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Who is ChildFund Australia? We are 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 12 organisations which assists more than 15 million children in 58 countries.

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

Our vision: a global community, free from poverty, where children are protected and have the opportunity to reach their full potential.

Our mission: we work in partnership with children and their communities to create lasting and meaningful change by supporting long-term community development and promoting children's rights.

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Zar Zar, age 13, is benefitting from a new child protection project established by ChildFund Myanmar's local partner in Yangon.

### **FROM THE CHAIR**



# A COLLECTIVE Responsibility

Since the launch of the Millennium Development Goals, the number of child deaths each year has been halved. We must continue to build on this momentum of change.

#### "WORLD LEADERS HAVE AGREED THAT WE MUST FOCUS GREATER EFFORT ON KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE FROM HARM."

Fifteen years ago in September 2000, the largest-ever gathering of world leaders took place at the United Nations headquarters in New York. At that Millennium Summit world leaders, including Australian Prime Minister John Howard, debated issues such as peacekeeping, the unequal benefits of globalisation, and the role of the UN in the 21st century.

The Summit also marked a seminal moment in history, with the launch of the Millennium Declaration, and accompanying Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). The 189 world leaders ratified the Declaration, stating: "We recognise that, in addition to our separate responsibilities to our individual societies, we have a collective responsibility to uphold the principles of human dignity, equality and equity at the global level. As leaders we have a duty therefore to all the world's people, especially the most vulnerable and, in particular, the children of the world, to whom the future belongs."

Fast forward to 2015, and the MDGs are at an end. The achievements have been immense – extreme poverty has been halved, six million fewer children die each year, and 90 per cent of children are now enrolled in primary school.

Great progress has been made. However lifethreatening poverty persists in many areas of the globe. Children's rights continue to be ignored. Inequality and exclusion, often based on gender, ethnicity, disability or class, are growing. Our work is far from over. At ChildFund, we not only pursue children's rights to survival and basic services but also believe that greater attention must be paid to issues of child protection.

In recent years, our Free from Violence campaign has advocated for the new Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to prioritise safe environments for children. We also firmly believe in children's rights to participate in decisions that affect them. During the process to develop the SDGs, ChildFund has enabled thousands of children to contribute their views and opinions to various United Nations consultation processes.

These efforts have contributed to a positive response. World leaders have agreed that we must focus greater effort on keeping children safe from harm. Specifically, a new goal is being launched by the UN General Assembly, aimed at ending the "abuse, exploitation, trafficking and all forms of violence and torture against children".

I would like to thank all those who have supported this campaign, and look forward to our work together in the coming years to make this ambitious goal a reality.

Yours sincerely,

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Marcus Laithwaite Chair

### **FROM THE CEO**



## **Making A Difference**

Overseas aid not only benefits children and families in developing countries, but contributes to prosperity, peace and stability in our region.

#### "AS A NATION, ONE OF OUR CORE VALUES HAS ALWAYS BEEN THE NOTION OF FAIRNESS."

This year marked ChildFund Australia's 20th year of service in Vietnam. From small beginnings in 1995, ChildFund Vietnam is now present in seven districts across three provinces in the north of the country, where most families are from ethnic minority groups and among the poorest in the country.

Vietnam is often referred to as one of Asia's economic success stories. Two decades ago, around 60 per cent of the population were living below the poverty line. This has now fallen to fewer than 20 per cent. Child mortality has been halved during this time, and today almost all primary-aged children are enrolled in school.

A recent evaluation of ChildFund's work confirms the value of poverty reduction programs. Using our Development Effectiveness Framework, and following extensive consultation with beneficiary communities, the data confirms significant increases in household incomes, improved maternal and child health outcomes, and higher early childhood and primary school enrolment rates.

In less than a generation, the lives of thousands of children in Vietnam have been transformed. By working in close partnership with local communities, government bodies, and other organisations, ChildFund has played a critical role in that process of change.

Given the strength and effectiveness of Australia's aid programs, it has been extremely disappointing to witness the Australian Government's decision to wind back its support for overseas aid. Following the largest-ever cut to Australia's aid program announced in last year's budget, Australia's official aid contribution is now the least generous it has ever been.

This decision stands in contrast to the lifesaving benefits that aid brings – improving the living standards of thousands and ensuring that the most marginalised and vulnerable children in our region are not left behind. Overseas aid also contributes to stability in the region by fostering economic growth, creating opportunities in poor communities and reducing the risks of conflict and displacement. Increased prosperity among our neighbours creates new trading opportunities for Australia thereby providing further benefits for our domestic economy.

Despite the reduction in official aid, it is extremely heartening to witness the continued generosity of ChildFund supporters. As a nation, one of our core values has always been the notion of fairness. The enduring commitment of Australians to helping children and families in developing countries is a visible demonstration of our belief that all children, including those that live beyond our borders, are entitled to the same rights and opportunities.

On behalf of the Board, staff, children and communities for whom we work, I thank you.

Yours sincerely,

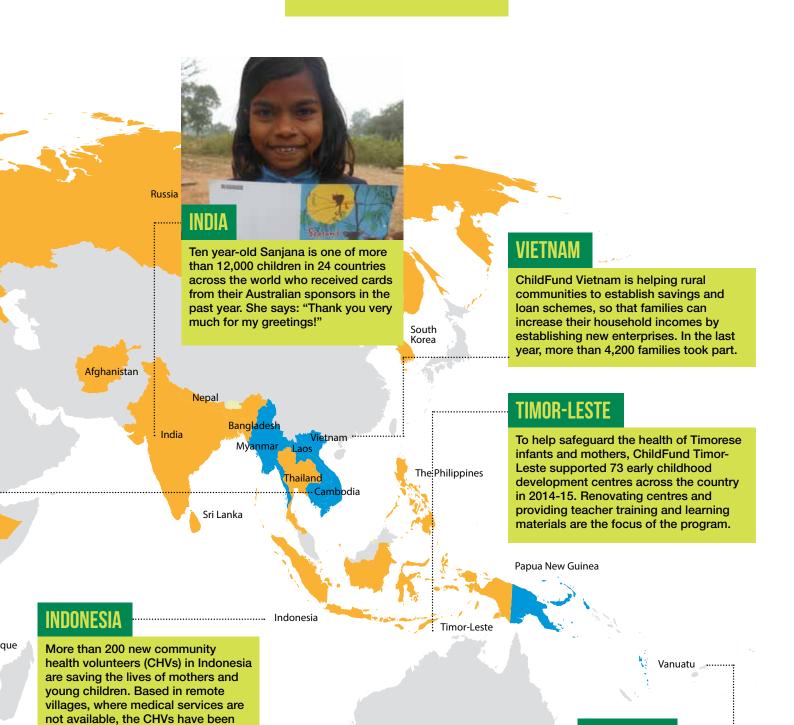
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Nigel Spence CEO

## **AT A GLANCE**



### **AT A GLANCE**



### VANUATU

ChildFund Australia extended its support to children in the Pacific after signing a partnership with Live & Learn, an organisation with 20 years' experience in the region. The partnership began with an emergency response to the devastation of Cyclone Pam.

### AUSTRALIA

trained to provide care for pregnant

women and young children, and are now helping to lower infant mortality

rates.

ChildFund Australia was awarded Australian Charity of the Year at the 2014 JustGiving Awards, recognising the organisation's work in partnering with local communities to improve the lives of thousands of children and their families in developing countries.

Country programs managed by ChildFund Alliance members

Country programs managed by ChildFund Australia

# **GOAL 1:** ACHIEVE TANGIBLE IMPROVEMENTS FOR CHILDREN

ChildFund Australia is focused on delivering positive change in conditions for children. In 2014-15, ChildFund worked in partnership with communities to bring improvements to children and their families in education, health, livelihoods, nutrition, food security, child protection, water and sanitation, and HIV and AIDS.

## "WE HAVE A REAL PROBLEM IN THIS VILLAGE. THERE'S NO WATER HERE. HOW CAN I LIVE IF THERE'S NO CLEAN WATER?" ALEYKA AGE 12

## ETHIOPIA

# CLEAN WATER

In Aleyka's community there is no water source. For children in rural Ethiopia, especially girls, access to clean water is one of the biggest obstacles to their education. Twelve year-old Aleyka spends four hours each day collecting water for her family, often missing school as a result.

Thanks to donations from ChildFund Australia supporters, in 2014-15 ChildFund Ethiopia began construction on a new 16,000 metre-long gravity-fed water system which will bring a constant source of clean, safe water to four villages, including Aleyka's.

The project will benefit more than 11,000 people with far-reaching effects - improved health and hygiene, higher school attendance rates and better nutrition and food security for children and their families.

# **CHILDFUND IN VIETNAM**

In 1995, ChildFund began working in Vietnam, starting with just 220 children in eight villages. Now more than 32,000 children benefit from ChildFund Vietnam's work.

This year, ChildFund in Vietnam marks 20 years of working to improve the lives of children and their families living in poor communities in rural Vietnam. ChildFund Vietnam's community development programs began in just one district, in one province.

Today, ChildFund works in seven districts across three northern provinces – Bac Kan, Cao Bang and Hoa Binh. In 2014-15, almost 124,000 people benefitted from ChildFund's work, including 32,393 children.

### WHERE DID IT ALL START?

Ky Son district in Hoa Binh province is the first area where ChildFund Vietnam began implementing child sponsorship. A recent evaluation of our work in the first four communes in Ky Son found that ChildFund's community development programs have contributed to poverty reduction, increased incomes and improved living conditions for children and their families over the past 20 years.

The data in the box below shows just how different life is in these communes in Ky Son district today.

### **IMPROVING HEALTH STARTS WITH CHILDREN**

Lack of access to safe water and proper sanitation facilities is one of the major issues affecting the health of communities in rural northern Vietnam. As a result, waterborne disease such as diarrhoea is common and high rates of malnutrition in children under five persist.

To improve the health of families, ChildFund Vietnam has constructed or improved four water systems and supported more than 1,200 households to construct latrines over the past year. ChildFund has also prioritised access to clean water and sanitation facilities at schools, and increased children's knowledge on hygiene issues.

Employing a new child-to-child approach for promoting good hygiene called CHAST (Children's Hygiene and Sanitation Training), more than 3,000 children from 15 schools received practical lessons on improving their hygiene.

ChildFund Vietnam's child-led approach aims to help children learn good hygiene practices which will influence their families and improve the health of entire communities.

POVERTY RATE HAS FALLEN FROM 30% TO LESS THAN 5%

**100%** OF CHILDREN NOW COMPLETE PRIMARY EDUCATION



**100%** OF CHILDREN ARE DELIVERED BY A SKILLED HEALTH PROFESSIONAL

% OF HOUSEHOLDS WITH SAFE WATER HAS RISEN FROM 26% TO 77%



% OF HOUSEHOLDS WITH A HYGIENIC TOILET HAS RISEN FROM 16% TO **74%** 

% OF UNDERWEIGHT INFANTS HAS dropped from 26% to 15%



Ha Thi Dien with her two-year-old daughter, Lien at a child-friendly health centre in Na Ri

### **NA RI DISTRICT:**



6, 166 CHILDREN RECEIVED HEALTH

**4,371** CHILDREN PARTICIPATED In growth monitoring



726 MALNOURISHED CHILDREN RECEIVED MONTHLY MINERAL SUPPLEMENTS

217 PREGNANT MOTHERS RECEIVED CALCIUM BISCUITS



**25** HEALTH STAFF TOOK PART IN REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH TRAINING

27 COMMUNITY HEALTH AWARENESS Sessions Held

## CHILD-FRIENDLY HEALTHCARE



"My daughter cried a lot when I first brought her to the health centre, especially when the health staff started to do their check-up," says Ha Thi Dien. "Now that I can give her toys and show her colourful animal figures hanging on the walls, she stops crying."

Over the past year, ChildFund Vietnam has been working to improve access to quality health services for mothers and children by creating spaces which are friendly and convenient with well-trained staff for patients, especially children. Child-friendly clinics were established at four commune health centres and at the Na Ri district hospital in Bac Kan province.

## "I LOVE THE LIBRARY THE MOST, BECAUSE IT HAS MANY BOOKS. NOW I AM MORE EAGER TO LEARN!"

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# SCHOOLING WITH INNOVATION

Seven year-old Pisey attends this school in Svay Rieng province which is benefiting from ChildFund Cambodia's innovative new Easy2Learn project, run in partnership with Kampuchean Action for Primary Education (KAPE). The project's primary objective is to improve literacy levels among children in rural communities in Cambodia.

After a six-month pilot, Easy2Learn is being rolled out to 21 schools across two districts to significantly improve the quality of education they offer. The project has established national reading benchmarks for primary students, and is prioritising the development of child-friendly education methods, to replace traditional, rotestyle learning. ChildFund will support the construction of new libraries, teacher training and provision of new and innovative educational materials for students.

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# **TANGIBLE IMPROVEMENTS**

This is a snapshot of how ChildFund and its local partners are achieving tangible improvements for children around the world

### UGANDA

To improve the health and well-being of children in northern Uganda, ChildFund Uganda is supporting families to increase their household incomes. In 2014-15, over 2,000 caregivers and youth received vocational training in areas such as entrepreneurship, agricultural production and livestock training. Savings and Loans Associations were also established in 37 villages.

### VIETNAM

In 2014-15, ChildFund Vietnam supported the construction of 11 classrooms, and provided 34 schools with upgraded facilities, including school latrines and play equipment. As a result of the newly built classrooms in Kim Truy Commune in Kim Boi district, the number of enrolled children increased by almost 30 per cent since last year.

### PAPUA NEW GUINEA

ChildFund Papua New Guinea is helping to ensure babies and infants in remote villages receive critical medical care. In this financial year, almost 800 children under five were fullyvaccinated through ChildFund's immunisation patrols and over 4,000 health-related materials, including baby books were distributed.

### INDIA

In December, ChildFund India launched a nationwide campaign called Books, My Friends to encourage children with low literacy levels to go beyond the textbook and discover a love of reading and learning. The project aims to provide 115,000 children aged 6-14 in 14 states across India with age-appropriate books.

### LAOS

Women's livelihood groups have been established in seven villages in Nonghet district over the past year to help families generate an income and to improve gender equality. Through training, ChildFund Laos has supported women to start-up new businesses and improve their agricultural activities.

### BOLIVIA

Guide mothers trained by ChildFund Bolivia help to educate parents in their local villages on early childhood development, including teaching them about parenting roles and nutrition. Working across 14 remote communities in Bolivia, these trained guides meet throughout the year with parents and caregivers at their homes to provide support.

"AS SOON AS I STARTED TO UNDERSTAND THE Stories, I started to enjoy them and wanted to read more." **Pooja**, **14**, **India** 

# GOAL 2: STRENGTHEN-PROTECTION FOR CHILDREN

ChildFund Australia works to reduce the risks that children face daily. During the year, this has included providing relief during emergencies and supporting long-term recovery efforts, increasing the ability of communities to cope with disasters and supporting improved child protection programs, locally and globally.

3, 179 FAMILIES BENEFITING MORE THAN 12,000 PEOPLE





2,688 HOUSEHOLDS RECEIVED TARPAULINS AND 3,111 RECEIVED GROUNDSHEETS FOR SHELTER

**21** CHILD-CENTRED SPACES PROVIDED **1,800** CHILDREN WITH A SAFE SPACE TO PLAY

34 LEARNING SHELTERS CONSTRUCTED FOR 19 Schools and 44 Schools Provided with Learning materials

## NEPAL

"I sat on the road watching my house tumble down," says 11 year-old Sanju pictured left. Sanju and her friends were left living in a makeshift camp after their homes were destroyed when two powerful earthquakes hit Nepal this year. More than 8,600 people lost their lives and over 16,000 were injured.

Within a week of the first quake hitting Nepal, ChildFund was delivering urgently needed food supplies to children and families in four remote villages in Sindhupalchok, one of the worst-hit districts. ChildFund also provided child protection services and supported the establishment of temporary learning shelters in two districts, so children could return to their studies as soon as possible.

"I FEEL PROUD TO TELL THE OTHER LADIES: "THERE IS THE LAW TO PROTECT US. IF YOUR HUSBAND MISTREATS YOU, YOU HAVE TO TAKE THEM TO THE COURT." AMANDA

## PAPUA NEW GUINEA

IMPROVING PROTECTION FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN

Amanda was subjected to brutal physical and sexual assaults by her husband. It wasn't until she read a pamphlet on women's rights that Amanda realised she had the right to stand up against her husband's abuse. She is pictured here at Haus Ruth, a refuge for women and children in Port Moresby, supported by ChildFund and run by City-Mission.

In 2014-15, ChildFund Papua New Guinea partnered with City Mission on the EU-funded project, HOPE, which aims to improve the services and support available to child and adult survivors of violence. ChildFund, in partnership with PNG's Family and Sexual Violence Action Committee and FHI 360, commenced the first nationally available, toll-free hotline offering crisis support to survivors of family and sexual violence. Thanks to funding from the New Zealand Government's aid program, the hotline launched in August 2015.



# RESPONDING TO EBOLA IN West Africa

As a child-focused organisation, ChildFund's Ebola emergency response has focused on the care and support of children affected by the deadly virus

The Ebola outbreak, which began in Guinea in March 2015 before quickly spreading to Liberia and Sierra Leone, has claimed more than 11,000 lives and an estimated 16,600 children have lost one or both parents, or their primary caregiver.

ChildFund's response has been focused on the care and support of children orphaned by Ebola through the establishment of Interim Care Centres (ICC) in Liberia and Sierra Leone.

At the centres, children were provided with food, shelter, medical care and psychosocial support for the 21-day quarantine period. During this time, social workers worked to reunite children with relatives or find alternative families to care for them.

In October 2014 ChildFund Liberia, in collaboration with the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare, opened the first dedicated children's ICC in the country. Ebola-survivor and mother-of-one, Decontee Davis was one of the first eight carers to volunteer at the centre.

"It is difficult for these children orphaned by Ebola. Their parents came down with the virus; nobody wants them. As survivors we have an understanding of how to work with them." Twenty-three year-old Decontee almost died herself after she contracted Ebola while caring for her fiancée's aunt. Sadly, Decontee's fiancée, his aunt and his four cousins did not survive. Decontee's tragic experience made her determined to help children affected by Ebola.

"I can take good care of them because I'm no longer vulnerable to the disease," said Decontee in October, 2014. "I decided to work [at the centre]; take them on as my own. I recognise them as my own children. As long as the kids are there, I will continue to work with them."

From January 2015, ChildFund's Ebola response expanded to include support for the governments of all three countries to reopen thousands of schools. This included distributing cleaning agents to decontaminate classrooms and supplying hand-washing stations and hygiene kits. ChildFund is providing schools with new equipment and learning materials, and children with school kits including uniforms, since many were burnt to prevent the spread of disease.

Liberia was declared Ebola-free in May 2015, but Sierra Leone and Guinea continue their fight against the deadly virus.

## **INDONESIA**

## REDUCING RISKS FOR CHILDREN

Ester, who was sponsored through ChildFund as a child, helped to set up the first early childhood development (ECD) centre in her village in Sumba in eastern Indonesia. Sumba is one of the most disaster-prone areas in the country. To help protect her students, Ester's ECD centre is participating in ChildFund Indonesia's project on integrating disaster risk reduction (DRR) in early childhood development education.

In 2014-15, eight ECD centres were renovated and one health centre was upgraded benefitting more than 2,100 people. ChildFund and its local partners also trained children, teachers, health workers and parents to ensure children are protected before, during and after an emergency. **"CHILDREN ARE LEAHNING HOW TO SAVE THEMSELVES NHEN DISASTERS OCCUR." ESTER** 

# **PROTECTING CHILDREN**

This is a snapshot of how ChildFund and its local partners are helping to reduce risks for children around the world

### WORLDWIDE

During the last two years, the ChildFund Alliance global advocacy campaign, Free from Violence, has advocated for the inclusion of targets to prevent child violence and exploitation in the post-2015 development agenda. This year, specific targets to improve protection for children have been included in the Global Goals for Sustainable Development, formally launched at the UN General Assembly in September 2015.

### VANUATU

When Vanuatu was devastated by Cyclone Pam in March 2015, ChildFund Australia partnered with Live & Learn Vanuatu to support the reconstruction of two kindergartens destroyed by the cyclone. Both kindergartens, which are wheelchair-accessible and include rainwater systems and toilets, were completed in July 2015. The families of the preschool children are also receiving support to enable them to rebuild their livelihoods.

### MYANMAR

More than 350 orphaned and vulnerable children, many of whom are living with HIV, were supported by ChildFund Myanmar and their local partner in the Mandalay region. Each month, children received home-based care by trained outreach workers and nutritious food. Child clubs and peer groups were also established to improve confidence and help build the resilience of children.

### THE PHILIPPINES

During the year, ChildFund Philippines continued to support the thousands of families affected by Super Typhoon Haiyan as they rebuild their lives. As part of its long-term recovery strategy, ChildFund helped to restore livelihoods, strengthen local child protection mechanisms and provide emergency response training for communities.

### **SRI LANKA**

ChildFund Sri Lanka responded to severe flooding which affected more than one million people in December 2014 by providing food, water, bedding and health kits for families across four districts. More than 2,500 children also received trauma support through ChildFund's Child-Centred Spaces.

"I TOLD MY MOTHER I DID NOT WANT TO GET MARRIED — I AM A Student and I Want To Stay at School." Mawa, 14, Senegal

### **SENEGAL**

Fourteen year-old Mawa avoided early marriage after a child protection group in her village advocated on her behalf. These community-led groups, supported by ChildFund Senegal, are helping respond to and prevent gender-based violence. They are focusing on community mobilisation and advocacy with local authorities on issues including rape, early and forced marriage, and early pregnancy.

# **GOAL 3: AMPLIFY CHILDREN'S VOICE & EMPOWER CHILDREN**

ChildFund Australia believes children should be given the opportunity to actively contribute to change within their communities. In 2014-15, this has meant establishing child and youth clubs, providing access to sports, recreation and cultural activities and forming peer support and counselling groups to build the confidence of children and young people.

"WHEN CHILDREN BECOME ADULTS THEY CAN APPLY THEIR KNOWLEDGE IN THE WORLD. THE FUTURE DEPENDS ON THE CHILDREN AND THEIR THOUGHTS." KYAW, AGE 15

## MYANMAR

# BUILDING HOPE

Kyaw lives at a street children's refuge in Sagaing region which is supported by ChildFund Myanmar. At the centre there is a significant focus on the emotional and psychological health of the children through activities such as meditation workshops, art, music, counselling and team sports. This is helping to build their confidence so they can share their opinions on issues important to them, and actively participate in their families and communities. When Kyaw came to the centre at the age of 12 he could not read or write. Today, Kyaw is confident of his bright future ahead: "I would like to reunite with my family when I am standing on my own feet."

"AS A GIRL I WAS ALWAYS VERY SHY, NOW I AM A BRAVE AND CONFIDENT YOUNG WOMAN." LAO KANG, PASS IT BACK COACH

### SUPPORTING THE FUTURE LEADERS OF ASIA



In 2015 ChildFund Australia, in partnership with Women Win and the Asian Rugby Football Union (ARFU), launched an innovative new program called Pass It Back in South and South-East Asia, beginning with Laos and Vietnam.

Harnessing the power of sport for development, Pass It Back is using rugby to build the leadership and life skills of children and youth, particularly girls and young women. The project has enabled young people, like Lao Kang from rural northern Laos, to overcome challenges in their lives and to 'pass it back' to others in their communities. In its first year the project reached more than 2,450 people.

17-year-old Vichet (in red check shir is a leader of his local youth clu

# **"WE ARE CHILDREN. WE ARE YOUTH. WE SHOULD FOCUS ON STUDIES." VICHET,**

# **CREATING A GENERATION OF Skilled Youth in Cambodia**

Through the establishment of youth groups, ChildFund Cambodia is supporting young Cambodians to create change in their communities

In Cambodia 65 per cent of the population is under the age of 30. Without enough waged work available in local communities to support the country's huge youth population, young people often find themselves in the informal sector or lured to urban areas in search of better opportunities.

ChildFund Cambodia's youth groups have provided young people with vocational training to start businesses in their communities, reducing the need to migrate to cities to find work. Youth also receive peer training on life skills, focused on leadership, management and child protection.

This skills training has helped to grow the confidence of young people to become influential members in their villages and take on active roles in their local community development plans.

Seventeen year-old Vichet from Svay Rieng province left school at 14 to earn an income

to support his family. He migrated illegally to Thailand to work as a casual labourer, but found that working conditions were extremely poor, and wages low.

After returning to his village and going back to school, Vichet become a peer educator in his local youth club. He wants to be a role model for others.

"I want to tell youth and children in Cambodia to try to avoid migration, if possible. We are children. We are youth," says Vichet. "We're not at the age where we should be earning money. We are at the age where we're dependent on our parents. We should focus on studies."

ChildFund Cambodia's youth projects have supported young Cambodians to earn an income and create a life for themselves in their local communities. In 2014-15, 38 new youth groups were established across two rural provinces, supporting over 800 young women and men.

## **GOAL 4: BUILD MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING E RESPECT FOR CHILDREN**

ChildFund Australia is committed to building connections between Australians and communities in developing countries. In 2014-15, Australian school children had the opportunity to connect with their peers overseas, while our global children's survey uncovered the issues of most importance to children around the globe.

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# "I WANT THE BIG PEOPLE TO LOOK AFTER THE WORLD..."

## TO THE WORLD LEADERS...



In 2014, Universal Children's Day also marked the 25th anniversary of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. To honour the occasion, ChildFund asked more than 6,000 children in 44 countries about their hopes, dreams and concerns as part of our annual Small Voices, Big Dreams survey.

Globally, one-third of children surveyed said children's rights to protection are not being upheld, while only 11 per cent felt they had the right to express an opinion, and for it to be taken seriously by adults. Charli, 12, from Australia says: "I think most adults are too busy to listen to their children and don't take them seriously enough."

Children were also encouraged to pen their thoughts on child rights to world leaders. This included 12 year-old Nanda from Timor-Leste who wrote: "I want the big people to look after the world. And also I want the Prime Minister to look after other parts of the world because children have the right to have good health."

The letters, which covered concerns ranging from war, racism, violence, education and the environment, were delivered to UNICEF Executive Director, Anthony Lake ahead of the anniversary on 20 November. The results of the survey were also used to provide child-oriented feedback to the United Nations Consultation process to decide the priority areas of the new Sustainable Development Goals.

# GOAL 5: GROW CHILDFUND AUSTRALIA'S WORK

ChildFund Australia is expanding its work so that we are able to assist more children. During 2014-15, this included increasing the number of individual supporters, while also generating greater support from businesses, trusts, foundations and other grantmaking bodies.

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## PAPUA NEW GUINEA

### PARTNERSHIPS FOR CHANGE



Beyond the visible elements of Papua New Guinea's (PNG) society, it is recognised that there are significant social and poverty issues, particularly affecting children. With the help of our partners, including Kimberley-Clark and the Clough Foundation, ChildFund PNG is working to extend the provision of maternal and child health services in the country, creating a lasting legacy for children.

The initiatives undertaken with both Clough and Kimberley-Clark are already delivering lasting health improvements for mothers and children in PNG, addressing the needs of those most disadvantaged and marginalised.

With the help of Clough, ChildFundsupported health programs have been extended into new areas of PNG. Thanks to Kimberley-Clark, essential care items have been provided to new mothers. These partnerships represent true alignment and value creation in the areas where we work.





### LENNON WALKS SO OTHER CHILDREN CAN RIDE

Over the past year, thousands of Australians have helped support children living in poverty around the world, this includes children themselves – meet six-year-old Lennon from Sydney! In 2015, Lennon walked 3.8km home from school once a week for the entire school term, to raise funds to provide children in developing countries with bikes so they can get to and from school more easily and safely.

Lennon says he decided to take on this big challenge "because I wanted to make some kids be safer to get to school". Altogether, Lennon walked 38km over the 10-week term and raised \$5,000 to provide 50 bikes for children in Cambodia! After raising more than \$14,000 to support the construction of the first preschool in this village in remote Nonghet district, our ChildFund Laos Discovery tour participants had the chance to meet the children they are helping! **GOAL 5** 

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# **THANK YOU**

ChildFund Australia's work has reached more children and families during 2014-15 as a result of the generous contributions made by thousands of individuals and organisations. We thank them for their support.

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- Paul Moutzouris

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- PwC
- The Beeren Foundation
- The Brook Foundation
- The Charitable Foundation
- The English Family
  Foundation
- The Pratt Foundation
- The Rhodes Family
- UBS Foundation
- Women's Plans Foundation

# **GOAL 6:** Collaborate to achieve change

The work of ChildFund Australia would not be possible without the continued commitment and generosity of our many supporters, both in Australia and around the world. In 2014-15, we worked in partnership with a wide range of organisation and individuals to accelerate change for children, including the Australian government, ChildFund Alliance members, civil society organisations and corporations.

## **CHILDFUND ALLIANCE**

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Thank you to our partners within the ChildFund Alliance, who have supported ChildFund Australia's work in Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Papua New Guinea, Vanuatu and Vietnam over the past year.

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## LAOS IMPROVING

## IMPROVING EARLY EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Thanks to support from ChildFund Korea, all children under six in Namkonngoua village in Nonghet district in northern Laos now have access to pre-primary education. This fully-equipped three-room early childhood centre with proper sanitation facilities and trained teachers will have a positive impact on the growth, survival, development and learning of children in the village. The centre will also help to reduce primary school drop-out and repetition rates which are high across the district, especially for girls.

## CELEBRATING 40 YEARS OF PARTNERSHIP

This year marked the 40th anniversary of the Australian NGO Cooperation Program (ANCP). Funded by the Australian Government and the general public, the ANCP has supported organisations like ChildFund Australia to deliver cost effective and grassroots, poverty reduction programs.

Over its lifespan, more than 23 million people have benefited from ANCP projects – which have extended the reach of Australian Aid to some of the poorest and most difficult to reach communities.

Speaking at the Parliament House ANCP 40th Anniversary Exhibition, Foreign Minister Julie Bishop said (pictured below): "There are poignant photographs of young children with textbooks, of women attending medical clinics for pre-natal checkups, of market stall holders trying to eke out a living. They all have a story to tell and I believe underscore what a difference the Australian Aid program and Australian NGOs have made, to our region in particular."

During the last three years, ANCP funding has, for example, allowed ChildFund Australia to implement an Early Childhood Care and Development (ECCD) project in rural Zambia, where under-five child mortality in some districts is as high as 10 per cent.

Ten 'insakas' (or ECCD resources centres) have been constructed, and are now staffed by 30 newly trained health workers, recruited from local communities. Offering guidance and support on issues such as child development, nutrition and immunisation, the health workers also conduct home visits, and run monthly health education sessions for parents.

Enala, age 5, says: "I love being in the insaka! I have a lot of friends and we play and have our meals together - it is nice there." Her mother adds: "Through this project, I have learnt the importance of education, upholding children's rights and giving my children nutritious meals that are necessary for their physical development."

## "I LOVE BEING In the Insaka!" Enala, 12, Zambia





# OUR AMBASSADORS

### DANIELLE CORMACK: OUR NEWEST AMBASSADOR

In September 2014, ChildFund Australia was thrilled to announce award-winning actress and long-time supporter Danielle Cormack as its newest ambassador. Danielle, who has been a sponsor with ChildFund for 10 years, is also an ambassador for ChildFund in her home country of New Zealand.

Danielle says: "As an ambassador, I've travelled to Vietnam to visit some of the communities supported by ChildFund and to meet the children and families benefiting from their work.

"I witnessed firsthand the way ChildFund forms relationships with the local people, listening to

their needs and then working together with them to establish sustainable projects that meet those needs. The support is respectful, empowering the children and the community as a whole. It's their community-led approach that undoubtedly makes a tangible difference in children's lives."

In May 2015, following the devastating Nepal earthquakes, Danielle lent her support to our Nepal emergency appeal. ChildFund auctioned tickets to see Danielle perform on stage in her sold-out Sydney Theatre Company show and meet her in person, with all funds raised going towards ChildFund's emergency relief effort in Nepal.

Thank you to all of our ChildFund Australia ambassadors who dedicate their time and energy to supporting ChildFund's work overseas, our advocacy campaigns, and who use their voice to highlight the issues children face in poor communities.



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# **MEASURING OUR PROGRESS**

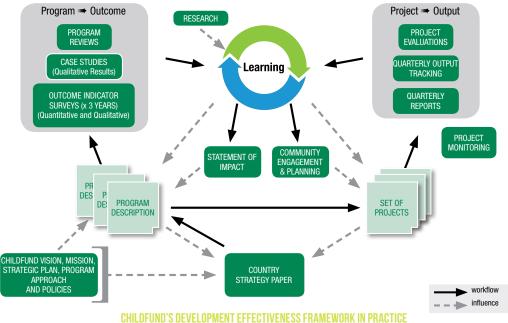
As an organisation committed to achieving the best possible outcomes for children and families, ChildFund Australia believes it is vital to continually measure and evaluate the effectiveness of our work.

ChildFund's Development Effectiveness Framework ensures that we can monitor and measure the impact of our work with children and communities. In particular, this system has been designed to answer three important questions:

- 1. How do we know if our work makes a difference and gets results?
- 2. How do we learn from experience in order to improve the way we work?
- 3. How can community members and local partners directly participate in the planning, implementation and evaluation of ChildFund's development projects?

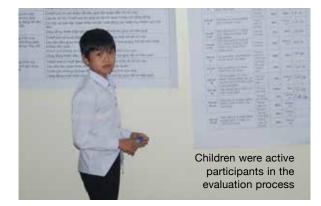
The framework covers program activities in four ChildFund Australia-managed countries – Cambodia, Laos, Papua New Guinea (PNG) and Vietnam, and some aspects of our work in Myanmar. The system is comprised of six major components, including:

- Organisational outputs: used to track the activities and results of ChildFund projects throughout the year.
- Qualitative data: beneficiary case studies gathered to provide information about the way in which individuals (children, families, community members or development partners) experience the effects of ChildFund's projects.
- Outcome indicators: baseline and follow up surveys used to measure long-term progress in the areas of nutrition, literacy, primary school completion and participation in decision-making.
- Statements of impact: data is shared with community members, who review ChildFund's activity over time, consider other influences and rate the impact of ChildFund's projects.



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## **BUILD ORGANISATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS**



The Development Effectiveness Framework gives ChildFund Australia the means to track and sum up the results of its development programs. By counting tangible outputs and measuring longer term changes over time, ChildFund is able to assess the extent to which it has contributed to improved living standards for children and communities.

#### **CHILDFUND'S IMPACT IN VIETNAM**

Between December 2013 and February 2014 ChildFund completed a Statement of Impact for programs and projects undertaken in seven communes in Quang Uyen District, in northern Vietnam, as part of its Development Effectiveness Framework.

Over two days 113 individuals, including children, youth, women, commune leaders and local government representatives, provided feedback on evidence collected in surveys conducted in 2011 and 2014. They were asked to assess the changes or impact to communities over this time period, and to assess ChildFund's contribution to this change.



Participants concluded that: "In the last three years, ChildFund Vietnam has made a significant contribution to the positive changes of the local socio-economic aspects, especially for women and children."

ChildFund's contribution was considered particularly effective and valuable in the areas of water and sanitation, child protection, healthcare and livelihoods, with the Statement of Impact citing the following results as those where ChildFund had made a significant contribution:

- Access to improved, affordable water sources have risen from 23 per cent in 2011 to 78 per cent in 2014, and resulted in enormous improvements to household sanitation levels.
- More women are now assisted by a skilled health professional during childbirth – rising from 87 per cent in 2011 to 96 per cent in 2014.
- Families with access to basic sanitation facilities, such as latrines, have increased from nine per cent to 43 per cent, which is helping to prevent the spread of disease.

#### **IMPROVING OUR SYSTEMS**

During 2014-15, ChildFund Australia went live with its Hive project – the implementation of a new customer relationship management (CRM) software solution.

The Hive will enable ChildFund Australia to better manage marketing campaigns, provide an improved experience for our supporters, more efficiently track donated funds to programs, and enable the organisation to provide better, more cost-effective services to both the communities we serve and our supporters.

The cloud-based solution is based on the Salesforce CRM product, with Marketo providing the marketing functionality overlay. The core functionality has been deployed and additional functionality will be rolled out over the next 18 months.

# **FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

## ChildFund Australia's revenue grew by \$2.4 million in 2014-15 to help improve the lives of children and their communities in 29 countries around the world

During 2014-15, ChildFund Australia achieved a surplus of \$1.8m, including an unrealised exchange rate gain of \$562k and an unrealised gain in investments of \$64k. This compares with a surplus of \$740k last year which included an unrealised investment gain of \$220k.

Net assets increased to \$7m, further strengthening the financial position of the organisation.

#### WHERE THE MONEY CAME FROM

Total revenue increased by \$2.4m to \$52.3m. Support from the Australian public continues to be strong. Regular-giving, including child sponsorship, was slightly down while other contributions from the public remained steady. The Nepal Earthquake appeal was generously supported and raised \$627k.

ChildFund Australia continued to diversify its revenue sources. While child sponsorship continues to be the main source of revenue, it is now 48% of total revenue compared to 51% last year while Australian and overseas grants now account for 34% of total revenue, compared to 30% last year. Australian Government grants (predominantly Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade grants) were 7% higher than last year, however the core ANCP Grant experienced a cut which required adjustments to ChildFund's development programs. Overseas grants, mainly from other members of the ChildFund Alliance, increased by 32%.

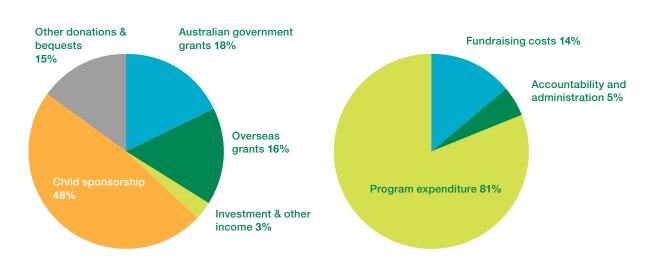
Investment and other income were \$400k higher than last year, reflecting the unrealised exchange rate gain.

### HOW THE MONEY WAS SPENT

**BREAKDOWN OF EXPENDITURE** 

The organisation continued to grow its work overseas. Spending on development programs and emergency relief increased by 5% to \$41m and accounted for 81% of total expenditure.

Fundraising costs as a percentage of total expenditure decreased slightly to 14%. Accountability and administration expenses as a percentage of total expenditure remained unchanged at 5%.



#### **SOURCES OF REVENUE**

Maria Natalia and her eight monthold daughter, Yolanda, participating in ChildFund Guatemala's early childhood development program in their community

CHILDFUND AUSTRALIA PROVIDED \$41M FOR INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS AND EMERGENCY RELIEF TO HELP CHILDREN AND THEIR COMMUNITIES IN 29 COUNTRIES AROUND THE WORLD

# SUMMARY STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

Statement of comprehensive income: Year ended 30 June 2015

	2015 (\$)	2014 (\$)
Revenue		
Monetary donations & gifts		
Child sponsorship donations	25,145,824	25,591,092
Other donations	8,063,842	8,025,475
	33,209,666	33,616,567
Legacies and bequests	21,486	215,631
Grants		
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	7,938,948	7,894,018
Other Australian	1,459,626	907,638
Overseas	8,211,190	6,219,514
	17,609,764	15,021,170
Investment income	423,601	342,381
Other income	1,022,913	711,696
Total revenue	52,287,430	49,907,445
Expenditure		
International Aid and Development Programs Expenditure		
International programs		
Funds to international programs	37,759,892	35,724,385
Program support costs	2,537,662	2,492,157
	40,297,554	38,216,542
Community education	720,146	746,534
Fundraising costs		
Public	6,783,345	7,668,393
Government, multilateral and private	122,119	145,477
Accountability and administration	2,633,589	2,610,661
Total expenditure	50,556,753	49,387,607
Excess of revenue over expenditure	1,730,677	519,838
Other comprehensive income		
Net change in fair value of available-for-sale financial assets	63,732	220,397
Total comprehensive income for the year	1,794,409	740,235

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

# SUMMARY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

Year ended 30 June 2015

	2015 (\$)	2014 (\$)
Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	13,980,750	10,639,287
Trade and other receivables	895,606	635,110
Financial assets	500,000	-
Total current assets	15,376,356	11,274,397
Financial assets	2,815,416	2,622,076
Property, plant and equipment	2,964,561	1,008,189
Total non-current assets	5,779,977	3,630,265
Total assets	21,156,333	14,904,662
Liabilities		
Trade and other payables	13,434,053	9,090,893
Provisions	372,599	324,986
Total current liabilities	13,806,652	9,415,879
Provisions	310,110	243,621
Total non-current liabilities	310,110	243,621
Total liabilities	14,116,762	9,659,500
Net assets	7,039,571	5,245,162
Equity		
Unrestricted reserves		
Retained surplus	3,931,984	2,922,861
Bequest reserve	500,000	500,000
Fair-value reserve	675,766	612,034
	5,107,750	4,034,895
Restricted reserves	1,931,821	1,210,267
Total equity	7,039,571	5,245,162

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.

Copies of our audited full financial statements can be downloaded from our website at www.childfund.org.au or can be requested via email to info@childfund.org.au, or by calling 1800 023 600.

# SUMMARY STATEMENT OF Changes in Equity

Year ended 30 June 2015

	Retained surplus (\$)	Bequest reserve (\$)	Fair value reserve (\$)	Restricted reserve (\$)	Total equity (\$)
Balance as at 1 July 2013	2,820,998	500,000	391,637	792,292	4,504,927
Total comprehensive income for the period					
Excess of revenue over expenditure	519,838	-	-	-	519,838
Other comprehensive income					
Net change in fair value of available-for- sale financial assets	-	-	220,397	-	220,397
Transfers to restricted funds	(2,709,351)	-	-	2,709,351	-
Transfers from restricted funds	2,291,376	-	-	(2,291,376)	-
Balance as at 30 June 2014	2,922,861	500,000	612,034	1,210,267	5,245,162
Balance as at 1 July 2014	2,922,861	500,000	612,034	1,210,267	5,245,162
Total comprehensive income for the period					
Excess of revenue over expenditure	1,730,677				1,730,677
Other comprehensive income					
Net change in fair value of available-for- sale financial assets			63,732		63,732
Transfers to restricted funds	(2,570,077)			2,570,077	
Transfers from restricted funds	1,848,523			(1,848,523)	
Balance as at 30 June 2015	3,931,984	500,000	675,766	1,931,821	7,039,571

# SUMMARY TABLE OF CASH MOVEMENTS For designated purposes

Year ended 30 June 2015

	Cash available 1 July 2014	Cash raised during the year	Cash disbursed during year	Cash available 30 June 2015
ANCP*	243,909	8,192,019	7,938,949	496,979
Total for all other purposes	10,395,378	46,126,048	43,037,655	13,483,771
Total	10,639,287	54,318,067	50,976,604	13,980,750

\*ANCP: Australian NGO Cooperation Program

#### Independent auditor's report to the members of ChildFund Australia



#### Report of the independent auditor on the summary financial statements of ChildFund Australia

The accompanying summary financial statements, which comprises the summary statement of financial 30 June 2015, the summary statement of comprehensive income, summary statement of changes in equity, summary statement of cash flows and summary table of cash movements for designated purposes for the year then ended, are derived from the audited financial report of ChildFund Australia for the year ended 30 June 2015. We expressed an unmodified auditor's opinion on that financial report in our report dated 9 September 2015. That financial report, and the summary financial statements, do not reflect the effects of events that occurred subsequent to the date of our report on that financial report.

The summary financial statements do not contain all the disclosures required by Australian Accounting Standards for a general purpose financial report of ChildFund Australia. Reading the summary financial statements, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the audited financial report of ChildFund Australia.

*Directors' responsibility for the summary financial statements* The directors are responsible for the preparation of a summary of the audited financial report.

#### Auditor's responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the summary financial statements derived from the audited financial report of ChildFund Australia based on our procedures, which were conducted in accordance with Auditing Standard ASA 810 Engagements to Report on Summary Financial Statements.

#### Auditor's opinion

In our opinion, the summary financial statements derived from the audited financial report of ChildFund Australia for the year ended 30 June 2015 are a fair summary, in all material respects, of that audited financial report.

KPMG

Brett Mitchell Partner Sydney Dated at Sydney this 7th day of October 2015

#### **Directors Declaration**

(a)

In the opinion of the directors of ChildFund Australia ("the Company"):

- the full financial statements are in accordance with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 and Corporations Act 2001, including:
  - giving a true and fair view of the financial position of the Company as at 30 June 2015 and of its performance, as represented by the results of its operations and cash flows, for the year ended on that date; and
  - (ii) complying with Australian Accounting Standards, the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013 and the Corporations Regulations 2001; and
- (b) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the directors.

Marcus Laithwaite Director

Mary Latham Director

### PEOPLE

# **CHILDFUND AUSTRALIA BOARD**



MARCUS LAITHWAITE (CHAIR) is a partner at a major professional services firm in Sydney and a specialist in the financial services industry. He joined the Board in 2007 and is the Chair of the Governance Committee.



**MICHAEL PAIN (DEPUTY CHAIR)** is a Managing Director with Accenture Australia, leading Accenture's Analytics activities in Australia. He joined the Board in 2012 and is a member of the Audit & Risk Committee and the Governance Committee.



**DAVID SHORTLAND** is a governance specialist and communication counsel to boards and senior executives. He joined the Board in 2014 and is a member of the Governance Committee and the Communications & Marketing Committee.



MARY LATHAM is a chartered accountant, company director and consultant, with over 15 years experience in the financial services industry. She joined the Board in 2012 and is a member of the Audit & Risk Committee and the Communications & Marketing Committee.



**DR STEPHEN MOSS** is a professional consultant, director and mediator with a background in law, psychology and business. He joined the Board in 2008 and is a member of the Program Review Committee and the Communications & Marketing Committee.



**YASSMIN ABDEL-MAGIED** is the Founder and President of Youth Without Borders and a drilling engineer in the oil and gas industry. She joined the Board in 2014 and is a member of the Program Review Committee and the Communications & Marketing Committee.



**MICHAEL ROSE** is Chief Executive Partner at leading commercial law firm Allens and Chairman of the Board of ChildFund Alliance. He joined the Board in 2005 and is a member of the Governance Committee.



GAYE HART AM has over 20 years' experience as an executive and non-executive director in not-for-profit, government and business boards. She joined the Board in 2010 and is a member of the Audit & Risk Committee and Chair of the Communications & Marketing Committee.



JUSTINE RICHARDSON is a partner at a major professional services firm in Sydney, and has extensive experience in external and internal audits. She joined the Board in 2014 and is a member of the Audit & Risk Committee and Governance Committee.



JOANNE THOMSON is an international development specialist having worked in the NGO development sector for over 20 years. She joined the Board in 2007 and is the Chair of the Program Review Committee.



**DESMOND SEMPLE** has a background as CEO of Government Human Service Departments and as a consultant undertaking major structural and organisational changes. He joined the Board in 2007 and is a member of the Program Review Committee and the Governance Committee.



**JO BRENNAN** is a General Manager with CommInsure at the Commonwealth Bank and has over 25 years experience in executive leadership. She joined the Board in 2014 and is a member of the Program Review Committee and Communications & Marketing Committee.



**DR ANGELINE LOW** manages family investments and is a Research Affiliate at the University of Technology, Sydney. Angeline joined the Board in 2006 and completed her maximum term in 2014, having been a member of the Program Review Committee and Chair of the Communications & Marketing Committee.



**DAVID PIGOTT** is the General Manager, Sector Engagement at Mission Australia. David joined the Board in 2006 and completed his maximum term in 2014 having been Chair of the Audit & Risk 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. For more information, or to lodge a complaint, please contact ACFID on main@acfid.asn.au or email ChildFund Australia's Supporter Relations team on mail@childfund.org.au.

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