# OUR IMPACT 2017



Save the Children

# SAVE THE CHILDREN NEW ZEALAND TURNS 70

### Save the Children has been working for 70 years to save, protect and improve the lives of children.

Many thousands of children around the globe have received our help since Minnie Havelaar set up the first branch in 1947. Minnie was determined to support orphaned children in Europe following the Second World War and gathered a group in Christchurch to raise awareness of their plight and to begin fundraising. The word soon spread and branches were established across the country.

In May 2019 we will mark 100 years since Eglantyne Jebb and her sister Dorothy Buxton established Save the Children in England to provide food aid to starving children following the First World War.

We continue the work of our founders – saving children's lives, protecting their rights and providing them with opportunities to reach their full potential.

Over time Save the Children's role has evolved from the simple 'giving of charity' towards working together with communities.

We support people to achieve their own goals and provide for their children and their communities so they no longer rely on outside help. Working primarily in the Asia-Pacific region, the projects in which we are involved cover a wide range of activities in meeting communities' needs, whether that is providing education programmes in Indonesia, helping low-lying coastal communities to deal with the impacts of climate change on their environment and food sources, or helping children affected by drought and conflicts.

You will read about some of our projects and the impacts of our work in the past year in this report.

This work would not be possible without the support of our hardworking volunteers, our donors, our partners at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade and local Save the Children staff on the ground delivering our programmes.

As we move towards our global centenary, our goal is to ensure that by 2030 no child dies of preventable causes before their fifth birthday, every child has the opportunity to learn to read and write, and all children are protected from violence.



**Coetzee** Chief Executive

Heidi



Susie Staley Board Chair





# EGLANTYNE'S & MINNIE'S STARS Continue to shine Into the 21st century

Nearly 100 years since Eglantyne... 70 years since Minnie... but their stars still burn very brightly for all of us.

But where does our daily inspiration come from? It comes from Liz, Pam, Anne, Sheilah, Sue, Isabelle, Aida, Shirley, Veronica, Margaret, Lyn, Maureen, Gillian, David, Tom, Jane, Joan, Julie, James, Jim... and so the list goes on!

We are inspired by one another... each volunteer is a magic cog in the wheel and collectively Save the Children volunteers continue to do a fantastic job! It's not the region or the branch... it's the pulling power of each of the individuals involved! Every cent, every volunteer and every child count... no matter how much, where, when or who.

Claire

May ALL the Save the Children stars (volunteers) continue to burn brightly!



#### **Dorking** National President Save the Children

### MINNIE HAVELAAR PAVES THE WAY

Determined to help the war orphans in Europe, our founding star Minnie Gregory Havelaar formed the first Save the Children New Zealand branch in Christchurch in July 1947.

Under her leadership branches spread throughout New Zealand, leading to Save the Children becoming a national organisation in 1956. Minnie remained the face of Save the Children for more than 20 years, as President of the North Canterbury branch and as National President. She was rewarded for her tireless work with an MBE (Member of the most Excellent Order of the British Empire) in New Zealand and the Order of Merit of the International Union for Child Welfare in Geneva.



Pictured at the Government House function are: (left to right) Save the Children Board Chair Susie Staley their Excellencies, Sir David Gascoigne and his wife the Governor-General, the Right Honourable Dame Patsy Reddy and Anne Chamberlain as Eglantyne Jebb.

### **STAR SHINES AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE**

A special performance of EGLANTYNE, Wellington actor Anne Chamberlain's one-woman show about the extraordinary life of Save the Children's founder Eglantyne Jebb, was held at Government House, Wellington in early 2018.

The performance was among activities held to mark Save the Children New Zealand's 70th year.

2019 will mark the centenary of the international movement's establishment. In 1919, responding to the British Government's lack of response to the devastating famine in post-war Europe, Eglantyne and her sister Dorothy Buxton founded Save the Children. Eglantyne drew up the original Rights of the Child, which evolved into the current United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.



### **BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER HOSTS ANNUAL FUN-FILLED FUNDRAISER**

Every year the British High Commissioner hosts a fundraising Christmas fair for Save the Children at the High Commissioner's Homewood residence in Karori, Wellington.

Save the Children volunteers fill stalls with delicious baking, pickles, chutneys and homemade items, as well as undertake other fundraising activities, raising thousands of dollars each year.

The wider diplomatic and local community gets behind the event. The Karori Fire Station ran a sausage sizzle while the German Embassy sold frankfurters. The entertainment included a Dixieland jazz band, school choirs, Morris dancers, Sri Lankan, Tamil and Japanese dance troupes, a youth brass band and a school Tongan drumming group. Queen Margaret College students were in charge of games on the residence's tennis court, raising almost \$1,000.

Pictured above are school volunteers Rhea and Divya.



Every year Nelson Save the Children holds a fund raising fair offering home baking, local produce, plants, household goods and clothing. The fairs raise thousands of dollars and are so popular with the locals that queues gather outside the Stoke Memorial Hall before the doors open.



Pictured (from left) Jean Wragg, Save the Children New Zealand Chief Executive Heidi Coetzee and Dame Elizabeth Harper at the July 2017 70th year celebrations in Ashburton.

### DAME ELIZABETH HARPER, A LIFE OF SERVICE TO SAVE THE CHILDREN

Save the Children was saddened to learn of the passing in December 2017 of one of its long-standing supporters, Dame Elizabeth Harper.

Dame Elizabeth joined Save the Children in 1969 and worked tirelessly right up until last year, when she was actively involved with Save the Children's 70thyear celebrations in Ashburton.

She received a Save the Children International Award for Distinguished and Meritorious Service in 1994, and was awarded a Dame Commander of the British Empire in 1995 for her services to Save the Children. Dame Elizabeth was the local branch secretary from 1971 until 1985 and President from 1985 until 1990. She also served as a South Island representative on the National Executive and was National President from 1989 to 1993.

No job was too big or too small: as holding national positions she continued to work in the Ashburton Save the Children shop and make marmalade and knit garments for local fundraisers. She is greatly missed.



# SAVING CHILDREN IN AN EMERGENCY

In 2017 Save the Children responded to major emergencies across the globe, especially in our backyard, the Asia-Pacific region, the most disaster-prone in the world. In these situations time is of the essence, and our generous supporters stepped in quickly to help us to save, protect and improve the lives of children.

### **FLASH FLOODS IN VIETNAM**

Flash floods and land-slides heavily affected the Northern Vietnam provinces due to longlasting rains. A huge and devastating amount of water flooded several provinces; 72 people were killed, 222 houses totally collapsed and 49,402 houses were badly flooded.

#### TIMELINE: OCTOBER 2017 – DECEMBER 2017

100% COMPLETED

# INVESTMENT REACH **\$360,031 17,842**

#### OUR IMPACT:

 17,842 people were supplied with replacement essentials such as blankets, bowls, kettles, cooking pots and candles, and financial support to pay for food, school fees and other necessities.

### **TYPHOON DAMREY IN VIETNAM**

On 4 November 2017 Typhoon Damrey struck South Central Vietnam, leaving 91 people dead and destroying thousands of homes. More than four million people were affected.

#### TIMELINE: NOVEMBER 2017 – DECEMBER 2017

#### 100% COMPLETED

# INVESTMENT REACH **27,942**

#### **OUR IMPACT:**

 We provided water filters, cash and household kits for 27,942 people. Those who had had water sources polluted and destroyed after the typhoon were able to access safe and clean drinking water for daily consumption. Lubna\* was born in Syria, where she had a "big home". She now lives in a caravan in a refugee camp. "My caravan here is white, all white. My father wants to make one for me and my brother to sleep in. There are four people – me and my brother and my parents. At school they do a lot of activities. We play a lot. When I started school here they gave me two notebooks."



Photo credit: Chris de Bode/Save the Children

### **SYRIA REFUGEE CRISIS**

Seven years of conflict have taken a significant toll on Syria's children, with 50% of children no longer in school. 13.5 million people in Syria need humanitarian assistance, and more than 4.8 million people have fled the country, making Syrians the largest refugee population in the world.

#### TIMELINE: OCTOBER 2016 - APRIL 2017

#### 100% COMPLETED

# INVESTMENT REACH **3,440**

#### **OUR IMPACT:**

- We provided hygiene kits for 144 families to help support children's health.
- We provided immediate water and sanitation relief for an estimated 1,155 individuals, including 624 children.

### VANUATU – AMBAE VOLCANO

In September 2017 a volcano on Ambae Island,Vanuatu erupted, with large amounts of ash settling around Ambae Island. A state of emergency was declared on 26 September and the island was evacuated. We supported this community while people were evacuated and once they were repatriated.

#### TIMELINE: OCTOBER 2017 - MAY 2018

**39% COMPLETED** 

INVESTMENT REACH 2,573

#### OUR IMPACT TO DATE:

• We provided child friendly spaces for families while they were evacuated, and provided dignity kits as well as training and advice to ensure that staff in evacuation centres knew how to protect children. We provided support for children and families repatriated to Ambae through improved access to water, sanitation and hygiene facilities, and food security and livelihood opportunities for 1,250 affected people – including 500 children.

# **ETHIOPIA DROUGHT RESPONSE**

As Ethiopia continued to be affected by the impacts of the 2015–2016 El Niño-induced drought, the country was further hit with little to no rainfall after the failure of the Deyr rains in southern and south-eastern Ethiopia. At least 8.5 million people required emergency food assistance in Ethiopia for the remainder of 2017. These included 375,000 severely malnourished children and 3.7 million moderately malnourished children, and pregnant and lactating women who required supplementary feeding.

#### TIMELINE: APRIL 2017 - NOVEMBER 2017

#### 100% COMPLETED

INVESTMENT REACH **25,888** 

#### **OUR IMPACT:**

We provided clean and safe drinking water through trucking water, providing water purification supplements and installing water storage tanks at water trucking sites.

Martha says her granddaughter has built up her strength thanks to Save the Children – "Before, [my granddaughter] was very thin, now after the Plumpy'Nut treatment she has become strong again."

Photo credit: Andrew Johnston/ Save the Children

## FIJI & PAPUA NEW GUINEA El NIÑO DROUGHT

In 2015 the El Niño weather pattern caused weather disturbances around the world, including prolonged droughts in the Pacific.

#### TIMELINE: JANUARY 2016 - MARCH 2017

#### 100% COMPLETED

# INVESTMENT REACH 6,790

#### OUR IMPACT:

 We provided water and sanitation training along with water storage facilities to 56 communities in Fiji and Papua New Guinea (PNG). We also provided emergency nutrition supplies to 1,500 children in PNG. Eight-month-old Buheri\* is one of the many children in Ethiopia who have benefited from lifesaving treatment from Save the Children.

Photo credit: Kyle Degraw/ Save the Children

# SAVING CHILDREN FROM DISASTERS

Not only do we help children to survive disasters, by working with communities on the ground we also help children be well prepared for disasters so when they do strike, communities are prepared, families can continue to earn a living and children can continue their education.

### LAOS

We are helping children and their families to plan for disasters in the storm-, fireand flood-prone provinces of Sayaboury and Luang Prabang.

#### TIMELINE: JULY 2015 – DECEMBER 2018

#### 71% COMPLETED

INVESTMENT REACH 12,162

#### **OUR IMPACT TO DATE:**

- 121 villages are now able to plan for and make changes that ensure their children are protected in emergencies, through measures such as building retaining walls, erosion control, planting resilient crops and ensuring they have safe and consistent water supplies.
- 107 schools are now teaching children to be ready for disasters. The schools all have their own School Disaster Management Plans and are ensuring their facilities are safe and staff and teachers know what to do when disaster strikes children are now better protected and keep learning in the aftermath of emergencies.
- Save the Children developed Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) curriculum for grades 4–6 and this has now been included in the national school curriculum – as well as the Ministry of Education is now developing a DRR curriculum up to Grade 12.

### **PHILIPPINES**

The Philippines is one of the most disaster-prone countries in the world, with an average of five to seven destructive typhoons each year. We are working with communities to prepare them for disasters ensuring their children are safe and they have resilient livelihoods.

#### TIMELINE: APRIL 2014 - APRIL 2017

#### 100% COMPLETED

INVESTMENT REACH **7,768** 

#### **OUR IMPACT:**

- 600 households have enough food prepared to feed their families in the immediate aftermath of an emergency.
- 5,878 children have learnt how to respond to a potential disaster through emergency drills in schools.



Photo credit: Veejay Villafranca/ Save the Children.

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Kimlay\*, 12, is learning how to become an agent of change in her community. She shows off her spinach, which she learned how to grow through Save the Children's project.

Photo credit: Tren Channra/ Save the Children.

### **CAMBODIA**

Children and their families in the drought- and flood-prone Koh Kong province of Cambodia are learning how to adapt to climate change and prepare for disasters.

#### TIMELINE: MAY 2014 - MAY 2018

#### 92% COMPLETED



#### **OUR IMPACT TO DATE:**

- 570 households have significantly increased their incomes, providing economic resilience for their families.
- 33 schools have improved safety procedures and have developed School Disaster Management Plans.
- 16 communes (43 villages) have Disaster Risk Management Plans included in their Commune Development Plans and have prioritised and implemented over 70 mitigation activities.
- Save the Children developed the DRM Focussed Investigative Learning Curriculum for Grades 4-6 and this is being adopted for national roll-out by the Ministry of Education.
- 2,122 households have improved disaster management awareness and activities.

### FIJ

We have been working in 30 villages and informal communities across Fiji to help children and their families to prepare for disasters through improving community plans, supplies and facilities, family incomes and education. We are working to take these lessons to the national level and advocate for child-centred disaster risk and climate change policies.

#### TIMELINE: JULY 2016 - AUGUST 2021

#### 30% COMPLETED

# INVESTMENT REACH \$694,086 5,594

#### OUR IMPACT TO DATE:

Photo credit: Suliasi

Sarosaro/Save the Children.

- 30 of the most vulnerable communities are supported to build disaster resilience through established child clubs, schools and disaster management committees.
- 'Child protection in emergency' training has been rolled out across government departments and stakeholders, many of which have actively responded to disasters, now with a focus on protecting children.
- Child friendly play and learning equipment is pre-positioned, ready to use when disaster strikes.
- A research programme is underway to give us evidence of how disasters affect children and what best builds resilience for them, their households and their communities.
- The new government of Fiji's DRR policy has child-centred approaches included.

Save the Children has delivered and set up 34 water tanks to alleviate the effects of and future-proof Fiji communities against the droughts and cyclones that hit the region each year. International Programmes Director Andrew Johnston visited Lokia Village as its residents unveiled their new water tank and a young girl got the first taste of the water.

# CHILD PROTECTION

# SAVING CHILDREN THROUGH AN EDUCATION

# THAILAND

We are working with unaccompanied and neglected migrant children, and child victims of trafficking, in four shelters through the provision of quality care.

#### TIMELINE: JANUARY 2016 - MAY 2020

#### 40% COMPLETED

# INVESTMENT REACH **1,000**

#### **OUR IMPACT TO DATE:**

- 294 highly vulnerable children have accessed quality care and support.
- Target shelters across Thailand are now following appropriate care standards.
- Save the Children is working with the government of Thailand to adopt and implement child safeguarding policies.

Meah\* is Rohingya – one of the most persecuted ethnic groups in the world. She became separated from her mother and baby sister when they fled Myanmar to join her father in Malaysia. They didn't make it there. She now lives in a Save the Children shelter in Thailand. Meah clings to any adult who will show her affection, seeking her lost mother's touch. Her future is unclear. In the meantime, the shelter staff are giving her the care and love she needs.

Photo credit:Veejay Villafranca/ Save the Children. nent of Thailand to adopt and III

Education is vital to help children overcome extreme poverty and protect them from exploitation and trafficking. A good education gives children the right to realise the potential they are born with.

### **INDONESIA**

We are working in one of the poorest and most remote parts of Indonesia, teaching children to read and opening up opportunities for them.

#### TIMELINE: JUNE 2015 - MAY 2019

64% COMPLETED

# <sup>2017</sup> INVESTMENT REACH **12,600**

#### OUR IMPACT TO DATE:

- By August 2017, 30.5% of Grade 2 students in targeted schools were able to read 35 words per minute (this figure was 10% in 2015).
- 812 students have benefitted from renovated Early Childhood Education Centres (ECEC).
- 80% of primary school teachers in targeted schools are demonstrating child-centred learning techniques.
- Due to the proven success of improved teaching methods 33 schools outside the project are adapting the techniques we have delivered.
- 80% of children are now attending Early Childhood Care and Development (an increase of 26.90% from 2015).

### BANGLADESH

In Daulatdia, one of the biggest brothels communities in Bangladesh, we fund a preschool and a primary school. We also help students to transition to secondary school so that through a good education they can escape the sex industry.

#### TIMELINE: JANUARY 2016 - MAY 2019

#### 66% COMPLETED

# INVESTMENT REACH **670**

#### **OUR IMPACT TO DATE:**

- We have provided an education for 670 children in early years, pre-primary and primary school education.
- 82 children have graduated from the preschool we support, moving on to primary school with a solid foundation for their education and wellbeing.
  61 children have graduated from the primary school.
- The local government and stakeholders are starting to take greater ownership of the rights and education of these children. The government is now supporting the school and laying the foundation for these children to have their rights realised without our intervention.

### MOZAMBIQUE

This project works in Zambezia province in the central region of Mozambique, and introduces early childhood education to improve children's wellbeing.

#### TIMELINE: APRIL 2016 – DECEMBER 2018



INVESTMENT REACH **3,193** 

#### **OUR IMPACT TO DATE:**

- Teacher training and communities of practice are ensuring better learning for all participants.
- Mobile libraries are delivered throughout communities, ensuring that children are reading at home as well as at school.



Diana\* studies hard at primary school and keeps her one uniform neat and tidy.

Photo credit: GMB Akash/ Save the Children

# SAVING CHILDREN FROM POVERTY

Save the Children works towards a world free from child poverty. Our child poverty programmes work to strengthen household incomes.

### NEPAL

We are training and supporting farmers in remote Udayapur, so that they can earn enough money to feed their children and keep them in school. Our child poverty programmes work to strengthen household incomes and improve children's wellbeing. This will give extremely poor and orphaned children access to health and education.

#### TIMELINE: APRIL 2016 – DECEMBER 2018

#### 70% COMPLETED

# INVESTMENT REACH 6,281

#### **OUR IMPACT TO DATE:**

- 1,224 farmers (63% women) have been trained in vegetable farming, meaning higher incomes for their families and healthy, nutritious food for their children.
- Food security and incomes have grown significantly, with a 27% increase in the amount spent on children's wellbeing.
- Local governments and producer groups are spending more on social protection for the poorest in the community, including grants to send the poorest children to school.

### FIJ

This new activity will increase the resilience of communities and improve children's wellbeing through increased family incomes, food security and community disaster risk management.

#### TIMELINE: NOVEMBER 2017 – OCTOBER 2022

**3% COMPLETED** 

# INVESTMENT REACH **2,112**

#### **OUR IMPACT TO DATE:**

 Baselines studies have been conducted, partnerships established, staff recruited and communities engaged to start the programme.

Save the Children provided 35 tents in the aftermath of Cyclone Winston in 2016. Over a year and a half later, they're still being used as schools rebuild. Thank you, your support has helped us to keep these girls in school.

Photo credit: Andrew Johnston/Save the Children



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# **WHERE WE WORK**

The percentage allocation of our programme expenditure by country

### **SYRIA**

Rama<sup>\*</sup> was pulled from the wreckage of her bombed-out home by her brother. Her eardrums were ruptured in the blast and she still has terrifying nightmares. Rama's family fled to a refugee camp with just the clothes on their backs. Your support means that children like Rama and her brother will get the trauma counselling and protection they need.

### NEPAL

Anjali\* lives in one of the poorest parts of the world. After her father died, her mother was forced to take out a loan and send her oldest son to Malaysia to work in order to feed her family. Anjali couldn't go to school because she had to take care of her younger siblings while her mother worked. Save the Children is there now, working to make sure children like Anjali can go to school and not have to work.

### EAST AFRICA

At just 10 months old So'di<sup>\*</sup> was suffering from severe diarrhoea and vomiting, most likely from drinking dirty water. She was weak and listless. Her parents travelled from the countryside to the Adado stabilisation centre to seek help, where she was treated and responded quickly to life-saving medication. Her parents were happy to see her smiling again.

### FIJ

Gloria's village on the island of Koro was almost completely wiped out by the raging winds and storm surges of a cyclone. Everything was destroyed, including all the food they had stored and crops they had plavnted. Your donations will help re-grow food crops in Gloria's village so they all have healthy food to eat.



**BANGLADESH** 

**INDONESIA** 

the brothel.

Diana's\* mother is a sex worker in the brothel town of

Daulatdia. It's the only way she can make enough money

to feed her children. Education is her only way to escape

Alan\* hasn't missed a session of Reading Camp since it started in 2017. On Monday and Saturday afternoons you can find him with dozens of his schoolmates parked on a

blue tarpaulin in the shade, absorbed in books.

#### Countries in which Save the Children works

# WHAT WE DO

The percentage of our programme expenditure by thematic area



education **21.3%** 

DISASTER RISK REDUCTION

38.3%



**CHILD POVERTY** 

9%

CHILD PROTECTION

2.1%

EMERGENCY

RESPONSE

29.3%



# PARTNERSHIP WITH THE NEW ZEALAND GOVERNMENT

Save the Children enjoys a strong working relationship with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT), which supports and partners with us in many of our programmes.

We share a commitment to our neighbours in the Asia-Pacific region and to our focus areas of work:

- >> Education
- >> Disaster risk reduction
- >> Child poverty
- >> Child protection
- >> Humanitarian responses

The bulk of the funding from MFAT in the past year has been for programmes in the Asia-Pacific region.

As well as providing funding, MFAT works with us to make sure that, as New Zealanders, we get the best results for children around our region and across the globe.



# SAVING CHILDREN IS AN INVESTMENT IN THE FUTURE

Eight cents in every dollar raised is spent on administration, which enables us to remain a professional, efficient, accountable organisation. The rest of our revenue is spent on delivering projects to children and helping us to raise more funds in order to increase our impact for children.

# FINANCIALS

## STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE REVENUE AND EXPENSES

### For the year ended 31 December 2017

	2017	2016
	\$000	\$000
INCOME		
Revenue from non-exchange transactions		
Grant revenue	4,014	3,718
Private donations and fundraising	6,548	6,197
	10,562	9,915
Revenue from exchange transactions		
Retail sales	217	269
Other revenue	1	9
Interest received and gain on sale of investments	91	107
TOTAL INCOME	10,870	10,300

#### **OPERATING EXPENSES**

TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	(4,216)	(4,268)
Administration and governance	(842)	(1,277)
Retail costs	(158)	(218)
Fundraising	(3,217)	(2,773)

NET OPERATING SURPLUS BEFORE		
PROGRAMME EXPENSES	6,653	6,032

#### **PROGRAMME EXPENSES**

Programme expenses	(4,943)	(4,864)
Development, monitoring, engagement and accountability	(1,598)	(1,469)
	(6,541)	(6,333)
NET (DEFICIT)/SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR	113	(301)

\* From the audited financial statements. Full financial statements are available from the charities commission website: see www.charities.govt.nz

# OUR BOARD

# Our board brings a diverse range of highly experienced leadership 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.





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# www.savethechildren.org.nz

# WE'RE THE LARGEST INDEPENDENT CHILD RIGHTS ORGANISATION IN THE WORLD

We deliver world-class solutions and sustainable results for children in 120 countries. We do whatever it takes to create a better future for children.

### We are working to ensure that, by 2030:



No child dies from preventable causes before their fifth birthday.



All children learn from a quality basic education.



Violence against children is no longer tolerated.



# NONE OF OUR WORK WOULD BE POSSIBLE WITHOUT OUR GENEROUS SUPPORTERS



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"Humanity owes the child the best it has to give"

EGLANTYNE JEBB Founder of Save the Children, 1919

