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ABOUT CHILDFUND AUSTRALIA

ChildFund Australia is an independent international development organisation that works to reduce poverty for children in developing communities. ChildFund Australia is a member of the ChildFund Alliance – a global network of 11 organisations, which assists more than 14 million children and families in over 60 countries.

ChildFund Australia implements programs with a range of local partners in Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Timor-Leste, Vietnam, Papua New Guinea and other Pacific nations, and manages projects delivered by partner organisations throughout Asia, Africa and the Americas.

ChildFund Australia is a registered charity, a member of the Australian Council for International Development, and fully accredited by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, which manages the Australian Government's overseas aid program.





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At ChildFund Australia, our vision is a global community, free from poverty, where children are protected and have the opportunity to reach their full potential.

To fulfil our mission, ChildFund Australia works in partnership with children and their communities to create lasting change by supporting long-term community development, responding to humanitarian emergencies and promoting children's rights.

We want all children with whom we work to be able to say:



I AM SAFE



I AM EDUCATED



I AM HEARD



I HAVE A FUTURE

WHY? BECAUSE EVERY CHILD NEEDS A CHILDHOOD... A CHILDHOOD WHERE THEY ARE NURTURED, PROTECTED, ENCOURAGED AND VALUED.

Reducing violence is not only imperative to alleviate children's suffering but also key to ending extreme child poverty. Worldwide an estimated 1 billion children experience regular physical punishment, about 120 million girls are subject to sexual assault, 100,000 children annually are victims of homicide and one in three children report being bullied.

Because violence against children is so widespread, it is now a priority in the global development agenda. This includes the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 16.2 (ending abuse, exploitation, trafficking and all forms of violence and torture against children), and other related targets to protect children from harm.

ChildFund Australia believes every child deserves to grow up in an environment free from violence. We acknowledge that children of all ages, genders, disabilities, ethnicities, sexual orientations and socio-economic status are at risk of experiencing violence.

As a member of ChildFund Alliance, ChildFund Australia supports, and is an implementing partner of, the Global Partnership to End Violence. We are advocating for countries to take strong and effective actions to reduce violence against children. We recommend that countries become a 'path-finder country' – committed to accelerating achievement of the End Violence Goal, using evidence-based and child-centred policies and programs.

Our Child-Friendly Accountability project is also enabling children to meaningfully participate in making certain that those charged with protecting and fulfilling children's rights fulfil their duties and responsibilities.

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I AM SAFE

ChildFund Australia believes that every child has the right to live without fear, in a safe, non-violent, protective and nurturing environment. We help communities to strengthen child protection to keep children safe from harm, and provide emergency humanitarian assistance in times of disaster, both natural and man-made.

We want every child with whom we work to be able to say: “I am safe”.





I AM EDUCATED

ChildFund Australia believes every child should have access to education and a high quality learning environment. We implement education projects where children are supported to learn essential skills in literacy and numeracy, while also being given the opportunity to develop a range of skills and capabilities for their future.

We want every child with whom we work to be able to say: “I am educated.”

ChildFund Laos has built an early childhood school in Homsai village in remote eastern Laos, helping prepare more than 30 children to enter primary education.

Six-year-old Maithao and her three-year-old sister Pahoa Moue (pictured) are two of the students at the school, which has provided the sisters with the opportunity to develop new skills and play with other children.

Before it was built they would go to the family farm and help their parents pull weeds and grow rice and corn. Sometimes they stayed on the farm for several days before returning home.

“I love going to school,” Maithao says. “I am very happy. I can play in the playground, with the toys and my friends, and I can learn.”





I AM HEARD

ChildFund Australia believes that every child should have the opportunity to play an active role in society, and to have their views sought, valued and respected. Our programs give children and youth the confidence to share their opinions, and to participate in family and community decision-making, on issues that affect them.

We want every child with whom we work to be able to say: “I am heard.”



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