



# ANNUAL REPORT 2009-10

Annual Report

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

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

At ChildFund, our values mean:

- We value children
- We uphold the rights of every individual
- We value respect
- We believe in empowerment
- We work in partnership
- We promote accountability and transparency



Michael Rose (centre) with children in a ChildFund-supported community in the Philippines

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Michael Rose is managing partner at leading international law firm Allens Arthur Robinson.

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As the global economy begins to find its feet, world leaders have a new challenge – achieving the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and reducing world poverty by the 2015 target date.

United Nations data and ChildFund Alliance research show that progress towards meeting these targets has been mixed. Advances have been made in the areas of child health and access to education, but millions of families still lack basic sanitation, and women continue to die needlessly during childbirth. Child mortality for children under the age of five has been reduced significantly – down from 12.5 million to 8.8 million child deaths per year. However, most of these deaths are from preventable diseases.

After attending this year's United Nations Global Compact Leaders Summit, I am convinced more than ever by the need for a coordinated response to poverty reduction. The business sector, financial institutions, UN agencies, donors, non-government organisations (NGOs) and individuals all have a role to play if we are to achieve the MDGs by 2015.

The obstacles faced by so many children can seem overwhelming, enormously difficult to solve and vast in number. But I am convinced that organisations such as ChildFund Australia can, and do, make a real difference in improving the living standards, health and wellbeing for

thousands of children in Asia, Africa and the Americas. I have seen ChildFund's work first hand, and after every visit to a program country I have returned to Australia encouraged and hopeful for the future.

As chair of ChildFund Australia, I have witnessed the positive impact of community-based, integrated development projects in reducing poverty. But ensuring that the MDGs are met cannot be the sole preserve of aid agencies – everyone has a role to play.

This is my last Annual Report as chair of ChildFund Australia. Although I will be staying on the Board, under our constitution, my four-year term must end in November. The new chair, James Sheffield, is a long-term Board member who will bring great passion, experience and wisdom to the role.

I am very grateful to have had the opportunity to serve as Chair. It has been a privilege to play a role in an organisation that, through the energy and commitment of talented staff and dedicated supporters, creates real and lasting change for the world's poorest children. Thanks to the ChildFund Australia team and all our supporters for making this change possible.

**Michael Rose**  
Chair  
ChildFund Australia



## MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

This year marks the 25th Anniversary of ChildFund in Australia and 72 years since the founding organisation began its work by providing food, shelter and education to children orphaned by the Sino-Japanese war. Since its inception in Australia in 1985, support has grown strongly with more than 60,000 Australians now sustaining ChildFund's work to reduce child poverty around the world.

The past year has again seen significant progress. Support from the Australian people has grown. Additional funding has been provided by AusAID and ChildFund Australia has been able to extend aid and development activities to more children and more communities.

An exciting aspect of this expanding effort has been to see the growing interest by Australian children and young people in international development. Children and young people are often the family members most interested in the friendship created by the child sponsorship relationship, and over the past year ChildFund has begun to involve school groups in a project to connect children in Australia with their peers in developing countries.

In the communities where ChildFund implements health, education, water, food security and other projects, children and young people are increasingly involved as active participants in the development process. This is an important part of our commitment to understand and respond to poverty as experienced by children. This was demonstrated during the year in the Nonghet

District in Laos - ChildFund Australia's newest area of operation and one of the poorest in the country with more than 40 percent of children malnourished and many lacking access to education. Initial consultations gave opportunity for community members to talk about their needs and discuss plans for the future. Children were active participants in this process, and produced their own puppet show to highlight the importance of attending school. ChildFund's education project in Nonghet is now underway.

Children are the focus of ChildFund's development initiatives as well as being active contributors in the process. Children are also the key to the future. Building understanding between Australian children and their peers around the world is shaping a future generation of global citizens.

Children are the most vulnerable members of any society. Our research and experience confirms that children are acutely aware of poverty, not only the lack of income, education or health, but also in terms of deprivation and stigma. ChildFund continues to strive for a world fit for children and this work is made possible by the generosity and commitment of our Australian supporters.

Thank you,

**Nigel Spence**  
CEO  
ChildFund Australia



Nigel Spence (centre) with ChildFund Papua New Guinea staff and field volunteers



## OUR WORK: WATER, SANITATION & HYGIENE

Access to safe and clean drinking water is essential in reducing waterborne disease and child mortality. During 2009-10, ChildFund worked with communities to construct water systems, such as boreholes, rainwater storage and gravity-

fed systems, as well as sanitation facilities, including the construction of latrines. Communities took part in health and hygiene education on the importance of handwashing, safe food preparation and waste disposal.

### Improving sanitation in Cambodia

As part of a ChildFund Cambodia initiative to supply more than 300 new latrines to a community in Svay Rieng, local youth were trained in the construction and management of latrines and sanitation facilities. The results were two-fold; young people obtained new vocational skills while the building costs for the community were significantly reduced.

### Sustainable initiatives in Vietnam

ChildFund Vietnam provided 350 households with new or improved toilets and sanitation facilities. Two new water supply systems were constructed in primary schools. Community members took part in training on maintenance of the new water and sanitation facilities, in order to ensure the sustainability of this initiative.

## Delivering clean water to Papua New Guinea

Ensuring community involvement is a strong feature of ChildFund's water and sanitation program.. ChildFund has trained community members so that they are equipped to oversee the maintenance, installation and management of water and sanitation facilities, now and in the future.



Community members from Lebogoro lend a hand with the construction of the water tank, by collecting river sand for the foundations.



Members of the ChildFund team train community members on how to prepare the groundworks for installation of the water tank.



ChildFund staff and community volunteers ensure the water tank is securely in place while making their way to Lebogoro on PNG's bumpy roads.



Ready for a downpour: with a rainwater catchment installed above the tank, the new water collection system is complete.





Almost 9 million children die each year before reaching their fifth birthday, while over a million lose their mothers as a result of childbirth complications. In 2009-10, ChildFund provided healthcare for women while pregnant, established immunisation and malaria prevention programs, improved access to medical facilities, trained community health workers and educated mothers on how to manage childhood illnesses and improve child nutrition.

## Mum-to-mum support in Honduras

Mothers in Honduras have now formed their own support groups within the community in order to track and monitor their children's growth. Meeting on a monthly basis at a ChildFund Honduras-supported health hut, the children are measured according to established benchmarks. The mothers are then able to respond quickly when their children are not achieving specific growth targets, by either changing their nutrition practices or seeking medical assistance from the health hut staff.

## Improving child health in Timor Leste

ChildFund Timor Leste's Maternal and Child Health Project is improving the health outcomes for women and children in the Liquica and Balibo Districts. Since the program began in 2009, ChildFund has targeted almost 50 villages, providing education and resources to over 5,000 people. More than 200 local community members have now been trained in childhood disease prevention, and 4,000 bednets have been distributed, to protect mothers and children from malaria.



Mothers attend an outreach clinic supported by ChildFund, where children are vaccinated and monitored for growth and development.



ChildFund provides supplemental food to underweight children at the clinic. In Timor Leste, 46% of children under 5 years are underweight.



A young girl being weighed as part of the growth monitoring process at the clinic.



The clinic also offers malaria prevention services. Here, a child is being tested for malaria.



## Maimouna's story

Maimouna lives in an isolated village in Senegal, without access to electricity or running water. At the age of 45, she has lived through 14 pregnancies, and today has 10 living children.



Maimouna and her beautiful son Seydou

"I knew that if I did not do anything, she could die or have some other serious complications," says Madjiguène, who decided to refer Maimouna to the government Health Post in Kirène.

But instead of leaving Maimouna to navigate the clinical system herself, Madjiguène accompanied her patient throughout the referrals.

Madjiguène also encouraged Maimouna to attend her village's Pregnant Women's Solidarity Circle, which gives women in the village a chance to openly discuss their pregnancy and concerns with a group of other pregnant women and a trained traditional birth attendant.

When Maimouna began her labour, she was referred to the regional hospital, where she gave birth. Fighting back tears, Maimouna says: "If it had not been for my husband, the health hut, Madjiguène and the doctor, I would not be here today speaking with you. And, today, if I were not here, my children would suffer and have difficulties related to their education, their health and their life."

"The circle is also very important; it teaches us how we can take care of ourselves and our health. And thanks to that I am here today to care for my children."

Maimouna's story highlights the importance of a community structure that stands by women and their families before, during and after pregnancy to help them understand reproductive health, danger signs and how to take action.

ChildFund also works to forge the links that are necessary between the community and government-run clinical structures. In this case, it was Madjiguène who was the critical link, ensuring continuity in Maimouna's care and treatment from the community level up through the clinical levels.

## Infant nutrition advice in PNG

ChildFund Papua New Guinea has been working in partnership with Susu Mamas (Breastfeeding Mothers), a local organisation of trained nurses dedicated to reducing PNG's high infant mortality rate. Mothers and caregivers are educated on the importance of breastfeeding newborn babies and when they should start feeding them soft foods. The training also encourages mothers to feed their infants healthy foods and seek suitable alternatives if these aren't available.

However, Maimouna almost lost her life giving birth to her most recent child, Seydou. Her husband, Mamadou, felt immediately that the pregnancy was not like the others. "My wife Maimouna was sick and very tired because of her age. I was very worried."

Luckily for Maimouna, she was able to access the support services of the ChildFund Senegal Community Health Project, which runs a community health hut managed by volunteers.

Maimouna spoke with the trained community health worker and traditional birth attendant, Madjiguène. Madjiguène immediately took note of Maimouna's mention of repeated and intense vomiting, weakness and dizziness, recognising the risk factors related to her age and the number of past pregnancies.





## Reducing child labour in Angola

In Angola, 30% of children aged 5-14 are forced to leave school and begin work. The Onjoi (dream) program, initiated by ChildFund Angola in partnership with World Learning for Educational Development, is now working to reduce the incidence of child labour.

This year, more than 1,000 children completed the first level of the literacy course, 26 schools have been improved with new learning materials and a school meals program, while 370 teachers attended training workshops. With the support of the Angolan government, ChildFund also offered accelerated literacy classes, an extremely successful way of encouraging older youth back into the education system.

Almost 90% of children in developing countries are now attending primary school, but children from the poorest households continue to miss out. During 2009-10, ChildFund's education programs focused on building or

## Engaging children in Ecuador

ChildFund Ecuador and the Escuela Nueva Foundation (teacher foundation) are working in partnership to improve the quality of education in primary schools. This includes teacher training programs which focus on child-centred learning methods, as well as updating curriculum materials to better engage pupils.

ChildFund is also working with the government to expand early childhood education in rural areas, where children have suffered from a lack of preschool education, resulting in many repeating their first year of school. All ChildFund-supported schools now offer one year of pre-school education.

renovating school buildings, training teachers and recruiting new staff, providing new desks, chairs, books and other school equipment and, importantly, conducting community awareness campaigns on the benefits of educating girls.

## Bhubneshwari's story

Bhubneshwari is 16 years-old, and lives with her parents, brother and grandmother in a remote village in rural Orissa, in India. Born into a low-status caste, Bhubneshwari's family relied on the sporadic earnings of her father, a day labourer without regular employment.



Bhubneshwari in her role as peer educator, teaching a young girl to read

Earning enough money to meet the family's basic needs was a constant struggle, and for many years both Bhubneshwari and her younger brother Guptesvar were unable to attend school because of the costs involved.

However, with the ongoing support of ChildFund India, all members of Bhubneshwari's family are now benefiting from a return to education. Bhubneshwari and Guptesvar

were able to re-enrol in school, and Bhubneshwari's mother Santoshi has joined the village micro-finance initiative. With the benefit of small business training, Santoshi has established a business providing local industries with bamboo products.

Education has also improved the health and wellbeing of Bhubneshwari's family, who have attended various ChildFund training programs on sanitation, reproductive and child health, and malaria prevention. These and other learning opportunities helped enable them to grow their understanding of their own health, educational and economic needs.

Bhubneshwari is now active in the ChildFund-supported children's club named Ugratara (rising star) in her village. She has participated in several of the club's activities and organised events, workshops on child rights and protection, competitions and issue-based rallies that have enhanced her knowledge and skills.

ChildFund India also gives young people the opportunity to engage in leadership activities. With a new self-confidence, Bhubneshwari is campaigning for all girls in her village to be given the chance to attend school. She explains: "Most parents in the village don't take interest in educating their girls and often young girls are married at a very early age."

Bhubneshwari now works as a peer educator in her village. Santoshi has happily watched her daughter's progress: "We have changed our family position with the support and encouragement of ChildFund, and Bhubneshwari now has a new dimension to her life."



## A new school in Cambodia



The old school. Household poverty means many families face the difficult choice about which child to send to school. Most often, girls miss out.



Seven-year old Cheat with his younger brother Chin. says: "I want my school to look better and because I want my younger brother to have a good place to study."



At the old school, classes included over 50 students, with pupils sitting four to a desk. The new school will give pupils better light, ventilation and a more stimulating and child-friendly space in which to learn.



The walls and structure begin to take shape. The five-room school will give 500 primary and 50 kindergarten-aged children from the surrounding nine villages access to education.



ChildFund Cambodia staff take part in the traditional Buddhist ceremony to mark the beginning of the construction process for the new primary school in Chouk Meas.



Local children attend the official opening of their new school, held on Children's Day. ChildFund also provided new desks, chairs and educational equipment for the pupils.





In the last financial year, ChildFund worked in partnership with communities to increase their level of food security through a variety of initiatives, including training on agricultural practices, irrigation techniques and improved animal husbandry, as well as nutritional advice, seed distribution and safe food storage. Vocational training and microfinance programs provided families with the opportunity to improve their livelihoods and generate income.

## New farming methods in PNG

Lead farmers in remote villages were selected to attend workshops organised by ChildFund PNG to learn improved farming techniques and livestock management. They then returned to their villages to teach others the new techniques. In addition, livelihood supplies were distributed to households. This included the provision of ducklings for families to establish duck farms.

## Increasing crop yields in Vietnam

Approximately 10,000 people took part in a ChildFund Vietnam agricultural training program, to give farmers new techniques and skills for rice and maize growing, as well as pig and chicken rearing. This initiative was aimed at improving agricultural yields, so that families can improve their household income. Community members were also introduced to new methods of chicken raising, which has become a profitable income source.



Cesar and his family with their tomato harvest

## Cesar's story

With the support of ChildFund Guatemala, a community in San Miguel is now using greenhouses to grow a variety of new crops. These food products enable families to supplement their own diet, as well as develop a source of income.

Until the introduction of this agriculture initiative, 11 year-old Cesar's family were struggling to survive on earnings of just \$50 a month. In this Mayan community, men work as day labourers on large plantations during the summer. But during other seasons, job opportunities are few and far between. Many fathers find it impossible to adequately provide for the proper health, nutrition, education and development of their children.

The construction of the greenhouses has given Cesar's family a new income stream – tomato production. Every harvest, Cesar's family produce as many as 50 boxes of tomatoes, giving them the ability to purchase medicine, food and clothing for the family.

Julia, leader of the project, says: "This tomato initiative has helped us a lot since we do not need to buy tomatoes anymore, and we are able to buy school supplies to help our kids to go to school well prepared."



Martin in his maize field

## Martin's story

Martin is 25 years old, and lives in the Chongwe District in Zambia. Born into a family of nine children, Martin was able to complete secondary school, but his parents could not afford to support him while he obtained additional qualifications.

Unwilling to be reliant upon his family for his basic needs, Martin became a member of the Youth Agriculture Marketing Project, an initiative developed by ChildFund Zambia with support from the Australian Government and ChildFund Australia.

The goal of the project was to create sustainable livelihoods for youth, and increase their income levels by improving their production and marketing skills. Martin received training in small scale business management, market research, contract negotiation and leadership skills. Other courses include poultry management, local feed formulation, use of low cost technologies and organic farming.

Martin was instrumental in mobilising other youth to form a youth group comprising of 15 members. "The training was like a spring board for me," Martin says. After the training, ChildFund Zambia supported the group with 200 chicks, 18 bags of chicken feed, vaccines, feeders and drinkers. Through team work, the group managed to raise incomes from chicken sales, and shared the profits as dividends every six weeks.

"From the dividends I was getting from the group, I managed to invest into field crop production and gardening," Martin says. During the last farming season, Martin harvested 60x50kg bags of maize. He has also ventured into winter maize production and has planted one lima of yellow maize. "I have now managed to start my own poultry venture. I started with 50 chicks, but am now able to raise 150 birds every after six weeks," Martin says proudly.

Martin's business has been so successful that he has bought a plot of land and is building his own home. "I thought of building a house because the place where I am currently staying is very far from the market place for my produce," he explains. He has also purchased two she-goats, both of which have one kid bringing the number of his goats to four. The goats provide milk for the family especially the under five children.

He adds: "Through my income from the various businesses, I am able to buy food to support my family and assist in paying for health care services for my parents, brothers and sisters."

Martin has big plans for his future. "In the next two years, I want to start cooking oil processing to maximise on profit. This will also enable me to use sunflower extracts to make feed for the chickens and goats since I have the skill in formulating feed."





Providing support to children affected by HIV and AIDS means responding to the whole individual - not only their physical requirements, but their social, emotional and psychological needs. Activities conducted by ChildFund during 2009-10 included HIV prevention, home-based care, income-generation initiatives, nutrition and child health programs, educational assistance and psychosocial support. ChildFund also organised community education events to reduce stigma and raise awareness.

## Bob McMullan in Africa

In 2009, The Hon. Bob McMullan MP, former Parliamentary Secretary for International Development Assistance, visited the Nakanyonyi Primary School. Here, orphaned and vulnerable children grow a fruit and vegetable garden and tend to farm animals as a means of learning about agriculture, with the help of ChildFund Australia.

The garden also acts as a food source for the most vulnerable of the children, and generates an income for the school with excess produce being sold at the town market.

“Not only is this project giving Ugandan children a better education, it is delivering real benefits for the community,” says Mr McMullan. “It is these smart and simple ideas which are having a huge impact in Uganda and elsewhere.”



Bob McMullan talking to students in the Nakanyonyi Primary school garden

## Creative expression in Vietnam

Children participated in the annual PhotoVoice competition, this year aimed at increasing awareness of HIV and AIDS and reducing stigma. Children worked together to produce photos and illustrations related to people living with HIV and AIDS from three of Vietnam's poorest provinces.

## Targeting youth in PNG

Around 4,000 youth aged 15-24 took part in HIV prevention and awareness activities organised by ChildFund PNG. These included education workshops, the creation and distribution of an advocacy music album, and posters and billboards in rural villages.

## Sharing cows in Uganda

A unique heifer-sharing program is increasing household incomes and providing nutritious milk to families of orphaned and HIV affected children in Soroti. Over 25 cattle were distributed this year, with the community hoping to establish a co-operative to market and sell any surplus milk in the future.



Aaron playing with children in his family, while his grandmother looks on

## Aaron's story

ChildFund Australia's APAC program is focused on improving the care and support for orphaned and vulnerable children in Kenya, Uganda and Zambia. In these communities, many children have lost one or both parents to AIDS-related illnesses.

At the age of seven, Aaron from Kenya lost his father to AIDS, leaving his mother with the responsibility of providing for the family. In the same year, he lost his younger brother to an AIDS-related illness - he was just two years of age.

Aaron was taken in by his grandmother Sisilia, who already had seven children in her care. “I got concerned when the child was missing school and approached the mother and child to stay with me,” she says. “I also shared his predicament with the teachers and we decided to join hands towards helping him.”

Aaron wasn't coping well with the death of his father and brother. He began arguing with his grandmother, skipping school and sneaking out of home at night. “I was very rude and rebellious,” he says. “I felt that I was being despised because of my condition [losing a father and brother due to AIDS].”

In 2005, Aaron joined the ChildFund Australia/APAC program. The program worked hand-in-hand with Aaron to address the challenges he was facing. With the support of ChildFund, Aaron was encouraged to make a Hero Book, which involved writing down his experiences, identifying his strengths and helping him to set goals for the future.

Aaron joined a number of clubs at school and received home visits from peer educators. He was also trained in child counselling, peer education, leadership skills, HIV and AIDS prevention and psychosocial support.

Aaron is now 17 and preparing for the Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education. He is also providing support to other children and youth, as the chairperson of the Divisional Children's Committee. As a result, he is now involved in advocating for issues affecting children in his community.

Aaron says: “It's very important for parents and caregivers to be tolerant and understanding to children - for instance, my grandmother was very patient and understanding, which helped me.” He adds: “Many children undergo what I went through as a result of the death of their parents. I know about many children who have been affected the same way in our village.”





ChildFund Australia is a member of the ChildFund Alliance, a global network of 12 organisations working to assist more than 15 million children and their communities in over 55 countries.

## The Americas

**Countries:** Bolivia, Brazil, Dominica & St Vincent, Ecuador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Paraguay

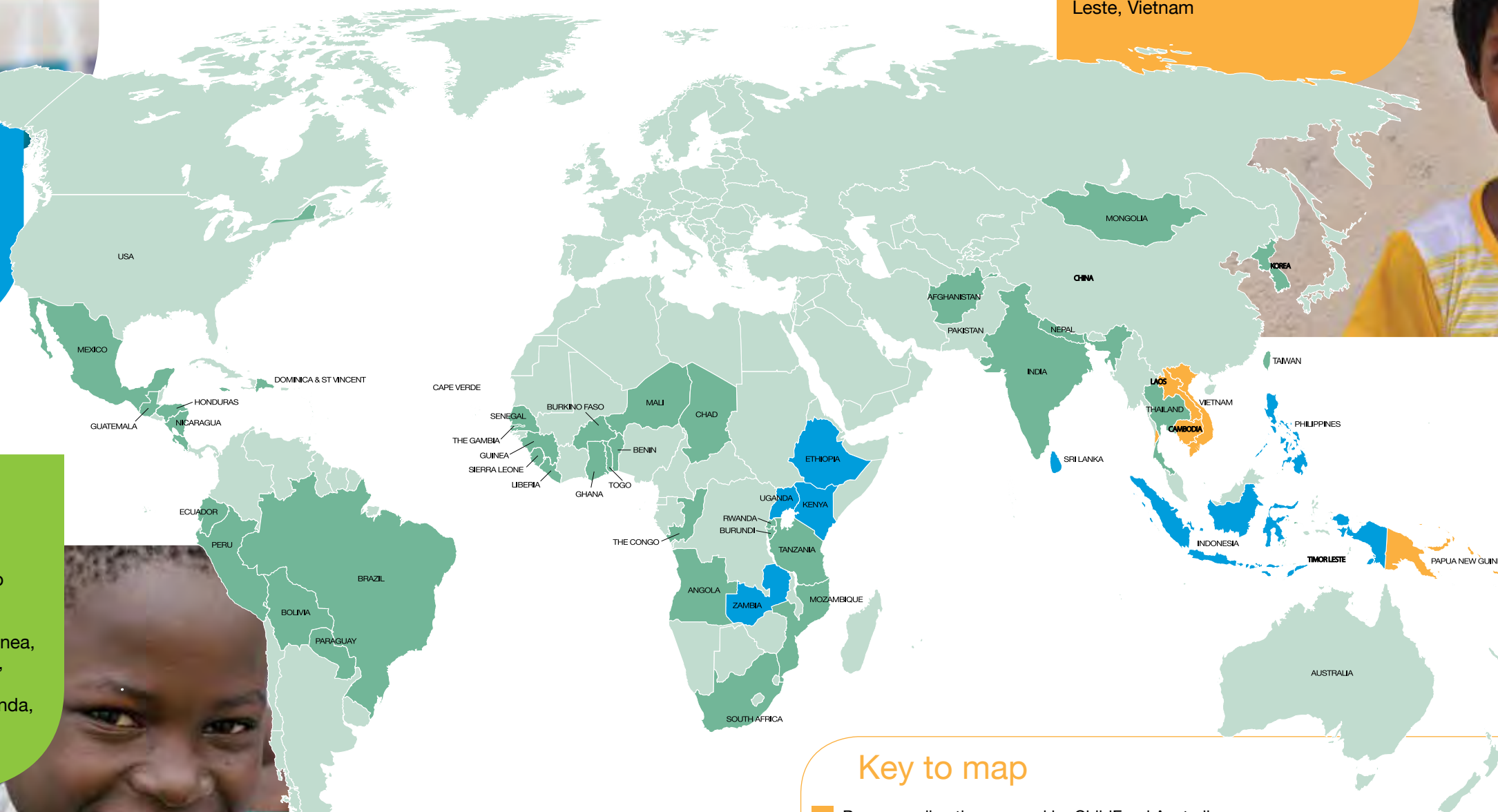
## Africa

**Countries:** Angola, Benin, Burkino Faso, Burundi, Cape Verde, Chad, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, The Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Kenya, Liberia, Mali, Mozambique, Rwanda, Senegal, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Tanzania, Togo, Uganda, Zambia



## Asia & Pacific

**Countries:** Afghanistan, Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Korea, Laos, Mongolia, Nepal, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, Thailand, Timor Leste, Vietnam



### Key to map

- Programs directly managed by ChildFund Australia
- Programs managed by ChildFund International in partnership with ChildFund Australia
- Programs managed by ChildFund Alliance affiliates

All figures have been taken from the most recent financial reports of ChildFund Alliance affiliates, and quoted in Australian dollars. Program expenditure for some countries not available at time of printing.

Members of the ChildFund Alliance also implemented smaller programs in Albania, Belarus, China, Latvia, Lithuania, North Korea, the USA and the Ukraine. Financial support was also provided to partner NGOs working in Haiti.



## The perfect wedding gift



Calissa and Nathan meeting Esther for the first time

Calissa and Nathan from Macgregor in the ACT were fortunate enough to meet their sponsored child Esther in Kenya before their wedding. "We saw the great work that ChildFund was doing and were impressed to find the community leading the way with development plans to improve their standard of living. One of their priorities was to complete the building of a well so they could become more self-sustaining and less reliant on donations," says Nathan.

After returning to Australia, the couple had a burning desire to help the community achieve their goal of obtaining clean water for the entire community. Nathan and Calissa decided their wedding provided the perfect opportunity to ask for donations to support this project.

On their wedding invitations, the couple gave guests the option to make a donation and told them about the people they had met in Kenya. Calissa says: "Our friends and family reacted with surprise at first, but then with pride as they knew they were also a part of providing a community with an essential resource to help themselves."

She adds: "This seemed to be a nice way of letting people get involved in our wedding celebrations and also in our

way of life. We did give our guests the options of giving gifts, but the vast majority donated to the water project."

The now happily married couple can be proud of what they have achieved for their sponsored child's community. By sacrificing gifts that weren't essential, Calissa and Nathan have provided a community of over 500 people with access to one of life's essentials, water.

## Pet rocks on sale now

Over the past two years, Longreach, Queensland residents Josie and Evie (age 12 and 10 years) have been developing their creative skills as well as their fundraising talents – by selling their own products at local markets, and donating the proceeds to ChildFund Australia.

In addition to homemade fudge and cookies, the girls have cornered the market with their Friendly Pet Rocks. At their last stall, the girl's mother says: "One fellow bought a Friendly Pet Rock for 50 cents with a \$20 note. He told them to keep the change because he liked what they were doing!" She adds: "It gives them a lot of confidence, purpose and experience with money, marketing, presentation and people skills."

Generally, items at their stall range in price from \$0.50 to \$4.00 and every cent is donated to ChildFund Australia to purchase items in our Donations with a Difference Catalogue. The girls say that they have been moved by the generosity of their community.

They add: "Deciding which items to buy from the catalogue is often the hardest part of the fundraising!"

## A healing legacy

When the Khouzam family from New South Wales lost their brother, Mark, they wanted to honour his dream of helping children in developing countries.

Mark had been a supporter of ChildFund Australia for well over a decade, having sponsored a child in Kenya. So with the legacy left by Mark, the family decided to donate part of the proceeds to fund the construction of the Don Phong Health Clinic in a rural province in Vietnam. This health clinic would provide medical support to over 2,000 people in the local community, as well as future generations to come.

The Don Phong Clinic was officially opened this year, and sisters Marcelle and Mimi made the trip to Vietnam to attend the opening ceremony. The ceremony was emotional for everyone in attendance, with both staff and

the Khouzam family shedding tears over the incredible legacy Mark had provided to the community.



Mark's family with staff at the opening of the new clinic

Marcelle says: "Visiting the clinic provided closure for us. While it was emotionally draining, it was so wonderful to be in the community. It was exactly what Mark would have wanted."

## Running for inspiration

Every year, more and more Australians are entering fun-runs that are organised in their capital city. Many competitors are choosing to fundraise for ChildFund Australia while undertaking this physical challenge.

In late 2009, Intaz from Quakers Hill in New South Wales was inspired by his sponsored child Pooja from India. After spending years sending letters and learning about her life, he had a burning desire to make a bigger difference to children like Pooja.

Having an interest in health and fitness, Intaz set himself the ultimate challenge to run both the City2Surf (14kms) and the Sydney Running Festival (21kms) to raise funds for children.

Intaz created a fundraising webpage and continually emailed updates of his training and fundraising along with a link to his webpage so his friends and family could make a donation. Intaz "It was such a simple and rewarding thing to do. I'll definitely do it again."

After the two events Intaz raised hundreds of dollars which has allowed ChildFund Australia to support more children like Pooja.

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ChildFund Australia's Project Humanity Program enables a rapid response to humanitarian emergencies, whether as a result of natural disaster or civil unrest.

## Sri Lanka

The Sri Lankan conflict reached a critical turning point in early 2009 with a renewed military offensive by the government forcing the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam to finally concede defeat in May. The increased military action in the north of the country resulted in over 200,000 civilians being displaced from their homes, and forced to take shelter in displaced persons camps.

Many children arrived at the camps with high levels of malnutrition, sickness, injury and distress, while a significant number had been separated from their family during the forced migration. In response, ChildFund Sri Lanka provided nutritional food packs, dry rations, hygiene packs, clothing and footwear, and other items to meet the immediate needs of children and families resident in the camps.



A mother and child in a Sri Lankan displaced persons camp

ChildFund also established Child Centred Spaces within a number of camps. These spaces served as food distribution points and areas in which the health and wellbeing of children could be monitored.

ChildFund Sri Lanka has also worked in partnership with government ministries to repair preschools and schools in the area, so that children are able to re-start their education after returning home. Livelihood reconstruction activities, which enable families to again earn an income and support the needs of their children, have also been initiated.

## Philippines

In September 2009, nearly two million people in the Philippines were impacted by widespread flooding caused by Typhoon Ketsana. The typhoon destroyed or damaged many houses and washed away families' possessions and livelihoods.

ChildFund Philippines was one of the first organisations providing emergency assistance in the Municipality of Bay area in Southern Luzon, where 1,200 families were displaced. Families presented at the centre with diarrhoea, colds, cough and fever, as well as water-related diseases such as dengue fever, particularly among children. ChildFund worked in partnership with local authorities to assist with medical needs, trauma counselling, rehabilitation of livelihoods and relocation of affected families.

Child Centred Spaces were established in evacuation centres to give children a safe place to play and a sense of normalcy until they were able to return home.

## Indonesia

The 7.6 magnitude earthquake that hit West Sumatra in September 2009 left more 1,000 people dead and around 180,000 homes destroyed, along with schools, hospitals and shops. ChildFund Indonesia worked with local authorities to provide essential items, including food, water, medical supplies, blankets and clothing.

Child Centred Spaces were established to provide emotional support for children and to help them feel safe and secure. Staff on the ground report such interventions are "helping children to be children again".

## Haiti

In January 2010 a 7.0 magnitude earthquake struck Haiti, killing and injuring thousands. The powerful earthquake caused major damage to the Caribbean nation already struggling with political violence and poverty.

While ChildFund Australia does not operate in Haiti, our affiliate organisation, ChildFund International, has partnered with the Christian Blind Mission (CBM) and Centre d'Education Speciale (CES).

This support is continuing to ensure that in six of the hardest-hit areas around Port-Au-Prince, six day care centres for children with injuries and disabilities can provide access to therapy, follow-up care and referrals to other health care professionals as needed.

## Statement of comprehensive income year ended 30 June 2010

Income statement	2010 (\$)	2009 (\$)
<b>REVENUE</b>		
Monetary donations & gifts		
Child sponsorship donations	26,377,474	24,900,313
Other donations	5,212,025	4,612,918
	<b>31,589,499</b>	<b>29,513,231</b>
Legacies & bequests	622,288	154,440
Grants		
AusAID grants	4,571,784	3,603,486
Overseas grants	2,391,455	2,652,844
	<b>6,963,239</b>	<b>6,256,330</b>
Investment income	317,018	228,208
Other income	382,024	447,912
<b>Total revenue</b>	<b>39,874,068</b>	<b>36,600,121</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
International programs		
Funds to international programs	29,407,787	27,524,491
Program support costs	1,177,984	735,541
	<b>30,585,771</b>	<b>28,260,032</b>
Community education	396,527	222,032
Fundraising costs		
Public	5,388,469	5,464,663
Government, multilaterals & private	79,837	80,190
Accountability and administration	1,951,830	2,255,239
Impairment of investments	-	531,939
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>38,402,434</b>	<b>36,814,095</b>
<b>Excess/ (shortfall) of revenue over expenditure</b>	<b>1,471,634</b>	<b>(213,974)</b>
<b>Other comprehensive income</b>		
Net change in fair value of available-for-sale financial assets	129,862	297,806
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>	<b>1,601,496</b>	<b>83,832</b>

During the year, the Company did not receive any "Other Australian grants", did not engage in any Political or Religious proselytisation programs or Domestic projects; and did not include the value of non-monetary donations and gifts.



## Statement of financial position as at 30 June 2010

	2010 (\$)	2009 (\$)
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	5,855,703	4,932,134
Trade and other receivables	509,281	412,509
Financial assets	1,850,000	-
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>8,214,984</b>	<b>5,344,643</b>
Financial assets	1,633,844	1,352,105
Property, plant and equipment	988,944	1,045,762
<b>Total non-current assets</b>	<b>2,622,788</b>	<b>2,397,867</b>
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>10,837,772</b>	<b>7,742,510</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Trade and other payables	6,255,084	4,803,542
Borrowings	4,274	4,274
Provisions	184,433	156,057
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>6,443,791</b>	<b>4,963,873</b>
Borrowings	3,041	7,315
Provisions	57,304	39,182
<b>Total non-current liabilities</b>	<b>60,345</b>	<b>46,497</b>
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>6,504,136</b>	<b>5,010,370</b>
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>4,333,636</b>	<b>2,732,140</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>		
Unrestricted reserves		
Retained surplus	2,366,074	1,560,337
Bequest reserve	500,000	-
Fair-value reserve	135,025	5,163
	<b>3,001,099</b>	<b>1,565,500</b>
Restricted reserves	1,332,537	1,166,640
<b>Total equity</b>	<b>4,333,636</b>	<b>2,732,140</b>

## Statement of changes in equity year ended 30 June 2010

	Retained surplus \$	Bequest reserve \$	Fair value reserve \$	Restricted reserve \$	Total equity \$
Balance as at 1 July 2008	2,016,433	-	(292,643)	924,518	2,648,308
<b>Total comprehensive income/ (loss) for the period</b>					
Shortfall of revenue over expenditure	(213,974)	-	-	-	(213,974)
<b>Other comprehensive income</b>					
Net change in fair value of available-for-sales financial assets	-	-	297,806	-	297,806
Transfers to restricted funds	(1,972,628)	-	-	1,972,628	-
Transfers from restricted funds	1,730,506	-	-	(1,730,506)	-
<b>Balance as at 30 June 2009</b>	<b>1,560,337</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,163</b>	<b>1,166,640</b>	<b>2,732,140</b>
Balance as at 1 July 2009	1,560,337	-	5,163	1,166,640	2,732,140
<b>Total comprehensive income/ (loss) for the period</b>					
Excess of revenue over expenditure	1,471,634	-	-	-	1,471,634
<b>Other comprehensive income</b>					
Net change in fair value of available-for-sales financial assets	-	-	129,862	-	129,862
Transfer to bequest reserve	(500,000)	500,000	-	-	-
Transfers to restricted funds	(2,191,646)	-	-	2,191,646	-
Transfers from restricted funds	2,025,749	-	-	(2,025,749)	-
<b>Balance as at 30 June 2010</b>	<b>2,366,074</b>	<b>500,000</b>	<b>135,025</b>	<b>1,332,537</b>	<b>4,333,636</b>

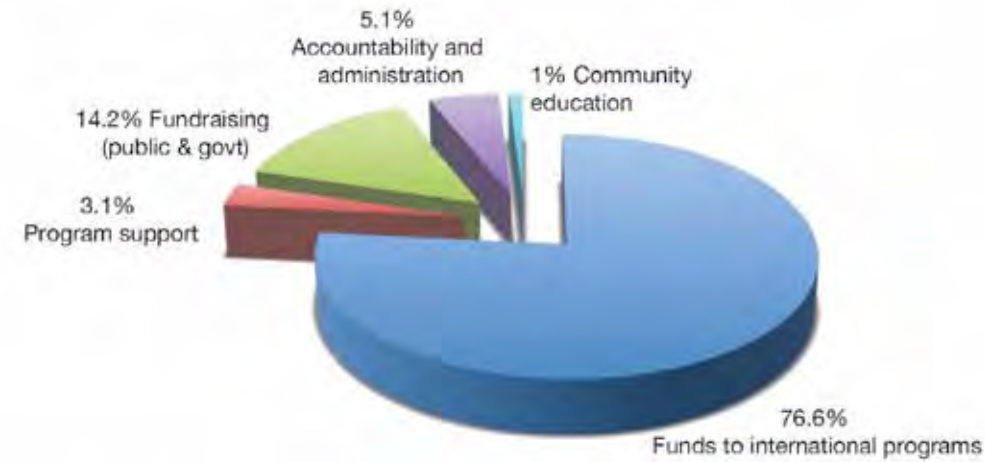
### Table of cash movements for designated purposes year ended 30 June 2010

	Cash available 1 July 2009	Cash raised during the year	Cash disbursed during year	Cash available 30 June 2010
Total for all other purposes	4,932,134	39,685,587	(38,762,018)	5,855,703
Total	4,932,134	39,685,587	(38,762,018)	5,855,703

No single appeal or other form of fundraising for a designated purpose generated 10% or more of total income for the period under review.



## Breakdown of expenditure



### Independent report to the members of ChildFund Australia



We have audited the summarised financial report of ChildFund Australia for the year ended 30 June 2010, comprising the statement of comprehensive income, statement of financial position, statement of changes in equity and table of cash movements for designated purposes.

In our opinion, the information reported in the summarised financial report\* is consistent with the annual statutory financial report dates 20 September 2010, from which it is derived.

For a better understanding of the scope of our audit, this report should be read in conjunction with our audit report in the annual financial statements.

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#### Notes:

\*Audited full financial statements are available from the ChildFund Australia website at [www.childfund.org.au](http://www.childfund.org.au).

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Using a child sponsorship approach, as well as public donations and government grants, ChildFund Australia directly implements programs in Vietnam, Cambodia, Papua New Guinea and Laos, and manages projects delivered by partner organisations in Asia, Africa and the Americas.

ChildFund Australia is a member of ChildFund Alliance – a global network of 12 organisations which assists more than 15 million children in 55 countries. ChildFund Australia is a registered charity and is fully accredited by the Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID).

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