED, AND DROVE **36 CHANGES IN POLICY OR LEGISLATION** FOR THE MOST DEPRIVED AND MARGINALISED CHILDREN.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE



Heidi Coetzee
Chief Executive

No-one could have predicted the devastating impacts of COVID-19. For many of the world's most vulnerable children already living in immense hardship, it meant even greater challenges.

In May we launched our global response to the pandemic – Protect a Generation – which was designed to mitigate and respond to the devastating impacts of COVID-19. We focused on four key areas – easing the impacts on children's health, helping children learn and return to school safely, supporting families to survive the economic fallout, and keeping children safe from harm.

Alongside our pandemic-related activities, we launched rapid responses to humanitarian crises with the help of the New Zealand Government and the Start Network. We were able to access urgent, life-saving funds for, and launch responses to, Severe tropical cyclones Harold and Yasa, support children in the world's largest refugee camp in Cox's Bazar and respond to the Lebanon explosion and Yemen crisis.

Collaboration was a central theme in all our work this year. In June we forged a new partnership with the New Zealand Government, 'Partnering for Impact', which allows for far greater long-term impacts in our development work in the Pacific and Asia. With your support and working alongside in-country partners, we established new programmes in Fiji, Vanuatu, the Solomon Islands, Laos and Nepal, addressing three key areas – child poverty, child protection and safe schools.

At home we launched a joint major advocacy initiative, 'Five to Thrive', alongside partners Barnardos, Te Kāhui Mana Ririki and Whānau Āwhina Plunket, aimed at putting the needs of tamariki at the top of the agenda ahead of Election 2020. We continue to hold the Government to account through our ongoing advocacy work.

Above all, thank you to our staff, our many members and supporters, and all our partners who make our work possible. Despite facing the many unknowns, fears and challenges of COVID-19, you continued to work for and give to those facing even greater challenges overseas. Thank you.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD



Susie Staley
Board Chair

The impacts of COVID-19 have been profound, threatening the most basic children's rights to survival, health, education and protection – and Save the Children has risen to the challenge with a global response designed to 'Protect a Generation'.

The pandemic has also highlighted more than ever those pre-existing inequalities in our society. Our response has been designed to mitigate the impacts on children's health, help children to learn and return to school safely, help families to survive and keep children safe from harm.

In New Zealand this has meant advocating for urgent policy changes to address the increased pressure on families already doing it extremely tough. Too many of our tamariki and their

families are living in poverty, housed in unhealthy or transient homes, and missing out on nutritious food, regular schooling and the childhoods we believe all our children are entitled to.

In development, the signing of a five-year partnership with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade has enabled us to grow our programmes and have greater impacts in the Pacific and Southeast Asia, while continuing our other long-term programmes in Bangladesh and Thailand.

To our Board and staff, thank you for your contributions in a challenging year. Throughout lockdown and beyond, you have worked tirelessly to respond to this international crisis and help improve the lives of children.

Finally, thank you to our supporters. Your immense contribution to our causes, even when New Zealand faced its own crisis, has been humbling. Without you, our work wouldn't be possible.

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WE DO WHATEVER IT TAKES TO SAVE THE CHILDREN

Save the Children believes every child deserves a future.

In New Zealand and around the world, we work every day to give children a healthy start in life, the opportunity to learn and protection from harm. When crisis strikes, and children are most vulnerable, we are always among the first to respond and the last to leave. We ensure children's unique needs are met and their

voices are heard. We deliver lasting results for millions of children, including those hardest to reach.

We do whatever it takes for children – every day and in times of crisis – to transform their lives and the future we share.



SURVIVE



LEARN



BE PROTECTED

WE HAVE AMBITIOUS GOALS FOR CHILDREN

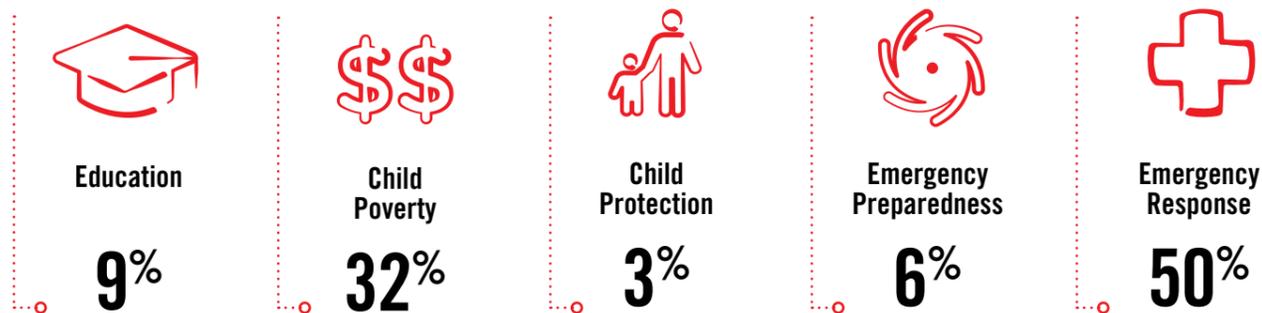
By 2030 we will ensure:

- No child under five dies from preventable causes ► SURVIVE
- All children learn from a quality, basic education ► LEARN
- Violence against children is not tolerated ► BE PROTECTED.

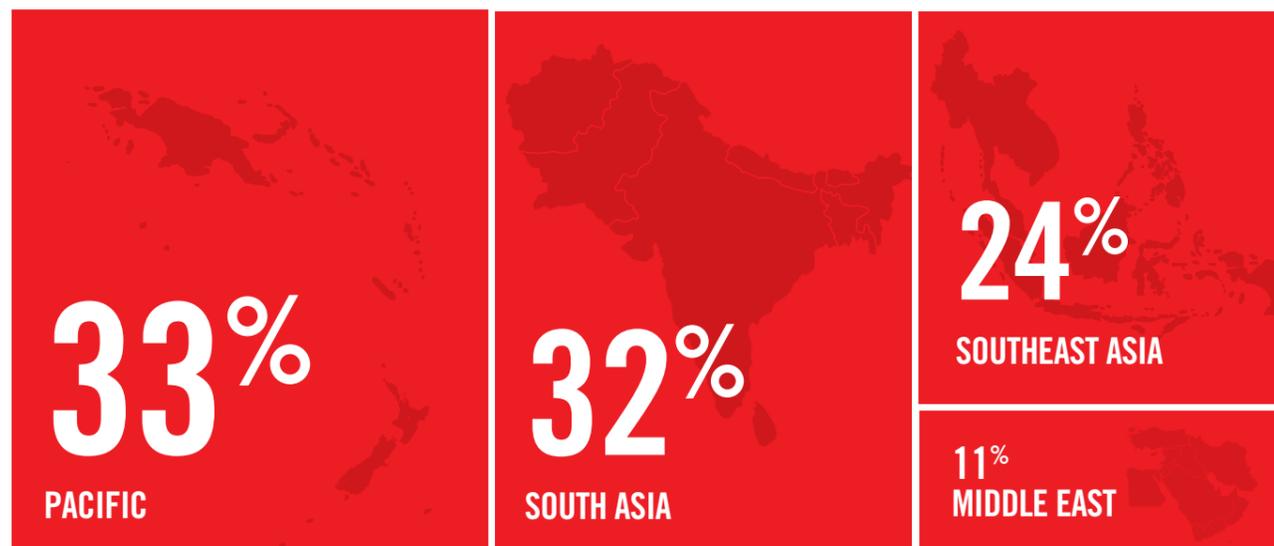


YOUR IMPACT FOR CHILDREN IN 2020

How your donations were spent in 2020:



Where your money went around the world



EMPOWERING CHANGE FOR CHILDREN

As we look to the future, our focus is on strengthening local communities and inspiring change for generations to come. With your help, we'll continue to ensure children's voices are heard.

As our founder Eglantyne Jebb once said, "Humanity owes the child the best it has to give" – and every day we strive to achieve that goal. That means enabling parents to earn enough to provide for their families, fighting to ensure every child fulfils their right to an education or to a safe home, empowering children to be heard and speaking up for them if their voices are lost.

As we look to the future, our partnerships become more important than ever. In the Pacific and Asia for example, we have an alliance with the New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade and our in-country delivery partners to support local leaders in building capacity to ensure long-term impacts – because we know that supporting local leadership is the most effective approach.

At home in Aotearoa, we're using that approach to strengthen our partnerships with other NGOs, and

empowering tamariki to understand their rights so that, over time, they can speak up for change. We're working on a Schools Programme that we plan to launch in 2021 that is designed to educate New Zealand children on the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child – a legally binding international agreement setting out the civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights of every child, regardless of their race, religion or abilities. By helping children to learn about their rights, we hope more will feel empowered to speak up when they feel their rights have been breached.

Change is not an easy fix. As Eglantyne Jebb reminded us, we are often told that eliminating child suffering is impossible. "It's impossible only if we make it so. It's impossible only if we refuse to attempt it." With your help, we will continue to make the impossible possible for children.

WHERE YOU SAVE THE CHILDREN

Save the Children works in more than 120 countries around the world.

WHERE YOU MADE A DIFFERENCE IN 2020:

Countries in which Save the Children works



LEBANON:
EMERGENCY RESPONSE



NEPAL:
CHILD POVERTY,
EMERGENCY RESPONSE



BANGLADESH:
EDUCATION,
EMERGENCY RESPONSE



FIJI:
EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS,
CHILD POVERTY



YEMEN:
EMERGENCY RESPONSE



VANUATU:
EMERGENCY RESPONSE



THAILAND:
CHILD PROTECTION



PAPUA NEW GUINEA:
EMERGENCY RESPONSE



CAMBODIA:
CHILD POVERTY



SOLOMON ISLANDS:
CHILD PROTECTION





Photo credit: Sonali Chakrabarti / Save the Children

YOU'RE HELPING REFUGEES TO SURVIVE COVID-19

In one of the most densely populated places on Earth, diseases can spread like wildfire.

Location: Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh
Timeline: 2020 – 30 March 2021
Amount distributed: \$102,297[^]
Planned reach: 30,761

Cox's Bazar District in Bangladesh is home to more than three million people, including 855,000 refugees who live in squalid conditions on the steep hillsides. With only 18 intensive-care beds in the whole district and no ventilators, there is an extremely limited capacity to provide treatment for any serious medical conditions, including complicated cases of COVID-19.

Many of the Rohingya refugees living there have underlying health issues and suffer from poor nutrition. In the densely populated camps, latrines and washing facilities are shared, making it nigh-on impossible for them to follow the COVID-19 hygiene advice on social distancing and handwashing.

In preparation for the inevitable, we launched an emergency appeal to build a special COVID-19 Isolation and Treatment Centre with 60 beds that would provide high-level care for confirmed cases. On 27 June 2020, thanks to the amazing support of our donors, the centre officially opened its doors. Eighty expert health professionals and support staff, including Save the

Photo above: The 60-bed Isolation and Treatment Centre was ready to treat COVID-19 patients in June 2020.

Children's Emergency Health Unit, have been trained and are ready to treat patients. The centre also has a dedicated area where pregnant women with COVID-19 can deliver their babies safely, and a space where children can stay while their caregivers are receiving treatment.

YOUR IMPACT

-  Three health posts in the camps were able to stay open through the COVID-19 crisis and continue to provide primary care to refugees
-  A six-month supply of pharmaceuticals, medical supplies and personal protective equipment was procured for the health posts
-  27 Community Health Workers and Community Mental Health Workers were trained in COVID-19 crisis guidance and how to identify patients to refer to the Isolation and Treatment Centre.

[^]This emergency response was funded in part by the New Zealand Disaster Response Partnership, part of the New Zealand Aid Programme, and matched with donations from our incredible supporters.

SPREADING AWARENESS TO SURVIVE COVID-19 IN PNG

Your support is helping children and their families learn how to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in some of the most remote communities in the Pacific.

Location: Papua New Guinea
Timeline: 1 July – 31 December 2020
Amount distributed: \$227,989[^]
People reached: 300,000

Papua New Guinea's East Sepik province is at high risk of COVID-19 transmission as it's very close to the border with Indonesia. As part of our global COVID-19 response and with the support of the New Zealand Aid Programme, Save the Children launched a project to spread the message about safe hygiene practices and prevent the spread of the virus.

In PNG there are additional challenges to combatting COVID-19. The health system is weak and does not have the facilities or equipment to handle an outbreak. More than 90 languages are spoken throughout the province and 85% of the population live in rural or remote areas, making it infinitely harder to educate people on the risks of catching COVID-19.

An assessment conducted in late April found that schools' and teachers' awareness of COVID-19 was very limited and that there was a lot of fear and uncertainty circulating in the community. It also found that more than 31% of schools didn't have clean water, which is critical for controlling the spread of the disease, and 89% of schools reported they didn't have enough soap for children.

YOUR IMPACT

-  COVID-19 awareness sessions were conducted, and supplies including hygiene kits and handwashing facilities were distributed to 15 communities, six markets and four health clinics
-  Handwashing training and tippy taps were supplied to 75 schools
-  Radio messages about proper handwashing and social distancing were aired hourly, reaching more than 300,000 people.

[^]This emergency response was funded in part by the New Zealand Disaster Response Partnership, part of the New Zealand Aid Programme, and matched by a generous gift from Sean Triner and Christiana Stergiou.

Photo below: Vincent and his grandparents attended a COVID-19 awareness session that we held in their community of Kadawa, where one major concern is multiple families living under one roof.



Photo credit: Save the Children PNG

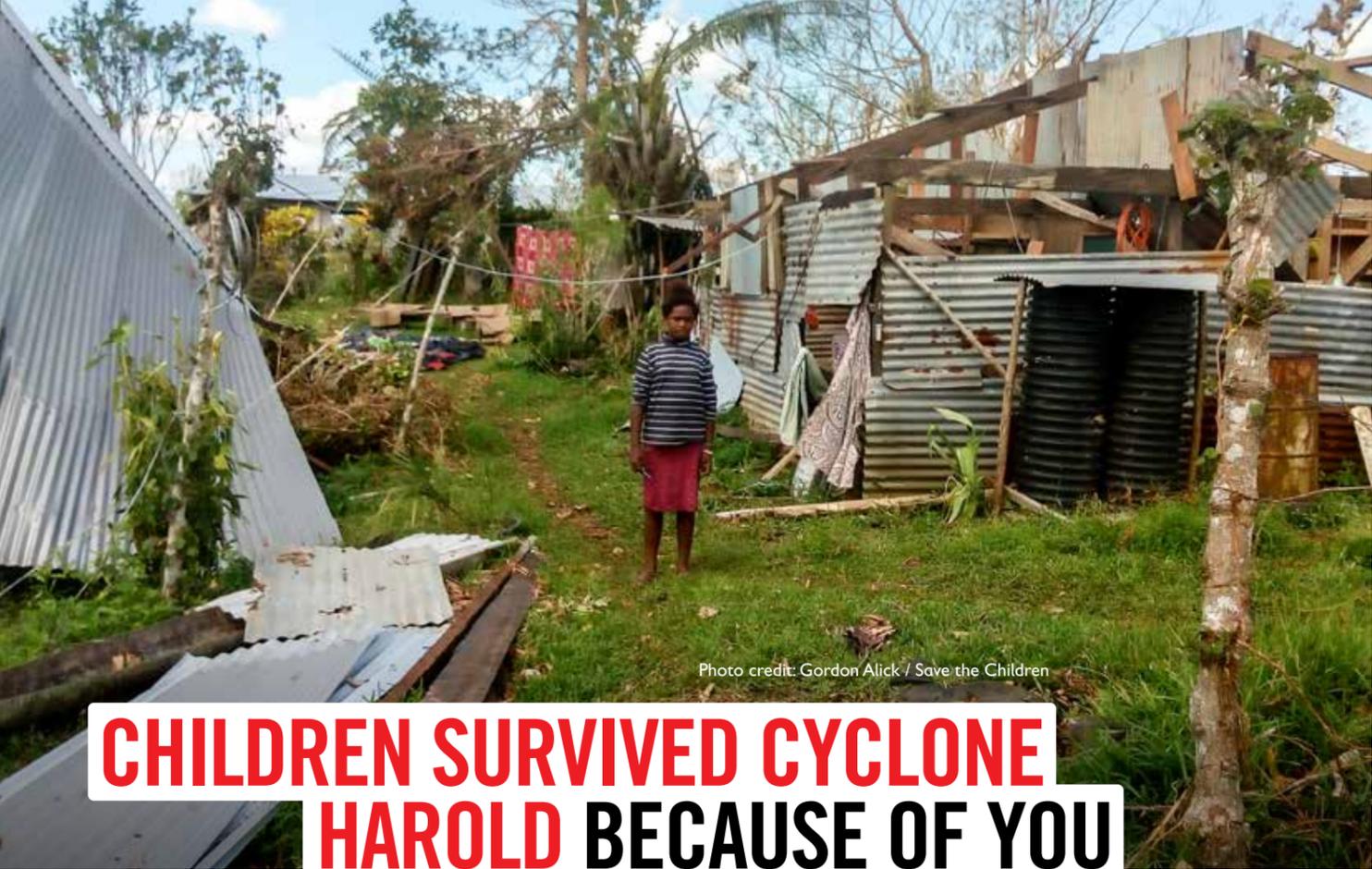


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CHILDREN SURVIVED CYCLONE HAROLD BECAUSE OF YOU

When severe tropical cyclone Harold made landfall in Vanuatu on 5 April 2020, it was one of the most powerful storms on record in the Pacific, with winds topping 250 kilometres per hour.

Location: Vanuatu
Timeline: April – May 2020
Amount distributed: \$548,340[^]
People reached: 2,901

Just as the world was beginning to battle COVID-19, the first Category 5 severe tropical cyclone for two years – and Vanuatu’s second strongest ever – hit the South Pacific basin. While there were no reported cases of COVID-19 in Vanuatu at the time, the pandemic made managing the emergency response extremely difficult as no-one could travel to Vanuatu to help with the relief effort.

In the wake of big storms like Cyclone Harold, children are at great risk of exposure, disease outbreaks due to a lack of safe drinking-water and sanitation facilities, and hunger as many people lose their crops and food stores.

Save the Children supported the Government of Vanuatu’s response to Cyclone Harold by providing children and their families with emergency supplies to help them survive and recover.

Photo above: Houses across Vanuatu lost roofs or were destroyed completely in Cyclone Harold.

[^]This response was funded by the Start Network.

YOUR IMPACT



More than 2,000 hygiene kits were distributed, with each including a bucket, laundry soap, a toothbrush and toothpaste, safety pins and baby nappies



Almost 3,000 shelter kits were distributed, providing tarpaulins, matches and candles, mosquito nets, jerry cans, soap and blankets



More than 1,500 people were trained in water-treatment and safe hygiene practices to reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19.

Seasonal Solutions Cooperative Ltd employs workers from the Pacific – including Vanuatu – and wanted to support its staff in a practical way following Cyclone Harold. The company donated \$15,000 towards the disaster response, helping to ensure the recovery of local communities following the cyclone’s destruction and helping them to prepare for future disasters.

CHILDREN IN FIJI SURVIVED A CYCLONE

Your emergency donations are keeping children safe in the wake of a devastating cyclone.

Location: Fiji
Timeline: December 2020 – March 2021
Amount to be distributed: £200,000 + NZ\$250,000[^]
Plan to reach: 4,500

The Category 5 severe tropical cyclone Yasa made landfall in Fiji’s Vanua Levu on 17 December 2020 and was the most severe storm to hit the country since Cyclone Winston in 2016. More than 23,000 people sheltered in evacuation centres and at least four deaths were confirmed. Houses were destroyed, crops and livestock were wiped out, and infrastructure was severely damaged, especially communications equipment, schools and water sources such as dams, pipes and tanks.

This was Fiji’s third crisis in an immensely challenging year. Reeling from Cyclone Harold in April, and the economic impacts of COVID-19 and the country’s ability to receive aid and recover, communities were already depleted when Cyclone Yasa hit.

In emergency situations like Cyclone Yasa, violence against children gets worse as systems set up to protect them, like going to school, are weakened. Assessments carried out in the wake of disasters report that children are frequently left unsupervised at evacuation centres or wandering

among debris, leaving them vulnerable while their parents deal with the emergencies. Initial reports estimated that at least 8,000 children were at risk as a result of Cyclone Yasa.

Our team in Fiji kicked into high gear following Cyclone Yasa, setting up specially designed Child Friendly Spaces to keep children away from the dangers of exploitation and help them to recover from the trauma of living through this harrowing event.

YOUR IMPACT



80 Child and Adolescent Friendly Spaces were established to provide children with protected environments where they could play, socialise, learn and express themselves as they rebuilt their lives.

[^]This response was funded by the Start Network and the New Zealand Disaster Response Partnership, part of the New Zealand Aid Programme.

Photo below: Members of the Navutu Child Club help in a community clean-up.

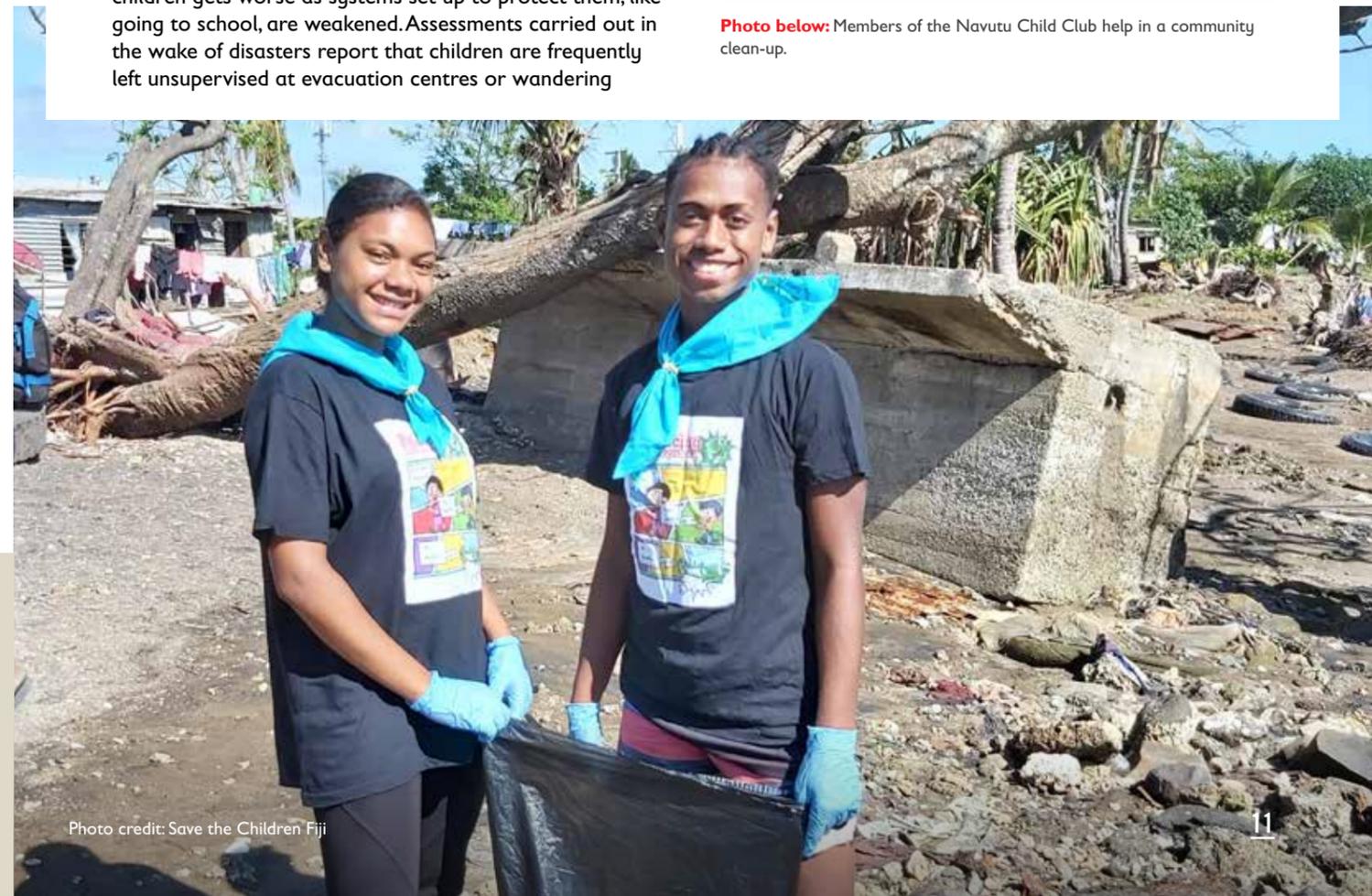


Photo credit: Save the Children Fiji



YOU HELP CHILDREN TO SURVIVE WAR AND CONFLICT

In the worst place to be a child, you're making sure that children still have a future.

Location: Yemen
Timeline: 2015 – ongoing
Amount distributed: \$466,107
People reached: 8.5 million since the start of the response

The humanitarian crisis in Yemen remains the worst in the world according to the United Nations. More than five years of conflict and severe economic decline is driving the country to the brink of famine. The severity of the needs is deepening, with the number of people in acute need 27% higher than last year. More than 230 districts are food insecure, and two-thirds of Yemeni are hungry.

COVID-19 has made it even more challenging to get aid to people, as lockdowns and the widespread fear of interacting with others have restricted movements of people and supplies.

Save the Children is working to make sure children in Yemen can continue their education, have enough food to eat and understand the importance of handwashing during the global pandemic.

YOUR IMPACT

-  50,000 children were treated for malnutrition with nutritious Plumpy'Nut, micronutrient powders and vitamin supplements
-  9,000 healthcare professionals were trained to combat outbreaks of diseases like cholera and diphtheria
-  780,000 children and their families received cash transfers or food baskets to support their livelihoods
-  Food was distributed to children under two and pregnant and lactating women, to ensure these vulnerable groups didn't become malnourished.

Photo above: Baby Haifa* was one year old when we met her and weighed only 2.7 kilograms – the weight of a typical newborn baby. Her family didn't have enough to eat – just tea and bread for breakfast and dinner, and occasionally Aseed (a fried dough) or eggs for lunch. Thanks to you, Haifa was given therapeutic food to treat her severe acute malnutrition, while her mother was supplied with food and hygiene items.

COVID-19 IS A CHILDREN'S CRISIS

For children, COVID-19 has changed everything. Growing up in a pandemic, their rights to survival, health, education and protection are under threat.

An entire generation of children is missing out on school, lacking life-saving healthcare, worrying about their next meals, falling into extreme poverty and at heightened risk of physical and emotional harm – with devastating, lifelong consequences.

What's more, the pandemic has revealed and reinforced deep and systemic inequalities – and the most vulnerable are paying the highest price. Children from the poorest families are missing out on those much-needed lunches they had in school, while others don't have the technology at home to participate in distance learning. Many, especially girls, risk never returning to school, instead being forced into caregiver roles, taking on extra chores, or being married. Children with disabilities don't have the support they need to learn and develop.

Since the earliest days of the pandemic, Save the Children has been there for children in 88 countries, keeping them safe, helping them learn, enabling their development and supporting their and their families' wellbeing in the face of lockdown restrictions.

We've adopted and expanded ways to deliver our life-changing programmes and advocacy for children, and launched new and innovative initiatives to prevent and respond to the pandemic's devastating impacts.

All over the world, children have been taking action to protect themselves and their communities by campaigning for their rights and demanding that their voices be heard. We've helped to provide platforms for children to speak to leaders and decision-makers and demand action on education, including the re-opening of schools and improving distance learning, on increasing access to healthcare, and on meeting families' basic needs with social protection.

Photo below: Johnathan*, 15, is a South Sudanese boy living in a refugee settlement in northern Uganda. As a Child Campaigner in Save the Children's Child Rights Group, he's inspired children in his community to go back to school in the camp. In November 2020 he spoke on behalf of children in Uganda to the Minister of State for Higher Education and advocated for schools in Uganda to re-open all classes.





BETTER FARMING SO THEIR CHILDREN CAN SURVIVE AND THRIVE

Cambodia has one of the highest rates of child and maternal malnutrition in the Asia region. With your support, farmers are starting to grow more produce so they can feed and support their families.

Location: Cambodia
Timeline: 1 May 2019 – 30 April 2024
Amount distributed: \$1,014,413
People reached: 1,862

While poverty levels in Cambodia have decreased substantially in recent years, a large proportion of households sits just above the national poverty threshold and is vulnerable to falling backwards into poverty. The province of Koh Kong in southeast Cambodia has one of the highest poverty rates in the country, with 44% of the population classified by the Government as poor.

Save the Children has been working there to improve the economic wellbeing and resilience of communities through an agriculture development programme. This is key to reducing poverty among farmers and ultimately improving household incomes and child wellbeing.

The primary aim of this programme is to train local farmers in agricultural techniques and develop additional local and regional markets. Through improving farming outcomes, household incomes will increase, and this will result in better opportunities for children.

Farmers are being trained in new techniques and technology, including the use of raised garden beds,

quality seeds and trellising nets and the installation of drip irrigation to counter water shortages. Produce yields are already significantly higher than in previous years thanks to these new techniques.

YOUR IMPACT

-  We delivered 91 agriculture training courses on commercial production, the safe use of agrochemicals, and post-harvest techniques for crops such as cashew nuts, bananas and cucumbers
-  27 farmer field days were held to share best-practice knowledge on farming and cost analysis, and link farmers with local buyers and suppliers
-  We identified 35 farmers who were willing to switch the crops they grew in order to demonstrate best practice.

Photo above: This mum is learning better ways to grow cucumbers, so that she can increase her income and better support her family.

YOUR SUPPORT HELPS CHILDREN TO SURVIVE POVERTY

By helping parents to earn higher incomes, you're making sure children have a chance to break the cycle of poverty and go to school.

Location: Udayapur, Nepal
Timeline: July 2014 – February 2022
Amount distributed: \$197,521[^]
People reached: Not available

When Save the Children started this project in Udayapur, Nepal, many children couldn't go to school every day. Their parents couldn't afford it, so older children had to either work or look after younger siblings. Fathers and teenagers would leave home for bigger cities such as Kathmandu to find manual labour work in factories, often for very low wages.

The project was designed to improve families' incomes so they could afford to send their children to school and pay for things like uniforms. But as is the case around the world, COVID-19 stalled work on this project as lockdowns stopped all travel and in-person activities. Field staff were able to adapt how they delivered information and training by linking beneficiaries directly with nearby 'demonstration farmers'. These farmers had already implemented Save the Children's agriculture training and could give advice on best-practice farming methods in their areas. The new farmers were able to continue growing and selling their vegetables locally, right through the lockdowns.

[^] This project is funded in part by the New Zealand Aid Programme and matched with donations from our amazing supporters.

YOUR IMPACT

-  753 farmers were given remote support and guidance via text messages, phones and Facebook Messenger on topics such as raising plants in a nursery and transplanting seedlings into the ground
-  The proper handwashing technique was promoted in schools and health posts
-  850 hectares of maize crop were protected from an infestation of fall armyworms, which appeared in the region at the beginning of the COVID-19 crisis
-  A jingle message was developed to broadcast over local radio stations the importance of hygiene.

Photo below: Two girls demonstrate the proper handwashing technique at a newly installed water tank and sink facility.





Photo credit: Save the Children Bangladesh

LEARNING TO DREAM OF A FUTURE

When a child grows up in a brothel, it can seem inevitable that they'll follow their mother into sex work. Thanks to you though, children like these are being protected from that life with an education, and given a chance to dream.

Location: Bangladesh
Timeline: 1997 – May 2022
Amount distributed: \$420,475
People reached: 1,000

In one of the largest brothel communities in Asia, 1,500 sex workers and nearly 1,000 children make their homes. But this is not the kind of place where a child should grow up.

For almost 25 years Save the Children has been working to give the children who live in and around the brothel an education, protection and healthcare.

COVID-19 has had devastating impacts on this marginalised population, especially sex workers, who are poor, rely on day-to-day earnings and have been unable to make a living. While the local Government has provided some food, it hasn't been enough and hasn't covered other basic needs like hygiene. As a result, families have been living hand to mouth and the children have become malnourished and traumatised, gradually losing their interest in school.

Stuck at home and going hungry, the children have been in danger of falling out of the education system altogether. However, thanks to your ongoing support, Save the Children has been able to step up and provide immediate help through a system of cash transfers. Utilising a Mobile Wallet application, money can be transferred securely and

directly to those who need it most, and they can spend it on their families' immediate needs.

To prevent their students dropping out of learning, teachers have organised the primary school children into small groups based on where they live, then given them learning materials and held socially distanced lessons. Teachers have also sent parents text messages with tips on how to keep their children interested in learning during the lockdown.

Photo above: A teacher works with a small group of children in a home-based lesson during the lockdown.

YOUR IMPACT

💰💰 937 people received cash support to mitigate losing their livelihoods

📖 591 children received home-based education support in small groups

👤 72 mothers participated in parenting sessions where they learned how to create toys using locally available materials.

SHE'S STILL LEARNING DESPITE COVID-19

Thanks to you – and a camel – 13-year-old Mahadiya has been able to continue learning and reading at home since her school was shut down due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The camel library was established in 2010. In the Somali region of Ethiopia, camels are traditionally used to transport goods across the hot deserts.

Hassen is the man who brings the library to Mahadiya. He spends anywhere between 15 and 25 days a month taking the library to different villages.

He loads the books, a tent, plastic sheeting and mats into two boxes on one camel. A second camel accompanies him as a spare, and a herder is also with him. Hassan, the camels and the library stay at each village for two and a half days, while the herder frees and feeds the animals and examines them for any signs of illness.

Like 26 million other children in Ethiopia, Mahadiya is out of school because of COVID-19, but thanks to Save the Children's camel library she's able to continue reading and learning at home. While she's sad that she's missing out on school and talks about the loss of the meal she normally receives there, she loves that she can continue to read because of the camel library.

She worries about her family, who have lost their income, but she still dreams of becoming an engineer.



Photo above: Hassan is one of 33 community volunteers who've been trained by Save the Children as reading camp facilitators to help children learn to read.

Photo below: Mahadiya holds the illustrated book that she inspired, entitled 'Mahadiya and the Little Camel', published by Save the Children Netherlands. She told us, "I am very happy and proud to see the book published and I would like to say thank you to all the people who did this work."



Photo credit: Seifu Asseged / Save the Children



THANKS TO YOU, THEY'RE PROTECTED FROM EXPLOITATION

Children have survived harrowing journeys and trafficked across land and sea, only to get stuck in limbo in Government-run shelters in Thailand. Your support is keeping them safe and protected from harm.

Location: Thailand
Timeline: January 2016 – December 2020
Amount distributed: \$87,980
People reached: 2,210

In Thailand, Save the Children has been pioneering specialised care for unaccompanied, neglected children and victims of child trafficking. Many are Rohingya refugees who've fled their homeland of Myanmar after witnessing horrors that no child should ever see: family members and friends maimed with machetes, killed or simply disappearing from sight.

In eight Government-run shelters, child victims of trafficking live in safe environments, protected from abuse and exploitation and provided with support so they're better prepared for their future.

We work with staff at the shelters to design and implement best-practice systems and procedures to ensure that any threats to or concerns for children are reported and actioned appropriately. Similar to the way that New Zealand's health and safety legislation works, this Child Safeguarding approach teaches shelter staff to recognise common threats to trafficked children's safety and wellbeing, and work to prevent those threats becoming reality.

We also work directly with children living in the shelters to ensure their individual needs are being met. An individual care plan is developed for each child, based on what they experienced when they were trafficked, how old they are, where they're from, what gender they identify with and if they're accompanied by family or alone. Survivors, and in some cases their family members, are supported in the shelters with counselling, advice on labour and employment rights, translation and language learning, and education.

YOUR IMPACT



Eight Government-run shelters now have functioning Child Safeguarding and protection systems



154 child survivors received detailed case-management plans that were age appropriate and gender sensitive.

Photo above: Fourteen-year-old Raja* has lived in a shelter since his 60-day flight from Myanmar in 2015. He wants to be an engineer when he grows up, but because he's not a Thai resident and therefore can't be registered in the school system, he doesn't know whether he'll receive a school certificate. His future is so uncertain.

PROTECTING CHILDREN AFTER THEY'VE BEEN THROUGH TRAUMA

The pictures and stories that came out of the devastating explosion in Beirut on the night of 4 August 2020 shocked the world.

Location: Beirut, Lebanon
Timeline: August 2020
Amount distributed: \$30,842
People reached: Unknown

Thousands of people in the Lebanese capital were in urgent need of medical care. Hospitals had to turn away patients because they were completely overwhelmed or had been decimated in the blast.

Save the Children was on the ground in Lebanon, working hard to protect the most vulnerable children during the COVID-19 pandemic in a country that was already facing economic collapse and political turmoil. After the explosion we scaled up our response to provide medical care, mental health services and emotional protection for children.

HALA'S STORY

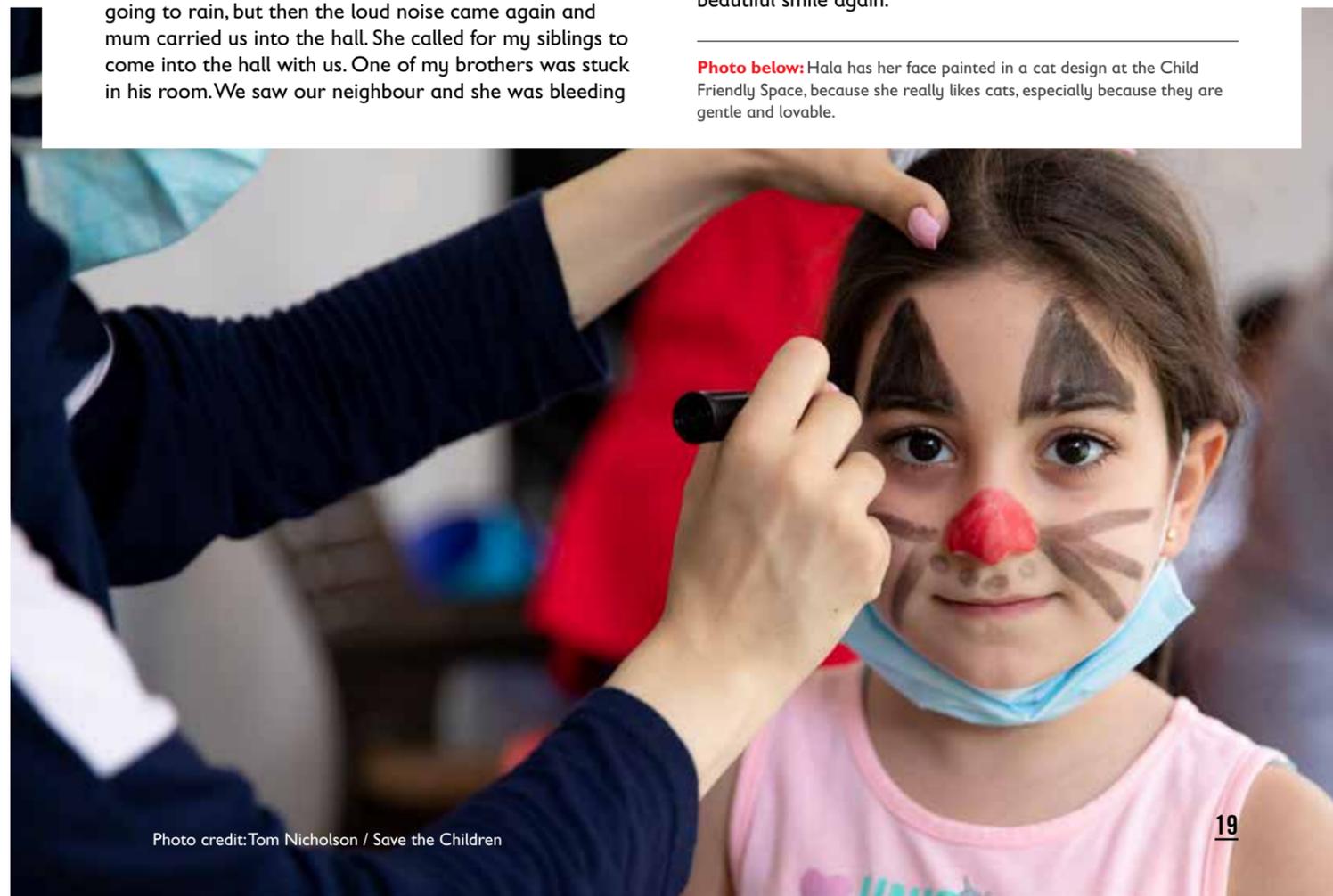
"When the explosion happened, I was studying and I heard a loud noise like this: 'voooooo!'. We thought it was going to rain, but then the loud noise came again and mum carried us into the hall. She called for my siblings to come into the hall with us. One of my brothers was stuck in his room. We saw our neighbour and she was bleeding

everywhere. She tried to help us get out of our house but the door was stuck. Then my dad came, he had to break down the door. A shard of glass went into my back and I bled. We saw the whole house was destroyed, even the curtain was torn. On the day after the explosion, I slept between Mum and Dad because I didn't want a second explosion to happen."

Hala's father Rabae told us that his dream is to see some trace of his little girl, even just her smile, again. Since the explosion she's withdrawn into herself and refused to be left alone. She won't go to sleep unless she's certain that both her parents are within reach. When she goes to the bathroom, she keeps the door open so she can make sure her family is close.

Rabae took Hala to Save the Children's Child Friendly Space so she could have a chance to play with other children and forget about the destruction. We caught up with her six months later, and while she still feels scared sometimes, she's made real strides in overcoming those fears. Rabae has started to see glimpses of his little girl's beautiful smile again.

Photo below: Hala has her face painted in a cat design at the Child Friendly Space, because she really likes cats, especially because they are gentle and lovable.



YOU DEMANDED MORE FOR CHILDREN IN AOTEAROA

When the major issues facing children were being ignored in the build-up to Election 2020 in New Zealand, we campaigned to put them back on the agenda.

With your help, Save the Children's advocates work here in Aotearoa New Zealand and around the world to ensure children's voices are heard on issues that affect them – and when they can't speak up for themselves, we campaign on their behalf.

Leading up to Election 2020 in New Zealand, much of the political discussion centred on the economy, business struggles, Government support payments and debt in the face of COVID-19. We felt the critical issues affecting children and families were being ignored.

Because we know we're stronger together, we joined with partners Barnardos, Te Kāhui Mana Ririki and Whānau Āwhina Plunket to launch Five to Thrive, a campaign aimed at putting the issues facing kids at the top of the political agenda.

We identified five 'asks' for children – the five vital issues where urgent change is needed to help all Kiwi kids to thrive:

-  Realising the potential of whānau Māori and reducing inequities
-  Investing in children's early years
-  An affordable and healthy home for every child
-  Adequate incomes to lift children and their families out of poverty
-  Mental health support for every child and new parent who needs it.

We asked New Zealanders to make their votes count for those who weren't yet old enough to vote, but who would be directly affected by the political decisions being made.

Together, we were heard. Our campaign reached politicians, policymakers and tens of thousands of Kiwis who better understood how their votes could make a difference for kids.

With your help we will continue to campaign for our children.



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YOU'RE PROTECTING A GENERATION

In among the dialogue of COVID-19 and its devastating impacts, one group of voices was strangely absent – children. With your help, we empowered them to share their stories.

The COVID-19 pandemic has affected millions of people around the world. While some have been affected more than others, we know one thing for sure – children are most at risk of having their lives derailed by the consequences of the pandemic, both in the short term and potentially for many years to come.

In 2020, Save the Children carried out a global survey to understand the true impacts that COVID-19 had had on children and their families – by hearing directly from children themselves.

We captured the voices of more than 25,000 children, parents and caregivers from 37 countries in the largest and most comprehensive survey of its kind. The results showed the pandemic's devastating impacts on the education of children from poorer backgrounds and a widening of the gap between rich and poor and boys and girls.

In the first six months of the pandemic, the most vulnerable children disproportionately missed out on access to education, healthcare and food, and suffered the greatest protection risks. Two-thirds of these children had no contact with teachers at all during lockdown; more than 90% of households that lost over half of their incomes due to the pandemic reported difficulties in accessing health services; violence at home doubled when schools were closed; and

investments in education, health and nutrition, mental health services and safety nets were urgently needed.

Our findings were launched in a report – 'Protect a Generation' – that called on policymakers to build back better for children. Our advocates continue to use this report around the world to raise awareness of how the pandemic has affected children, and make children visible in both the COVID-19 dialogue and the policy decisions made for the future.

“Take care of us, because our situation is only getting worse”
– 16-year-old girl, Lebanon

“My message for leaders is that... I'm speechless since they don't take us into account”

– 17-year-old boy, El Salvador

OUR AMAZING SUPPORTERS IN 2020

We wholeheartedly thank all our amazing supporters and partners who work with us to help millions of children around the world to survive, learn and be protected. While we can only acknowledge some of our supporters here, our work would not be possible without you all. Because together, we can do more.

THE START NETWORK

In times of crisis we're able to respond quickly thanks to the help of the Start Network. As a member of the Start Network we're able to access urgent, life-saving funds to respond to underfunded small- to medium-scale crises and spikes in chronic humanitarian crises, and to act in anticipation of impending crises, filling a critical gap in humanitarian financing. This year these funds were used to help respond to emergencies in Fiji, Vanuatu and Nepal.

PARTNERING FOR IMPACT

This year, we also signed a five-year partnership with the New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade to deliver development aid to five countries in the Pacific and Asia.

This Negotiated Partnership is bringing to life the Government's 'Partnering for Impact' model, which focuses on a long-term vision for a broader geographic area. Programmes are underway in Fiji, Vanuatu, the Solomon Islands, Laos and Nepal addressing three key areas: child poverty, child protection, and safe schools.

With your support we match 20% of the New Zealand Government's contribution to these programmes, contributing our tried and tested programme methods developed by experts at Save the Children and delivered with our in-country partners.



Please note: The views expressed in this publication do not necessarily reflect those of the New Zealand Government.



CHILD PROTECTION

Child Protection – violence against children is no longer tolerated



SAFE SCHOOLS

Safe Schools – School-age children are safe from disaster, climate risks and hazards



CHILD POVERTY

Child Poverty – all children have access to health and nutrition.

TRANSFORMING LIVES THROUGH THE KINDNESS OF LEGACIES

Compassion and determination are the words that come to mind when listening to Genevieve Utting recall her decades of support for Save the Children.



Photo above: Genevieve receiving her diploma in landscape design at age 70 as she continues to enrich her life through education.

Photo supplied by Genevieve Utting

After learning about a child sponsorship programme through her local children's playcentre more than 50 years ago, Genevieve decided to sponsor children facing uncertain futures around the world. It wasn't easy for her at times, as a single parent to her three young children. Money was tight but Genevieve generously continued to donate.

"I thought that at least my children could go to school and come home to a warm house with food on the table, which was a privilege that others didn't have."

Finding the time to fit in accountancy classes during the evenings, while working full time and single-handedly raising a young family, took years of perseverance.

Eventually Genevieve went on to graduate and start her own business as a chartered accountant.

She reflects, "It was hard graft, but the ability to lift oneself up through an education and create a better future is essential. It is the education that I feel is so important."

In fact, empowering children through education is a key incentive behind Genevieve's decision to leave a gift to Save the Children in her Will, after being inspired at a meeting where Dame Catherine Tizard spoke.

As a former patron of Save the Children, Dame Cath shared her experience of visiting a community programme in India. She told the children there about how she had returned to university to complete a degree as an adult student, and had become Mayor of Auckland and eventually Governor-General of New Zealand. Her message provided hope to these children about the power of education. She was so inspiring that one child stood up and declared that they too were going to study and would become the President of India.

The ability of Save the Children to provide help and protection to children around the world every day and in times of crisis – transforming children's lives and their futures – would not be possible without the kindness and foresight of Genevieve and others like her who have chosen to leave legacies.

Today, Genevieve's family are all grown up and know that she has placed a gift in her Will to Save the Children. They understand how much this means to her. Genevieve's gift is a considered choice. "I always admired the way Save the Children was run as a respected worldwide institution. To my mind that means a lot."

We wish to thank all those special supporters who've left gifts in their Wills to Save the Children. We're deeply grateful, as their gifts help to save and improve the lives of some of the world's most disadvantaged children – and give them hope for positive futures.

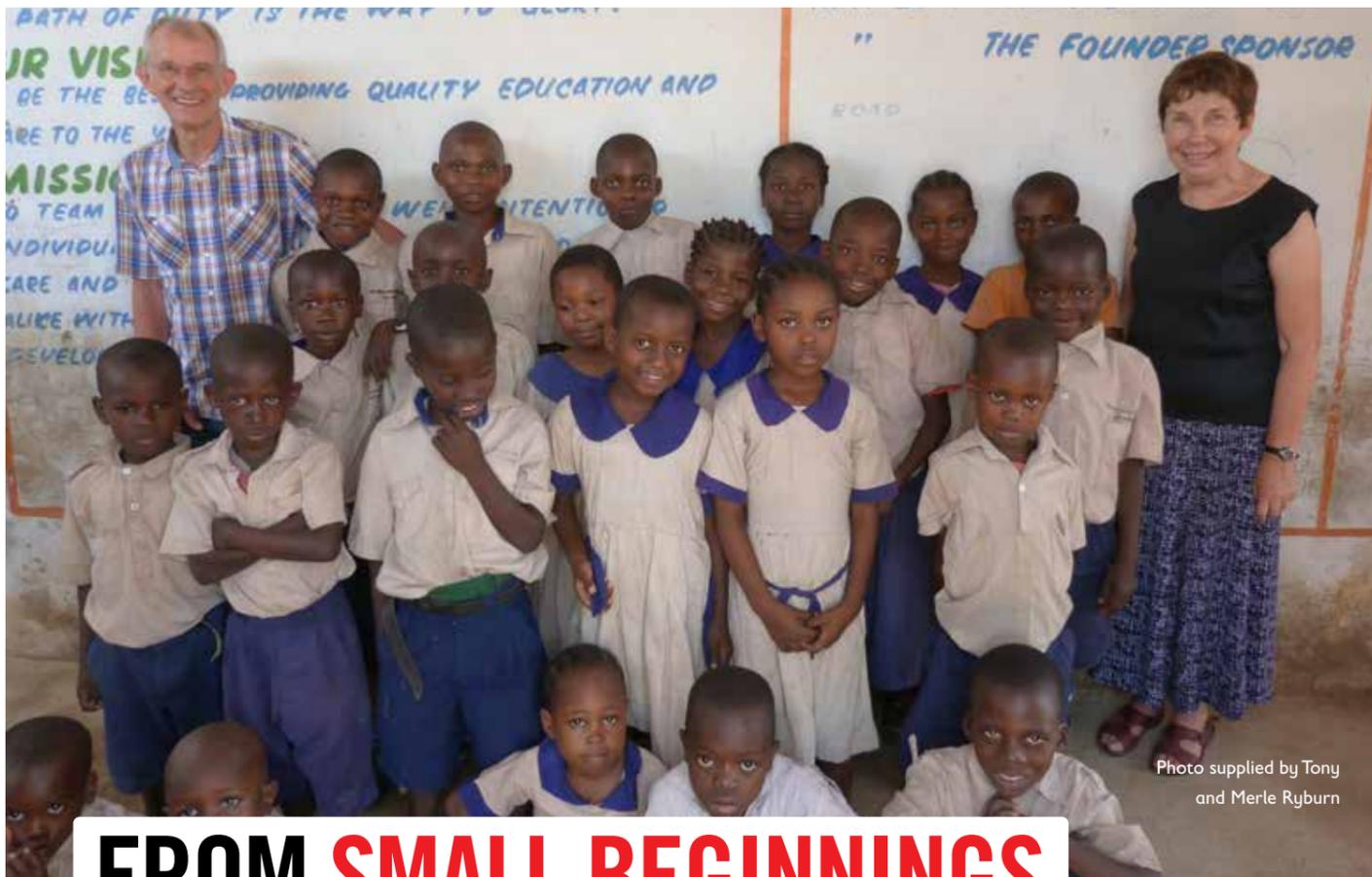


Photo supplied by Tony and Merle Ryburn

FROM SMALL BEGINNINGS

Long-time supporters Tony and Merle Ryburn began their journey with Save the Children almost 30 years ago. Little did they know the long-lasting impacts their support for one child would have.

Tony and Merle began sponsoring a young Kenyan boy named Noah in 1992, through Save the Children's sponsorship programme. Noah's father had died when Noah was 11, and his mother was raising eight children alone.

She was determined that Noah would get a good education, so he would walk or run for more than two hours to the closest school. Despite the challenges he faced, Noah was always top of his class, and he dreamt of attending secondary school in Nairobi.

Through Tony and Merle's sponsorship, Noah's dream was fulfilled and he was able to attend Starehe Boys Centre and School. He worked extremely hard and regularly wrote to his Kiwi sponsors. It was a highlight for the family when Tony and Merle visited Kenya and met Noah. Little did they know that their support would soon benefit hundreds of other children.

Impressed by Noah's hard-working attitude, and firm believers that education is key to moving children out of poverty, Tony and Merle decided to support Noah through university, where he trained as a teacher.

Noah says, "I came to love how knowledge imparted to young children would change their lives... and so I chose to study education to enable me to assist other children in similar circumstances to my own."

Noah never forgot how fortunate he was to have been sponsored and wanted to give back to the community. He saved enough to be eligible for a loan and bought a small plot of land on which he built a corrugated iron building. Two young teachers joined him and, despite having no toilet, water or electricity, they soon had 30 children attending.

Tony and Merle heard what Noah was doing and continued their amazing support by helping to fund Kenya Excellent Centre and School. 10 years later, the school has more than 300 pupils and continues to grow.

Tony and Merle still support Save the Children and have also chosen to leave gifts in their Wills. They have been to Kenya several times and look back with amazement on how sponsoring just one child has led to hundreds of children receiving a life-changing education.

"We realised how incredibly privileged we were and felt a responsibility to help. It's up to all of us to do something small."

Photo above: Tony and Merle Ryburn visiting the school in Kenya that they helped their sponsored child Noah to fund.

OUR VOLUNTEERS ARE CATERING FOR A CAUSE

Twenty-one years ago, Save the Children's Western Bay of Plenty Branch volunteers found a way to raise funds for Save the Children while doing what they love – cooking and presenting food.

The tight team of home cooks, led by Pam Brown and Margaret Carter, began catering for a wedding. Liz McCarthy joined the team and they soon found their services were most often called on for funerals, and that is what they have done ever since in the Tauranga area.

They never advertised their services, but word of mouth recommendations just kept the jobs coming. In one particularly busy year they catered for 71 funerals, as well as garden parties, weddings and other functions, and raised a record \$47,000! While they no longer do that level of catering, they have not hung up their aprons quite yet and still provide their delicious food when requested.

What has kept this team of hard-working volunteers together for so long? They all agree that it is the satisfaction of supporting Save the Children's programmes for children, along with the fun they have with their team of 'very special friends'. And not to forget their husbands and partners, who have also helped out over the years.

Photo below: Volunteers Margaret Carter, Liz McCarthy, Pam Brown and Rita Owen show off their catering skills!



Photo supplied by Jim McCarthy

WE SALUTE
this wonderful group of volunteers, and also the many others around the country who have given so generously of their time and talent to Save the Children. Thank you all!



YOUR OUTSTANDING SUPPORT

More than 22,000 of our donors are supporting our long-term development projects for children with regular monthly gifts. Regular giving is so powerful – it has enabled us to commit to multi-year, multi-million-dollar projects with partners because we know that we'll have the funds ready to go.

Through regular monthly donations and one-off gifts to special appeals and emergencies, whether big or small, every donation helps transform and save a child's life!

Your support is hard at work, changing the lives of children by ensuring they survive, learn and are protected. If you'd like to join us with a monthly gift, it's easy to sign up! Simply go to our website www.savethechildren.org.nz and click 'Donate Now'. Be sure to select 'Give Monthly'.



\$10

could pay for **antibiotics** to treat a child suffering from pneumonia and struggling to breathe



\$47

could buy a box of 150 sachets of **Plumpy'Nut** to treat severely malnourished children



\$72

could pay for a monthly **health check** for children at the primary school in Daulatdia brothel



\$143

could pay for a box of **water purification tablets** to make water safe for children to drink

OUR COMMITMENT TO ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY

At Save the Children we take full responsibility for using our resources efficiently, achieving measurable results and being accountable to our supporters, partners, staff and, most of all, children.



ACCOUNTABILITY

Save the Children New Zealand is a member of the Council for International Development (CID) and is a signatory to the CID Code of Conduct. The code requires members to meet high standards of corporate governance, public accountability and financial management.

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GOVERNANCE

Our Board brings a diverse range of highly experienced leaders to Save the Children. Leaders in their own fields, ranging from legal and financial to governance, management, marketing, communications, education and relationship management, they provide strategic direction and strong governance to ensure Save the Children New Zealand achieves its goals.



COMPLAINTS

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If you wish to make a complaint against Save the Children New Zealand, you can email us at info@savethechildren.org.nz or call us on 0800 167 168. We aim to handle all complaints as promptly and responsibly as possible.



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OUR FINANCIALS FOR 2020

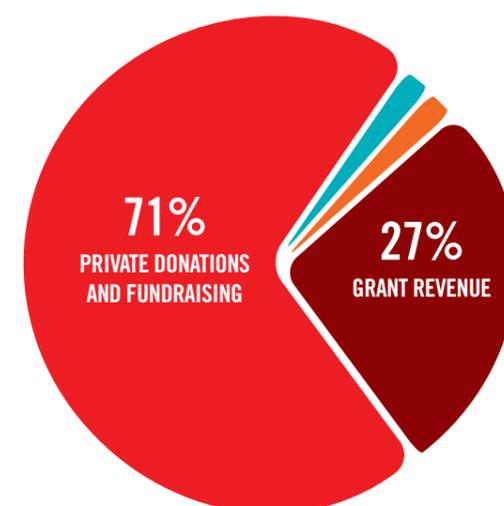
STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE REVENUE AND EXPENSES, FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

INCOME	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Grants	3,501	2,419	4,430	1,014	3,718
Fundraising	9,293	10,062	8,149	6,548	6,197
Retail	108	190	215	217	269
Other	197	133	101	91	116
TOTAL INCOME	13,099	12,804	12,895	10,870	10,300

EXPENSES	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Programmes	5,994	4,821	6,698	6,541	6,333
Engagement	4,453	3,909	4,272	3,217	2,773
Retail	84	136	123	157	218
Administration & Governance	772	863	801	842	1,277
TOTAL EXPENSES	11,303	9,729	11,894	10,757	10,601

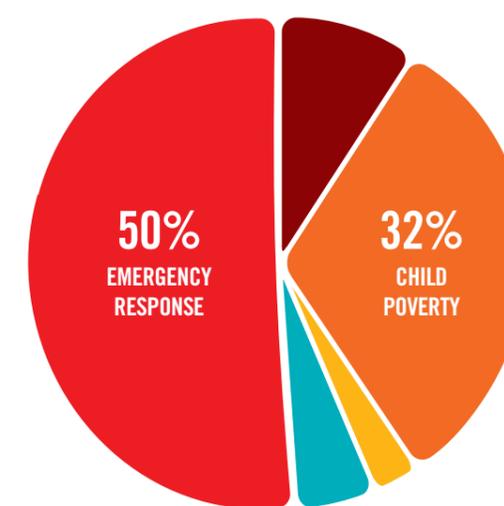
Full financial statements are available on request. Figures are in \$000s.

2020 INCOME



- 1% ALL OTHER REVENUE
- 1% RETAIL REVENUE

WHERE YOUR MONEY WENT



- 6% EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS
- 3% CHILD PROTECTION
- 9% EDUCATION

OUR FINANCIALS FOR 2020

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Despite the significant challenges brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic, a Net Surplus of \$1,796,098 was achieved. Private donations and fundraising targets were met, which was a fantastic result. The total amount raised was down on 2019, which included a very large bequest. Excluding bequests, private donations were 13.7% up on 2019. International programme expenditure was affected by the implementation of the new Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade Negotiated Partnership, with delays to the commencement of planned projects, and COVID-19 causing delays in programme delivery, with many countries forced into extended lockdown periods and travel restrictions imposed. The organisation is in a strong financial position with \$7,829,516 in Accumulated Funds and Designated Reserves.

\$1,796,098

Net Surplus
2020

\$7,829,516

Accumulated Funds and
Designated Reserves 2020

Our fundraising activities
produced another fantastic
result, growing by:

13.7 %

private donations up
2020



**YOU MAKE THIS
POSSIBLE FOR
CHILDREN.
THANK YOU!**

Photo above: Thanks to you, four-year-old Raema knows how to wash her hands properly after attending a handwashing demonstration after Cyclone Harold hit her village in Vanuatu.

Photo credit: Save the Children Vanuatu

THANK YOU!

When her father passed away, Shamiso's family was forced to move out of their house. Since then her mother Mary has been struggling to provide for her five children, as well as send them to school. Now, as it is for every other child in Zimbabwe, Shamiso's life has been disrupted by the pandemic. She is not going to school and not able to play with her friends in the neighbourhood.

Thanks to your support, Shamiso and her family received hygiene kits from Save the Children. Mary is grateful and says the hygiene kit will assist them at home, as they had nothing to use to protect themselves from catching the virus.

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Sophie Hamandishe / Save the Children

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