



 Save the Children.

# SUMMER 2020 PROGRESS REPORT

Children around the world  
count on you every day.

**Thank you** for your generosity.

# YOU HELP CHILDREN SURVIVE AND THRIVE



Your compassion and commitment drive the nutrition, health, protection, education and emergency programs that make Save the Children the world's leading organization for children.

At the onset of the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak, Save the Children adapted its lifesaving work to better protect the world's most vulnerable children and keep them healthy and learning. This ongoing commitment makes a lifesaving difference every day.

All children deserve a healthy start, the opportunity to learn and protection from harm to ensure they have the best chance to grow up educated and empowered to succeed. With your help, more children can receive this chance with each new day.

The updates within these pages are inspirational examples of how your extraordinary generosity and dedication continue to make an impact for children in poverty and crisis.

When you support Save the Children's world-renowned programs, your reach extends from the plains of the United States to the peaks of Nepal and thousands of places in between, bringing hope and opportunity to millions of children.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Janti Soeripto".

Janti Soeripto  
President & CEO

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# YOU HELP RESCUE CHILDREN AND GIVE THEM HOPE



Your support helped us to respond immediately to the coronavirus (COVID-19) crisis and together, we will continue to do whatever it takes to keep children in the United States and throughout the world healthy and equipped to learn.



In Yemen, you helped support 167 health facilities and 23 hospitals, protected more than 55,000 children from sickness and violence, supplied more than 271,000 children with vital nourishment and provided a variety of support for 1,784,041 Yemeni children.

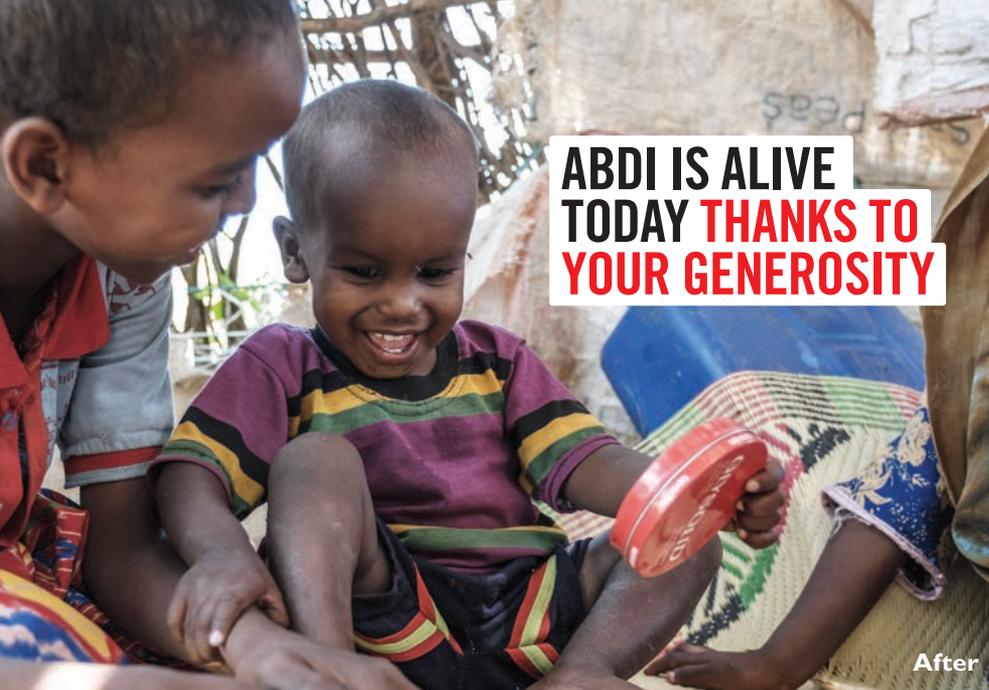


The emergency response you made possible in Colombia established Child-Friendly Spaces for Venezuelan refugees, Colombian returnees and indigenous communities and supplied cash assistance for food, clothing and household necessities.



Children at 60 schools in Zimbabwe are grateful for the disaster education you helped provide to save lives during storms, floods, fires and animal attacks. You also helped supply schools with first-aid kits and crisis-hit families with food and other essential items.

**You help create innovative programs that improve the health, education, protection and well-being of all children now and for generations to come.**



**ABDI IS ALIVE  
TODAY THANKS TO  
YOUR GENEROSITY**

After

**Baby Abdi was on the brink of death** due to severe acute malnutrition when he arrived at a Save the Children-supported hospital.

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This frail little boy had been sick for several months when he was rushed to the nearest hospital.

E.R. doctors quickly diagnosed him with severe acute malnutrition — a leading cause of death for children in the world's most impoverished communities.

Even with immediate treatment, his prospects were grim. The labored rise and fall of his chest and his struggled gasps for air showed just how weak his body had become.

Thankfully, Abdi received his specialized care just in time. He recovered much quicker than expected and on July 4<sup>th</sup>, exactly one week after he was admitted, he was discharged from the hospital.

He was also referred to a Save the Children outpatient therapeutic program where he received checkups and a supply of high-energy therapeutic

food (peanut paste) to fortify his improving strength and sustain his recovery.

When Save the Children field workers visited Abdi at home in his small village five months later, they found a happy, playful and healthy little boy and a family grateful beyond words.

**Your support is the reason Abdi and hundreds of malnourished children receive a second chance at life.**



Before



**SONU IS EDUCATED  
AND EMPOWERED  
THANKS TO YOU**

**Sonu thought her dream of an education and the freedom it affords was out of reach until you helped inspire change.**

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Sonu is the youngest of seven children and five married sisters. Her fate seemed destined to share that of her older sisters — early marriage, children and the work and chores associated with tending a family home.

Then she joined the Save the Children Choices, Voices, Promises sponsorship innovation program in her village, and discovered a world of opportunity.

Through instruction and interaction, Choices, Voices, Promises improves girls' and boys' access to activities that challenge restrictive gender norms, promotes equality and increases dialogue between parents and children to help shift norms within the community.

Sonu, excited by the new opportunities open to girls, chose her own path and trained to become a program facilitator in her community.

“My hopes and dreams for girls in my community are that they are sent to school,” Sonu said.

**Your support helps reduce child marriages and prepare marginalized girls and boys to pursue their dreams.**

# YOU HELP BUILD A SOLID FOUNDATION FOR CHILDREN HERE AT HOME

**Ryder's future success was in jeopardy** until he discovered the power of Save the Children reading programs you help make possible.

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The early childhood education initiatives that you support rewrite the future for thousands of children like 2-year-old Ryder. With your help, many of America's once-forgotten children now have the best chance for success.

Ryder joined a reading program and quickly came out of his shell, participating in reading exercises with his schoolmates and discovering a love for books and learning. He also receives healthy meals throughout the day.



Ryder has become so fond of reading that he insists on taking two books home to read every night. "He reads all the time, and now, he's getting to the point where he's asking me how to spell words," says his mother, Lyric.

With the advances he's made, Ryder's teacher is no longer concerned about his progression. He's now on track to succeed in school.

**Together we invest in the education and empowerment of America's at-risk children.**



# YOU SUPPORT THE LIVELIHOODS OF FAMILIES IN CRITICAL NEED



Together, we helped Francisca and her family **overcome hunger, sickness and impossible odds of survival.**

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It's hard to access the rustic wood house in the mountains of northern Guatemala where 68-year-old Francisca lives with her husband Domingo and their two granddaughters, Juana\* and Rosa.\*

But this hardship pales in comparison to the other difficulties this family has endured.

Juana and Rosa's mother died from an illness that left her bedridden for several months. There was neither the money or the resources for the treatment she so desperately needed.

Shortly after her death, Domingo fell ill and was left paralyzed. Again, there was no money for medicine or accessible

medical care. Now, the burden of supporting the family falls on Francisca.

Jobs in this rural landscape are limited, and the only way for Francisca to earn money is to search the mountains for firewood to sell. While she undertakes this extremely difficult work, Juana and Rosa must care for their grandfather instead of attending school.

With the help of caring people like you, Save the Children launched an Emergency Project in the area and restored hope to this family.

Francisca received a cash transfer to purchase nutritious food and other survival essentials, meaning she doesn't have to resume her backbreaking search for firewood. This economic empowerment also means Juana and Rosa can attend school regularly.

**Through your generous support, you help families stay healthy and keep children in school and learning.**

# YOU RESTORE HOPE FOR CHILDREN IN CRISIS

Save the Children staff work tirelessly to meet the overwhelming needs of children like Nur in the world's largest refugee settlement.



Of the nearly one million Rohingya refugees that live in the camp at Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh, more than half are children. Throughout the camp, Save the Children runs child- and girl-friendly spaces as well as awareness sessions for parents and children on child trafficking, labor and marriage. We also support family tracing and reunification for children separated from their families and vital mental and psychosocial care.

When Save the Children workers found 12-year-old Nur\* on a roadside, having been harassed and abused for being deaf and unable to speak, they immediately brought him to a safe child-friendly space.

"Now, since everyone has accepted him, he is socializing with everybody, he is totally normal with everyone. He comes and plays," says Nezam, who helps run the child-friendly space Nur visits.

Nur communicated to Nezam through pictures that his home in Myanmar was attacked, shot at and destroyed and that his family was forced to flee for their lives, arriving at the refugee camp by boat.

Your generous support helps reach more than 50,000 children like Nur in Cox's Bazar through more than 90 child- and girl-friendly spaces. You help provide shelter, food and protection. You also help secure access to education and health care.



**Together — with compassionate friends like you — we provide hundreds of safe and secure child-friendly spaces in the world's most deadly and difficult places to be a kid.**

# THE FUTURE IS BRIGHTER WHEN WE WORK TOGETHER

You foster growth and inspire hope in the lives of children who have experienced unimaginable hardship.



Provy has the sunny disposition you might expect to find in an 8-year-old girl, but not one who has endured such trauma.

When Provy was 2 years old, her father was killed by rebels who attacked their village. Provy was forced to flee violence in the Democratic Republic of the Congo with her pregnant mother, seeking asylum in Uganda.

Shortly after they arrived, her mother gave birth. Just two months later, her mother died. Her 2-month-old sister was taken away, and Provy went to live with foster parents in a refugee settlement.

With little to no income, Provy's foster parents struggle to care for her and the six others in their family.

Thankfully, partners like you give Provy a reason to smile. She attends Save the Children's Accelerated Education Program — a safe space to help get out-of-school children on track — where she is recognized for being an eager and quick learner who retains new information.

**You help give Provy the best start possible and the best chance to overcome poverty and the many challenges she faces.**



# WE PROTECT CHILDREN AS CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) THREATENS THEIR HEALTH, SAFETY AND EDUCATION

**Save the Children was a first responder** and continues to work around the clock to protect the world's children.

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As a recognized leader in times of crisis, Save the Children began critical supply deliveries to health workers on the front lines at the onset of the pandemic.

As the health, education and safety risks for children continue to grow and change, we continue to adapt our response to safeguard children and ensure they are healthy and equipped to learn.

The earliest years are the most important for a child's physical and mental development, and the long-term consequences of undernourishment and wide-scale learning loss could be among the biggest impacts coronavirus has on children.

This is why we supply essential resources to impoverished households and communities. We provide learning materials where they are scarce and supplement the discontinued school meals so many children rely on. At the same time, we distribute trusted information to reduce transmission and keep children and families safe.

Together, in the weeks and months ahead, we will increase our response to meet the expanding needs of children and their families, and to make sure our essential programs continue uninterrupted.

**It's more important than ever to care for the world's children and make sure no child is forgotten.**





## YOU CAN HELP MORE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES SURVIVE AND COPE.

Our response is only as strong as the support we receive from passionate partners like you.

Your urgently needed gift today can help deliver lifesaving essentials like clean water, fortifying food, protection, health care and educational opportunities where they're needed most.

Our goal is to raise \$100,000 in the coming weeks to help the most vulnerable children who wait for our help. Please help bring care and comfort to children in crisis and remind them that they are not forgotten.

**If you have any questions or want to learn more about how and where your support is needed, please don't hesitate to contact:**

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## CHANGING A LIFE LASTS A LIFETIME

As the world's leading organization for children, we dedicate ourselves to securing a healthy start, the opportunity to learn and protection from harm for children in the United States and around the world.

We respond whenever and wherever children are in crisis, and we do whatever it takes to save and transform lives.

Through your support, you give children, families and communities the best chance for survival and success.

**Thank you for your commitment and generosity.**



**Save the Children.**

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