



## Media Release

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### Exhibition shows impact of Save the Children over 100 years

Poignant photographs of children living in one of the world largest brothels are part of an exhibition called *Save the Children – 100 Years of Child Rights*, which runs from 3-26 May at Flux, in the Wellington Museum.

The exhibition is part of the organisation's global centenary and showcases what they have done over the past 100 years to ensure children safe, protected and have the opportunity to learn.

*Save the Children: 100 years of Child Rights* includes a timeline of the work of Save the Children since it was founded in 1919 with photographs of projects around the world and work during emergencies. It also features photographs by Christchurch-based photographer Giora Dan of the education programme Save the Children runs in Daulatdia, Bangladesh, one of the largest brothels in the world.

Heidi Coetzee, Chief Executive Save the Children said, "In 1997 we opened the first and only school for children from Daulatdia, where children get health care, meals, an education and lots of love from trained teachers. We now run a primary school and a pre-school, giving more than 700 children chance to escape the life of the brothel.

"The centre of the exhibition will feature a child-friendly space with activities for children, as well as a competition for young children.

"In addition to the exhibition we are holding a public presentation on Saturday 4 May at 1.00pm of the work we do in Daulatdia by Giora and our International Programme Director Andrew Johnson.

The exhibition is part of Photival, a not-for-profit, Wellington documentary photography festival focusing on social, economic and environmental issues. Photival aims to show people thought provoking and inspiring photographic work and then give them the tools they need to engage with positive change. The theme for this year is influence.

More information is available here <http://www.photival.com/savethechildren>

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**Photo captions:** Daulatdia 1: This trafficked 13 years old is a new arrival in the brothel. A windowless bare room is her fate for now. If she proves to be a good money maker to her "owner". She will be able to use some of her allowance to decorate her room.

CHI 121674: Teacher and pupils playing in the pre-school run by Save the Children for children from the brothel in Daulatdia.

### **About Save the Children NZ**

Save the Children works in 120 countries across the world. The organisation responds to emergencies and works with children and their communities to ensure they survive, learn and are protected.

Save the Children NZ currently supports international programmes in Fiji, Cambodia, Bangladesh, Laos, Nepal, Indonesia, Thailand, and Mozambique. Areas of work include education and literacy, disaster risk reduction, and alleviating child poverty.

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