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Annual Report

ChildFund Australia's 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

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

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 16 million children in 51 countries. The members of the ChildFund Alliance are:

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James, his wife Hillary and children Louis and Stella meet Hea and her dad in Cambodia

Last year I was proud to be appointed Chair of ChildFund Australia. This follows six years as a Board Director.

During that time, I have been fortunate to visit several countries where ChildFund works, and witness at first hand the remarkable efforts by ChildFund staff, the inspiring resilience of families in adversity and the transformation within communities that ChildFund programs can bring.

My first journey to Vietnam saw us walking through rice fields understanding how new irrigation systems were increasing crop yields and reducing malnutrition among children in the community.

In 2006, I attended the handover ceremony of a Women's Resource Centre in Papua New Guinea. It was my first visit to PNG, and a confronting experience. Despite PNG being one of our closest neighbours, few Australians are aware of the extraordinary challenges facing children and families in PNG, particularly those living in remote and inaccessible areas. Children are vulnerable to hardship – unsafe water, poor nutrition, minimal healthcare, as well as an absence of the most basic infrastructure including schools, hospitals and roads. In the face of great need, we are steadily making real and tangible improvements at the community level.

More recently I was able to attend the opening of a ChildFund built school in Cambodia. I was inspired by

the motivation of the community who were fully engaged in constructing their new school, and the vitality of the children enjoying the new classrooms, educational materials and playground. The value of education in opening up new futures for the children was clearly evident.

My family have been child sponsors with ChildFund Australia for many years now. We are regular correspondents with Thoan in Vietnam, Kamo in PNG and Hea in Cambodia. We have been lucky enough to visit Hea and I know that our connection with these children has enriched my family and helped them understand how lucky we are.

Recently the Board approved a new Strategic Plan for ChildFund Australia for the coming years. It commits us to bringing about tangible improvements for children in many of the world's poorest communities.

I feel privileged to lead an organisation that is working towards creating a better life for so many children and their families. But this would not be possible without the dedication of staff members, and continued generosity of our supporters. On behalf of the children we support, thank you.

James Sheffield
Chair
ChildFund Australia

The 12 months to June 2011 has seen continuing global uncertainty. The world economy has been volatile and unpredictable. Food and fuel prices have been pushed up in poor communities. Many countries – both in the developed and developing world – are struggling to build stability in their home economies.

Through the year millions of people were hit hard by natural disasters. Torrential rains and cyclonic weather conditions resulted in extreme flooding in Brazil, Pakistan, the Philippines, Sri Lanka and even at home in Australia where Queensland experienced the brunt of massive flooding. An earthquake brought tragic loss to Christchurch, New Zealand and earthquake activity caused a terrifying tsunami resulting in massive devastation in Japan. A repeated lack of rainfall in eastern Africa has led to a horrific humanitarian emergency in Somalia, Kenya and Ethiopia.

These global events have made it even more difficult to address the causes and impact of child poverty. Nevertheless, progress continues to be made. During the year national leaders gathered at the United Nations to review ten years of progress toward the globally agreed poverty-reduction targets – the Millennium Development Goals. Their analysis finds that significant progress has been made over the past two decades. Almost 90% of children worldwide are now enrolled in primary school, access to clean water has increased, new HIV infections are declining and child deaths have been reduced annually by four million.

However, some countries have made almost no progress and in many places the benefits of economic growth are not reaching children in remote and marginalised communities. There is also a very real risk that the gains that have been made could be lost because of continued global turmoil.

Despite challenges close to home, many Australians have maintained their support for efforts to tackle poverty and its causes. This was demonstrated during the year by the inspiring commitment of ChildFund child sponsors, Project Humanity supporters, community fundraisers, corporate supporters and other donors. It was also reflected politically in the bipartisan commitment to increase the aid budget to 0.5% of national income by 2015. The report of the Government's Independent Review of Aid Effectiveness has provided valuable recommendations that should further improve the Australian international aid effort.

This support inspires renewed commitment and has made possible the expansion of ChildFund programs to children in poor communities in the Mekong region, as well as humanitarian relief, education, health and protection programs for children in countries throughout Africa, Asia and the Americas. The progress for children is outlined in this Annual Report and is made possible thanks to your generous support.

Nigel Spence
CEO
ChildFund Australia



Nigel with teacher and students at a ChildFund Australia supported school in Papua New Guinea

Bringing about change for children

Progress is being made to reduce child poverty around the world – child mortality rates are reducing, more children are in school, and access to clean water is increasing. However, this progress is unacceptably slow and uneven. Around eight million young children continue to die each year from illnesses that are preventable.

ChildFund Australia's work is based on the understanding that communities suffer from poverty because they lack vital assets such as education, health, income, clean water and sanitation. They are excluded and invisible in their societies and lack power in their families, communities, societies and across nations.

Children in particular experience poverty through a shifting and dynamic mixture of deprivation, exclusion and vulnerability. Their experience is shaped by the relationships around them – especially with their caregivers. And, children and youth are particularly vulnerable to risks in their environment, which can result in dramatic increases in poverty. Risks include physical and sexual abuse, exploitation, natural and human-caused emergencies, slow-onset disasters and civil conflict.

Because these are the causes of child poverty, ChildFund Australia works to secure children's rights by:

1. building human, capital, natural and social assets around the child and their caregivers
2. building the voice of children and their ability to bring about the changes they want in their lives
3. supporting the ability of people in poor communities to build and claim their power
4. ensuring that children are protected from risks in their environment.

In each country and community where we work, ChildFund Australia programs are designed to respond to the causes of child poverty, based on consultations with community members, governments and other partners. Each program is made up of a set of projects in sectors such as education, health, livelihoods, nutrition and food security, water and sanitation, HIV and AIDS, and child protection. Together these activities, and the way we implement them, build the assets for children in poor communities, reduce their experience of exclusion, increase their power and strengthen child protection.

With the approach of the Millennium Development Goals deadline in 2015, ChildFund Australia is embarking on a new strategic plan. This firmly commits the organisation to action that will improve conditions for children and build support for their rights.



A young girl at the Loipi early childhood centre in Kenya

ChildFund Australia Strategic Plan 2011- 2015

Goal 1: Achieve tangible improvements for children

Goal 2: Strengthen protection for children

Goal 3: Amplify children's voice & empower children

Goal 4: Build mutual understanding & respect for children

Goal 5: Grow ChildFund Australia's work

Goal 6: Collaborate to achieve change

Goal 7: Build organisational effectiveness



During 2010-11, ChildFund Australia and partners delivered health monitoring initiatives for pregnant women and children under five, immunisation programs, childhood illness education, training for birth attendants, midwives and village health workers and new medical equipment and supplies. Program highlights:

- 502 children living in rural communities in PNG were immunised, and 22 village health workers trained in monitoring child growth and diagnosing common illnesses.
- In Senegal, ChildFund established 1,371 Health Huts to provide rural healthcare. Local volunteers were trained to provide support and treatment to their own community.
- As malaria is one of the leading causes of child mortality in Timor-Leste, ChildFund distributed 1,235 bednets to families, who were also trained in malaria prevention and treatment.
- ChildFund partnered with the Bolivian Ministry of Health to monitor and support children during their first two years of life. Community-based health workers trained by ChildFund visited mothers at home to ensure normal growth and development.
- In Vietnam, 5,426 mothers and caregivers took part in training on maternity and child health, so that they could recognise and manage childhood illnesses.
- ChildFund partnered with Physicians for Peace in Haiti to provide custom-fitted prosthetic limbs, medical equipment, and a summer camp designed specifically for children living with a disability.

Suyapa's story

In the rural village of Lepaterique, ChildFund Honduras has implemented a maternal and child health program in close partnership with the local community.

Jessica, due to have her second baby, works as a volunteer health monitor, conducting monthly weigh-ins and providing information about nutrition to other mothers. Why does she do it? "For the love of the children," she says. "Just knowing that I'm helping my community — that there won't be dead children."

For local mother Suyapa, the health service means that she has been able to monitor the progress of the younger three of her seven children. When asked about her experience with the health monitors, she says: "I tell the other people who go that the main reason why I take the kids is for me," she says, "for me to know that my children are growing safely and well."



Suyapa and her daughter Luz-Marina



Indonesia

Nearly 50% of Indonesia's 76 million children suffer from malnourishment. Infant nutrition is a key focus of ChildFund Indonesia's programs and during the last year it worked in partnership with mothers to help them improve feeding practices using culturally sensitive methods at centres such as the Bina Kasih community health centre (pictured). These groups also gave mothers a chance to learn more about child health issues.

PNG: monitoring mothers

Kora was already a mother of six children when she fell extremely ill shortly before her due date. Fortunately, ChildFund PNG's maternal and child health (MCH) patrol team arrived in the village to conduct their routine antenatal clinic. This team works in partnership with government health professionals, and also trains village volunteers. The team recognised Kora's condition, and provided the necessary treatment. However, after the birth of her child Kora's condition remained critical, and the team moved her to hospital, where she received further care until well enough to return home.



Varo, a village health volunteer trained by ChildFund, examines Kora, who is in the final weeks of her seventh pregnancy, in the space of ten years.



Kora is found to have severe clinical anaemia as well as malaria. The team diagnoses Kora as a 'high risk' patient.



Kora is provided with the necessary treatment - a week later, Kora delivers a baby boy with the help of her family and local community.



A week after giving birth to Ila, the ChildFund health team discover that Kora is extremely unwell, and refer her to the hospital for care.



After being diagnosed with a puerperal infection and anaemia, and given an urgent blood transfusion, Kora is nursed back to health at the hospital.



Two months later, and both mother and son are in good health, and Kora is able to return to work at the family's vegetable stall.



Education is essential in breaking the cycle of poverty. During the last year, ChildFund Australia and partners constructed and renovated school buildings, provided education equipment including mobile libraries, and conducted teacher training courses. Program highlights:

- In the Nonghet district of Laos, ChildFund built two new primary schools, after a four-month process of clearing the sites of unexploded ordnance.
- 406 youth in The Gambia took part in a new entrepreneurship and economics education program, run by ChildFund in partnership with Junior Achievement Worldwide.
- ChildFund Cambodia embarked on a school upgrade program, and provided 27 libraries, 19 playgrounds as well as water and sanitation facilities for primary schools.
- In Vietnam, ChildFund constructed five new classrooms, 1 preschool and provided new school equipment.
- 240 families in Ethiopia received fuel-saving stoves and other energy efficient items so that children could be freed of household chores and attend school.
- Pupils and teachers from five primary schools in PNG took part in a backyard garden training course, and are now growing fruit trees to supplement the diet of students.



Returning to school is critical for Ravi's future

Sri Lanka: time to learn

After more than a quarter of a century, Sri Lanka's civil war finally ended in 2009. But the impact is continuing to be felt, with thousands of families in the north forced to leave their homes for displaced persons camps, infrastructure destroyed and childhoods put on hold.

In 12 year-old Ravi's hometown, the school buildings were in such a poor state of repair that many teachers took their class outside to learn, sitting on tarps spread on the ground. Sitting or kneeling on hard-packed earth for up to six hours a day made learning for children a daily struggle.

In response, ChildFund Sri Lanka provided all nine schools in Killinochi with basic classroom furniture and other materials, including student tables and chairs, teacher tables and chairs, cabinets, filing cabinets, white boards, markers and more.



Aarti (in yellow) with her family

Shimla, Aarti's mother, joined a ChildFund-supported self-help group, which she now leads. Over a few months, the 17 group members contributed small sums until they had saved enough to begin lending to members or others in the neighbourhood for livelihood initiatives. "I have taken a loan to help my husband sell vegetables," she says. "My husband and children no longer make bangles. We are all out of it now."

Aarti's story

Thirteen-year old Aarti lives in Firozabad, known as India's Glass City and famous for its bangles and beads which are exported all over the world. What few people realise is that these products are often made by children.

For a while, Aarti was one of those children, after dropping out of school in fifth class to work full-time in bangle making. She says: "I never enjoyed making bangles — it was repetitive, and I was often tired and suffered from headaches, but it helped improve my family's income."

Aarti's stint in bangle work ended when she was enrolled in ChildFund's programs and was able to return to school. Aarti says: "I love school, and I enjoy learning new things. My favourite subject is Hindi. I love my teacher. She always supports and helps me, and encourages me to learn. I want to be like her when I grow up — I want to become a teacher."

ChildFund's efforts to protect children from harmful work situations focus not only on the child but also on the family.

Kenya: removing obstacles

Both Hillary and Helen are teenagers, and have spent most of their life without sight. While they live in one of the poorest parts of Kenya, they are lucky enough to be students at the Marigat Integrated School.

This school was established by ChildFund Kenya, the Marigat Family Helper Project and Sight Savers International. It gives vision-impaired children the same chance to reach their potential as sighted children. In operation for over 20 years, this school provides both blind and sighted children a mainstream learning environment, as well as dormitory facilities for students who live far away.

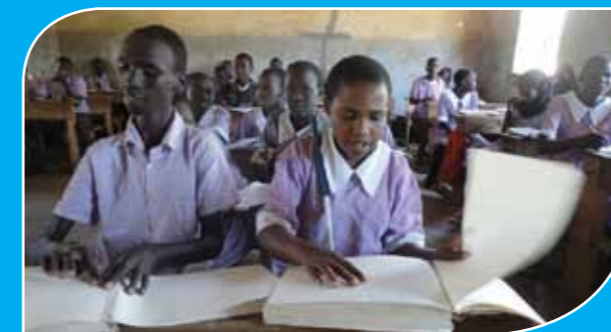
The school offers special-needs teachers (some of whom are visually impaired) and a resource centre with braille texts. Another staff member trained in braille support is available to transcribe, generate braille materials and repair braille typewriters.



The Marigat Integrated school.



The school head teacher, Mr Reuben Koima Kennei.



Hillary and Helen are members of a class for students of all abilities.



Hillary, left, and Helen (2nd from right) get reading support from their sighted peers.



"I like making friends, and being taught by role models who are also visually impaired."



Some of the students walk from their dormitory to class.



In 2010-11, ChildFund Australia and partners worked in partnership with families to develop new ways of income-generation, and strengthen food security for the community. This included agriculture and livestock training, vocational learning and microfinance programs. Program highlights:

- ChildFund Zambia built a new hammer mill, which means women can now grind their own maize. Managed by the community, the profits are used to provide loans and training.
- In Guinea, ChildFund's distribution of high-quality seeds, farming tools and water purification solutions meant many families saw crop yields increase by as much as 40%.
- 963 youth took part in life skills training in Cambodia, with a focus on leadership, safe migration, HIV/AIDS, child rights and basic employment skills.
- In Ethiopia, the gift of a cow by ChildFund has given many families the opportunity to supplement their diet, and generate an income through milk-sales.
- ChildFund Sri Lanka provided vocational training to youth in Jaffna, many of whom missed out on an education due to the war. Start-up capital was also made available to help young people set up their own businesses.
- In Vietnam, 793 savings and credit groups were established to provide loans and saving accounts to 1,500 households.

George's story

George lives in Central Province in Papua New Guinea, and his family income is reliant on agriculture. After attending a vegetable farming and duck management course, George has been able to diversify the food he produces.

George explains: "Before the training I concentrated on bananas, taro and yams only – the normal staples. They take a year and a half between planting and selling. After the training I realised that I could make a faster income from vegetable farming."



George is now selling his vegetables to supermarkets

George has grown a variety of produce, including Chinese cabbage, capsicum, eggplant, lettuce, tomatoes, green boy (Japanese greens), winter melon (like water melon), and carrots. Some are sold directly to supermarkets in Port Moresby, and lettuce is proving the most profitable.

This increased income has been hugely beneficial for George's family. He explains; "I've been able to buy them new clothes and pay school fees very fast. Before we were late in paying or sometimes didn't pay at all."



Bernard inspecting his maize and cassava garden

Uganda: giving youth skills and sustenance

Benard is 23 years old and lives in Busia, Uganda. As a child, he grew up in a family which struggled to survive – food was often in short supply, and his parents were unable to afford to send the children to school.

However, his situation changed after joining ChildFund Uganda's livelihood program, focused on helping young people to establish their own agriculture and livestock activities.

Initially, Bernard was given two goats and 10 kilograms of maize. He planted all ten kilograms of the maize, and his first season produced a fantastic harvest. This allowed him access to three bags of maize, and open up more land. For the next harvest, he expects to harvest around 20 bags of maize.

Eventually, Bernard hopes to sell enough produce to buy his own piece of land. In the meantime, he is taking care of his family – food scarcity is no longer a daily concern, and Bernard is able to contribute to his siblings' school fees.

Cambodia: working from home

In many rural villages of Cambodia, young people are forced to migrate to urban centres in search of work. For Phalla, now 23 years-old, this journey meant working alongside her father in construction, and being employed as an unskilled labourer in a garment factory.

To generate more livelihood opportunities, ChildFund Cambodia implemented the Youth for Development program in Svay Yea commune. This provides vocational training to young people and includes leadership, life skills and business training.

After her father's death, Phalla returned to her village, but earned very little from selling sugar palm and farming. Phalla chose sewing for her training course, and eventually she and five other trainees established their own tailor shops. ChildFund provided each of them with sewing machines and materials, as well as ongoing business mentoring.

Phalla's entrepreneurship didn't end there – she now generates a second income by raising chickens and ducks at home. "In the past, I usually followed others without having clear goal. Now I have a specific livelihood that allows me to stay in the community with my family." Phalla has also been selected and trained to be a community resource trainer, so that she can pass on her knowledge and skills to younger people in her community.



Phalla presents her business plan to other trainees



Phalla feeding her chickens and ducks



Phalla working at her village tailor shop



Preparing a training session for the child club

Vietnam: fresh eggs and income

Many families in Vietnam now have a new source of income from their chicken farm, as well as fresh eggs to eat, following the implementation of ChildFund's livelihoods program. These initiatives included training in cropping and livestock husbandry, improving irrigation, and vocational training for young people in pig-rearing. ChildFund also helped many communities to establish savings and credit groups, which provided loans to families to help them begin a new business.



A young boy counting his family's chicks



Many childhood diseases are the result of poor water and sanitation. During the last 12 months, ChildFund Australia and partners provided communities with access to safe drinking water, such as tanks, boreholes, wells and gravity-fed water systems; constructed new latrines, and provided health and hygiene training. Program highlights:

- In Laos, ChildFund improved the water supply systems for six villages, to ensure that they have year-round access to clean water.
- As part of ChildFund Vietnam's health education campaign, children in Bac Kan held a Festival of Hand-Washing, including drama and the best way to clean hands.
- ChildFund Ethiopia constructed water catchment systems on the roofs of primary schools, so that students can access fresh water to drink and clean with while at school.
- 540 families in Cambodia received new latrines, as well as training on hygiene and latrine maintenance.
- Four boreholes were drilled by ChildFund Zambia to provide water for irrigation, and to alleviate water shortages.
- The community members of nine villages in PNG were trained on how to construct latrines and water catchment systems.

Cambodia: community access

Communities in Svay Rieng province constructed 60 new wells this year. To ensure their long-term use, ChildFund established Quality Assurance Committees in each village, made up of local people who received training in well maintenance, and who can now monitor the water to check that it is safe to drink.



Children enjoying access to water in their own village



Angelina enjoying some fresh well water

Timor Leste: fresh from the tap

Until recently in a small village in the Maliana district, families had to walk three kilometres to the local river to collect water for their household and hygiene needs. Clothes washing and bathing was done on the river bank, while water for cooking and household consumption was carried back in plastic containers - often by children.

While families were aware of the need to boil water before drinking, around half of all children under the age of five suffered from diarrhoea. In a country where health services are few, and child mortality rates are high, it is vital to prevent waterborne illnesses in order to improve the health of children.

Working with a local partner, Hamutuk, ChildFund implemented a water, sanitation and hygiene project in the village. First, three water wells were constructed, including special communal areas for washing and cleaning clothes.

Second, ChildFund built facilities, and trained the local community about diarrhoea prevention and hygiene practices.

Now, the water is clean and can be drunk straight from the well. Eight-year-old Angelina is happy to drink fresh water without first having to fetch it and wait for her mother to boil it. She has also learned that "washing hands will stop us from getting sick".

ChildFund's HIV and AIDS programs focus on individual and community needs. During 2010-11, ChildFund Australia and partners provided healthcare, awareness and prevention campaigns, as well as support to families impacted by HIV/AIDS, in the form of livelihood activities and educational subsidies. Program highlights:

- ChildFund PNG's trained peer educators, who are local volunteers, conducted 90 HIV and AIDS awareness sessions in their own communities.
- In Uganda, families of orphaned and HIV/AIDS affected children received their own heifer from ChildFund's local partner. The heifers provide milk for families as well as manure to improve agricultural yields.
- In Angola, ChildFund staff trained 900 youth peer educators who were able to educate 40,000 of their peers on HIV transmission, as well as other health topics.
- 1,000 families in Uganda living with HIV/AIDS were provided with water filtration systems, to prevent illnesses from being contracted from water-borne disease.
- 1,866 youth in Cambodia took part in HIV training, which focused on prevention, transmission, impacts and self-care.

Vietnam: time to talk

At a commune health centre in rural Cao Phong district, 100 people gathered to listen to community leaders talk about HIV and AIDS. Aimed at increasing awareness, these Topic Talks were organised by ChildFund in ten communes, and focused on dispelling myths about the disease as a means of reducing discrimination. Showing people how to use a condom soon broke the ice, and a lively Q&A session followed. Hien, who has lived with the disease for over 13 years, and presents at many Topic Talk sessions, said: "HIV/AIDS infected people do not die of HIV/AIDS itself, but people's discrimination."



Dispelling myths about HIV is a priority for ChildFund in Vietnam



Zambia: memory books

In Zambia, ChildFund is encouraging people with HIV and AIDS to create memory books (pictured below). These ensure that their children, who may be orphaned at a young age, are given a sense of their family history, as well as some personal mementos and messages from their parents. For people who are unable to write, memory boxes, in which personal items can be stored, offer an alternative to the books. Using locally produced woven baskets or clay pots, individuals can place family mementos, photographs and other belongings inside the box, and provide a keepsake for their children.





The Americas

Bolivia, Brazil, Dominica, Ecuador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Paraguay, St Vincent



Africa

Angola, Benin, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Ethiopia, The Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Kenya, Liberia, Mali, Mozambique, Rwanda, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Togo, Uganda, Zambia

ChildFund Australia is a member of the ChildFund Alliance, a global network of 12 organisations working to assist more than 16 million children and their communities in 51 countries.

The members of the Alliance collectively committed \$504 million (USD) in the previous financial year to support child-centred development programs.

ChildFund Alliance programs focus on activities that bring positive outcomes for children in every stage of their lives, from infancy to young adulthood. ChildFund Alliance programs address early childhood care and development, health, education, water & sanitation, food security, livelihoods and child protection. ChildFund also responds to humanitarian emergencies and natural disasters with a sharp focus on the special needs of children in the midst of crisis.

Asia & Pacific

Afghanistan, Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Mongolia, Nepal, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, South Korea, 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

Members of the ChildFund Alliance also implemented smaller programs in Albania, Belarus, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, Serbia and the USA. Financial support has also been provided to partner NGOs working in Haiti, and to ChildFund Japan following the earthquake and tsunami.

ChildFund Australia's community of supporters continues to grow each year and engage with our work in a variety of ways. In 2010-11, we hosted our first outreach event, inviting supporters to meet ChildFund staff from Papua New Guinea. We also helped arrange sponsor visits for 50 supporters travelling abroad to meet their sponsored children. Our community fundraisers got behind us in all sorts of imaginative ways, from climbing mountains to hosting wearable art shows. This year, we have also grown our online community with more people joining us on Facebook and Twitter. We would like to thank all of our supporters who inspire us with their passion and generosity. Here are some of the year's highlights.



ChildFund chair James Sheffield with guests

On top of the world!

Husband and wife team Rolf and Emma climbed Mount Kilimanjaro, raising over \$3,000 for ChildFund Australia. Rolf even braved the sub zero temperatures to pose at the summit in his ChildFund t-shirt. Amazing effort!



Rolf makes it to the top of Kilimanjaro

Garage sale for good

Amy, Darcy, Emma, Elizabeth, Marnie and Rhiannon, from Killarney Heights Baha'i Junior Youth Group, came up with the idea of a garage sale to raise money for ChildFund Australia's Donations with a Difference program. The group set out to purchase a water buffalo for a family in Indonesia and ended up raising close to \$1,000 – enough to buy not just the buffalo but four goats, 12 fruit trees and 10 baby chickens!



Profits went towards a buffalo in Indonesia

Sponsor visit to Sri Lanka



Chris meets sponsored child Isuru

Sponsor visits are a great way to connect with families and see first-hand the work that ChildFund has supported in their community. Chris and Elizabeth Whitelaw discovered this when they travelled to Sri Lanka to visit 17-year-old Isuru, who they've been sponsoring since 2007. A highlight of their trip was discovering that Isuru was the first member of his family to pass his O levels (Year 10 Certificate equivalent), assisted by extra tuition provided through ChildFund. Chris says: "We were as pleased and proud as we had been with our own children's accomplishments at that age."

PNG Supporter Event

We had a great turnout at our first supporter event for Papua New Guinea. Our special guest for the night was ChildFund PNG country director Andrew Ikupu, who took everyone on a visual journey to his country and talked first-hand about the work ChildFund is doing in PNG. Board chair James Sheffield also enjoyed having the chance to meet some of our wonderful supporters.

Facts & figures

- Total ChildFund Australia sponsors: 55,406
- New ChildFund Australia sponsors in 2010-211: 7,652
- ChildFund Alliance sponsors worldwide: 650,000
- Total ChildFund Australia Project Humanity partners: 6,982

Aussie kids get connected

ChildFund Connect is a new AusAID funded program from ChildFund Australia, which gives Australian children aged 10-12 years the opportunity to connect with their peers in developing countries.

Using a variety of multimedia tools, with a central website acting as the hub for all communications and child-created content, the program allows children here to learn about their peers in countries where ChildFund Australia works. Using an enquiry-led learning process, children have the chance to explore each other's lives as well as wider global development issues.

During the pilot phase of the program in 2010-11, children from four schools in New South Wales linked with children in Laos and Vietnam. One Australian pupil said: "I liked that we could talk to people in new ways and interact with people in other countries." In Vietnam, another student reflected: "I liked that we had the chance to meet friends in Australia and learn more about other people."



Kelly & Raul from the ChildFund Connect team working with kids in Timor-Leste

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Frankie J Holden
Sue Ismiel
Lynne McGranger
Michelle Pettigrove



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

Indonesia: October 2010

Mount Merapi, Indonesia’s most active volcano, erupted violently on the afternoon of 26 October. An estimated 280,000 people were forced to leave their homes and move to emergency camps.

In addition to distributing emergency supplies, such as hygiene kits, clothes, blankets and sleeping mats, ChildFund Indonesia set up child-centred spaces at a number of evacuation shelters. These spaces protect displaced children, particularly any that are unaccompanied, and ensure their basic survival and care needs are met.

Children had access to food and water, healthcare, as well as an environment in which to draw, play and tell stories, keeping them occupied and providing a distraction from their traumatic situation.

Hurmiyati, a teacher at the child-centred space in Deyangan camp, said: “Child-centred spaces makes the children happy. The children may be living in evacuee camps, but they still have a right to education.”



A child-centred space in a camp in Magelang

Sri Lanka: January 2011

Monsoon rains in Sri Lanka caused severe flooding, affecting over one million people and forcing 360,000 into emergency relief camps. The eastern region of Batticaloa was the worst-hit, with the heaviest rainfall in over 100 years.

Families in these areas were only beginning to rebuild their lives after the end of the civil war in 2009. Both these areas were also affected by the 2004 Asian tsunami.

ChildFund’s emergency response included the distribution of dry rations, milk packets, medicine, soap and bedding to affected families. Larger scale relief and rehabilitation programs included the repair of water sources and sanitation facilities that had been contaminated by the floods, as well as chlorinating wells and communities in water treatment techniques. ChildFund also implemented a number of cash-for-work interventions, including income support to families who took part in repairing community infrastructure such as roads and irrigation channels.



Drinking water in Batticaloa was contaminated by the floods

Japan: March 2011

The massive earthquake and tsunami which devastated Japan’s northeast region left over 15,000 people dead, and forced the evacuation of more than 80,000.

Ordinarily, ChildFund Japan raises funds for programs supporting children in developing countries. However, when this disaster struck, it was well-placed to offer support to children at home.

With financial support from ChildFund Australia and other members of the ChildFund Alliance, ChildFund Japan was able to provide immediate assistance to communities impacted by the earthquake, by distributing food, clean water, shelter and blankets.

Over the longer-term, ChildFund Japan has worked in partnership with government bodies and schools to run pyschosocial workshops, provide training in grief counselling, and re-equip schools to allow children to return to school.

Horn of Africa Crisis

At the time of publication, ChildFund Australia is providing emergency humanitarian assistance in response to the devastating crisis which is affecting more than 13 million people across countries in East Africa. ChildFund’s response includes the distribution of food, water and medical aid through ChildFund Early Childhood Centres in affected regions of Kenya and Ethiopia.

Statement of comprehensive income year ended 30 June 2011

Income statement	2011 (\$)	2010 (\$)
REVENUE		
Monetary donations & gifts		
Child sponsorship donations	26,476,506	26,377,474
Other donations	5,557,891	5,212,025
	32,034,397	31,589,499
Legacies & bequests	32,879	622,288
Grants		
AusAID	3,884,723	4,571,784
Other Australian	255,000	-
Overseas	3,309,033	2,391,455
	7,448,756	6,963,239
Investment income	484,463	317,018
Other income	423,126	382,024
Total revenue	40,423,621	39,874,068
EXPENDITURE		
International programs		
Funds to international programs	29,961,051	29,407,787
Program support costs	1,311,520	1,177,984
	31,272,571	30,585,771
Community education	615,416	396,527
Fundraising costs		
Public	4,516,221	5,388,469
Government, multilateral & private	116,918	79,837
Accountability and administration	2,385,403	1,951,830
Total expenditure	38,906,529	38,402,434
Excess of revenue over expenditure	1,517,092	1,471,634
Other comprehensive income		
Net change in fair value of available-for-sale financial assets	44,133	129,862
Total comprehensive income for the year	1,561,225	1,601,496

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

Statement of financial position as at 30 June 2011

	2011 (\$)	2010 (\$)
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	4,320,063	5,855,703
Trade and other receivables	549,014	509,281
Financial assets	5,200,000	1,850,000
Total current assets	10,069,077	8,214,984
Financial assets	1,962,888	1,633,844
Property, plant and equipment	1,021,899	988,944
Total non-current assets	2,984,787	2,622,788
Total assets	13,053,864	10,837,772
LIABILITIES		
Trade and other payables	6,816,082	6,255,084
Borrowings	3,041	4,274
Provisions	274,370	184,433
Total current liabilities	7,093,493	6,443,791
Borrowings	-	3,041
Provisions	65,510	57,304
Total non-current liabilities	65,510	60,345
Total liabilities	7,159,003	6,504,136
Net assets	5,894,861	4,333,636
EQUITY		
Unrestricted reserves		
Retained surplus	3,791,476	2,366,074
Bequest reserve	500,000	500,000
Fair-value reserve	179,158	135,025
	4,470,634	3,001,099
Restricted reserves	1,424,227	1,332,537
Total equity	5,894,861	4,333,636

The following statement of financial position categories have zero (\$0) balances: Inventories, Assets held for sale, Non-current trade and receivables, Investment property, Intangibles, Other non-current assets, Other current financial liabilities, Other current liabilities, Other non-current financial liabilities, Other non-current liabilities. There are no net tax liabilities.

Statement of changes in equity year ended 30 June 2011

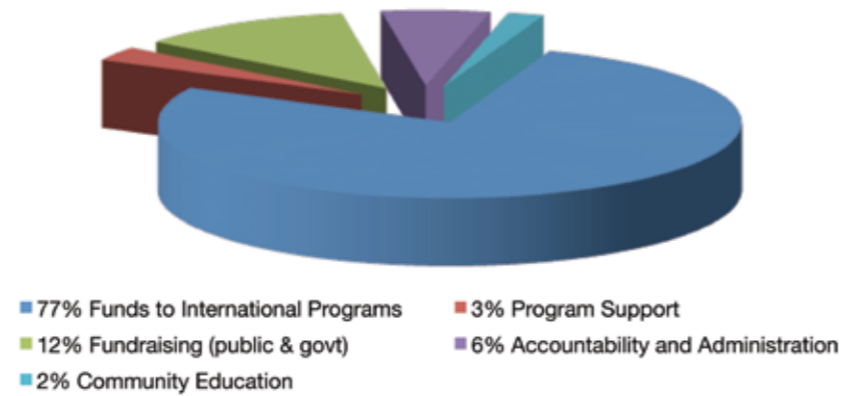
	Retained surplus \$	Bequest reserve \$	Fair value reserve \$	Restricted reserve \$	Total equity \$
Balance as at 1 July 2009	1,560,337	-	5,163	1,166,640	2,732,140
Total comprehensive income for the period					
Excess of revenue over expenditure	1,471,634	-	-	-	1,471,634
Other comprehensive income					
Net change in fair value of available-for-sale 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)	-
Balance as at 30 June 2010	2,366,074	500,000	135,025	1,332,537	4,333,636
Balance as at 1 July 2010	2,366,074	500,000	135,025	1,332,537	4,333,636
Total comprehensive income for the period					
Excess of revenue over expenditure	1,517,092	-	-	-	1,517,092
Other comprehensive income					
Net change in fair value of available-for-sale financial assets	-	-	44,133	-	44,133
Transfers to restricted funds	(3,005,428)	-	-	3,005,428	-
Transfers from restricted funds	2,913,738	-	-	(2,913,738)	-
Balance as at 30 June 2011	3,791,476	500,000	179,158	1,424,227	5,894,861

Table of cash movements for designated purposes year ended 30 June 2011

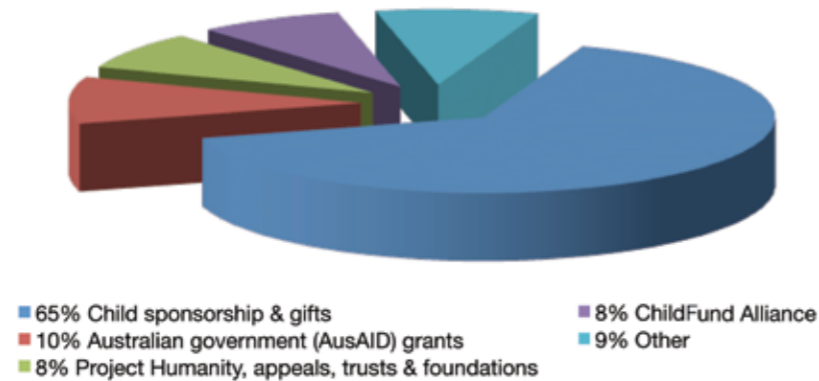
	Cash available 1 July 2010	Cash raised during the year	Cash disbursed during year	Cash available 30 June 2011
Total for all other purposes	5,855,703	40,545,902	42,081,542	4,320,063
Total	5,855,703	40,545,902	42,081,542	4,320,063

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



Source of Income



Independent report to the members of ChildFund Australia



We have audited the summarised financial report of ChildFund Australia for the year ended 30 June 2011, 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 dated 14 September 2011, 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.

B. Mitchell, Partner, KPMG
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Notes:

*Audited full financial statements are available from the ChildFund Australia website at www.childfund.org.au.

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. A copy of the full financial report for the year 2010-11, can be downloaded from www.childfund.org.au.

Members of the ChildFund Australia Board

James Sheffield (Chair)

James is General Manager of Home Loans at the Commonwealth Bank of Australia where he has also managed deposits and marketing. Prior to that he worked extensively in marketing and has an Honours Degree in Law. James joined the Board in 2004, was elected chair in 2010 and is a member of the Organisational Governance & Board Nominations Committee.

Joanne Thomson (Deputy Chair)

Jo Thomson is an international development specialist having worked in the NGO development sector for 20 years. She has been responsible for managing NGO programs in the Pacific, Asia and Africa having held senior executive positions with Australian NGOs and as a consultant on numerous NGO and AusAID initiatives. Jo joined the Board in 2007 and is the Chair of the Program Review Committee.

Gaye Hart AM

Gaye is Chair of the NSW Regional Development Advisory Council and of Regional Development Australia - Hunter. She has over 20 years experience as an executive and non-executive director in not-for-profit, government and business boards. Gaye's involvement in international development includes a period as Chair of ACFID Code of Conduct Committee, President of ACFID, a member of the Simons Committee to Review the Australian Overseas Aid Program and as a member of the Foreign Minister's Aid Advisory Council. Gaye joined the Board in 2010 and is a member of the Audit & Risk Committee.

Robert William Hogg

Robert William Hogg is a Senior Consultant at Frontier Investment Consulting. He has experience in both advising and managing portfolios for superannuation and investment funds. Robert joined the Board in 2004 and is the Chair of the Fundraising Committee and a member of the Audit & Risk Committee.

Marcus Laithwaite

Marcus Laithwaite is a partner at PricewaterhouseCoopers Sydney, and is a specialist in the financial services industry. He has extensive experience in external and internal audits, risk management, due diligence and regulatory advice. Marcus joined the Board in 2007 and is the Chair of the Audit and Risk Committee and a member of the Fundraising Committee.

Dr Angeline Low

Angeline Low is a Research Fellow at The University of Technology, Sydney and conducts research into entrepreneurship, ethnicity and gender. In addition, she is a board member of the Australian Foundation for Peoples of Asia and the Pacific. Angeline is a former Partner of Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu, Malaysia and is involved in family business in Australia. Angeline joined the Board in 2006 and is a member of the Program Review Committee and the Fundraising Committee.

Dr Judy Mitchell AM

Judy is Deputy Chair of the ACFID Code of Conduct Committee and Chair of the La Trobe University Advisory Group for the Institute for Human Security. She has also served as a board member for Oxfam Australia, including two terms as Chair. She was awarded the Contribution to the Sector Award by ACFID for her contributions to the international development sector in 2010. Judy joined the Board in 2010 and is a member of the Organisational Governance Committee.

Dr Stephen Moss

Stephen Moss is a professional mediator with a background in law, psychology and business. He is currently Vice Chairman of WDScope, an international management consulting firm, Chairman of Eaton Square, an international Investment and Advisory firm and Chairman of The Odin Institute. Stephen joined the Board in 2008 and is chair of the Governance Committee and a member the Program Review Committee.

David Pigott

David Pigott is the Leader Government & Cross Sector Partnerships at Mission Australia. He is a former consultant with PricewaterhouseCoopers Legal and has been an adviser to the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Private Secretary to the Premier of NSW. David joined the Board in 2006 and is a member of the Audit and Risk Committee and the Fundraising Committee.

Michael Rose

Michael Rose is Chief Executive Partner at leading international law firm Allens Arthur Robinson and Chairman of the Historic Houses Trust of New South Wales. He has experience as a commercial lawyer in Australia, the United States and in several Asian countries. Michael joined the Board in 2005, and is a member of the Organisational Governance & Board Nominations Committee. He is also a member of the Board of ChildFund Alliance.

Wendy Rose AM

Wendy Rose is a member of the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID) Executive Committee and a Director of WaterAid Australia. She was the recipient of the 2007 ACFID Contribution to the Sector Award for exceptional commitment to improving the quality of Australia's overseas aid sector. She is an active volunteer in development organisations and former CEO of Save the Children Australia and YWCA Australia. Wendy joined the Board in 2003, and is a member of the Organisational Governance & Board Nominations Committee and the Program Review Committee.

Desmond Semple

Des Semple has a background as CEO of Government Human Service Departments and more recently as a consultant undertaking major structural and organisational changes, across and within Government agencies. Des joined the Board in 2007 and is a member of the Program Review Committee.



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