In 2016, you helped us give children the best chance for a brighter future:

**Healthy Girls and Boys**
We trained teachers from 23 schools in communities with high rates of violence to provide psychological support for children affected by chronic stress and to help them process and communicate feelings.

**Early Learners**
We reached 404,303 children and adults with our early learning programs. That’s nearly 7% of the nation’s population!

**Healthy Moms and Babies**
Together, we helped provide nutritious food to 391 malnourished children under age 5.

**Empowered Teens**
We successfully delivered reproductive health information to 6,256 young adults, so they can make safe and healthy decisions.

Where we work: Ahuachapán  La Paz  Sonsonate

Total children and adults directly reached in 2016: **404,303**

Sponsorship programs began in: **1980**
Healthy Moms and Babies
• With sponsors like you by our side, we worked with the Ministry of Health to provide nutritious food to malnourished children. We monitored the weight and height of participating children, delivered nutritional kits and provided training for families on breastfeeding, complementary feeding and appropriate food handling practices.
  • With sponsor support, we trained 295 health workers on medical testing for pre-term babies, including testing for congenital hypothyroidism, cardiac screenings and hearing tests.
  • You made it possible for us to partner with the National Neonatal Alliance to present a proposal to the parliament of El Salvador emphasizing the critical importance of breast milk for pre-term babies. We’re proud to say that these efforts led to the declaration of May 19 as a day to promote breastfeeding.

Healthy Girls and Boys
• Across 76 schools, 47 groups of student leaders helped contribute to school latrine remodeling plans. These students also monitored the health and safety of their school, reporting on the cleanliness of latrines, accessibility of soap and water and even bullying incidents.

Early Learners
• Thanks to you, we reached 3,618 girls and boys from high-risk areas with our early learning programs. 83% of children returned to school the following year, despite marked increases in social violence due to gang activity.
  • We’re working hard to achieve seamless collaboration across all sponsorship programs to deliver the most impact for children and families. This means we can provide an integrated network of early childhood development, protection and health services to the families who need them most.

Successful Students
• In most sponsored schools in El Salvador, violence is forcing students to drop out, especially children age 10 and up. That’s why we’re so proud that the fifth grade retention rate slightly improved, climbing to 76.9% in 2016 from 76.6% in 2015.
  • The Ministry of Education plans to implement our sponsorship-supported literacy programs on a national level. Joint efforts are underway to pilot the programs in all 5,000 public schools in the country.
  • We planned to establish 78 reading clubs in 2016, but due to their overwhelming popularity, we formed 161!

Empowered Teens
• We reached 1,132 girls and 1,180 boys in 76 schools with programs to improve gender equity among 9 to 15-year-olds. In addition, 5 communities from the Nahuizalco area shared these gender programs with 23 girls and 27 boys who don’t currently attend school.
  • With your support, we worked with 563 women and 726 men — parents of the teens participating in the program — to strengthen their knowledge of adolescent development, positive discipline, self-esteem, conflict resolution, suicide prevention and life skills.

Want to hear more about the amazing work you and our community of sponsors accomplished all over the world in 2016? Visit our website at: SavetheChildren.org/Sponsor-Report

Thank You!