



Save the
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IMPACT REPORT 2025



A special thank you from our leaders.



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Baby Kiara was 20 months old when her mother Marie brought her to our malnutrition screening in a small clinic in Haiti. The family were struggling. Her mother couldn't afford milk or food for her baby or her other three children.

Kiara's little arm was just 120mm, signalling moderate acute malnutrition - a condition that severely affects a child's health and development, often resulting in delayed cognitive and physical development. If left untreated, it can progress to the life-threatening severe acute malnutrition.

It is also easily treated, with the right medicine.

2025 was a challenging year for children living in crisis. At a time when nearly 200 million children worldwide rely on lifesaving assistance, some of the world's wealthiest countries drastically cut their aid budgets and, at a global level, we had to make heart-breaking decisions to pause programmes. But we have continued to work to find new solutions, so that children don't arrive at closed health clinics, go without food or face trauma alone.

In Aotearoa New Zealand, we responded to these global aid cuts with a large-scale fundraising campaign 'Beat Hunger', which garnered support from schools, youth ambassadors, staff and supporters, directly contributing more than \$160,000 to support our global nutrition programming for children like Kiara in Haiti and additional funds to support food security in the Pacific.

Throughout the year, with the support of generous New Zealand donors, Save the Children also responded to other crises across the globe, supporting children and families affected by conflict, displacement, climate disasters and poverty.

In our long-term development programming, a defining achievement this year was the successful completion of our first five-year Negotiated Partnership Programme with the New Zealand Government. Together, we reached more than 45,000 people across the Pacific and Asia, strengthening resilience, supporting families and creating safer environments for children.

This work has not only delivered meaningful, measurable change, it has helped lay the foundation for a second phase, continuing our focus on locally led solutions, climate resilience, food security and protecting children from violence.

Here in Aotearoa New Zealand, your support is also empowering children and young people to lead change in their own communities. Through our youth engagement programme, Generation Hope, rangatahi are building confidence and skills to advocate for issues that matter to them and their peers.

In 2025, we also launched our new three-year strategy, grounded in a bold ambition to create lasting, transformative change for and with children. Central to this is our commitment to shift power, ensuring children and communities are not only heard, but are leading the solutions that shape their lives.

We are deeply grateful to every donor who made this work possible. Thank you for standing with us.

Together, we're helping children not only survive, but continue to dream of safer, healthier futures.

Ngā mihi nui.

Heather Campbell
Susie Staley

*Names have been changed throughout to protect identities, but these are real children you're supporting.



We have ambitious goals for children.

By 2030 we will ensure:



Survive

No child dies from preventable causes before their fifth birthday.



Learn

All children learn from a quality, basic education.



Be protected

Violence against children is not tolerated.

We work to create positive and lasting change for and with children.

In Aotearoa 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.

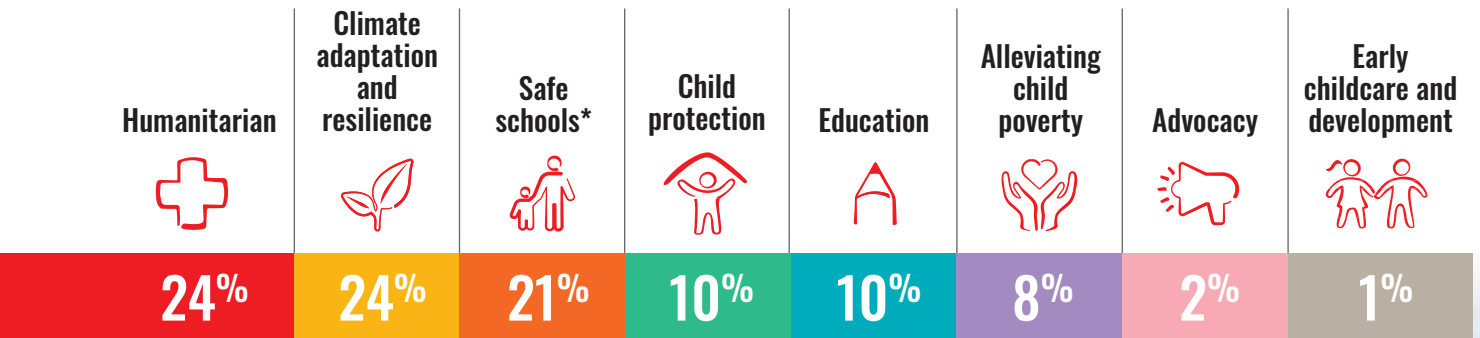
Photo above: Lucy, 4, playing outside her home in Malaita Province, Solomon Islands.

Photo front cover: Sylvie, 8, and her friend Florence, 9, walk to the river to catch prawns in Sanma Province, Vanuatu.

Photo credit: Conor Ashleigh / Save the Children

Your impact for children in 2025.

How your money was spent.



Where your money went around the world.

53%
PACIFIC

25%
SOUTH EAST ASIA

7%
SOUTH ASIA

6%
AFRICA

3%
AMERICAS

3%
AOTEAROA NZ

3%
MIDDLE EAST

*Our Safe Schools programming includes child-led disaster risk reduction and child protection.

Photo: Child advocate Damaris, 17, at home in her community in Malaita, Solomon Islands.

Photo credit: Amie Richardson / Save the Children NZ

You're helping mothers and children access vital healthcare in Gaza.

With your support, mothers in Gaza do not have to face giving birth alone and babies born into conflict can access lifesaving care.

Imagine you're a mother, living in Gaza, about to give birth to your child in terrifying and uncertain conditions. For many, this isn't a hypothetical, it's reality. Since the war began, around 50,000 pregnant women have given birth in extremely difficult conditions, with many families struggling to access food, water, and basic healthcare.

Samah*, a mother of four, is one of them.

She gave birth to her youngest child, Sameer*, during the conflict. With her husband out of work and access to food and water severely limited, caring for her children became increasingly difficult.

"Imagine a child asking you for bread, and you can't provide that," she says. "As a mother, it destroyed me."

Like many families, Samah was displaced multiple times. When she returned home, she found it destroyed, with little access to clean water, food, or income.

YOUR IMPACT IN GAZA



The Children's Emergency Fund channelled **\$4.3 million** to eight local partners in the occupied Palestinian territory, including Gaza and the West Bank.



Local partners helped reach over **820,000 people**, including 410,000 children.



Our local partners provided access to water, health and nutrition services, mental health support and education for children.

Through Save the Children's nutrition programmes, mothers like Samah are receiving support to care for themselves and their children. In dedicated Mother and Baby Areas, they can access advice, speak with trained staff, and receive practical support for feeding and caring for young children.

Samah was also provided with a baby kit containing essential items to support her child's health and hygiene.

"I came because I need this kit," she says. "If it wasn't for this support, I would not be able to afford these things."

Across Gaza, this support is helping mothers meet immediate needs and care for their children in extremely difficult conditions.

Photo: Sameer, 6 Months, with Ali, Save the Children staff, during baby kit distribution. **Photo credit:** Shaima Al-Obaidi / Save the Children

\$4.3 million. 820,000 people reached.

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our work
in Gaza





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VANUATU SOLOMON ISLANDS FIJI NEPAL LAOS



Building a stronger foundation for children.

Over five years, the Negotiated Partnership between Save the Children New Zealand and the New Zealand Government has helped strengthen children, families, and communities across the Pacific and Asia to be safer, healthier, and more resilient.

The programme directly reached more than 45,000 people across Fiji, Vanuatu, Solomon Islands, Laos, and Nepal, alongside regional initiatives across the Pacific. It focused on helping children stay safe from disasters and climate risks, supporting families to meet children's needs, and reducing violence against children.

For Lydia, 15, from Malaita Province in Solomon Islands, the impact has been life changing.

Before joining the child club at her school, an initiative introduced through Save the Children's Protektim Pikinini Moa programme, Lydia says she was quiet and shy.

Now, she speaks confidently about children's rights, leadership, and the importance of feeling safe in her community.

"Since we have been in this programme, the prefects have confidence that they can talk and the students will listen," she says.

Lydia also noticed changes at school, where students and teachers began building more respectful relationships.

"No hard punishments for students. And [teachers] also treat students kindly."

Through activities supported by the programme, child rights training was introduced for teachers and students, and children identified the hazards present in their communities, including unsafe areas, and talked openly about the issues affecting them.

"We identified places that are unsafe because of alcohol," Lydia explains.

The programme encouraged children to speak up about challenges including violence, bullying, and child marriage. Lydia believes girls should have the opportunity to finish school and pursue their goals before marriage.

"No, I don't think people should marry at 15," she says. "If I would marry right now, I could miss my dream career."



Across Solomon Islands and Fiji, more than 2,000 children participated in Child Advocacy Committees, Safe School teams, and Child Clubs.

These groups gave children opportunities to raise concerns, contribute ideas, and work alongside adults to improve safety and wellbeing in their communities.

Across the programme, schools also became safer and better prepared for emergencies. In Laos, Vanuatu, and Fiji, students, teachers, and communities worked together on evacuation plans, safe zones, and regular drills to help protect children during disasters.

Families in Fiji and Nepal strengthened livelihoods and food security through activities that helped increase household income and better support children's education and wellbeing.

Communities also strengthened systems to prevent and respond to violence against children, while parents and caregivers reported using more positive ways to guide and support children.

Despite challenges including COVID-19, natural disasters, and political changes, the programme adapted and continued to support children and families.

For Lydia, one of the biggest changes has been finding her voice. "I am brave, I am strong, and I can do anything."

This work was made possible through the support of the New Zealand International Development Cooperation Programme, alongside partners, communities, and donors committed to improving outcomes for children.

YOUR IMPACT



The programme directly benefitted almost 45,500 people, including 21,400 women, contributing to improved incomes, crop diversification, community and school preparedness, children's perceptions of safety, and genuine child participation.



The programme was primarily implemented in five countries – Vanuatu, Solomon Islands, Fiji, Nepal, and Laos. The two Pacific Regional projects extended the programme reach to Papua New Guinea, Tuvalu, Tonga, Kiribati, Palau, Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Nauru, and Cook Islands.



In Laos, 100% (of 30 schools) were implementing school safety policies, plans and systems, up from 53% at baseline.



In Fiji, 87% of parents had high understanding of child protection systems, up from 0% at baseline.



In Solomon Islands, 95% of children reported feeling safe at school, up from 60% at baseline.



190 staff, partners, and government officials were trained in child protection in Vanuatu, Solomon Islands, Fiji and PNG.

45,500 people benefitted. 5+ countries. 190 staff trained.

Building on this progress, a second phase of the Negotiated Partnership has now been confirmed, with a continued focus on locally led approaches, food security, climate resilience, and protecting children's wellbeing into the future.

Photo left: Lydia, 15, is a member of a child's club in Malaita, Solomon Islands.

Photo right: Junior, Virginia, and Lydia play a game of volleyball at their school in Malaita, Solomon Islands.

Photo credit: Amie Richardson / Save the Children NZ



Learn more about
our work across
the Pacific





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You're helping children return to learning after crisis.

With your support, children affected by severe flooding in Laos were able to return to school and continue their learning.

In July 2025, heavy rainfall caused rivers to overflow across northern Laos, flooding homes, damaging schools, and disrupting daily life for hundreds of families. In Luang Prabang Province, many children were unable to attend school as communities focused on immediate survival and recovery.

For Bao, the floods brought uncertainty for her family and her children's future. Her youngest daughter, Tamon, is just nine years old and loves learning. But after the floods, continuing her education became difficult, as the family struggled to meet basic needs. With support from Save the Children and the Start Fund, families like Bao's received essential items, including clothing and household supplies, helping them recover from the immediate impact of the floods.

"Knowing my children will stay warm gives me strength," Bao says.

For Tamon, this meant being able to return to school with what she needed and continue learning alongside her classmates.

YOUR IMPACT IN LAOS



3,777 individuals (819 households) received essential relief items (kitchen equipment, bedding equipment, vegetable seeds, basic agricultural production tools and hygiene kits).



51 households received construction materials to support the repair of their damaged homes.



359 children attended Child Friendly Spaces.

"My youngest daughter Tamon is only nine, but she already represents her school," Bao says, speaking with pride about her daughter's determination.

Alongside household support, learning spaces were restored and children were supported to return to their routines, helping them regain a sense of stability after the floods. Across affected communities, this support helped children get back into classrooms and continue their education, even in the face of disruption.

With your support, children like Tamon are continuing to learn and build their future, even after crisis.

Photo: Bao sits with her youngest daughter Tamon outside their home.
Photo credit: Navalat Homthavong / Save the Children



Learn more
about our
work in Laos



3,777 individuals received essential relief items.



You're helping children in Haiti recover from malnutrition, and stay healthy.

Thanks to your generous donations to our Beat Hunger campaign, children in Haiti are getting access to life-saving malnutrition treatment.

When Marie's* daughter Kiara* became unwell, she did not have the money to buy food or medicine.

"Some days you wake up hungry without having something to eat. We couldn't find anything to sink our teeth into, no matter how hard we looked," she says.

Kiara was 20 months old when she was identified as having acute malnutrition during a community nutrition session delivered by a local partner in Haiti, supported by Save the Children. She was referred to a health centre for treatment, with transport, tests, and medicine covered so she could get the care she needed.

At the same time, Marie received cash assistance, supported by Save the Children, to help meet her family's immediate needs, including food and clean water.

**Learn more
about our
work in Haiti**



YOUR IMPACT IN HAITI



Our Children's Emergency Fund (CEF) provides flexible funding from generous supporters, including New Zealand donors, corporate and institutional partners around the world.



In 2025, Save the Children and its partners directly reached over 80,000 people in Haiti, including 50,000 children in total, in the sectors of child protection, education, health and nutrition, and child poverty.

She also took part in training on financial literacy, nutrition, and early childhood care through a local mothers' group. With this support, Marie began to thrive.

"Before, I wasn't able to buy a tin of milk for the child," she says. "Now I can buy a tin of milk, and I can wake up and eat a cup of rice at home with my children."

She used part of the support to start a small business at home, selling coal and making peanut crackers. This has provided a more reliable source of income, helping her continue to support her children over time. Kiara's health has improved, and she has continued her treatment without interruption.

In Haiti, where many families are facing hunger and limited access to healthcare, this support, delivered with local partners and supported by Save the Children, has helped Marie meet her children's immediate needs and begin to build a more stable future.

Photo: Marie, 40, holding her baby Kiara, who is recovering from malnutrition. **Photo credit:** Pierre Anderson / Save the Children



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You're helping children speak up and be heard by leaders.

With your support, children in Solomon Islands are speaking up on the issues that affect their lives and influence the decisions that shape their future.

For 15-year-old James, speaking up in front of adults once felt terrifying. In his community in Solomon Islands, children were expected to stay quiet while decisions were made around them.

"We were nervous to go in front and speak," he says. "But as we kept talking, I decided to be brave."

Through Child Advocacy Committees, supported by Save the Children and partners, children are learning about their rights and building the confidence to share their ideas with adults and community leaders. For many, it is the first time they have had that opportunity.

Damaris, 17, joined the committee to better understand children's rights and share that knowledge with others.

"Before I joined this committee, I didn't really know what our rights were," she says. "Now I want other children to know about them too."

Children are raising issues that affect their daily lives, including access to water, safety in their communities, and the need for better protection from violence. With training and support, they are taking action. They are leading awareness sessions, organising community clean-ups, and using drama to help adults understand the challenges children face.

"The adults realised their mistakes," James says. "They said we shouldn't do that to children."

For Tommy, 15, who chairs his local committee, the experience has built confidence and leadership.

"When I started, I felt scared to present in front of the elders," he says. "But I gained more confidence to stand in front of them and show what we need to do."

Children are also advocating for wider change, including raising the legal age of marriage from 15 to 18, so young people can stay in school and plan their futures. Their voices are now reaching national levels. Members of local Child Advocacy Committees in Honiara met with the Acting Prime Minister to share the issues they face and the changes they want to see.

Colin, 16, says the experience showed how powerful children's voices can be.

"Working with this group helped me be brave and able to talk to leaders," he says. "The Prime Minister was very emotional because he heard that it was the children speaking."

This shift is also being seen within communities. Chief Dick says children are now being listened to in ways they were not before.

"In the past, children were the marginalised group," he says. "Now people are starting to realise they should be valued."

With your support, children are not only learning about their rights, they are using their voices to influence their communities and create safer, more supportive environments for themselves and others.



Learn more
about our work in
Solomon Islands



YOUR IMPACT IN SOLOMON ISLANDS



531 children (260 boys and 271 girls) participated.



83% could articulate positive changes in their community through the actions of their groups or Save the Children.



100% of members were more confident to advocate for positive changes for children.



100% of members could identify someone to report issues to, including parents, the chief, medical staff, church leaders and teachers.

Photo left: Child Advocacy Committee member, James, at home in his community in Malaita, Solomon Islands.

Photo credit: Amie Richardson / Save the Children NZ

Photo below: Members of local child advocacy committee in Honiara meet with the Acting Prime Minister. **Photo Credit:** Collin Leafasia / Save the Children Solomon Islands

531 children participated. 100% positive change for children.





You're helping children discover the joys of reading.

With your support, children in Vanuatu are developing a love of reading through books that reflect their language, culture, and everyday lives.

The road to Sylvie's school in Vanuatu's Sanma Province only goes part of the way. From there, the journey continues on foot, along narrow mountain paths and across rivers.

Sylvie is eight years old and loves going to school. "I love writing. I love to read books, books about butterflies," she says.

In her community, access to reading materials has been limited, with few books available to support learning at school. Through Save the Children's work with Library for All, new books written by Ni-Vanuatu authors are now reaching schools across the country. The stories reflect daily life, culture, and language, helping children connect with what they read.

For Sylvie, the books have made a difference. "I felt good because of the books," she says.

YOUR IMPACT IN VANUATU



59 local authors selected.



118 titles printed (59 stories, each with English and French versions).

23,600* books distributed so far in 2025 to 99 schools. *Based on most recent reporting.

Her teacher, Julie, says the books are helping students engage more in class and better understand what they are learning, as the stories reflect their own experiences.

Across Vanuatu, many children are still not reading at the expected level for their age, making access to relevant and engaging learning materials an important part of improving learning outcomes.

Sylvie's mother, Caroline, hopes the opportunity to learn will open doors for her daughter. "I want Sylvie to find a good job, maybe a nurse or teacher," she says.

This work has been made possible through the support of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and our donors, helping ensure children in remote communities have access to the resources they need to learn.

Photo: Sylvie, 8, reading *The River of Nabeau*, under her favourite tree in Sanma Province, Vanuatu.

Photo credit: Conor Ashleigh / Save the Children

23,600* books distributed.

You're helping parents build more stable futures for their children.

With your support, families in Nepal are building more stable lives and creating better opportunities for their children.

For 32-year-old Pyaura, caring for her three children is both her daily responsibility and her greatest focus.

She lives in Nepal with hearing and speech disabilities, and as a member of the Dalit community, faces ongoing discrimination. After her husband left, she returned to her parents' home with her children. With no stable income, providing for them and planning ahead has been a constant challenge.

Without citizenship or birth registration documents for her children, Pyaura has been unable to access many of the services and support systems that families rely on. This has made everyday life more difficult, limiting opportunities for her children and making it harder to find stability.

"Raising them alone while living with a hearing and speech disability has been extremely difficult," her father says.

Through the 'Little Steps, Bright Futures' project, Pyaura received training and support to start a small business. She was given NZ\$570 to begin goat farming, an option suited to her circumstances and available resources. This has provided a steady source of income, helping her meet her children's basic needs and bring more stability to daily life. The project is also working with families to strengthen early childhood development and caregiving practices. In Nepal, many caregivers still rely on harsh discipline, and there are gaps in understanding around early learning and development.

By supporting parents with practical skills and income opportunities, the programme is helping create more stable and supportive environments for children. For Pyaura, these changes are practical but important. They are helping her provide for her children today, while building a more secure path for their future.

This work has been made possible through the support of SOSEC Nepal, partners, and donors, helping families facing multiple barriers to build more stable lives.



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YOUR IMPACT IN NEPAL



22 facilitators were trained to run the parenting sessions and 133 mothers/caregivers across 12 groups began attending.



Chamunda Bindrasaini municipality made a commitment to provide funds equivalent to NZD 18,750 to support the project's parenting related programme.



20 families received training and livelihood support.

Learn more about our work in Nepal



Photo: Pyaura, playing with her children, at her goat farm in Nepal.
Photo credit: Parbati Bist / Save the Children



Kia Rite - Get Ready!

Across Aotearoa New Zealand, families are taking steps to be better prepared for emergencies.

Through the Kia Rite, Get Ready! Programme, Save the Children works with whānau and communities to help families understand what to do and how to prepare for emergency events. The programme is supported by QBE Insurance through the QBE Foundation.

In Aotearoa New Zealand, earthquakes, floods, and storms are a reality. Being prepared can make a real difference, especially for children.

At a local Wellington preschool, families took part in sessions focused on practical actions like creating emergency plans and putting together grab bags. For many, it was the first time they had taken these steps.

Parents worked through what they would do in an emergency, from how they would communicate to where they would go if they needed to leave their home. Children were part of these conversations, helping them understand what to expect and what they can do.

Parents said they felt more prepared and more confident in how they would respond. Children have a clearer sense of what was happening and what their role was. The sessions brought families together, creating space to share ideas, ask questions, and learn from each other.

With support from partners and communities, Kia Rite, Get Ready! is helping ensure families are more prepared and better able to keep themselves and their children safe when emergencies happen.



Photo top: A teacher presents to parents at a local Wellington preschool. **Photo credit:** Save the Children

Photo above: A father and son go over their emergency plan. **Photo credit:** Save the Children

 **QBE**
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**Kia Rite,
Get Ready!
Programme**



My right to be me.

With your support, tamariki and rangatahi across Aotearoa New Zealand have been exploring what it means to know who they are and where they belong.

Save the Children partnered with The Light Library and Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland Libraries to deliver a series of “Identity is my right to be me” workshops, grounded in Article 8 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Held across four libraries in Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland, the workshops brought together tamariki and their whānau to explore identity through art, storytelling and hands-on bookmaking. Participants created their own books, sharing personal stories, reflecting on their experiences, and expressing what identity means to them. For many, it was an opportunity to think more deeply about how culture, family, and life experiences shape who they are.

The workshops created space for children and adults to learn together.

Whānau worked side by side, supporting each other to try new skills and talk openly about identity in a way that felt creative and accessible.

Through these sessions, children were able to express themselves in their own words, build confidence in sharing their stories, and better understand their right to an identity. The project culminated in a World Children’s Day celebration at Te Atatū Peninsula Library, bringing together children and families to share their work and celebrate children’s rights.

We thank all the tamariki and whānau who took part, and the partners who helped make these workshops possible.

Photos: ‘Identity is my right to be me’ workshops, Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland.
Photo credit: Dave Thomson / Imaginary Friends

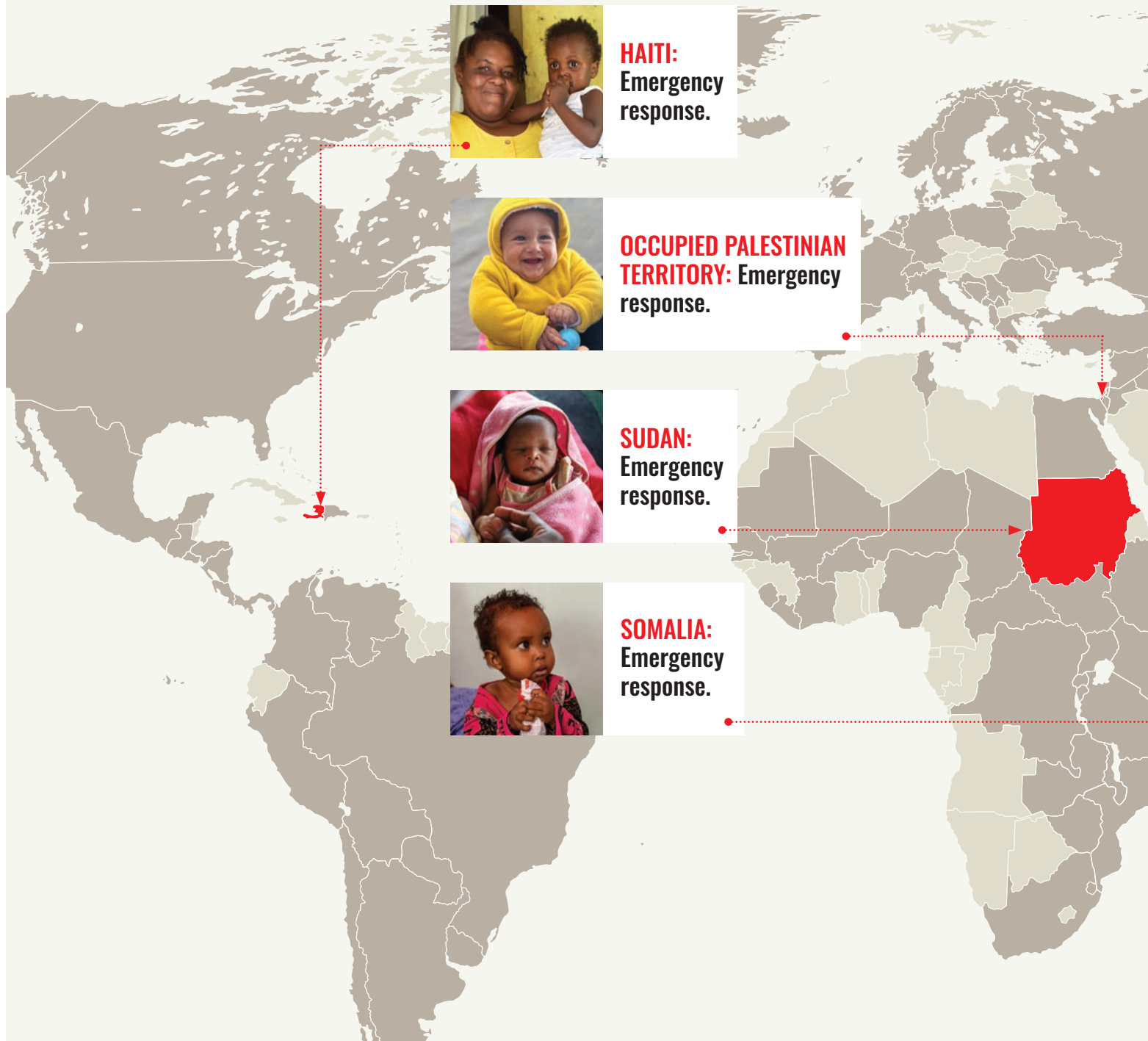
Identity is my right to be me



Where we worked in 2025

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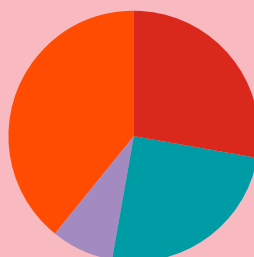
 Save the Children International



CHILDREN'S EMERGENCY FUND FOR 2025

With your support, we helped more than **26.3 million people**, including **14.2 million children**, through emergencies in **61 countries**.

Total funding allocated **79.8 million**



 **39% RESILIENCE BUILDING**
 **28% HEALTH & NUTRITION**
 **25% CHILD PROTECTION**
 **8% EDUCATION**



BANGLADESH:
Child protection,
education,
emergency response.



LAOS: Disaster
risk reduction,
child protection,
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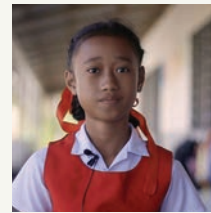
NEPAL:
Health.



CAMBODIA: Alleviating
child poverty, climate
adaptation, livelihoods.



FIJI: Child
protection.



TONGA:
Child
protection.



PAPUA NEW GUINEA:
Health, emergency
response.



SOLOMON ISLANDS:
Alleviating child poverty,
child protection, climate
adaptation, livelihoods.



VANUATU: Disaster
risk reduction, child
protection, emergency
response, education.



AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND:
Advocacy, education,
child participation,
youth engagement.



Generation
Hope 2026



Generation Hope 25

Across Aotearoa New Zealand, young people are building the skills and confidence to speak up and influence decisions that affect their future.

In 2025, Generation Hope Youth Ambassadors continued to grow as a collective of young leaders, taking part in advocacy, public engagement, and fundraising to support children in Aotearoa New Zealand and across the globe.

A key moment for our youth ambassadors came in July, when they joined over 100 rangatahi at the University of Auckland for Aotearoa Youth COP 2025, co-hosted with the Youth Climate Collective. Participants stepped into the roles of negotiators, policy makers, and advocates, working together to address some of the most pressing climate issues facing their generation.

From this, the Aotearoa Youth Climate Statement was developed – a youth-led call to action reflecting priorities around climate justice, equity, and adaptation. The statement was then shared with the New Zealand Government and carried forward by a youth delegation to COP30 in Brazil, ensuring that the voices of Aotearoa rangatahi were heard on a global stage.

For Generation Hope Youth Ambassador Lily, 15, the experience was a chance to be heard.

YOUR IMPACT IN AOTEAROA NZ



Third year of Generation Hope with ten youth ambassadors informing our advocacy and youth engagement space



Key activities included youth noho, several webinars, trainings, speeches at national events, fundraisers, and the creation of an Aotearoa Youth Climate Statement at Aotearoa New Zealand's second Youth COP.

“Events like this give rangatahi like me a voice...We may not be the past, but we are the present and future, and the outcome of what we do now will impact us and future generations to come.”

Throughout the year, ambassadors also supported Save the Children New Zealand fundraising and awareness-raising initiatives, helping connect their communities to the challenges facing children and young people.

We would like to thank our Generation Hope 2025 Youth Ambassadors for stepping up and sharing their voices. We wish them all the best for their future endeavours. With continued support, Generation Hope is working to ensure young people are not only part of the conversation but helping shape it.

Photo: Youth ambassadors for 2025 Generation Hope.

Photo credit: Sam Prime / Save the Children NZ



A seat at the table: COP30

With your support, young people from Aotearoa New Zealand brought their voices to the global stage at COP30 in Belém, Brazil.

In November, a youth delegation supported by Save the Children New Zealand travelled to Belém to present the Aotearoa Youth Climate Statement, developed earlier in the year through Youth COP.

The delegation, consisting of Toa Sifia Fonoti, Faiesea Ah Chee, Dylan Chand, and Destiny Harris, represented a range of perspectives across climate action, education, and community leadership.

The group was co-led by Youth Engagement Coordinator Vira Paky and Communications and Media Advisor Sam Prime, working alongside partners to ensure the priorities of rangatahi were shared with international audiences and decision-makers. For Sam Prime, seeing young people step into these spaces was a defining part of the experience.

“It was powerful to see rangatahi actively leading discussions and shaping conversations, not just being there as token youth voices.”

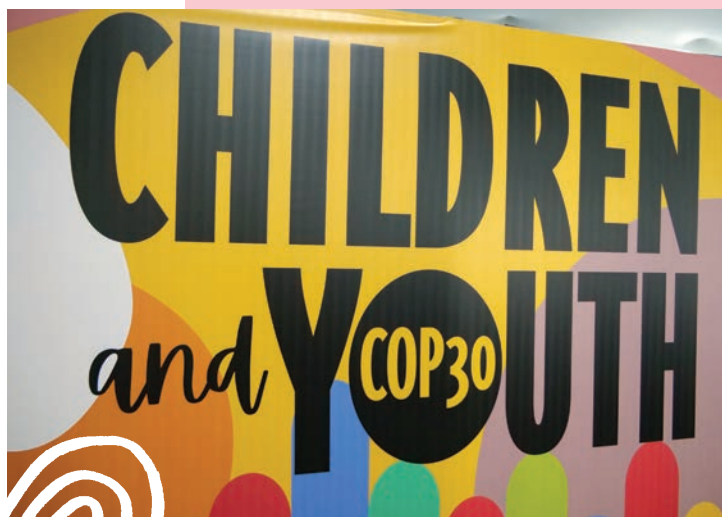
At the conference, the delegation presented the Youth Climate Statement, took part in panel discussions, and connected with global leaders, government representatives, and other youth advocates. They also met with New Zealand decision-makers including Minister for Climate Change, Simon Watts, and Green Party MP, Francisco Hernandez, helping strengthen links between young people and those shaping climate policy at home.

For Dylan Chand, founder of the Youth Climate Collective, being at COP reinforced the importance of these global spaces.

“COP remains one of the most important places for dialogue,” he says. “Especially for our Pacific communities who are already experiencing the impacts of climate change.”

With your support, young people from Aotearoa New Zealand are not only part of global climate conversations, they are helping shape them.

Photo middle: Save the Children NZ group with members of the Save the Children Italy delegation. **Photo credit:** Sam Prime / Save the Children NZ



**COP30
Youth
Statement**





Alpine
Odyssey
Classroom



Alpine Odyssey Aotearoa.

Across Aotearoa, a 4,500km journey in 2025 helped raise over \$50,000 to support climate-resilient classrooms for children in Vanuatu.

Over 95 days, adventurers Huw Kingston and Laurence Mote travelled the length of the country by ski, bike, and foot, linking all 25 ski fields across New Zealand. The journey was physically demanding, shaped by long days, unpredictable weather, and a challenging winter season across many of the ski fields they visited.

But the reason behind it stayed consistent.

“Being able to support children impacted by repeated climate-related emergencies kept us going on the toughest days,” Huw said.

Funds raised through Alpine Odyssey Aotearoa are supporting classrooms designed to withstand extreme weather, helping children in Vanuatu return to learning more quickly after cyclones and other disasters.

For Laurence, spending much of the journey in New Zealand’s changing mountain environments made the purpose of the challenge hard to ignore.

“My measure of climate change is my sporting (skiing) enjoyment,” he says. “For children going to school in tents in Vanuatu, their everyday lives are affected.”



Their journey helped raise both funds and awareness, connecting New Zealand’s ski fields, mountain landscapes, and communities with the reality facing children across the Pacific.

With continued support, this work will help ensure children can stay in school, even as climate-related challenges continue.

Photo: Huw and Laurence ride their bikes across a bridge during the North Island section of their journey.

Photo credit: Huw Kingston / Laurence Mote



You're helping bring safer maternal healthcare to refugee camps.

Inside the world's largest refugee camp in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh, a legacy gift from a New Zealander is providing medical supplies in the newly opened Maternal and Child Hospital.

Every year, 30,000 babies are born in the Rohingya refugee camps in Cox's Bazar into harsh conditions where access to specialised healthcare is limited and maternal and newborn mortality rates are high.

But a new hospital specialising in maternal and neonatal care has helped improve healthcare for pregnant women, mothers, and babies living in the camps.

Somunda* was the first mother to give birth at a newly opened extended facility at the Maternal and Child Hospital. Her baby girl, Marufa*, arrived safely with no complications.

"Everything was clean and well maintained... This time the new labour room was clean and comfortable, and the bathroom facilities were very good," she says.

For mothers living inside the camps, access to safe and reliable healthcare can be limited.

The early days of a child's life are often uncertain, particularly for those experiencing complications during pregnancy or childbirth.

The new facility, which is the only one of its kind and run by Save the Children, aims to provide 24/7 emergency obstetric care and safe, dignified maternal and newborn care.

Thanks to the generosity of supporters, including those who have chosen to leave a gift in their Will, Save the Children New Zealand has helped fund essential food and medical supplies used in this care. These contributions support the treatment of mothers and newborns, helping ensure they receive the nutrition and medical support they need in those critical early moments.

The hospital itself is supported by many partners working together to provide care for the families in the community. Together, this support helps give children live Marufa* a stronger, healthier start to life.

A gift in your Will can help ensure that this care continues for children and families who need it most.

Learn about leaving a gift in your Will



Photo: Somunda 20, with her newborn baby, receiving care at the newly opened Maternal and Child Hospital at Cox's Bazar.

Photo credit: Rubina Hoque / Save the Children



Rahma lives in a camp for displaced people with her family in Puntland, Somalia and has used the local health centre regularly for her children's vaccinations. When her son Ibrahim* became malnourished aged 8 months, they provided her with ready to use therapeutic food (RUTF), allowing him to recover.*

Photo credit: Kate Stanworth / Save the Children



It takes a village: our supporters in 2025

We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who has supported Save the Children over the past year. The generosity of our donors has helped transform the lives of tamariki, rangatahi, their whānau, and communities both here in Aotearoa and around the world.

This support has enabled access to essential services such as education, protection, and child-led advocacy, ensuring children are not only kept safe but also empowered to thrive. Across our work, tens of thousands of children have reclaimed their right to a safe and healthy childhood, young people have been empowered to lead change, and families have built greater resilience in the face of ongoing challenges. Communities have grown stronger through locally led solutions, and children's voices have been elevated in decisions that shape their futures.

These achievements are a direct result of the compassion and commitment of those who stand with us.

Still, the need remains great. Too many children continue to face the harsh realities of poverty, conflict, and inequality. With continued support, we can extend our reach and deepen our impact, ensuring that every child has the opportunity to live a full, healthy, and hopeful life. Together, we can make a life-changing difference for children in vulnerable situations.

A particular thank you to these trusts and corporate donors who have supported our work for children in 2025:

The Molly Fulton Family Fund

Francis Herbert Ryan Charitable Trust

The Jogia Charitable Trust

The Margaret Neave Endowment Fund

William Downie Stewart Charitable Trust

Heathcote Trust

Sir Lawrence and Lady Govan Charitable Trust

Photo: Kaltun, 9, Somalia.

Photo credit: Mustafa Saeed / Save the Children



Legacies

Over the past year, we have been deeply moved by the generosity of those who chose to leave a gift in their Will to Save the Children New Zealand. These legacy gifts are an extraordinary expression of care and compassion, and we are profoundly grateful. By including Save the Children in your Will, you are extending your values and support beyond your lifetime. Your gift will help ensure that children facing some of the world's most challenging circumstances have access to education, protection, healthcare, and the chance to build a better future. It's a powerful way to carry your values forward – bringing hope, dignity, and opportunity to the next generation.

Partnering for impact

After the success of the first phase, we're continuing our long-term Negotiated Partnership with the New Zealand Government to deliver development programming across five countries in the Pacific and Asia addressing two key areas: alleviating child poverty and violence against children. With your support, we match part of the New Zealand Government's contribution to these programmes, bringing our tried and tested programme methods and delivered with our in-country partners. We also thank the New Zealand Government for its support of our humanitarian responses in Vanuatu, Papua New Guinea, Somalia and Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh.



Amplifying our voice through collaboration

We work in Aotearoa with like-minded organisations to ensure a stronger voice on issues relating to children and their families, including the Fairer Future Collaboration, the Children's Convention Monitoring Group (CCMG), and Children's Rights Alliance Aotearoa New Zealand.

In 2025 we worked closely with Auckland Libraries and author Emma Hinton's The Light Library to continue in our mission to grow a culture of children's rights in Aotearoa New Zealand.

Photo: Daniela, 7, looking up to the sky outside her home on an island in Vanuatu. **Photo credit:** Conor Ashleigh / Save the Children

Financial Summary and Service Performance

Photo: Sameer, six months old, playing with a sensory toy from the baby kit he received from Save the Children in Gaza.
Photo credit: Shaima Al-Obaidi / Save the Children

The following is a summary of our financial and service performance for the year ended 31 December 2025. Audited Financial Statements and Statement of Service Performance are available in our Annual Report on the Charities Services website at <http://register.charities.govt.nz>. Search for Save the Children New Zealand or our Charity Registration Number CC25367. Or click on the QR code.



Our Financials for 2025

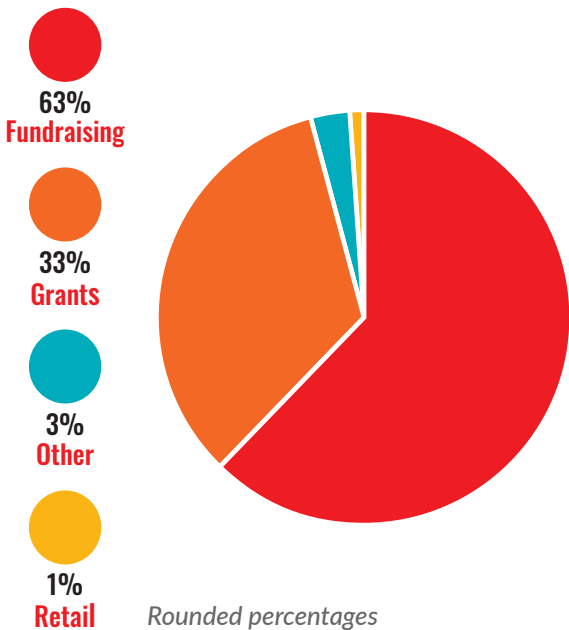
Summary statement of comprehensive revenue and expenses, for the year ended 31 December 2025.

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

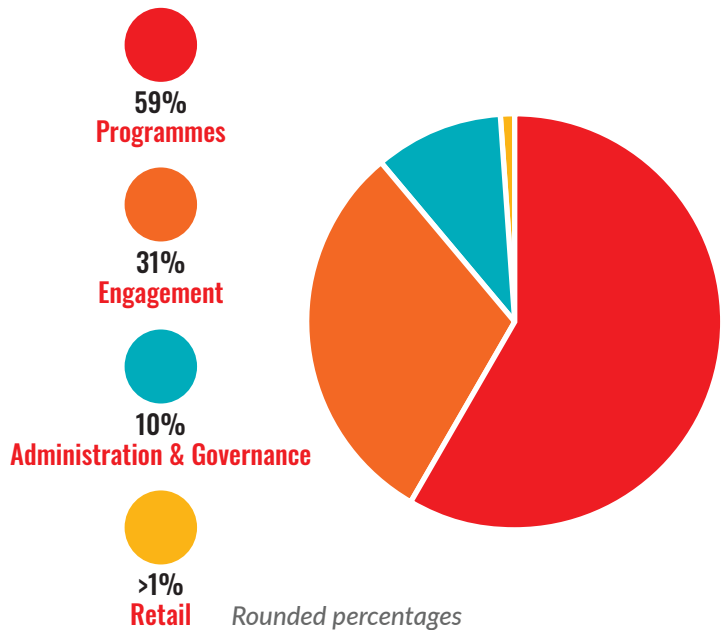
INCOME	2025	2024	2023
Grants	4,763	5,387	4,715
Fundraising	8,896	9,069	9,009
Retail	103	117	88
Other	461	627	515
TOTAL INCOME	14,223	15,200	14,327

EXPENSES	2025	2024	2023
Programmes	7,861	9,274	9,905
Engagement	4,119	3,542	5,034
Retail	60	76	68
Administration & Governance	1,363	1,026	1,100
TOTAL EXPENSES	13,403	13,918	16,107

2025 INCOME



HOW YOUR MONEY WAS USED IN 2025



Statement of Service Performance

For the year ended 31 December 2025



Our Vision

A world where every child realises the right to survival, protection, development, and participation.



Our Mission

To inspire breakthroughs in the way the world treats children and to achieve immediate and lasting change in their lives.



Our Purpose

To create irreversible positive change for and with children.

Save the Children New Zealand has an ambitious strategy for 2025–27, designed to tackle the most pressing challenges facing children. Our strategy sets out five priorities to improve children's lives.

PRIORITY ONE Working in partnership to shift power

Communities, children and young people are at the centre of our work, and ensuring equitable partnerships that empower them is critical. Our goal is to transform power dynamics and shift power to the partners that deliver our programmes in New Zealand, the Pacific, and Asia, and the people that participate in those programmes.

In 2025, children and youth informed our advocacy position on digital safety by participating in a nationwide online survey.

While there is a growing body of research on children's online safety, much of it is shaped by adult voices. This survey was conducted to change that, placing children's own views, experiences, and advice at the centre of the conversation.

We also supported young people from the Youth Climate Collective and Generation Hope to access funding for the initiatives they considered important.

HOW WE MEASURED OUR SUCCESS

INDICATOR	2024 RESULTS	2025 TARGET	2025 RESULTS
Children and youth voices inform our strategic decision-making.	No result – new initiative in 2025.	At least 1 significant child and youth advocacy position is informed by child and youth voices.	1: Online safety of children and young people in NZ.
Donors fund child-led and community-driven projects	New initiative in 2025.	2 per year	2

PRIORITY TWO Growth of impact

We are focused on expanding our reach within the Asia-Pacific region and delivering more impact for people in need.

HOW WE MEASURED OUR SUCCESS			
INDICATOR	2024 RESULTS	2025 TARGET	2025 RESULTS
Number of countries we support worldwide.	12	At least 8	14
Proportion of investment in development programmes that is in the Asia-Pacific region (excluding humanitarian programmes).	100%	At least 90%	100%
Size of programme portfolio.	\$31,241,872	Increase	\$22,900,749*

**Decrease is due to a six-month gap prior to new five-year programming recommencing.*

PRIORITY THREE Amplifying voices of children and young people

Our storytelling amplifies the voices of children and communities, and provides opportunities for them to tell their own stories. We also provide children and young people with opportunities to participate in inclusive and child-friendly events and campaigns.

In 2025, we mentored 10 young people in our Generation Hope Ambassador Rōpū and supported youth to attend COP30 in Brazil. Children and youth led fundraising campaigns to address global malnutrition.

HOW WE MEASURED OUR SUCCESS			
INDICATOR	2024 RESULTS	2025 TARGET	2025 RESULTS
Generation Hope Ambassador Rōpū appointed and supported.	12 youth	10 youth	10 youth
Number of child - or youth-led campaigns or events.	New initiative in 2025	2 per year	6
Number of child - or youth-led media or communication activities.	New initiative in 2025	6 per year	9

PRIORITY FOUR Shifting the dial for children by growing a culture of child rights in Aotearoa New Zealand

Our priority is to inform children and adults through our child rights education programme. Our Education Hub provides teaching and learning resources to support children's rights, education and global issues relating to children.

In 2025, children, teachers and whānau in early childhood centres learned about common emergencies and how to keep safe.

HOW WE MEASURED OUR SUCCESS

INDICATOR	2024 RESULTS	2025 TARGET	2025 RESULTS
Number of new child rights learning resources in the Education Hub.	19	20	20
Pre-school aged children learn about emergency preparedness.	New initiative in 2025	200 children	443

PRIORITY FIVE Sustainable organisation

We rely on our loyal and committed supporters and generous institutional donors to deliver our advocacy and programmes in New Zealand and in overseas.

HOW WE MEASURED OUR SUCCESS

INDICATOR	2024 RESULTS	2025 TARGET	2025 RESULTS
Tailored stewardship programmes established for donors.	3	5	3
Diversify donor opportunities to give.	New initiative in 2025	3	3
Generate new sources of income.	New initiative in 2025	1	1

Changes to our Statement of Service Performance

In 2024, Save the Children NZ developed a new strategy for the strategic period 2025-2027. At the heart of our new strategy is a move towards creating transformative change, not only in the lives of the children and communities we work with, but at an organisational level – working in partnership to shift power to communities, children and young people. Two new priorities were identified: *Priority One – Working in partnership to shift power*, and *Priority Three – Amplifying voices of children and young people*. New indicators were developed for these priorities to measure our progress and achievements.

Changes have been made to the indicators in our Statement of Service Performance to reflect the new strategic priorities and ensure it aligns with our organisational vision for this strategic period. Comparative information for the preceding period is provided for all new indicators, unless they are for a new initiative that hasn't been previously implemented.

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.

Save the Children is a member of the Fundraising Institute Australasia (FIA), the peak body representing fundraising organisations, suppliers and professional fundraising in Australia and Aotearoa New Zealand.

We comply with the FIA Code, which signifies our commitment to ethical, best-practice professional fundraising. More information about the FIA Code can be found on www.fia.org.au

Complaints

Complaints relating to alleged breaches of the CID Code of Conduct by any signatory agency can be made to the CID Code of Conduct Committee. More information about the CID Code of Conduct can be obtained from CID at www.cid.org.nz and code@cid.org.nz. 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.

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, international development, education, and relationship management, they provide strategic direction and strong governance to ensure Save the Children New Zealand achieves its goals.

Board Members

Susie Staley MNZM, Chair, Suri Bartlett, Dr Suzanne Flannagan, Dr Glenn Bond, Pat Walsh and Arti Chand.



Photo: Bao points to the river that rose and swept away her family's vegetable garden and trees in Laos.

Photo credit: Navalat Homthavong / Save the Children



Maram, 1, was malnourished when her family started visiting a Save the Children clinic in Gaza when she was six months old. She's now recovering thanks to Save the Children's intervention by providing malnutrition treatment.*

Photo credit: Shaima Al-Obaidi / Save the Children

Photo: Sameer, six months old, with his mother Samah in Gaza.
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