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A NEW ERA OF CHILD PROTECTION

ChildFund welcomes the launch of the Global Goals, and new targets which prioritise an end to child exploitation



In September 2015, 193 world leaders met at the United Nations headquarters in New York and made a formal commitment to a new development

Our annual Small Voices, Big Dreams survey (see P5) has been one way that ChildFund has been able to give children a platform to share their views on issues of importance to them. This year's results underline the critical need to make child protection a priority.

The findings demonstrate that children from both developed and developing countries are aware and concerned about the many risks faced by children within their communities. The 6,000 children surveyed offer many ideas to prevent mistreatment of children, and to improve protection and care.

It is not possible to end child poverty if violence persists. Child poverty and violence against children must both be addressed, if either are to be achieved. These goals are highly ambitious, however it should be remembered that, 15 years ago, many said it was impossible to halve extreme poverty. That goal was achieved ahead of deadline and was accompanied by enormous improvements in the rates of child mortality and primary school enrolment.

This experience, and the growing evidence base of services and

interventions, makes it possible to believe that many forms of violence against children can be reduced substantially, if not eliminated.

With the SDG deadline of 2030, ChildFund will continue to work towards a world in which every child has the opportunity to enjoy a childhood that is safe, nurturing and free from violence. Thank you for being part of this vital work!

As the festive period in Australia now approaches, I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of the Board and staff of ChildFund Australia, to wish you and your friends and family a happy and safe festive season.

Nigel Spence
CEO
ChildFund Australia

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THE GLOBAL GOALS For Sustainable Development



On 25 September 2015, the new Global Goals for Sustainable Development (SDGs) were formally launched at the UN General Assembly in New York. These 17 Global Goals aim to achieve three extraordinary things over the next 15 years: end extreme poverty, fight inequality and injustice, and fix climate change.

For ChildFund Alliance, it is an important milestone to see child protection included in the new global development agenda. During the last three years, we have urged world leaders to ensure that the post-2015 development agenda included specific

targets to reduce risks and strengthen safe and nurturing environments for children. Prioritising the end of child abuse and exploitation in the SDGs has been the primary objective of ChildFund's Free From Violence campaign.

ChildFund Australia CEO Nigel Spence says: "We welcome the Global Goals not only for cementing the world's commitment to ending violence against children, but also for addressing other child protection issues through targets on education, child labour, gender equality and birth registration."

The Global Goals for Sustainable Development: Transforming Our World

Within the Global Goals, specific targets have been established which have a child protection focus. These include:

- creating safe, non-violent, inclusive learning environments;
- eliminating harmful traditional practices, such as early and forced marriage;
- eradicating the worst forms of child labour;
- providing universal access to safe green and public spaces;
- achieving universal birth registration, so children are legally recognised; and
- ending the abuse, exploitation, trafficking and all forms of violence against children.

ChildFund now calls on governments, the United Nations, and civil society to realise this new vision for sustainable development through decisive actions and investments.



Learn more about the Global Goals, and how you can get involved, at www.globalgoals.org

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 12 organisations which assists more than 15 million children and families in 58 countries.

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CHILDREN IN EMERGENCIES

ChildFund Alliance and other aid agencies have published *Putting Children at the Heart of the World Humanitarian Summit*, highlighting the views of more than 6,000 children who have experienced armed conflict, disasters, displacement and other emergencies. The report ensures children's views are represented at the Summit, where world leaders will meet to discuss the increasing number of humanitarian emergencies.



Read the full report at www.childfund.org.au/blog/putting-children-centre-humanitarian-relief

WALKING SO OTHERS CAN RIDE

ChildFund Australia's youngest fundraiser, 7-year-old Lennon Maher, has taken out the title of Fundraiser of the Year in the 2015 JustGiving Awards. Earlier this year, Lennon's pledge to walk a 3.8km journey home from school, once a week for the entire school term raised a massive \$5,000 for our Dream Bike Appeal. As a result, 50 children living in Cambodia's rural villages now have a new bike to help them get to school.



Watch what Lennon had to say about his win at www.childfund.org.au/blog/lennon-wins-fundraiser-year

COLLABORATION IN CAMBODIA

ChildFund Cambodia and Educo in Cambodia have signed a new collaboration agreement. The decision to create a formal partnership between the two organisations in Cambodia will ensure that programs are delivered effectively, efficiently, and for the greatest benefit of vulnerable children and families. Educo is the newest member of the ChildFund Alliance, and has extensive expertise in the delivery of education projects.



Read the full story at www.childfund.org.au/mediarelease/childfund-and-educo-join-forces-bring-change-children-cambodia

FAMILY VIOLENCE HOTLINE LAUNCHES IN PAPUA NEW GUINEA

ChildFund Papua New Guinea is helping to tackle epidemic levels of violence against women and children through the launch of the country's first counselling hotline for survivors of family and sexual violence.

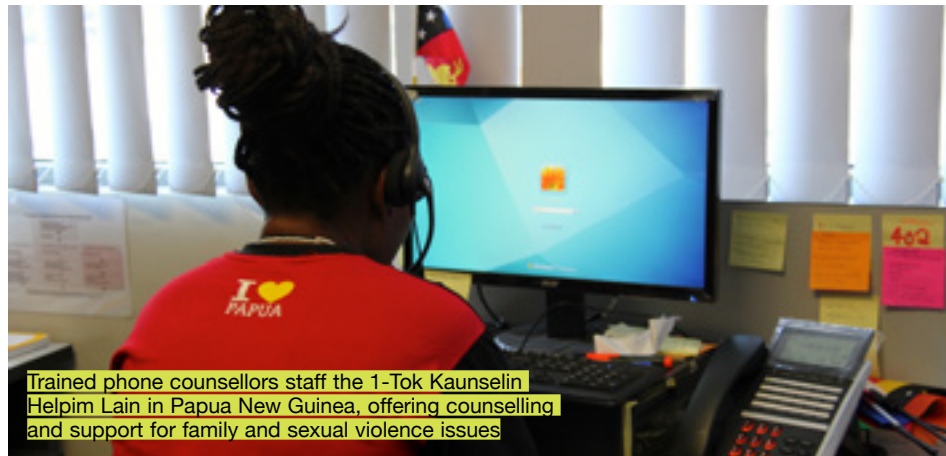
The hotline, called 1-Tok Kaunselin Helpim Lain, was launched in August by ChildFund in partnership with Papua New Guinea's Family and Sexual Violence Action Committee and FHI 360.

ChildFund has pooled charitable donations from the Australian public with \$2.3m (NZD \$2.6m) from the New Zealand Government's aid program to set up and maintain the vital support service over the next five years.

"Family violence is a devastating problem throughout our region. In Papua New Guinea, the avenues available for survivors to seek help are severely lacking, while entrenched attitudes around violence and gender inequality only complicate the issue," said ChildFund Australia CEO Nigel Spence.

"Children's healthy development depends on having a family and community where they feel safe, loved and protected. This hotline is about providing those who are experiencing violence with a safe channel to seek help."

Counsellors at the hotline have already assisted more than 400 people, with calls coming in from across Papua



Trained phone counsellors staff the 1-Tok Kaunselin Helpim Lain in Papua New Guinea, offering counselling and support for family and sexual violence issues

New Guinea. Encouragingly, men have made up around 50 per cent of callers – not only those who have experienced abuse themselves but men who want to change their violent behaviour.

Callers are assisted by trained phone counsellors who provide information and crisis counselling at the time of the call. Referrals can also be made to a range of support services, including the police, medical help, legal assistance, safe houses, counselling services, family support centres and child welfare services.

Natasha Stott Despoja, Australia's Ambassador for Women and Girls, said tackling family violence is no easy task but this hotline is an important step to reach survivors across the country.

"This has the potential to be life-saving for women and children who

are experiencing violence in their homes and communities right now," Ambassador Stott Despoja said.

"I've met women in Papua New Guinea who shared their stories of the most horrific violence levelled at them and their children. To know that these women will now have help available at the end of a phone line is fantastic."

The 1-Tok Kaunselin Helpim Lain is a partnership between ChildFund Papua New Guinea, CIMC (FSVAC) and FHI 360, supported by the New Zealand Aid Programme, USAID, ChildFund New Zealand and ChildFund Australia. 715-08000 is the FREE number to call (within PNG only) to receive counselling and support for family and sexual violence issues.

CHILDREN'S VIEWS ON SAFETY AND PROTECTION

ChildFund Alliance's Small Voices, Big Dreams survey is one of the largest global polls of children's views. This year, we asked children to share their views on safety and protection

Abdul-Mumin, age 12, is from Ghana where 91% of children named home as a place of risk for children. He says: "If I were leader of my country, I would make laws to protect children from being harmed by adults and parents."



Jae, age 10, is from Australia where 31% of children say the most important thing adults can do to keep kids safer is listen to what children have to say. He says: "We should be listened to because we have great ideas too and we have feelings and rights. Kids shouldn't be hurt."



Marlene, age 10, is from Bolivia where 57% of children say adults mistreat children because they were the victims of abuse themselves. She says: "Adults do not value children because they think we do nothing and when we do, they say it is not well done."

Almost 6,000 children from 44 countries, including Australia, took part in the 6th annual Small Voices, Big Dreams survey, with this year's results providing an important insight into children's views on where they are at risk, why adults mistreat children, and what could be done to prevent abuse.

When asked where children might be at risk of physical or emotional mistreatment, children globally say when walking alone (58%), followed by home and school (both 42%), with Australian children particularly concerned about the risks of abuse online (85%).

Children were also asked to name the causes of adult mistreatment. The fact

that adults have the power was the most common global response (38%), followed by punishment (35%). Van, age 11, from Vietnam says: "I witnessed my friends being beaten by their parents because they came home late after going outside to play with friends. The parents hit them really hard."

Seventy per cent of Australian children blamed drugs or alcohol as a cause of adult mistreatment of children, in contrast to just 4 per cent of children globally. In comparison, almost half of children (47%) from countries in Asia say that adults mistreat children because 'it is the child's fault', while in Africa almost one in four (23%) children say adults mistreat children because 'the family needs the money children can earn'.

If given the chance to be leader of their country, children globally (42%) are united in their desire to create more rules and laws to punish abusers and prevent mistreatment from occurring.

ChildFund Australia CEO Nigel Spence says: "These findings come just months after the United Nations formally launched the Sustainable Development Goals, and underline the need to make child protection a global priority."



Read the complete findings from this year's Small Voices, Big Dreams survey at www.childfund.org.au/smallvoices

AROUND THE WORLD

SENEGAL

Nine-month-old Djina and her father, Omar, attend a health hut in their community, supported by ChildFund Senegal. The village health hut was built as a means of extending the nationwide health care system to more remote, rural communities. It is one of more than 2,000 built or refurbished throughout Senegal by ChildFund and partners.



TIMOR-LESTE

Every year, ChildFund distributes thousands of letters between sponsors and their sponsored children all over the world. Clarita is 17 years old and regularly receives postcards from her sponsor. One of her favourites depicts Australia's Melbourne City skyline. "I like this card because it's like a memory from my sponsor," she says.



AROUND THE WORLD

CAMBODIA

Since 2008, ChildFund Cambodia has constructed 4,000 toilets in Svay Rieng Province, where 11-year-old Romduol lives. With access to adequate sanitation, the health and safety of thousands of children and families has now been improved. "Now that I have a bathroom, I feel comfortable and have no fear," says Romduol.



INDIA



Children in Kotra, India, receive books and reading bags as part of ChildFund India's 'Books, My Friends' program. The campaign is designed to encourage children to go beyond their textbooks to discover the importance and joy of reading, and aims to reach 115,000 students over the next three years.

GUATEMALA



At this Early Childhood Development Centre run by ChildFund Guatemala, children learn basic skills that will help them once they enter their first year of schooling. By undertaking creative activities, children are developing their motor skills, focus, colour recognition, and self-expression.

MYANMAR



Until recently, Chee and Jeru's village did not have access to electricity. While they were able to study at school in natural daylight, once darkness fell they were unable to complete any homework due to a lack of lighting at home. To address this issue, ChildFund Myanmar has provided solar panels to 20 villages across Kayah State. This has made a huge difference to children's education. "Before I never studied at night, but now I can," says 9-year-old Jeru.

SEVERE DROUGHT IS PUTTING CHILDREN AT RISK IN EAST AFRICA

A food shortage, caused by severe drought, is gripping East Africa and is predicted to worsen in coming months



Five-year-old Selamawit (second from left) is suffering from malnutrition caused by a lack of protein.

Drought has struck East Africa and an estimated 10.2 million people in Ethiopia are suffering from a food shortage that is escalating by the day.

Food security is deteriorating at an alarming rate, with the situation in Ethiopia particularly concerning. Two consecutive seasons of poor rains have seen crops fail, reduced livestock production and caused massive numbers of livestock deaths.

The drought has affected more than 211,000 people across ChildFund Ethiopia's program areas; with the situation for children and families expected to worsen and continue well into 2016.

ChildFund Ethiopia is working with the Ethiopian government and local partner organisations to respond to this unfolding emergency.

As an immediate life-saving step, ChildFund is delivering supplementary food to affected households, with a particular focus on malnourished children and pregnant and breastfeeding mothers. Efforts are also under way in pastoralist areas to provide support for animal health, feeding and water.

ChildFund Australia CEO Nigel Spence says: "Our immediate goals are to keep child mortality in check, help children stay in school and reduce the challenges of food insecurity among critically affected households in Ethiopia. ChildFund will also invest in its ongoing programs in early childhood development, education, health, water and sanitation, child protection and economic strengthening so that the fragile developmental gains those areas have achieved are not lost."



Your donation is urgently needed to help prevent malnutrition. Please donate now: www.childfund.org.au/appeal/east-africa-food-crisis

NEPAL EARTHQUAKE - CHILDREN RESUME THEIR STUDIES AS RECOVERY CONTINUES

Earlier this year, Nepal was devastated by two major earthquakes in the space of two weeks, with hundreds of terrifying aftershocks that continued for months.

As the quakes damaged tens-of-thousands of classrooms across the country, ChildFund in Nepal set to work constructing temporary learning

shelters for children. Within weeks, ChildFund completed the construction of 60 temporary learning shelters on the sites of 32 schools – enabling over 5,000 students to resume their studies.

In September, ChildFund also distributed student supply kits to 5,168 children. This included items such as school bags, notebooks, pens and

uniforms. Jumpers were also provided to children, in anticipation of the approaching winter season.

Over the coming year, ChildFund will address the longer-term rehabilitation and reconstruction needs of communities, which will involve building permanent classrooms and facilities for schools.

INSAKAS ARE BREAKING THE CYCLE OF POVERTY IN RURAL ZAMBIA

Major is a six-year-old boy who lives in the Eastern Province of Zambia. The second-youngest of 10 children, he was the first child in his family to attend an Early Childhood Development (ECD) centre. Known locally as 'insakas', these ChildFund Zambia centres have been crucial in improving the health, development and wellbeing of children and families in the Nyimba District, where Major's community is located.

"I have seen a big difference in Major, he is sharp and knows a lot of things compared to his eight older siblings who never had the opportunity to attend an ECD centre," Undi, Major's father, shared.

The insaka has also helped Major's parents improve their gardening and farming skills, which in turn has increased their income and helped provide nutritious meals for their children. Before the project began, Major's dad Undi did not have any

guidance in regards to effective farming practices, and he was only able to grow one type of crop – maize. These yields of maize were never enough to cater for his family's needs.

Through the establishment of a demonstration garden at Major's insaka, Undi was able to obtain in-depth agricultural knowledge and skills. He was also given seedlings, gardening tools and organic fertilisers to help him get started.

"After learning about gardening, and how to grow a variety of crops from the trainings conducted at the insaka, I decided to start my own farm. I would say that the success of this farm is the main reason why my family is now in a better position," Undi explains.

Undi says: "I really thank ChildFund for bringing this project to my district. I now have a big garden where I grow different types of vegetables, maize and

With the establishment of an insaka in Major's community, he and his family are benefitting from early childhood programs, agricultural training and nutrition workshops

groundnuts, for sale and consumption. My children now have enough to eat and I have managed to buy a water pump so that my crops are grown all year round, and not just in the rainy season like before."

Major adds: "I love the ECD centre! When I finish school, I will work here and own a big garden with a lot of fruits, which I will water every day."

The construction of the insaka in Major's community was completed thanks to funds raised through ChildFund Australia's Start Strong and Stay Strong Appeal in 2012. In total, \$171,070 was raised to help fund the construction of 10 insakas in two remote Zambian communities. **ChildFund Australia would like to thank all those who donated to this appeal!**

THE JOURNEY TO THE FIRST PRESCHOOL IN PHA-EN VILLAGE

In 2013, the Rhodes family from Sydney suffered a devastating loss when four of their family members were killed in a plane crash in Laos - eldest son Gavin, his wife Lea and their two young children, Jade and Manfred. Despite their grief, they wanted to see something positive come from this tragedy and decided to work with ChildFund to ensure Gavin, Lea, Jade and Manfred would always be remembered.

Incredibly, over the past two years, the family has raised more than \$100,000 to build the first-ever preschool in a remote village in northern Laos. In September, Gavin's sister Mel and his dad Geoff, along with six other family members and friends, travelled to Laos to be part of a very special day - the official opening of the preschool.



The group spent the day getting to know people in the village, and learning about Laotian culture and cuisine. They watched traditional music and dance performances, and enjoyed a delicious meal prepared by local families.



Upon arrival at Pha-En village, the Rhodes family visitors were greeted by hundreds of community members and ChildFund Laos staff. They lined up to create a path to the steps of the preschool, and clapped in unison as the visitors thanked them and made their way up the hill. "Looking back on this day, the welcome is what I will always remember," Mel says.



Mel says that throughout the day, it was "clear just how grateful the community was for the preschool". She adds: "They told us with their words, but especially with their smiles, their hugs and the amazing welcome and wonderful day they put on for us."

ChildFund Australia would like to extend our sincerest thanks to the Rhodes family for the life-changing legacy they have left for children and families in Laos. We also extend our gratitude to all those who donated and supported this project.



To read the full story, please visit www.childfund.org.au/blog/day-laos-i-will-never-ever-forget

The Rhodes family's unimaginable loss has brought an outpouring of love and support that will benefit children in Laos for years to come

KILIMANJARO HAS BEEN CONQUERED!

In September 2015, a team of ChildFund Australia supporters climbed to the top of Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania - the world's highest freestanding mountain! In addition to this, these inspiring Aussies raised over \$24,000 to help provide clean water to a whole village in Ethiopia! Thank you for your amazing work, and congratulations!



MENTOR ME!

In 2016, an exciting line-up of Australian business leaders are donating their time to a new ChildFund Australia initiative - the MentorMe Auction! You can bid for an hour-long mentoring session with the likes of chief executive Ann Sherry AO, ad guru Todd Sampson, magazine publisher Jackie Frank and more... Register now to bid!



Find out more at www.mentormeauktion.org.au



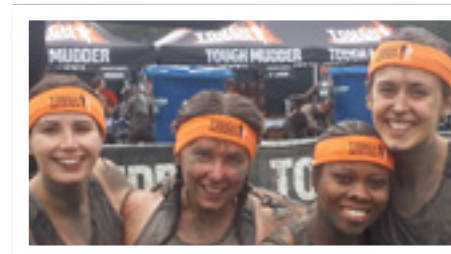
QUESTION TIME

True or False: It's easy to have fun while helping children around the world...The answer is TRUE with ChildFund's Big Ask!

Host a trivia event at home, work, or school between 2 - 8 May 2016, and raise money to help children overcome poverty.



Download the toolkit: www.childfundsbigask.org.au



TOUGH MUDDER 2015: CHALLENGE COMPLETE

This year, 14 energetic fundraisers completed Tough Mudder around the country to support children in Ethiopia. Their physical strength was tested on the 20km course that was littered with obstacles! Thank you to all that participated, you raised an incredible \$15,000 as a team!

DROUGHT IN EAST AFRICA



An unprecedented drought has caused the number of severely malnourished children arriving at therapeutic feeding centres to triple¹.

ChildFund Ethiopia is delivering high protein supplementary food to children up to five years and mothers, to ensure adequate nutrition is received at the most critical time in a child's life.

SHOW YOUR SUPPORT:

- Make a donation to our appeal
- Hold a school mufti day fundraiser
- Have an office morning tea
- Fundraise on your birthday
- Sponsor a child in Ethiopia
- Leave a gift in your will to support emergencies such as this
- Find us on social media (childfundaustria) and share our messages



¹Government of Ethiopia and Humanitarian Partners, 'Humanitarian Requirements Mid-Year Review 2015' (August 2015) 3, page 5.

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