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Your ongoing support is helping to give children a childhood where they are healthy, educated, and empowered.



who support children in need through ChildFund Australia.

The generous support of individuals, families, businesses and the Australian government is quietly and effectively improving conditions for children in many of the world's poorest communities. This support provides resources and opportunity for community members to achieve better education, health, protection and brighter futures for their children. And it helps to develop more effective human service systems that are so vital for children in developing countries.

At the end of the financial year, I would like to take the opportunity to sincerely thank the more than 50,000

Australians

Your support means that in the hastily-constructed refugee camps of Cox's Bazar in Bangladesh, children and families fleeing the violence and conflict of Myanmar have access to emergency food, clean drinking water, shelter and medicine.

In Papua New Guinea, where women in rural communities have to give birth without access to healthcare, your generosity means newly trained and equipped Village Health Volunteers can offer mothers and their newborns better care and support.

In Nepal, a country still recovering from the worst earthquakes in its history, your kindness means ChildFund has been able to partner with local communities for over two years, helping them to rebuild their lives by focusing on access to education and livelihood regeneration.

And for rural communities in Cambodia, your readiness to help means more motorcycles are now travelling down rural tracks, delivering reading kits to schools, vaccines for

immunisations, solar lamps to villages without electricity, and seedlings and chickens to farming families who want to increase their household income.

Your support means that more children can survive and thrive. Programs can be implemented that ensure children enjoy a childhood where they are nurtured, protected, encouraged and valued.

Thank you for your support. Thank you for believing that every child's life has the same value, regardless of where they live in the world. Together, we can help more children say: "I am safe. I am educated. I am heard. I have a future."



Nigel Spence
CEO
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ChildFund Australia is an independent and non-religious international development organisation that works to reduce poverty for children in the developing world. 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.

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MATERNAL HEALTH CRISIS ON OUR DOORSTEP

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Once a week Stella visits the little cemetery near her mother's home in Central Province in remote Papua New Guinea.

Here, four of her children rest.

"I come here once a week and talk to my babies, and say: 'Good morning, mummy loves you'," she says.

Stella has had seven children, but only three of them are alive today. Four babies died from complications during childbirth, including two who were born with the umbilical cord around their neck.

"I hate to tell my story," she says. "When you have a baby for nine months and then the baby dies, no one can understand that."

Almost 90 per cent of the population in Papua New Guinea live in rural areas, where the nearest health clinic or hospital might be hours away. These facilities are often understaffed, under-resourced, and offer only a very basic level of care.

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In some provinces, less than one in five women give birth with a skilled birth attendant present.

ChildFund is helping to reduce the risks for mothers and their newborn babies in Central Province, by training Village Health Volunteers on how to identify and manage common pregnancy and childbirth risks and complications.

This program aims to bridge the gap between remote villages and health clinics in major centres by ensuring a safe birth for women and their newborns, so that fewer mothers have to suffer the grief and loss that Stella lives with every day.

**Global
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You can help provide better healthcare for newborns and mothers like Stella:

[www.childfund.org.au/
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AROUND THE WORLD

You're helping to feed, educate and nurture some of the world's most vulnerable children. Thank you!

ETHIOPIA

Nutrient-rich supplementary food is saving the lives of children such as 19-month-old Fentale, who was born during one of Ethiopia's worst droughts in decades. Fentale was diagnosed with severe acute malnutrition soon after his birth, but after receiving medical treatment and a nutrient-rich formula from ChildFund Ethiopia he is now safe, strong and healthy. His mother Halko says: "Fentale loves being with his friends. He can now run and even play football."

INDONESIA

Distributing books to poor and remote villages can be a logistical nightmare, making them unaffordable for many families in these areas. Travelling reading carts on Sumba island in eastern Indonesia are helping children and their families in remote villages improve their literacy by providing a wide variety of free books. Provided by ChildFund Indonesia, the reading carts are like mobile libraries and offer more than 3,000 books in total to children of all ages and reading levels.

VIETNAM

In Vietnam, about 12,000 teenagers from 30 high schools, as well as their parents and teachers, are learning how to safely navigate the online world as part of ChildFund Australia's Swipe Safe project. They are being taught media literacy skills, such as how to fact-check and uncover fake news, and how to deal with issues such as cyberbullying. The project is also partnering with local businesses in Vietnam, encouraging internet cafes and online gaming shops to sign on to child safety codes of conduct.



GUATEMALA

Education is far too often a “luxury” that indigenous Mayan families in rural villages in Guatemala cannot afford. ChildFund Guatemala’s life stage programs are helping children, such as six-year-old Adalis, and their families break the cycle of poverty. The programs, which are structured according to children’s ages and focus on different areas including education, health and security, are empowering children and changing the way they view their future. Adalis is about to enter the second life stage program and begin formal education. She already has high hopes for the future. “I want to become a doctor to heal sick children,” she says.

LAOS

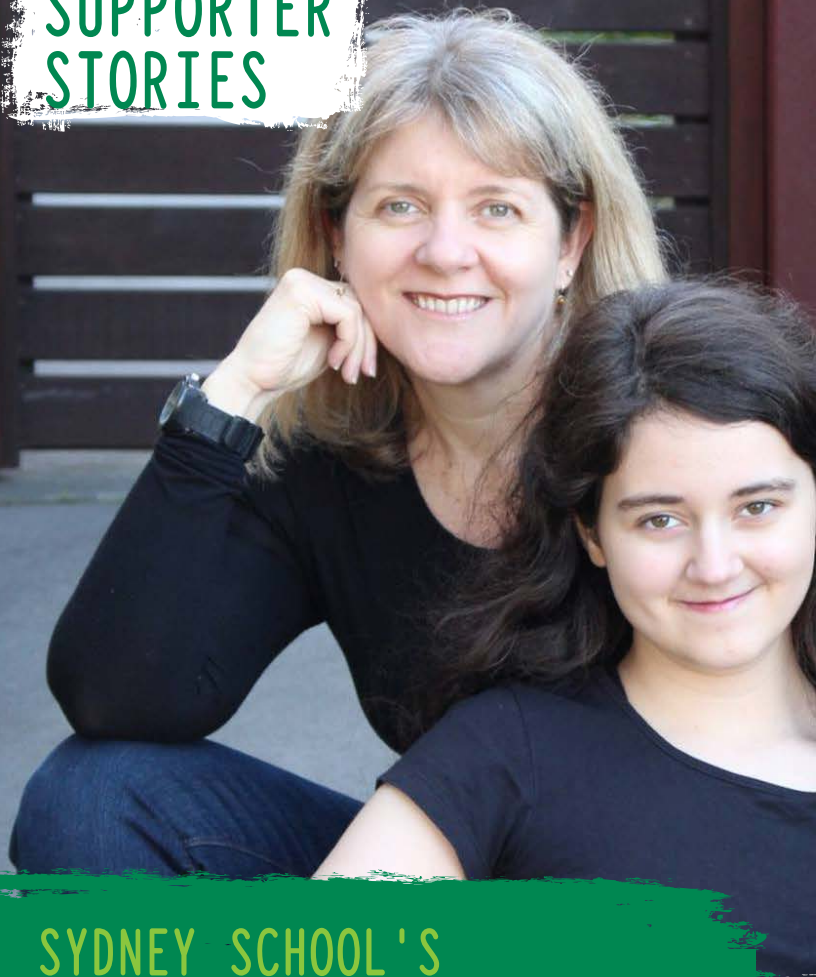
A team of young female players from ChildFund Pass It Back in Laos, Vietnam and the Philippines travelled to Belfast, in Northern Ireland, last year. It was a life-changing experience for the team, many of whom had not left their province before, let alone flown on a plane to a different country. Playing tag rugby as The South East Asian (SEA) Dragons, the trip culminated in the ChildFund Pass It Back Cup at Belfast Harlequins’ home ground the day before the Women’s Rugby World Cup Final.



MYANMAR

Children such as nine-year-old Khet Khet are now learning vital literacy and numeracy skills, and have new classrooms, computer labs, and libraries at school as a result of ChildFund Australia’s Myanmar Education Appeal. For Khet Khet, who is from an urban slum in central Myanmar, the chance to go to school has been life changing. “If I couldn’t go to school, I would do what people told me; I’d be a servant or only a follower,” she says.

SUPPORTER STORIES



LEADING RESEARCHER CELEBRATES 30 YEARS OF SPONSORSHIP

As a leading figure in biomedical research, Dr Marguerite Evans-Galea empowers Australian researchers and industry figures in the areas of science, technology, engineering, mathematics and medicine (STEMM)

She has a busy life but there's one thing that keeps her grounded: being a child sponsor.

Marguerite, who is the co-founder of Women in STEMM and the executive director of the Industry Mentoring Network in STEM, has been sponsoring children through ChildFund Australia since she was in high school.

"It has been immensely rewarding," she says of her 30 years of sponsorship.

Today Marguerite (pictured with her daughter Bre) sponsors four children with her partner Charles.

"We decided as a family, that as long as we were happy and secure, we would support as many children as we could," Marguerite says.

"Our sponsor children are part of our family.

"Learning about the hopes and dreams of a child who lives on the other side of the world is an incredibly powerful thing to experience."

SYDNEY SCHOOL'S MIGHTY SWEET EFFORT



Last year grade 2 classes at Hilltop Road Public School in Sydney banded together to sell jelly to raise money for water filters in Cambodia, as part of their studies on water conservation and sanitation.

The children raised more than \$1,370, which provided 54 ceramic filters to some of the most remote communities in Cambodia.

Eight-year-old students Darcy and Ekin (pictured with their teacher Mary, and ChildFund staffer Anne Marshall in green) say the fundraising effort made learning fun.

Mary says incorporating fundraising activities into study units is a social and meaningful way for children to learn about important issues at home and around the world.

"I hope that students realised that they can make a difference, no matter how small," she says.

CASSIE GETS FUNDRAISING DOWN TO A FINE ART

This year inspiring young artist Cassandra Gee – better known as CassieSwirls – held a community fundraising campaign to raise money for ChildFund's Africa Food Crisis appeal.

The five-year-old kindy student's bright and marbled acrylic artworks have attracted quite a following on social media since she started painting two years ago. In February she donated \$5 from every painting sold to help provide emergency food and water to malnourished children in Africa.

Thank you Cassie!



BUILDING BACK BETTER IN NEPAL

The 2015 earthquakes in Nepal were the worst the country had faced in 80 years. More than 8,700 people died, and over 22,000 were injured. Hundreds of thousands of homes were destroyed or damaged.

ChildFund Nepal's response project ran for more than two years, ensuring children and their families in the Sindhupalchowk and Ramechhap districts received emergency aid in the immediate aftermath of the quakes, as well as ongoing assistance.

With your support, ChildFund helped deliver emergency food baskets, which included rice, dhal, salt and cooking oil, to more than 3,000

families (12,000 people) after the quakes. Tarpaulins and groundsheets were distributed to set up temporary shelters to weather the monsoon, and child-centred spaces provided children with a safe refuge where they could play, learn and receive trauma support.

ChildFund later helped build and equip earthquake-resistant school buildings, which included new toilets and water facilities.

By the end of the response project in September 2017, 75 classrooms in 14 schools had been built or renovated, benefiting more than 1,800 students.

PROJECT: HUMANITY



SAVING LIVES IN KENYA

The Africa Food Crisis has been described by the United Nations as the worst humanitarian emergency since World War II. Thanks to your support, ChildFund Kenya has helped provide 100,000 litres of safe drinking water to six early childhood centres, established supplementary feeding programs for 30,000 children and mothers, and implemented monthly growth monitoring checks in 74 health centres to help prevent children from dying from malnutrition.



SUPPORTING REFUGEES IN BANGLADESH

More than 688,000 Rohingya refugees have fled Myanmar's Rakhine state since August 2017, and are now living in Cox's Bazar, a fishing port in south Bangladesh.

Donations to ChildFund Australia's Rohingya Refugee Crisis appeal are helping provide families arriving at the camps with emergency food, clean drinking water, shelter and medicine. Hygiene kits have also been distributed to prevent the spread of waterborne diseases. In partnership with ActionAid Bangladesh, ChildFund is helping alleviate this humanitarian crisis.

You can support children and their families during emergencies:
www.childfund.org.au/project-humanity

WE'RE CELEBRATING 10 YEARS IN CAMBODIA!

THANK YOU. YOU HAVE HELPED:



Provide 15,360 school children with learning materials and uniforms



Build or renovate 291 school buildings, playgrounds and libraries, and train hundreds of teachers.



Provide 6,000 bicycles to give children access to school



Build 4,200 toilets for families and schools



Educate 225 communities on child rights and protection



SPONSORSHIP

Sponsored children such as Koka, 10, have been delighted with the birthday and season's greetings cards you've sent!



GIFTS FOR GOOD

More than 2,660 solar lamps have been delivered to children without electricity, such as 12-year-old Chek, so they can study and stay safe after dark.