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# DELIVERING HIGH IMPACT HEALTH SERVICES FOR CHILDREN AND THEIR MOTHERS



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Save the Children US  
Department of Global Health

## OUR 2030 AMBITION FOR CHILDREN

### SURVIVE: NO CHILD DIES BEFORE THEIR FIFTH BIRTHDAY.

Because every child deserves to survive and thrive, Save the Children US' Department of Global Health supports the **delivery of high-impact health services to improve the health of children and their mothers** in the world's most deprived populations, every day and in times of crisis.

Our goal is to ensure, **by 2030, no child dies from preventable causes before their fifth birthday**. We collaborate with governments, academic institutions, the private sector and donors to strengthen health systems and deliver services in low-resource settings to improve health. We have a long tradition of linking communities to health care providers and ensuring access to and use of lifesaving services. We advocate for policy change in our drive to reach every last child. And we invest in systems, innovation and technologies to address key challenges to reach more excluded mothers and children.



## SAVING LIVES FOR 100 YEARS

Save the Children has enriched the lives of millions of children throughout the world since its founding in 1919. As part of our Centennial Commitment, we are committed to addressing pneumonia in children under five. Pneumonia is responsible for the deaths of more children under 5 than any other infectious disease. It kills more children in this age group than malaria, diarrhea and measles combined.

### WE ARE CALLING FOR:

- Cheaper vaccines to prevent pneumonia and more investment in immunization;
- Governments adopting Pneumonia Action Plans that provide universal access to health workers trained to diagnose accurately and early;
- Governments and aid donors ensuring that lifesaving antibiotics are available;
- Public-private partnerships to expand provision of the oxygen needed to help children struggling to breathe.



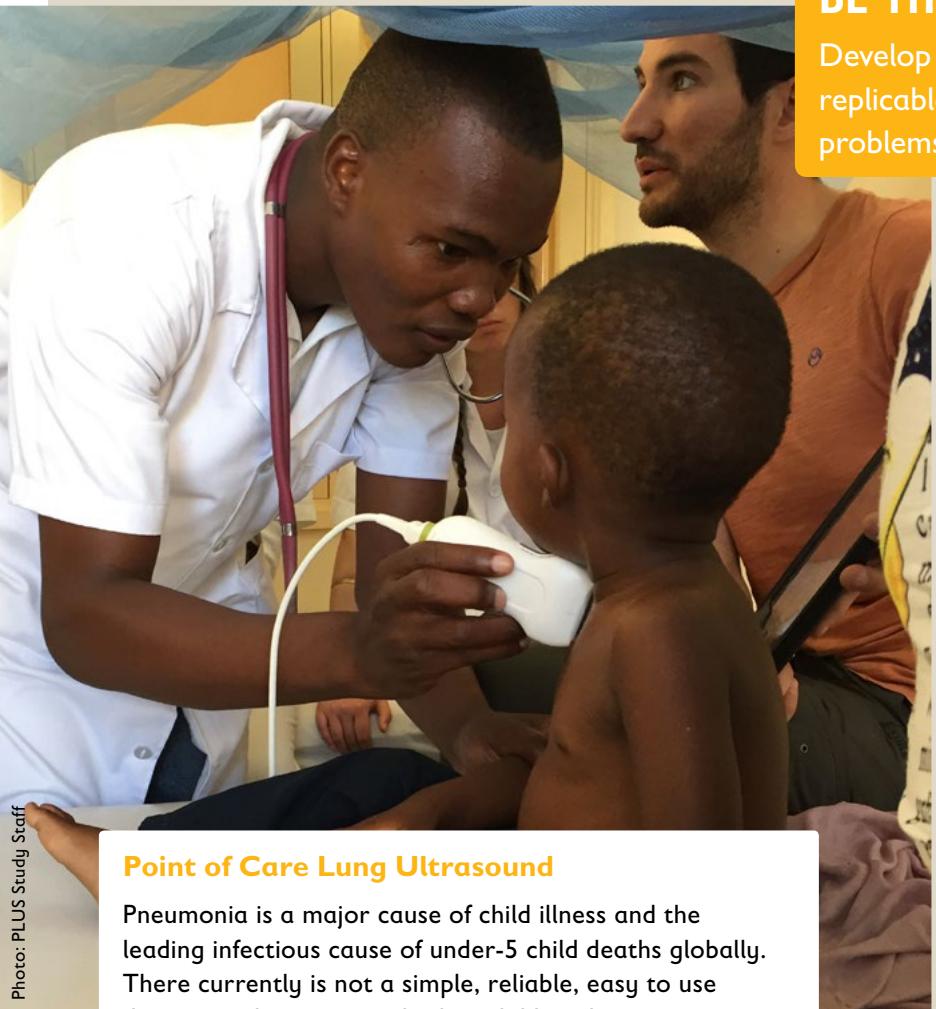
# OUR THEORY OF CHANGE TO REACH OUR 2030 AMBITION FOR CHILDREN

We apply our theory of change to address key gaps and barriers to improve maternal, adolescent, newborn and child health and nutrition.

WE WILL...

## BE THE INNOVATOR:

Develop and prove evidence-based, replicable breakthrough solutions to problems facing children.



### Point of Care Lung Ultrasound

Pneumonia is a major cause of child illness and the leading infectious cause of under-5 child deaths globally. There currently is not a simple, reliable, easy to use diagnostic device or method available in low-resource settings. Together with our partners, we are assessing the utility of point-of-care lung ultrasound to better identify pneumonia. This study will help inform, accelerate and test the applicability of this imaging technology.

## BUILD PARTNERSHIPS:

Collaborate with children, civil society organizations, communities, governments and the private sector to share knowledge, influence others, and build capacity to ensure children's rights are met.

## BE THE VOICE:

Advocate and campaign for better practices and policies to fulfill children's rights and to ensure that children's voices are heard (particularly those of children most marginalized or living in poverty).

### Saving Newborn Lives

Our Saving Newborn Lives program has been a leading advocate for newborn health since its inception nearly two decades ago. Through our advocacy and research, we have ensured newborn indicators are included in national health information systems for improved monitoring and evaluation of newborn interventions and improved global understanding about the causes and burden of newborn mortality and what works to save newborn lives.



## ACHIEVE RESULTS AT SCALE:

Support effective implementation of best practices, programs and policies for children, leveraging our knowledge to ensure sustainable impact at scale.

### Chlorhexidine for Umbilical Cord Care

Ensuring optimal cord care immediately after birth and through the first week of life is a critical strategy for preventing infection-related newborn deaths. Keeping the cord clean and dry is important, and applying chlorhexidine to the freshly cut cord can significantly reduce mortality risk in settings with high newborn mortality. This antiseptic is most effective when applied immediately after birth and can easily be applied by health workers or by family members in cases of home delivery when a health worker is not available. In partnership with ministries of health, we have supported scale-up plans in Bangladesh, Ethiopia, Nepal and Nigeria to ensure access to this life-saving intervention for all births.



# OUR APPROACH

To achieve our breakthroughs for children, we prioritize the integration of core thematic priorities with key cross-cutting areas (health systems strengthening, community capacity strengthening, water, sanitation and hygiene and urban health). Our success is contingent upon our collaboration with partners, local governments and communities to scale up health service delivery to improve access to and use of effective, sustainable behavior change and health interventions.

## WE ADVANCE INNOVATIONS IN HEALTH AND NUTRITION FOR THE WORLD'S MOST DEPRIVED POPULATIONS



### Adolescent Sexual & Reproductive Health & Rights

We provide comprehensive sexual and reproductive health information and services for adolescents, with special attention to the needs of very young adolescents (10-14 years) and young mothers and fathers, emphasizing gender equality throughout all of our work. Our programs promote equitable social and gender norms, health behaviors, menstrual hygiene management and access to youth-friendly health services.



### Maternal & Reproductive Health

Our maternal and reproductive health programs aim to reduce maternal deaths and improve the health of women, including adolescents, and contribute to long-term benefits for their families and communities. We partner with governments and other stakeholders to train and support health care providers, community health workers and other actors to deliver quality services including family planning, pre and postnatal care and emergency obstetric care.



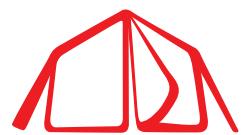
### Child Health

We partner with governments and other partners to train, equip, and supervise both community and facility-based frontline health workers to deliver preventative and curative care for three of the main killers of children under age 5: pneumonia, diarrhea and malaria. These frontline health workers deliver lifesaving and cost-effective care including immunizations, oral rehydration solution, zinc, antibiotics and malaria drugs and work closely with communities and governments to improve the health and survival of children.



### Newborn Health

We have been a globally recognized leader in newborn health and a respected voice in countries since 2000. We work with partners, ministries of health and national stakeholders to provide technical leadership, advocacy and measurement support to generate new evidence, build consensus and formulate policy and guidance to reduce global newborn mortality. Our programs address the three main causes of newborn deaths (premature birth, infections and complications during childbirth) through essential newborn care: immediate drying, skin-to-skin contact, delayed bathing, immediate and exclusive breastfeeding, clean cord care, newborn resuscitation and the promotion of care-seeking behaviors.



### Emergency Health & Nutrition

Our emergency health and nutrition programs focus on proven life-saving maternal, newborn and child healthcare services, management of common childhood illnesses, communicable disease prevention and control, the Minimum Initial Service Package for reproductive health in crises, family planning, detection and treatment of acute malnutrition and breastfeeding promotion.



### HIV, AIDS & Tuberculosis

We work globally to expand access to comprehensive HIV prevention, care, treatment and support services for children, women and families affected by HIV, focusing on countries with a high burden of disease and/or low coverage. Our key strategic priorities include eliminating pediatric and adolescent HIV infection by implementing prevention of mother-to-child transmission of HIV services; providing treatment, care, and support services to infected and affected children, adolescents and key populations; and the elimination of TB among children and adolescents.



### Nutrition

We help women and young children access quality nutrition services from frontline health workers and volunteers in the community. Our multi-sectoral, integrated programs encourage adequate and quality food intake, optimal infant and young child feeding and care practices, and protections against diseases by supporting breastfeeding, complementary feeding and hygiene, healthcare seeking and maternal nutrition behaviors during the first 1,000 days.

## DEPARTMENT OF GLOBAL HEALTH SCOPE AND REACH

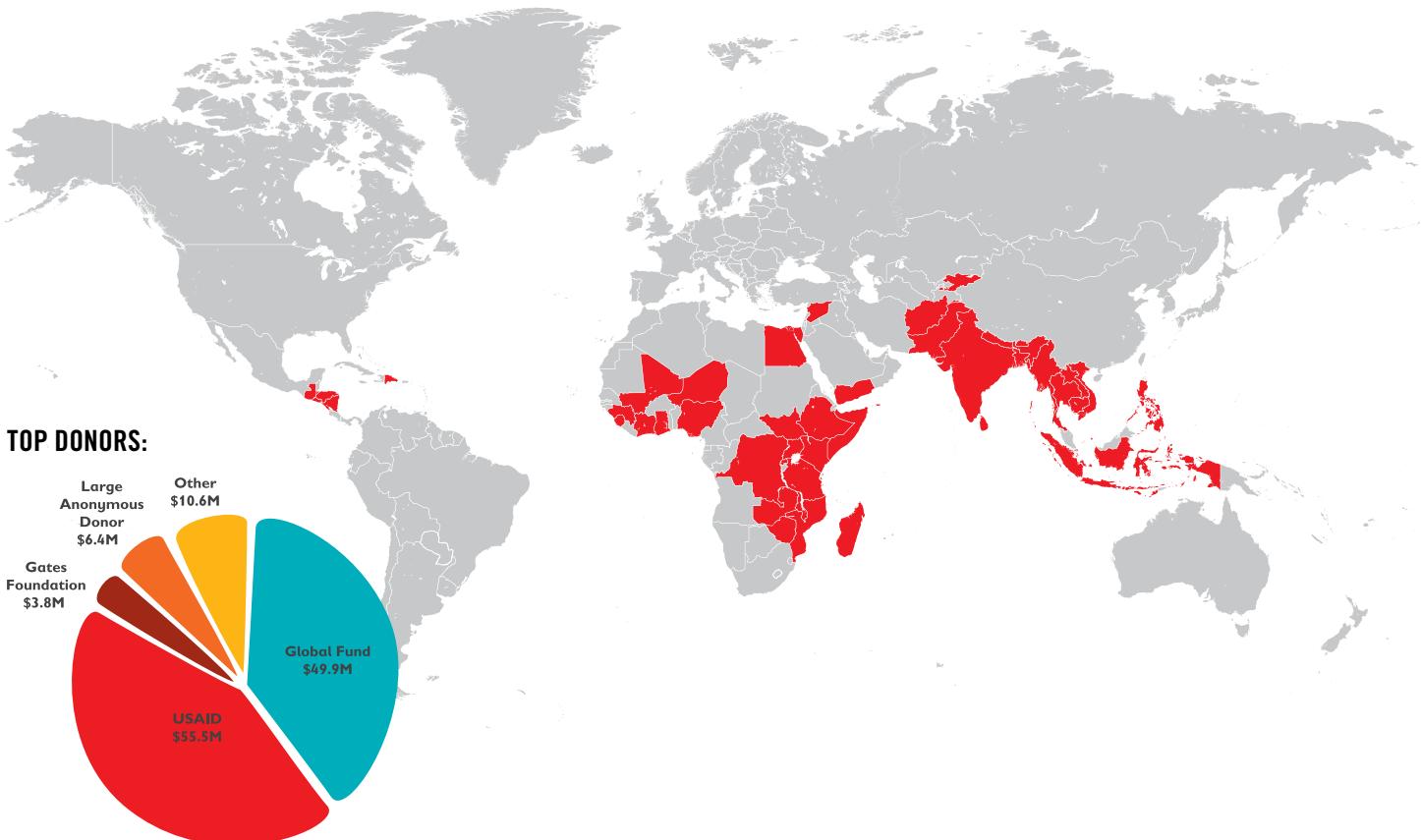
**140+**  
employees & vacancies

**\$126 million**  
2018 budget

**\$762 million**  
Life of award  
portfolio value

**121**  
active awards

**40+ Countries**



Save the Children US' Department of Global Health works in more than 40 countries, supporting both emergency response and development programs.

Save the Children believes every child deserves a future. In the United States 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.

We do whatever it takes for children – every day and in times of crisis – transforming their lives and the future we share.

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