

GROUND BREAKING
WORLD RUGBY
PARTNERSHIP GIVES
CHILDREN THE
OPPORTUNITY TO
PLAY, LEARN AND GROW

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OUR VISION & MISSION

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."

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 13 million children and families in over 60 countries.

ChildFund Australia directly 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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Leonard, age 12, Zambia



This year is highly significant for the world's children. It is a moment to reflect on the importance of childhood, and the right of every child to feel nurtured and protected, and to be given access to opportunity.

In 2019, the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) marks its 30th anniversary.

The CRC has defined children's rights and has driven action to realise these rights. It makes clear that we should value the lives of all children now, not only their adult futures.

As the most ratified human rights treaty, the CRC has set in motion a quiet, far-reaching revolution for children.

It has driven change in all corners of the globe, prompting the introduction of legislation to protect children and investment in services that children need to survive and develop. The CRC has also empowered more children to have a say in shaping their future.

The lives of most children have dramatically improved since 1989. Half as many children today will face early death due to hunger and preventable diseases. And over 120 million more children have the opportunity to attend school, and potentially break the cycle of poverty that has trapped their parents and previous generations.

However, in reviewing the progress it is clear that millions of children continue to be left behind. Their rights are violated and their childhoods are at risk.

This is particularly true in relation to children's rights to safety and protection. As the United Nations undertakes its first review of Sustainable Development Goal 16.2 – ending violence against, and exploitation of, children – it is clear that abuse and mistreatment of children remains a global

problem, cutting across borders, class, culture, and gender.

For ChildFund Australia, these international milestones serve as an important reminder of our mission and vision. We know we must do all in our power to be a champion for children and address the threats they face in today's world.

Fortunately, there is a large community of supporters who share this belief: thousands of individual Australians, schools, businesses and organisations who are helping children to grow up safe and to be positive and hopeful about their future.

The Australian Government continues to provide strong support to ChildFund through the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. This support is vital in achieving our shared goals for children.

The commitment from all supporters allows ChildFund Australia to implement programs that prioritise health and wellbeing, and build children's resilience, meaning more children will survive and thrive.

The support enables ChildFund Australia to work in partnership with local communities, empowering them to keep children safe from harm, and to strengthen child protection systems and services.

And it means more children are gaining access to opportunity, through improved, child-friendly learning environments that give children essential skills in literacy and numeracy, and the chance to take part in sport, arts and recreation.

This powerful, combined effort means more children can experience a happy and healthy childhood. Together, we can help more children say: "I am safe. I am educated. I am heard. I have a future."

Mary Latham *Nigel Spence*

Mary Latham
Chair

Nigel Spence
CEO

ChildFund Australia CEO Nigel Spence will be stepping down from his role after 14 years of distinguished service. The Board, executive team and all ChildFund staff express their deep appreciation to him for his service to the organisation and his dedication to the children and families with whom we work. His period of leadership has been transformational for ChildFund, and he will be greatly missed.

Over the past 12 months, as the world shone a spotlight on children's rights, ChildFund has been a prominent voice for vulnerable children.



Molyka, age 10, Cambodia

A SECOND REVOLUTION

In June, the Joining Forces Alliance – a coalition of the six leading child-focused organisations around the world, including the ChildFund Alliance – launched *A Second Revolution: 30 years of child rights, and the unfinished agenda*.

The report found that 30 years after the introduction of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC), millions of children across the world continue to lack the rights and protections they need to survive and thrive.

The report calls on the global community to fulfil the broken promises of the CRC and aims to spearhead a 'second revolution' for children's rights to reach and include those who are most excluded from progress.

UNSEEN, UNSAFE

Australia's leading child-focused development agencies, including ChildFund Australia, published a new report: *Unseen, Unsafe: The Underinvestment in Ending Violence Against Children in the Pacific and Timor-Leste*. The report details the levels of physical, emotional and sexual violence, as well as neglect faced by children living in the Pacific and Timor-Leste.

Released at the United Nations High-level Political Forum in New York, *Unseen, Unsafe* calls for more targeted aid expenditure on ending violence against children in order to address this epidemic, and highlights the important role Australia can play – leading by example and working closely with Pacific governments.

CHILDFUND AUSTRALIA CALLS FOR KIDS OFF NAURU

ChildFund Australia joined more than 420 aid agencies, businesses, community groups and faith-based organisations calling on the government to release all children held in detention on Nauru, and resettle them in Australia or another country that welcomes them by Universal Children's Day 2018.

The campaign prompted more than 170,000 everyday Australians to add their names to a petition to have these children removed from Nauru, and it was also successful in getting the Medevac Bill passed into legislation in early 2019. These new laws allow doctors to order the urgent medical transfer to Australia of children, women or men currently being held in detention on Nauru or Manus Island.

ChildFund Australia CEO Nigel Spence and Actor Danielle Cormack were both ambassadors for the campaign. Nigel said: "Successive governments, from both sides of politics, have failed to address the serious failings of Australia's offshore detention policy, which put already vulnerable lives, particularly children, at further risk."



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.

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



Child Friendly Spaces (CFS) supported by ChildFund provided children impacted by the Laos floods with a place where they could play, learn and be safe; and (inset, right) flood survivor and CFS volunteer, Khied, age 17.

CHILD FRIENDLY SPACES FOR LAOS FLOOD SURVIVORS

The collapse of a dam in Attapeu Province in July 2018 caused flash flooding into villages in southern Laos and neighbouring Cambodia. At least 26 people died and more than 6,000 children and their families were displaced, and had to seek refuge in temporary camps.

ChildFund Laos helped establish Child Friendly Spaces to provide children impacted by the disaster with a place where they could play, learn and be safe. The Spaces also provided children with clean sanitation facilities such as toilets, as well as books and other materials so children whose homes and schools had been destroyed could continue learning.

For 17-year-old Khied (pictured inset), the flood was the "most terrible nightmare imaginable".

After losing her home and her possessions, Khied volunteered at the Child Friendly Space in her camp, helping to organise activities for children.

"I wanted to take care of the children in my village to give them something to do to forget about everything that happened," Khied said.

"I want them to be able to grow up and continue to persevere through whatever happens in the future."

Volunteering in the Child Friendly Space helped restore Khied's confidence and increase her resilience. Today, she is back in school and she is positive about her future.

"I learnt to be more courageous, to participate more, and am better at sharing my thoughts and opinions," Khied says. "Part of that is because I've been able to take part in training on how to implement activities through the Child Friendly Spaces project."



ChildFund peer educator Albertina, age 18, leads a discussion on the dangers of early marriage in Zambia.

ENDING CHILD MARRIAGE IN ZAMBIA

In Zambia, families living in poverty can be forced to marry off their children at a young age in exchange for a bride price or dowry.

The practice robs children of their education and childhood, leaving them vulnerable to physical, sexual and psychological abuse. Girls living in rural areas are at a higher risk of early marriage, and those with no access to education are the most vulnerable.

ChildFund Zambia is working with communities to run workshops with children, parents, teachers and village leaders on children's rights and the dangers of child marriage and other forms of child violence and exploitation.

Albertina, age 18 (pictured above), is a passionate advocate for ending child marriage in her community. As a ChildFund peer educator, she understands her rights and is calling on local leaders to end the practice.

Albertina leads discussions at her local youth resource centre about issues affecting children and youth in her community, including early marriage. "Of all my friends who I started school with, all of them have dropped out," she says. "Children who are married do not get to do the things they desire and accomplish their goals. I believe that every person has things to be accomplished in their life."



PROTECTING CHILDREN IN ECUADOR

In Ecuador, household poverty can contribute to high rates of family violence in disadvantaged communities.

ChildFund Ecuador is helping communities to form child protection committees to address cases of child abuse, neglect and other forms of violence. The groups hold regular community workshops on issues such as gender equality, violence prevention and children's rights. Youth also have the opportunity to participate in theatre troupes that perform plays to raise awareness of these issues.

Since attending the workshops, Juan, age 12, has become more confident about his rights. "I liked the zero-violence workshops that ChildFund gave because they helped me understand that no one should mistreat me, shout at me or beat me," Juan says.

ChildFund also provides training in entrepreneurship to help families boost their household income and reduce the stress that often leads to violence. Mothers have used skills such as knitting (pictured) and baking bread to start their own businesses.



Donabel, age 8, carries a food pack provided with the support of ChildFund.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE IN THE PHILIPPINES

Thousands of children and their families in the Philippines were forced to flee their homes and take shelter in emergency centres after the devastation of Typhoon Mangkhut in September 2018.

The category five typhoon caused heavy rain, flooding and landslides, killing at least 120 people and leaving tens of thousands of children and their families displaced.

ChildFund Philippines distributed food packs and other essential emergency items to children like Donabel, age 8 (pictured), and their families in preparation for, and in response to, the disaster. Children impacted by the disaster were also provided with psychosocial support and access to a safe space where they could continue to learn and play.



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."

CLASSES FOR CHILDREN OUT OF SCHOOL

In Myanmar many children are unable to attend formal education because their families cannot afford to pay school expenses. These children often have to work and contribute to the household income.

ChildFund Myanmar is running non-formal classes that teach literacy and numeracy for out-of-school children like 11-year-old May Su (pictured with her teacher), to ensure they can continue their education and have better job prospects in the future. The classes can also provide a path for these children to return to formal education.

"I am so happy to be able to attend the non-formal education class supported by ChildFund. I learn Myanmar, English, mathematics and other subjects," May Su says. "I think I have learnt a lot."

"I think education is important. When I was able to go to school, I thought about leaving school. When I could no longer go to school, I had a desire to go to school all the time."

"If I didn't get to study, my world would be sunk in the mud. That's why I am attending the class."



Non-formal classes in Myanmar are helping ensure out-of-school children like May Su, age 11, can continue their education.

 **I AM
EDUCATED**

SCHOOLS SUPPORTING GIRLS' EDUCATION

Boarding facilities are helping girls in Kenya like Mary, age 14, continue their education and stay safe.

While education is free in Kenya, and enrolment rates have skyrocketed, families are still responsible for covering the costs of uniforms, supplies and other fees. When financial resources are limited, girls are often the first to be kept home. Cultural attitudes about women's roles can dictate that boys' education is more important because girls should be focused on finding a husband.

ChildFund Kenya is helping to build schools that support girls' access to education. The schools

provide boarding facilities as well as a supportive all-girls' learning environment where children like Mary, age 14, (pictured) can continue their education, stay safe from gender-based violence and forms of exploitation, such as child marriage and labour.

The opportunity to board is helping girls like Mary reach their potential. "If I were to live at home, I wouldn't be able to study," Mary says. "I would only be herding livestock and doing chores."



QUALITY LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS IN INDIA

While children's enrolment in formal schooling has improved in India, many children – particularly in remote and rural areas – continue to lack access to high quality learning environments, leading to irregular attendance and high drop-out rates in their early school years.

Often, parents become disillusioned by poor learning outcomes and send their children to work for extra income or arrange early marriages for their daughters.

ChildFund India is helping to send children back to school and improve the quality of education by training teachers, establishing libraries, and providing age-appropriate learning materials in schools.

Child-friendly centres that provide stimulating and fun environments in which to learn are also being created to ensure pre-school aged children get the best start in their education. These centres include libraries stocked with colourful books and toys. Centre facilitators are also being trained on a variety of engaging teaching methods such as storytelling and outdoor activities.

CHANGING LIVES OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITY

Children with disability often face social stigma and lack equal access to education, training and development. If they are not diagnosed, their chances of reaching their potential are even less.

Chantrea, age 9 (pictured), used to feel like she was a distraction in her class. She constantly had trouble hearing. "My classmates would get frustrated when I asked them what the teacher said," Chantrea says. "Sometimes, they would just ignore me."

ChildFund Cambodia is working closely with teachers to ensure children with a disability like Chantrea are diagnosed and receive the support they need to learn and thrive in their communities.

ChildFund is also helping to change community attitudes towards children with disability, to create a more inclusive environment so children like Chantrea are not as vulnerable.

Today Chantrea has a hearing aid, and is embracing the new opportunities in her life.

"I want to be an outstanding student," she says. "Now that I can hear, I can do that."



ChildFund is helping ensure children with a disability like Chantrea, age 9, receive the support they need.



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."



World Rugby
CEO Brett
Gosper and
ChildFund
Australia
Ambassador
Michael Rose.

PARTNERING WITH WORLD RUGBY

In September 2018, World Rugby announced the appointment of ChildFund as principal charity partner for Rugby World Cup 2019 (RWC), with the objective of changing children's lives through the transformative power of sport.

World Rugby CEO Brett Gosper (pictured above) said: "We awarded the tournament to Japan because we knew that it could be a powerful game-changer for sporting and social change in Asia."

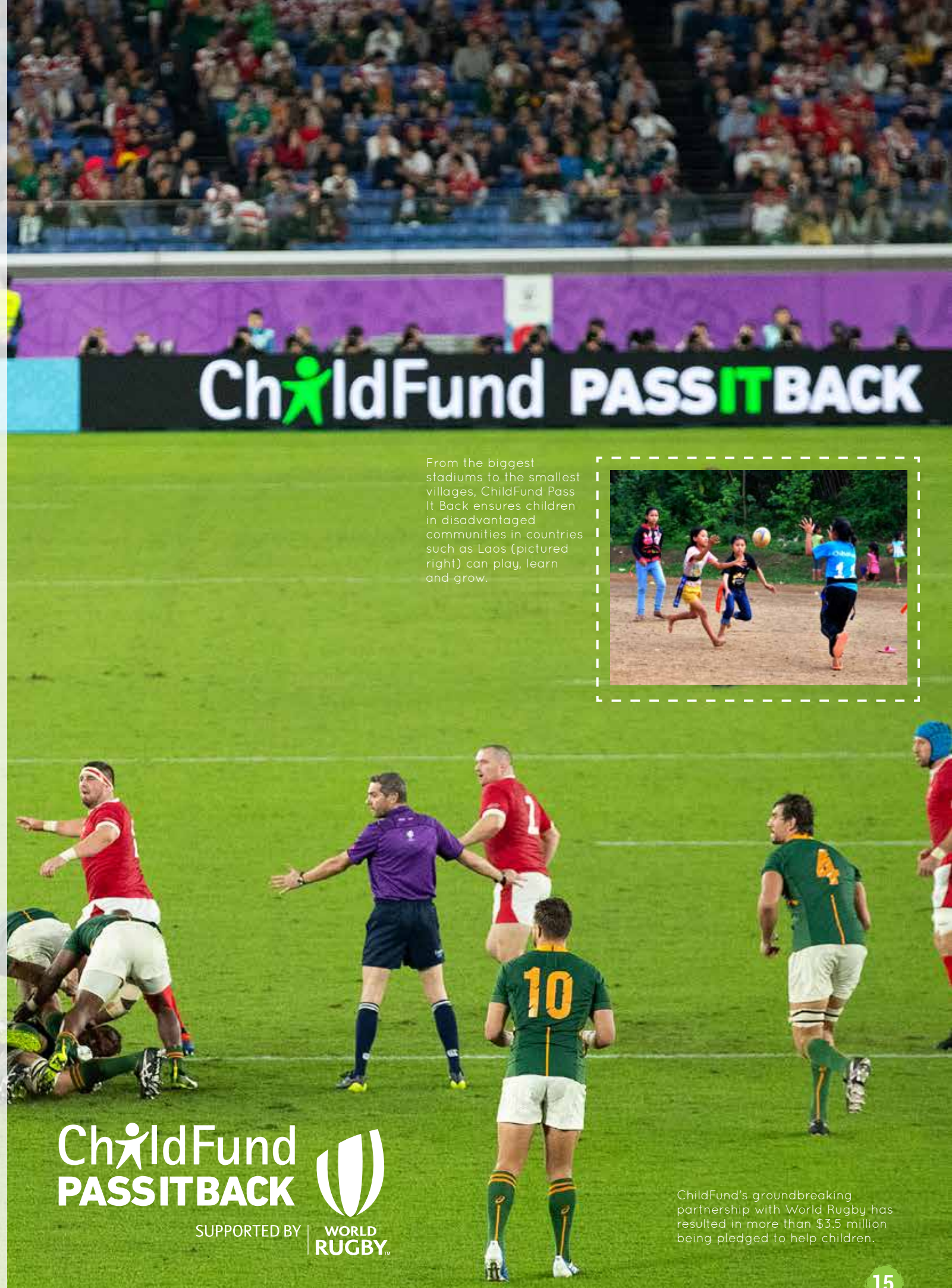
"As a transformational sport for development program, ChildFund Pass It Back is the perfect embodiment of that objective and we are excited about the impact rugby can have among thousands of children in Asia."

The groundbreaking partnership with ChildFund is a key part of World Rugby's Impact Beyond 2019 Programme, which aims to achieve a sustainable legacy from RWC – to promote and develop the game of rugby in the region, and help build stronger communities.

Since the partnership launch, the global rugby community has pledged over \$3.5 million to ChildFund, through tournament ticket donations, the support of corporate partners, and merchandise sales. This will enable more than 25,000 children and young people from disadvantaged communities across Asia to take part in ChildFund Pass It Back, which not only promotes the right to play in communities where children have little or no access to organised sport, but provides important and life-long learning opportunities.

Implemented by ChildFund Australia in partnership with Asia Rugby and World Rugby, ChildFund Pass It Back has a strong focus on gender inclusion, and more than 50% of all players and coaches in the program are female.

The program has also benefited from the long-term support of the Australian Government's international aid program.



From the biggest stadiums to the smallest villages, ChildFund Pass It Back ensures children in disadvantaged communities in countries such as Laos (pictured right) can play, learn and grow.



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ChildFund's groundbreaking partnership with World Rugby has resulted in more than \$3.5 million being pledged to help children.



Felisberta, age 24, in Timor-Leste, is passing on the leadership, business and life skills she learnt through ChildFund to her peers.

INSPIRING YOUTH CHANGEMAKERS

Timor-Leste has one of the youngest populations in the Asia and Pacific region. Young people have the potential to play an extremely important role in the development of the country, but do not have a voice.

Inadequate investments in education and training have resulted in a large pool of unemployed youth who feel unprepared for the workforce and lack the skills required to access limited employment opportunities.

ChildFund Timor-Leste is empowering young people so they have the confidence and skills to take control of their lives and create positive changes in their communities. Youth like Felisberta, age 24, (pictured left) have learnt about leadership, business and life skills, and are passing this knowledge on to their peers.

"The training has opened my mind," Felisberta says.

"We learn a lot about business opportunities, and how to start our own business. I have learnt where I can go now to get support for business and economic advice.

"In the future I would like to give more opportunities to other young people so they can also change their life like me."



YOUTH DELEGATES MAKE MARK AT UN FORUM

This year ChildFund Alliance ensured youth delegates from Paraguay, El Salvador, South Korea and Uganda took part in the United Nations High Level Political Forum in New York.

At the event the four young people (pictured above) shared their stories and opinions on violence against children in their communities with Member States, representatives from United Nations agencies, child protection organisations, and other stakeholders.

ChildFund's youth delegate from South Korea, 14-year-old Yunseo, expressed that child participation was critical in decision-making processes regarding policies for children.

"I have the power to express my opinion to the world," she said. "It's children that know children best."

Fourteen-year-old Ana, from El Salvador, emphasised young people were "not the problem" but rather "a fundamental part of the solution".

The participation of the four young people in the forum was part of ChildFund's Child-Friendly Accountability initiative, which aims to empower young people with the skills and knowledge to learn about their rights and hold local leaders accountable to fulfil their obligations to end all violence against children, as per Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) Target 16.2.

VIOLENCE AGAINST CHILDREN, AS EXPLAINED BY CHILDREN

ChildFund Alliance's eighth *Small Voices Big Dreams* global survey provided startling insights into the perceptions of children and adolescents throughout the world about violence, and the efforts of adults to protect them.

Almost 5,500 children aged between 10 and 12 years old from 15 countries took part in the survey, which revealed children felt they were unheard and poorly protected.

More than 40% of children surveyed believed they were not adequately protected from violence and the people who wish to harm them, with girls expressing a higher perception of insecurity.

Twelve-year-old Elena Maria from Honduras, a country plagued by gang violence and with one of the highest murder rates in the world, said women

were "disappearing" in her community. "Every day around three women in this country are killed," she said in the survey. "We are disappearing, at risk from extinction. We must look after ourselves."

One in two children said that adults did not listen to their opinions on issues that matter to them.

The inability of children to defend themselves, adults' loss of self-control because of substance use, and the fact that adults were mistreated themselves were highlighted as the main causes of why adults mistreated children.

For 10-year-old Thuy from Vietnam, home was not always a safe place. "If I know that my father is coming home after going out drinking, I ask my grandmother to come out with me," Thuy said.





I HAVE A FUTURE

ChildFund Australia believes that every child should have the right to survive and thrive, and to feel confident and hopeful about their future. We implement programs that prioritise health, wellbeing and building children's resilience, working with their families and communities to ensure their basic human rights are safeguarded and upheld.

We want every child with whom we work to be able to say: "I have a future."

KEEPING CHILDREN HEALTHY IN PNG

Mother-of-five Angela (pictured with her youngest child, four-month-old Leontine) lives in a village four hours away from Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea's capital. Her closest health facility is a one-hour walk from home. When vaccines are out of stock at the health facility, the nurses refer her and her children to a regional health centre, which is another three hours away by foot. "I am not able to do the eight-hour return walk to the health centre with my children, so I just go home," Angela says.

ChildFund Papua New Guinea is implementing outreach services in remote and rural villages so mothers like Angela and their children can attend regular health check-ups and access medications and vaccines. Community Health Volunteers are also being trained to help identify, treat and prevent diseases such as polio and tuberculosis, and complications contributing to maternal and child deaths.

"I depend on ChildFund's outreach program in my village for my baby's routine vaccinations," Angela says. "My baby has received all his polio doses and is also being immunised against measles and rubella."

"I'm so grateful to ChildFund for bringing health workers into my isolated village so my baby can be immunised from these diseases."

ChildFund's outreach services in remote and rural Papua New Guinea means Angela and her son Leontine, age 4 months, can now access medications and vaccines.





I HAVE A FUTURE



Ma Nwe, age 20, in Myanmar, is a step closer to living her dream after completing a sewing course with the help of ChildFund.

VOCATIONAL TRAINING EMPOWERING YOUNG PEOPLE

At the age of nine, Ma Nwe (pictured above, now age 20) dropped out of school to help look after her two younger sisters so her parents could go to work. When their father died she began paid work to make up for the family's loss of income.

Ma Nwe worked 70-hour weeks, earning an equivalent of about US\$60, at a manufacturing factory. She only had one day off a month. All her earnings went to her mother to keep the family afloat.

ChildFund Myanmar is helping to provide vocational training skills to out-of-school youth like Ma Nwe so they can improve their employment opportunities and have a better future.

ChildFund helped Ma Nwe leave her factory job and complete a vocational sewing course so she could pursue her dream of becoming a dressmaker. Ma Nwe was also provided with a sewing machine so she could practise her new skills at home.

While Ma Nwe studied, her family was compensated with the same amount of income that she would have earned if she was still working at the factory.

"If I continued working at the factory, I think nothing would have changed in my life because my earnings were just spent on food," Ma Nwe says.

"I am so happy. I feel that my dream has come true."



Grade 1 teacher Pim has seen first-hand the effects of malnutrition on her students' ability to learn.

NOURISHING YOUNG MINDS AND HEARTS

Laos has some of the highest rates of child malnutrition in Asia. In many remote villages over half of all children are chronically malnourished and over a third are underweight, predominantly because they do not eat enough meat, vegetables, fruits and calcium-rich foods.

When a child doesn't get the food they need, their growth can become stunted, making them more vulnerable to disease. Without proper nutrition, a child's brain may not develop to its full cognitive ability; children find it difficult to excel at school, which in turn reduces their employment opportunities in the future.

Grade 1 teacher Pim (pictured above), who teaches in a remote village in northern Laos, has noticed the effects of malnutrition on her students' ability to learn. "My students often come to school hungry and when they are hungry they cannot concentrate; it is very hard to teach them," Pim says.

ChildFund Laos is helping prevent and treat malnutrition in disadvantaged communities like Pim's, by providing families with seeds and training on how to establish home gardens with a variety of nutritious foods. Local health volunteers are also being trained on how to monitor children's growth and run education sessions for mothers and their children about nutrition.

MEDICAL SCREENING FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITY

Children with disability are among the most marginalised groups in their communities, often facing limited opportunities and discrimination. A shortage of information about their disability and a lack of access to proper healthcare can further limit their opportunities.

ChildFund Sri Lanka is establishing medical screening camps in remote and rural communities to ensure children and youth with disability have access to specialist advice and the treatment and rehabilitation they may need to help them prosper in their communities.

Medical teams in the fields of paediatrics, psychiatry, neurology, physiotherapy and speech therapy, as well as ears, nose and throat (ENT) specialists, have diagnosed and treated hundreds of children with disability as part of the program to date.



MEASURING IMPACT

ChildFund Australia is focused on achieving the best possible outcomes for children, their families and their wider community. The organisation's Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Framework is a vital tool to ensure we can measure and evaluate the effectiveness of our work in Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Papua New Guinea, Timor-Leste, Vietnam and other Asia-Pacific nations.

ChildFund Australia's MEL Framework aims to generate credible evidence about:

1. If and how ChildFund Australia's projects contribute to change;
2. What ChildFund Australia can learn about the quality and effectiveness of its approaches;
3. The reach and scale of ChildFund Australia's programs.

The MEL Framework enables the organisation to capture, analyse and document this information, while also seeking to generate discussion, learning and decision making to improve the effectiveness of ChildFund Australia's projects and development approaches and bring about better outcomes for people living in poverty.

The Framework is not an all-encompassing system designed to capture all the information required by staff at different levels to track, report and communicate progress and results to internal and external stakeholders. Rather, it articulates the types of information required by the organisation to understand the extent to which its activities bring results and learn about how to improve the effectiveness of its approaches.

The Framework aims to support assessment and learning by examining specific projects, or a group of similar projects within a clearly articulated framework.

Development Effectiveness Learning Process

At the country level

Project teams design their own projects and develop and implement monitoring and evaluation frameworks and plans tailored to those projects. This should be done in accordance with Country Strategies, Program Approach Papers, Sector Change Models and Outcome Frameworks, along with the guidelines, standards and requirements outlined in ChildFund Australia's Program Handbook.

Country teams conduct partnership reflections in collaboration with their partners. For countries where ChildFund Australia works over an extended period of time, Country Offices may choose to facilitate community reflection processes on their longer-term impact based on impact studies or other evidence such as project evaluation reports (this process is not mandatory). These processes inform on design of new projects. Country Offices also develop sectoral learning papers in collaboration with Sydney-based staff (for one select project or group of projects).

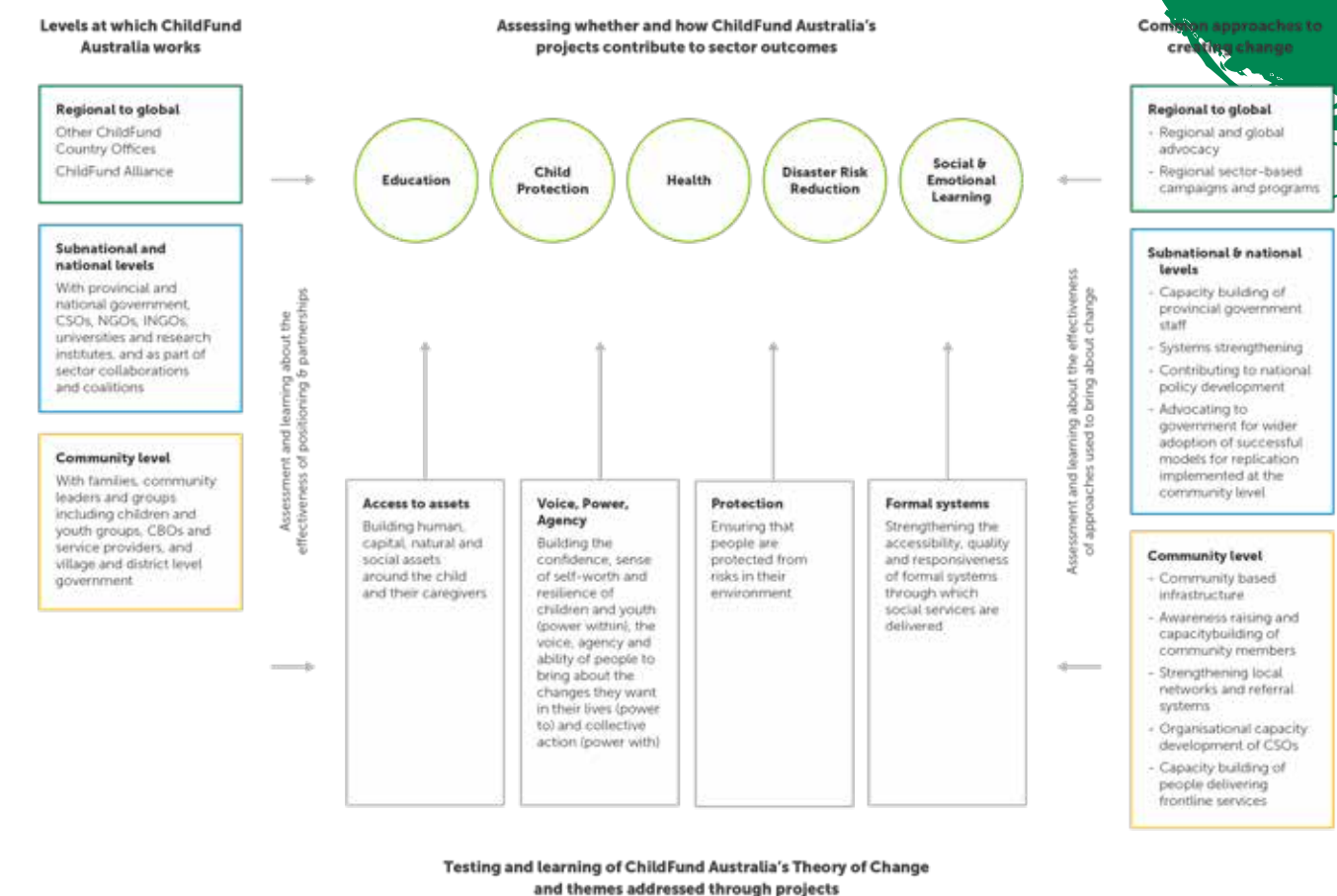
At an organisational level

The MEL Framework supports structured learning and reporting. The primary purpose of the organisational learning and reporting process is to support ChildFund Australia to assess and learn about the effectiveness of its development approaches.

This requires undertaking an in-depth analysis of some of the projects from a strong evidence base. It is not considered feasible or beneficial to examine all outcomes across all projects each year.

- **Headline reporting**
Key data sets are reported on each year to provide an overview of how the organisation has invested each year, and how many people have been supported by its projects. Within each sector, a set of headline quantitative data has been determined by sectoral specialists. The headline data will only be aggregated by sector at the end of each financial year.
- **Sector learning papers and wider sectoral analysis**
Learning papers that outline the extent to which select projects (or elements of projects) are achieving change, and what can be learned about the approaches used by particular projects, coupled with a wider sectoral analysis.
- **Organisational level analysis**
The organisational analysis takes place through an annual program reflection process, such as at a program summit or the annual meeting. The annual reflection and reporting processes aim to generate discussion, learning and decision making to improve the effectiveness of ChildFund Australia's projects and development approaches and bring about better outcomes for people in poverty. Findings may be used to update and refine the organisation's Theory of Change, and sectoral program approach documents.

Overview of ChildFund Australia's theory and approaches



Evaluation & Learning from Community Voices project in Cambodia

In June 2019, ChildFund Cambodia commissioned a final evaluation of the Community Voices project implemented in Romeas Haek district, Svay Rieng Province from December 2016 to June 2019. The project aimed to empower marginalised groups, including children, youth, women and people with disabilities to become active participants in local community development processes and to influence duty bearers to set action priorities for local development.

In 2018-19, the project helped: enhance and promote the engagement of marginalised groups with local authorities; develop Commune Investment Programs (CIP); train community members, including youth, in financial management, proposal development, and report writing; and support youth to conduct regular monitoring of commune council's activities.

The evaluation found the most important changes in Romeas Haek included an increase in participation, especially of vulnerable groups (and

increased opportunities for participation being provided by commune officials) in community events, improvements in the quality of leadership among community members, including officials and young people, and improvements in the relationships of community members, especially between commune councillors and youth groups.

Community members also reported an increase in the knowledge of areas such as hygiene, family violence, safe migration and birth registration. Community members also recognised an improvement in their wellbeing. For example, vulnerable people experienced an improvement in their livelihood.

"It is difficult for me to participate in community development processes because I am poor. But after the project implementation team called me to participate in the project, I have a chance to join. I learn about chicken raising. And I find that I can raise chickens. And now my family has more income than before. We have enough food to eat."
Saroeun, carer of a child with a disability

Felista, age 8, Zambia.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

The 2018-19 financial year represented a year of increased funding in support of ChildFund Australia's programs to improve the lives of children in developing communities.

Total revenue increased by 2 per cent on the previous year. Total comprehensive surplus for the year totalled \$814K arising from expenditure savings and foreign exchange gains. Net assets at the end of the year were \$12.1m.

Where the money came from

In 2018-19, ChildFund Australia's total revenue was \$54.4m in comparison to \$53.1m in the 2017-18 financial year.

Revenue growth was driven primarily by an increase in grant funding from \$23.5m in 2018 to \$25.7m in 2019. ChildFund Australia continues to expand and diversify its funding sources and partnerships.

Revenue raised from the Australian public declined from the previous year; a consequence of the challenging and competitive public fundraising environment in which we operate. However, public support for ChildFund Australia's work; both financial and non-financial, remain strong.

Investment and other income has increased due to the receipt of a fundraising investment

grant from ChildFund International and foreign exchange gains.

How the money was spent

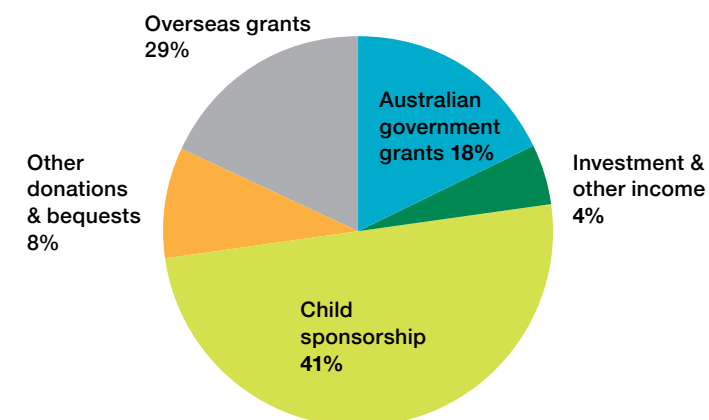
Program expenditure – which comprises of funds sent to international programs, program support costs and educating the community about our work and its impact – totalled \$42.6m in 2019. This is an increase from \$41.9m in 2018. Our program expenditure represents 79 per cent of ChildFund Australia's total expenditure.

Fundraising costs of \$8.7m in 2019 were higher than the \$6.4m invested in 2018. The organisation sought to increase its investment in driving long-term support from the Australian public and in diversifying its revenue channels. We continue to maximise our investment in fundraising wherever possible to raise much-needed funds in support of our program work.

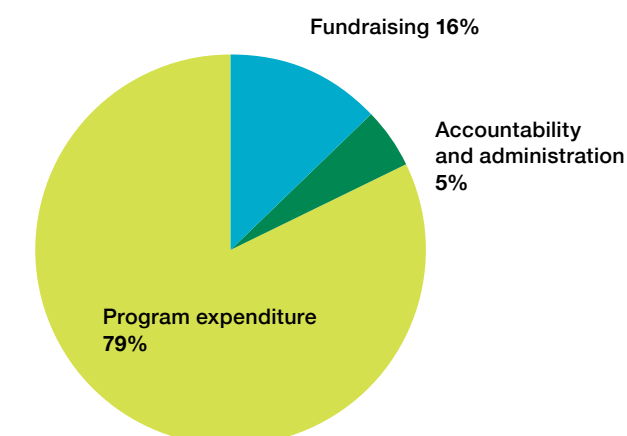
Accountability and administration expenses of \$2.5m has remained at 2018 levels and represents 5 per cent of total expenditure. These costs are necessary to efficiently run the organisation and include staff costs for operation support teams such as finance and organisational development, and standard operating expenses such as audit fees, insurance, rent and utilities.

The financial results include the results of International Christian Aid Relief Enterprises Ltd.

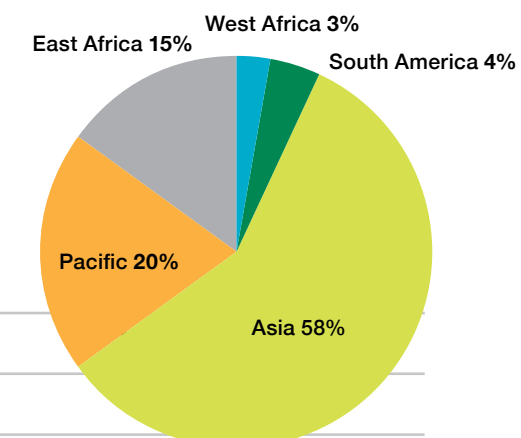
Revenue by Source - 2018-19
(% is a proportion of total income)



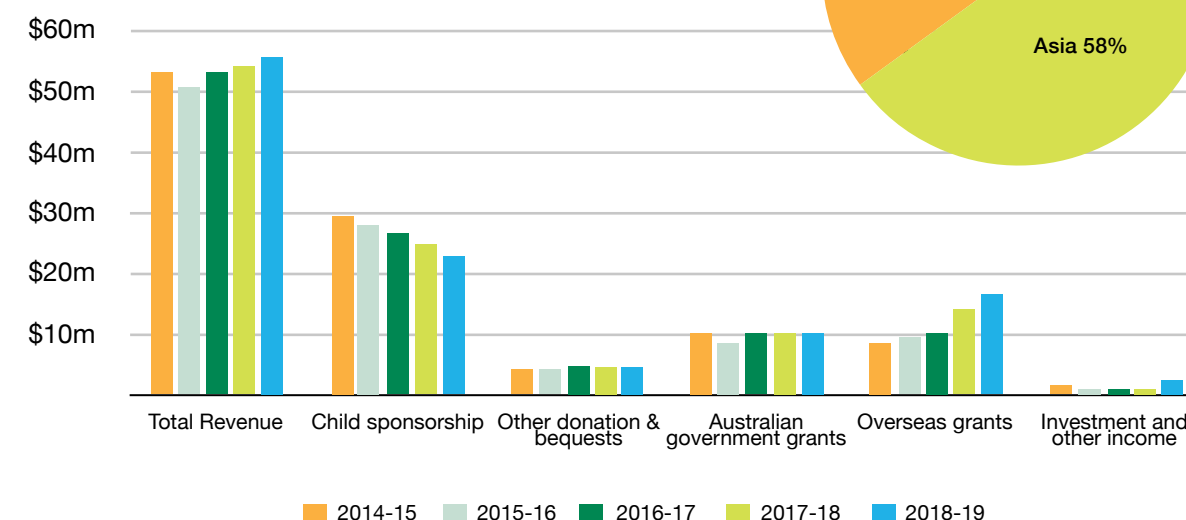
Expenditure by Type - 2018-19
(% is a proportion of total expenditure)



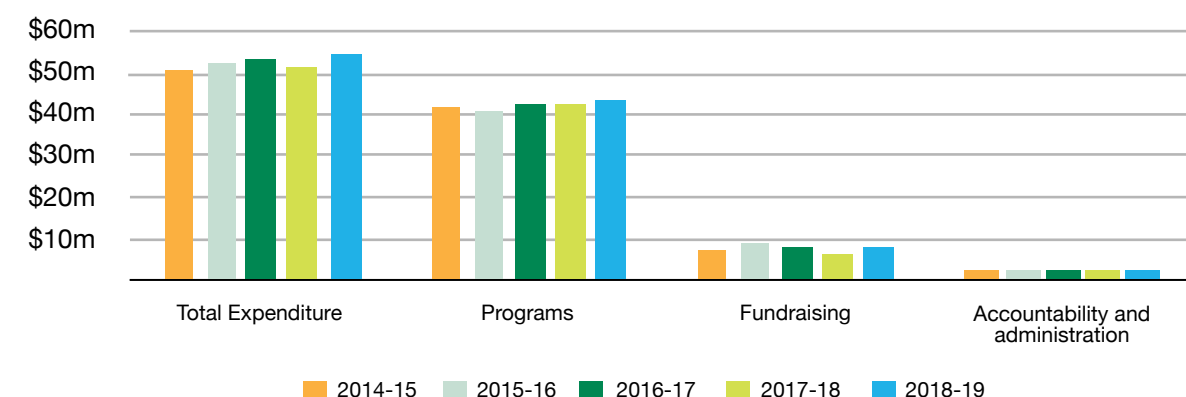
Funds to International Programs by Region 2018-19
(% is a proportion of total funds to International Programs)



Five-year revenue trend (by source)



Five-year expenditure trend (by type)



Consolidated Summary Statement of comprehensive income Year ended 30 June 2019

	2019 (\$)	2018 (\$)
Revenue		
Monetary donations & gifts		
Child sponsorship donations	22,103,328	24,128,819
Other donations	4,359,400	4,246,383
	26,462,728	28,375,202
Legacies and bequests	133,074	154,488
Grants		
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	7,404,858	7,439,446
Other Australian	2,290,229	2,408,474
Overseas	15,989,476	13,650,084
	25,684,563	23,498,004
Investment income	282,294	292,243
Other income	1,850,900	783,617
Total revenue	54,413,559	53,103,554
Expenditure		
International Aid and Development Programs Expenditure		
International programs		
Funds to international programs	38,976,394	38,837,069
Program support costs	2,990,112	2,512,800
	41,966,506	41,349,869
Community education	593,890	533,026
Fundraising costs		
Public	8,569,735	6,328,326
Government, multilateral and private	122,021	120,135
Accountability and administration	2,568,170	2,546,866
Total expenditure	53,820,322	50,878,222
Surplus of revenue over expenditure	593,237	2,225,332
Other comprehensive income		
Net change in fair value of equity investments	52,610	102,682
Foreign operations – foreign currency translation	167,952	-
Total comprehensive surplus for the year	813,799	2,328,014

During the year, the Group did not engage in any political or religious proselytisation programs, domestic projects, commercial activities, had no impairment of investments and did not include the value of non-monetary donations and gifts.

Consolidated Summary Statement of financial position As at 30 June 2019

	2019 (\$)	2018 (\$)
Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	8,620,703	8,280,111
Trade and other receivables	1,901,764	3,070,446
Investments – financial assets	6,230,928	6,832,421
Total current assets	16,753,395	18,182,978
Investments – financial assets	3,277,533	-
Property, plant and equipment	979,638	984,707
Intangibles	1,218,256	1,421,299
Total non-current assets	5,475,427	2,406,006
Total assets	22,228,822	20,588,984
Liabilities		
Trade and other payables	8,213,929	7,587,360
Provisions	981,716	914,418
Total current liabilities	9,195,645	8,501,778
Provisions	923,037	790,865
Total non-current liabilities	923,037	790,865
Total liabilities	10,118,682	9,292,643
Net assets	12,110,140	11,296,341
Equity		
Unrestricted reserves		
Retained surplus	2,813,360	1,856,043
Bequest reserve	500,000	500,000
Fair-value reserve	836,471	783,861
	4,149,831	3,139,904
Restricted reserves and foreign currency translation reserve	7,960,309	8,156,437
Total equity	12,110,140	11,296,341

The Summary Financial Reports have been prepared in accordance with the requirements set out in the ACFID Code of Conduct. For further information on the Code, please refer to the ACFID Code of Conduct Guidance Document available at www.acfid.asn.au.

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Consolidated Summary Statement of changes in equity
Year ended 30 June 2019

	Retained surplus (\$)	Bequest reserve (\$)	Fair value reserve (\$)	Restricted reserve (\$)	Total equity (\$)
Balance as at 1 July 2017	1,281,479	500,000	681,179	6,505,669	8,968,327
Total comprehensive income for the period					
Acquisition of ICARE subsidiary	150,800	-	-	-	150,800
Surplus in revenue over expenditure	2,074,532	-	-	-	2,074,532
Other comprehensive income					
Net change in fair value of available-for-sale financial assets	-	-	102,682	-	102,682
Transfers to restricted funds	(3,383,989)	-	-	3,383,989	-
Transfers from restricted funds	1,733,221	-	-	(1,733,221)	-
Balance as at 30 June 2018	1,856,043	500,000	783,861	8,156,437	11,296,341
Balance as at 1 July 2018	1,856,043	500,000	783,861	8,156,437	11,296,341
Total comprehensive income for the period					
Excess in revenue over expenditure	593,237	-	-	-	593,237
Other comprehensive income					
Net change in fair value of equity investments at FVOCI	-	-	52,610	-	52,610
Transfers from restricted funds	364,080	-	-	(364,080)	-
Foreign operations – foreign currency translation	-	-	-	167,952	167,952
Balance as at 30 June 2019	2,813,360	500,000	836,471	7,960,309	12,110,140

Independent Auditor’s Report



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Independent Auditor’s Report

To the members of ChildFund Australia
Report of the independent auditor on the summary financial statements of ChildFund Australia
Opinion

The Summary Annual Financial Statements of ChildFund Australia (the Group) are derived from the audited Annual Financial Statements of the Group as at and for the year ended 30 June 2019 (audited Annual Financial Statements).

In our opinion, the Summary Annual Financial Statements are a fair summary of the audited Annual Financial Statements of ChildFund Australia. The Summary Annual Financial Statements comprise:

- Consolidated Summary Statement of financial position as at 30 June 2019
- Consolidated Summary Statement of comprehensive income and consolidated Summary Statement of changes in equity for the year then ended.

The Group consists of ChildFund Australia and the entities it controlled at the year-end or from time to time during the financial year.

Summary Annual Financial Statements

The Summary Annual Financial Statements do not contain all the disclosures required by the Australian Accounting Standards applied in the preparation of the audited Annual Financial Statements. Reading the Summary Annual Financial Statements and the auditor’s report thereon, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the audited Annual Financial Statements and the auditor’s report thereon.

The Audited Annual Financial Statements and Our Report Thereon

We expressed an unmodified audit opinion on the audited Annual Financial Statements in our report dated 25 September 2019.

Responsibility of the Directors for the Summary Annual Financial Statements

The Directors are responsible for the preparation of the Summary Annual Financial Statements.

Auditor’s responsibility for the audit of the Summary Annual Financial Statements

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on whether the Summary Annual Financial Statements are a fair summary of the audited Annual Financial Statements based on our procedures, which were conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standard ASA 810 Engagements to Report on Summary Financial Statements.

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Cameron Koan
Partner
Sydney
25 September 2019

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Thank you on behalf of the children and families with whom we work.

ChildFund Australia would like to thank the Australian Government for its support.



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CHILDFUND AUSTRALIA REMEMBERS SPECIAL ENVOY TIM FISCHER

We were deeply saddened to hear of the passing of Tim Fischer AC, former Deputy Prime Minister of Australia and ChildFund Australia Special Envoy, on 22 August 2019.

During his more than 30-year association with ChildFund Australia, Tim had been a prominent voice for the world's most marginalised children, highlighting the important role that Australia can play in improving living standards in developing communities.

Tim and wife Judy sponsored Dendanai in Thailand, followed by Benjamin in Timor-Leste, who

continues to benefit from their support to this day.

CEO of ChildFund Australia Nigel Spence said: "Tim took the time to learn and develop an in-depth understanding of the many complex issues facing developing communities. This included visiting Ethiopia during the food shortage of 2015 and travels to other countries in our region, such as Timor-Leste. He was an invaluable advocate for ChildFund's work."

"On behalf of all at ChildFund Australia, we send our deepest condolences and sympathy to Judy, their sons Harrison and



The Hon Tim Fischer AC,
Special Envoy for
ChildFund Australia

Dominic, and the family and friends of Tim. He has left an important and valuable legacy to children around the globe and will always be remembered with great affection."

GALA DINNER RAISES MORE THAN \$170,000 FOR CHILDREN

On 25 July 2019, ChildFund Australia held its inaugural gala dinner in Sydney to raise funds for ChildFund Pass It Back and to celebrate ChildFund's appointment by World Rugby as principal charity partner for Rugby World Cup 2019.

Special guests included former Australian rugby captain George Gregan, journalist and radio host Tracey Holmes, and member of Lao National Women's Team and BBC 100 Women of 2018, Lao Khang.

The event also featured ChildFund Australia Ambassadors Stephen Larkham (former Wallaby and World Rugby Hall of Famer), Emily Chancellor (Wallaroos Player of the Year 2018), Danielle Cormack, Frankie J Holden, and Michelle Pettigrove.

The event raised more than \$170,000 for ChildFund Australia's award-winning sport for development program, which provides disadvantaged children and young people the chance to play, learn and grow.

Thank you to all ChildFund's special guests, ambassadors and supporters who made the night a wonderful success.



Left to right: George Gregan; Emily Chancellor; Nigel Spence; Lao Khang; and Stephen Larkham.

CHILDFUND AUSTRALIA EXECUTIVE TEAM



Nigel Spence
Chief Executive Officer



Margaret Sheehan
International Program Director



Adrian Graham
Chief Operating Officer



Diana Mason
Public Engagement Director

CHILDFUND AUSTRALIA BOARD



Mary Latham (Chair)

Mary Latham is a chartered accountant, company director and consultant. Mary is a member of the Audit, Risk and Governance Committee, and was appointed as Chair of the Board in November 2015.



Richard Moore

Richard Moore is an adviser, specialising in strategic assessment of Asia-Pacific development. He is a member of the Program Review Committee and the Audit, Risk and Governance Committee.



David Shortland (Deputy Chair)

David Shortland is a governance specialist and communication counsel to boards and senior executives. He is a member of the Audit, Risk and Governance Committee and a member of the Communications and Marketing Committee.



Belinda Lucas

Belinda Lucas is a co-founder of international development consultancy Learning4Development. She is Chair of the Program Review Committee and a member of the Audit, Risk and Governance Committee.



David Bolton

David Bolton is a General Manager with Boral Ltd with more than 20 years of leadership experience in the construction materials sector. He is a member of the Audit, Risk and Governance Committee.



Michael Pain

Michael Pain retired from Accenture in 2015 as a Managing Director with Accenture Australia. After a leave of absence in Canada, Michael rejoined the Board in 2018 and is a member of the Communications and Marketing Committee.



Jo Brennan

Jo Brennan has more than 25 years of executive leadership experience working across a diverse range of industries. She is a member of the Program Review Committee and the Communications and Marketing Committee.



Anita Parer

Anita Parer is a digital marketing professional. Anita leads the consulting team for the Oracle Marketing Cloud business in Australia. She is a member of the Communications and Marketing Committee.



Carolyn Hardy

Carolyn Hardy has 20 years' experience in international development. She is the CEO of the Catherine Hamlin Fistula Foundation. She is a member of the Program Review Committee, and Chair of the Communications and Marketing Committee.



Justine Richardson

Justine Richardson works with Boards and Senior Executives to address complex business issues and help businesses grow. Justine is Chair of the Audit, Risk and Governance Committee.



ChildFund Australia is a member of the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID) and a signatory to the ACFID Code of Conduct. The Code requires members to meet high standards of corporate governance, public accountability and financial management.

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