



2018 HIGHLIGHTS



Save the Children®

MAKING AN IMPACT FOR CHILDREN



Thanks to you, little ones like Gabriela* from El Salvador, shown here with Carolyn, have the chance to fulfill the promise and potential of childhood.

Photo: Enrique Franco and Ernesto Prado

Investing in the Promise of Childhood

Dear Friends of Save the Children,

On the eve of our centennial year in 2019, we reflect proudly on the millions of girls and boys who have better lives and brighter futures because of our collective efforts over the past 100 years.

Today, we are proud to report that the under-5 child mortality rate has been reduced by half, 1 billion people have been lifted out of poverty and 91 percent of children in the developing world are enrolled in school. But we're not done yet!

We are pleased to share with you our ambition to secure \$100 million in incremental revenue to accelerate breakthroughs for the most deprived children in all corners of the world, ensuring they survive and thrive. Through our Promise of Childhood Centennial Campaign, we will renew our efforts to bend the curve on pneumonia, the leading killer of children under 5, restore learning opportunities for refugee children within 30 days of displacement, and promote gender equality throughout our development and humanitarian work.

At the heart of all we do is the vision of our founder, Eglantyne Jebb, who believed that all children – no matter who they are or where they live – have the right to grow up healthy, learning and safe. Fueled by your generous support, Save the Children continues to prove, as Eglantyne said, “it’s impossible only if we refuse to attempt it.”

We look forward to sharing our progress and celebrating our anniversary with you in 2019! Please contact Nancy Arnot Taussig, Executive Director, Promise of Childhood Centennial Campaign at ntaussig@savechildren.org to discuss how we can help you align your philanthropic goals with our mission. When we work together, nothing is impossible.

Warmly,

Carolyn Miles, President & CEO

The Impact of Your Partnership

It's all thanks to valued partners like you that more children in the U.S. and around the world have what every last child deserves – a healthy start in life, the opportunity to learn and protection from harm. We invite you to read their stories, share their smiles and know that you've not only helped change the course of their lives, you've helped transform their futures and ours. Thank you!



Every Day: A Healthy Start



Photo: Kate Holt/MCSP

Health workers in Democratic Republic of Congo demonstrate their newfound water, sanitation and hygiene knowledge after attending a training session.

Making Cleanliness Count

One-third of child deaths result from diseases related to poor water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) practices. Save the Children works to improve essential WASH behaviors in settings that reach mothers, babies and children – at home and in health clinics.

Our Clean Household Approach reduces the incidence of childhood pneumonia, diarrhea and malnutrition by targeting specific actions in the home – handwashing with soap, safe storage and treatment of drinking water, hygienic handling of food and sanitary waste management. Our Clean Clinic Approach helps health facilities improve their practices to prevent infection, without the need for investment in materials or infrastructure. Thanks to you, we are building the capacity of facilities in Democratic Republic of Congo, Kenya and Mali, and we implemented the first-ever infection prevention standards in postnatal care clinic settings in Nigeria and Guatemala.



Photo: Save the Children

Integrating plantation management in all aspects of our work with Sri Lanka's tea farms helps us reach more mothers and ensure better community participation.

Improving Nutrition for Mothers and Children

Sri Lanka's tea-growing plantations are home to some of the country's most vulnerable women and children. Sadly, malnourished pregnant mothers give birth to low-birth-weight babies, who then become stunted children – too small for their age because a poor diet keeps them

from developing properly.

This lack of nourishment stems from several causes, including a shortage of quality foods, inappropriate feeding of infants and lack of quality nutrition services. We are addressing the barriers to good nutrition by improving services at

plantation clinics and child care centers, raising awareness and changing behaviors among workers, and improving work conditions for pregnant women and mothers of children under age 2. All thanks to generous donors like you.



Every Day: The Opportunity to Learn



Photo: Juozas Cernius

Your support gives children like Venetia,* age 9, who came to Uganda as an unaccompanied refugee from South Sudan, the chance to have an education.

Closing the Education Gap for Refugee Children

Today, an unprecedented number of children are on the move, looking for a better life and a place to call home. Having already endured unimaginable hardships, these children find that basic services in their host communities, such as a quality education, are severely delayed and sometimes never provided. As a result, more than half of all refugee children – 3.7 million – are not in school and unlikely to return. Save the Children’s Return to Learning Initiative is an ambitious effort to restore learning and well-being activities within 30 days of a child’s displacement.

With the support of generous donors, we are piloting a toolkit of lesson plans, training modules and game-based activities with refugee children arriving in Spain from North Africa and in Serbia via the Balkans. We’re also testing a learning assessment in Uganda and Kenya that captures the literacy, numeracy and social-emotional needs of children. Our goal is to increase the number of displaced children who have rapid access to learning opportunities and a strong start to their own recovery.

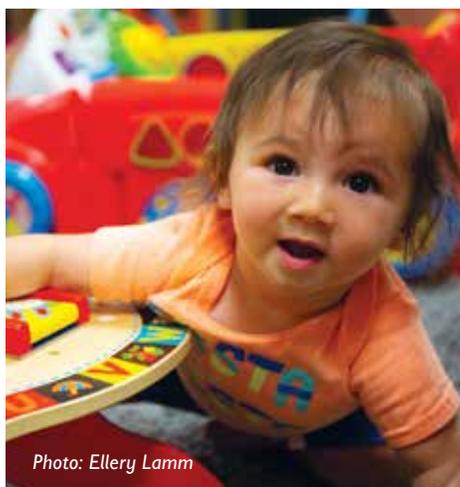


Photo: Ellery Lamm

With partners like you, Save the Children helped get 1-year-old Raegan’s day care center up and running again following Hurricane Harvey.

Building Back Stronger After Hurricane Harvey

More than one year after Hurricane Harvey’s landfall in Texas, our relief and recovery efforts have shifted to establishing a long-term presence dedicated to building resilience in children and their families. Critical to this work is restoring day care services and education programs so that children can get back to normalcy and parents can return to work. We have provided blankets, rugs, toys, funds and other support to programs in the hardest-hit areas.

In July 2018, Save the Children received federal funding through 21st Century Community Learning Centers to embed our in-school, after-school and

SummerBoost Camp® programming into 10 elementary schools in the hurricane-affected Golden Triangle region of southeast Texas. We are also seeking to launch our signature early childhood development program, Early Steps to School Success, which includes an enhanced trauma-informed approach to help children from birth to age 5 cope with adverse experiences and foster positive family-school relationships. We’re committed to supporting Texas communities where our programs can help prepare children for success in school and life.



Every Day: Protection from Harm. Building Resiliency.

Ensuring Safety Begins at Home

Many children first experience violence at home. Research shows that 80 percent of children between the ages of 2 and 14 are subjected to some form of physical or humiliating punishment by their caregivers. Aljani,* age 8, and Talatu,* age 12, pictured here, were among those at risk after being separated from their parents during an attack on their Nigerian village. Aljani and Talatu are cared for by Save the Children-trained foster parents. At first traumatized and unable to sleep, they are now doing better and going to school, thanks to regular visits and guidance from our case workers. We strengthen families like these with the skills to protect children, advocate for laws that protect them and help build strong child protection systems. We promote positive social norms, strengthen the social welfare workforce and link families to services. We also work to involve children in their own protection.



Photo: Tommy Trenchard

“They taught me that to discipline a child, you bring them closer to you. That cures anything,” says Moussa, Aljani and Talatu’s foster father.

Photo: Tom Pilston



Protecting Children Fleeing Violence

El Salvador, Honduras, Guatemala and Mexico are among the top 10 countries for child homicides. For 14-year-old Alejandra,* the statistics have a human face. She lost her older brother to gang violence and now worries about her younger brother’s safety. While Alejandra’s family remains in El Salvador, hundreds of thousands of Central American children and families have fled to the United States seeking safety and asylum since 2014.

Save the Children is working on both sides of the border to aid and protect children. This year, we took urgent action following the forced separation of more than 2,300 children from their parents or relatives at the U.S.-Mexico border. We are providing direct aid to migrant children and families through trusted partners, ensuring those released from detention gain access to food, shelter and emotional support, as well as legal representation and family-tracing expertise.

In Central America, our comprehensive programs provide families like Alejandra’s with psychological and emotional support, and also address the root causes of migration. Last year, together with donors like you, we reached 800,000 people in Central America. These programs work to improve economic well-being, make schools safe and empower young people to drive change for a better future.

Alejandra is eager to use the leadership skills she has gained through Save the Children youth programs to help transform the culture of fear and violence forcing so many out of her community.

*Name changed for protection

Thanks to you, our innovative Waliku app supports community efforts in Indonesia to keep girls like these healthy and learning.



Photo: Save the Children



Breakthroughs for Children

Keeping Children in School

In Sumba Barat, Indonesia, student absenteeism presents a major barrier to education and often indicates deeper issues. Save the Children's Waliku app allows teachers to digitally track attendance and share information with parents, health care

facilities and government entities. Absent students are screened for illnesses so that care can be delivered quickly if necessary, and teachers are empowered with knowledge to determine when to seek intervention on a child's behalf.

Waliku demonstrates trends in data that could indicate an epidemic illness or cultural practices that interfere with school attendance.



Photo: Jonathan Hyams

Jedidah says that when she treats children with pneumonia, she can feel their eyes on her, and their eyes say "fight for me."

Curbing Preventable Deaths in Children

The statistics are stark. Nearly 1 million children dying every year from pneumonia. One child every minute of every day lost to a preventable disease. A killer so powerful it takes more children than HIV, malaria and measles combined.

Children like 3-year-old Jackson,* their eyes filled with fear, fight for every breath. Here, Save the Children Emergency Health Officer Jedidah Onyango urgently fits an oxygen mask on Jackson at Kenya's Turkana County Referral Hospital, where he was in critical condition with severe pneumonia. Jedidah's own son survived a terrifying bout with pneumonia, which steeled her resolve to help save others from this preventable illness.

Save the Children works tirelessly, innovating pediatric medical devices to diagnose and treat pneumonia in low-resource settings. Delivering vaccines and antibiotics to save lives. Standing up to governments and demanding they follow through on promises to address this pediatric health emergency. Together, we are ensuring that by 2030 no child under 5 dies of preventable causes.



In Times of Crisis: Readiness. Relief. Recovery.



Photo: Daphnee Cook



Our Journey of Hope program in action at the Mulitas Community Center in Puerto Rico – made possible by donors like you. Photo: Shawn Millsaps

Rohingya Crisis Response

When Aziz’s* village in Myanmar was attacked in 2017, he was shot twice in the leg – costing the 8-year-old boy his leg. His mother, Sharifa, credits one of our child-friendly spaces in their refugee camp in Bangladesh with helping brave Aziz open up again. “Even when I call Aziz to come home for lunch, he doesn’t want to come,” Sharifa says. “He loves the child-friendly space so much. Everybody loves my son in the camp, especially the Save the Children staff! He knows they care about him.” Aziz and Sharifa are among the nearly 900,000 Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh. As one of the biggest aid agencies in the camps, Save the Children helps provide the food, water, medical care and shelter that Rohingya children and families depend on for their survival.

Puerto Rico Recovery

Hurricane Maria punished Puerto Rico with a fury the island hadn’t experienced in almost 90 years. Even before the storm, Puerto Rico was an extremely difficult place to be a child, with some of the highest child poverty rates in the United States. With your support, we continue to help girls and boys affected by Maria and address the challenges they faced before the hurricane – and we’ll stay close to them throughout the coming year. We’re partnering with local leaders, schools and organizations to strengthen child care, early childhood development and nutrition services. Meanwhile, our humanitarian teams responded swiftly in the Carolinas, the Florida panhandle and southwest Georgia following Hurricanes Florence and Michael. We will be there for children and families on the long road to recovery.

Yemen’s War on Children

A brutal three-year civil war in Yemen – with a dramatic escalation this year in the killing and maiming of civilians, including children – has left 22 million people in dire need of assistance. The United Nations warns that Yemen is on the brink of the worst famine in 100 years. The few health facilities still in operation are short of staff and supplies; Save the Children supports 97 of them and has treated over 80,000 children for malnutrition this year.

We also treat children for diarrhea, cholera and other deadly diseases that spread quickly when water supplies are contaminated. With 75 percent of schools destroyed in some areas, we’ve set up temporary learning spaces and are running Accelerated Learning Programs to help children catch up.

Sali,* age 14, is among those benefiting from our interventions. She witnessed the deaths of her older

brother, an aunt and two young cousins when her home was hit by anti-aircraft fire. Unable to concentrate at school, she failed her exams and dropped out. Save the Children enrolled Sali in psychosocial support programming that has helped her cope with trauma no child should experience and resume her studies in the midst of this urgent humanitarian crisis.



Photo: Mohammed Bamatraf

*Name changed for protection

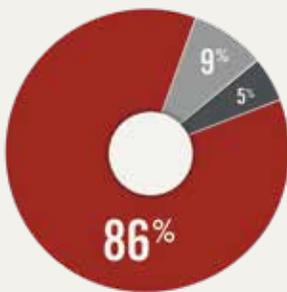
Our Financials 2017

Thanks to the generous support of our donors and partners, we served more than 155 million children in 120 countries around the world including the United States.

In 2017, Save the Children USA continued to maintain a strong financial foundation with \$807.4 million in operating revenue.**

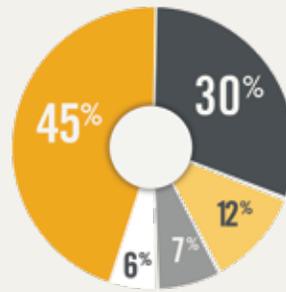


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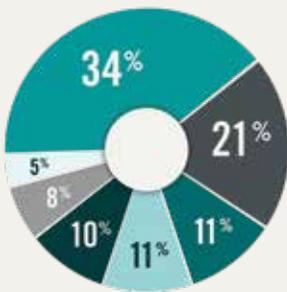
HOW WE USE OUR FUNDS

- 86% PROGRAM SERVICES
- 9% FUNDRAISING
- 5% MANAGEMENT & GENERAL



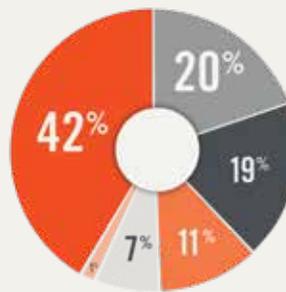
WHERE WE WORK

- 45% AFRICA
- 30% ASIA
- 12% UNITED STATES
- 7% MIDDLE EAST & EURASIA
- 6% LATIN AMERICA & CARIBBEAN



NATURE OF OUR PROGRAMS

- 34% HEALTH & NUTRITION
- 21% EDUCATION
- 11% EMERGENCIES
- 11% HIV/AIDS
- 10% HUNGER & LIVELIHOODS
- 8% PUBLIC POLICY & ADVOCACY
- 5% CHILD PROTECTION



OPERATING REVENUE

- 42% U.S. NATIONAL, STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENTS
- 20% UN & OTHER MULTI-LATERAL FUNDING INSTITUTIONS
- 19% INDIVIDUALS
- 11% CORPORATIONS
- 7% FOUNDATIONS
- 1% OTHER

On the cover: Your support gives Priscilla,* age 3, the chance to attend a preschool supported by Save the Children in Malawi's Zomba District. Photo: Jonathan Hyams

On the back: Dominic, age 7, is from Whitley County, Kentucky, where he receives literacy support through Save the Children's child sponsorship program. Photo: Victoria Zegler

**Save the Children's global movement generated \$2.2 billion in operating revenue.