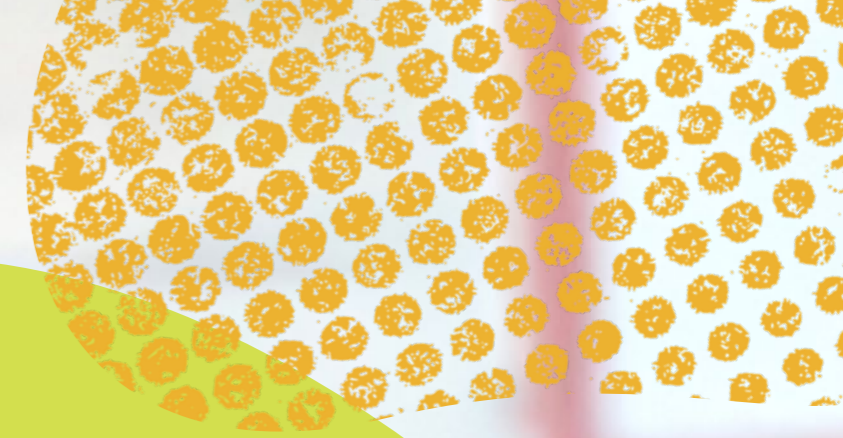




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A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIR

Throughout the last year, my first as Chair of the ChildFund Australia Board, the staff and partners of ChildFund have continued to make an incredible impact on the lives of children in 70 countries across the world.

This year, ChildFund Australia reached 875,758 people, of which over 470,000 were children, through our health, child protection, education, social and emotional learning and disaster risk management projects.

In Papua New Guinea (PNG) and Timor-Leste, for example, our work with partners has focused on strengthening the capacity of community health volunteers. These volunteers deliver community health education, provide essential maternal and child health support including routine childhood immunisation, and facilitate referrals to primary healthcare facilities. In PNG, ChildFund in partnership with the Provincial Health Authorities has supported the delivery of over 16,000 vaccines since 2022 to children and families living in remote and rural communities, helping to combat devastatingly low vaccination rates across the country.

Our Online Safety program (Swipe Safe) had another impactful year and helped thousands of children, families and communities to navigate the online world safely across the Asia-Pacific. In Vietnam, we supported teachers to integrate online safety education into hundreds of lessons. In Indonesia, we worked with parents to build their knowledge and confidence in guiding their children in the digital world.

Closer to home, ChildFund has played a key role in shaping online safety policy and advocating for stronger online protections for children in Australia. In July 2024, we hosted a parliamentary committee event on online safety at Parliament House in Canberra with the Attorney-General, The Hon Mark Dreyfus, the eSafety Commissioner Julie Inman Grant and the Ambassador for Cyber Affairs and Critical Technology Brendan Dowling. Through our Swipe Safe program, we're seeing the immense benefits of creating a world where every child can enjoy the internet without compromising their safety and wellbeing.

This year has seen remarkable impact across our programs, bringing us closer to a world where every child is safe, educated and healthy. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to our dedicated staff and partners, and to our incredible supporters, for making this progress possible.

Your commitment has a transformative impact, helping to create a world where all children can say: "I am safe. I am educated. I contribute. I have a future."

MICHAEL PAIN
CHAIR



A MESSAGE FROM OUR CEO

This year has been a journey of transformation for ChildFund Australia.

Guided by our ambitious 2022-25 strategic plan, we've embraced new ways of working, deepened our commitment to local partnerships, and diversified our funding streams. Despite challenges, our dedicated teams in Australia and across the Asia-Pacific have adapted with remarkable resilience, achieving positive outcomes for children and communities.

The impact we achieved in FY24 wouldn't have been possible without the network of almost 70 local government and civil society organisations we collaborated with. This year, we've deepened these vital partnerships, reaffirming our commitment to locally led development. We've learnt from each other, strengthened capacity and created systems for lasting change. Because when we work together, we create a brighter future for children and communities.

As conflict and protracted crises devastate the lives of millions of children and families across the world, we continue to work closely with ChildFund Alliance members to support children, young people and their families experiencing protracted crisis. In FY24, we reached over 20,000 people through our humanitarian responses in Afghanistan, Cox's Bazar in Bangladesh and Myanmar.

ChildFund Rugby, our main sports for development work, achieved significant milestones expanding its impact on children and communities through the power of sport. This year, we were named Principal Social Impact Partner of World Rugby until 2029 and launched the next phase of the Grassroots to Global series. ChildFund Rugby continues to demonstrate the benefit of sports for development in building youth leadership, breaking gender stereotypes and safeguarding children across the world.

Although the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) commit us to ending all forms of violence against children by 2030, a staggering one billion children still endure violence every year. At ChildFund Australia, child protection continues to be a fundamental part of our work. This year, we worked with local governments, community leaders, child protection professionals, parents and children to strengthen national and community-based child protection systems and challenge social norms that normalise violence. In Papua New Guinea, the 1-Tok Kaunselin Helpim Lain expanded its reach and strengthened its services, ensuring that gender-based violence survivors of all ages have access to compassionate and survivor-centred support.

This annual report is testament to the incredible resilience of children and families living in vulnerable circumstances. In a year marked by significant challenge and change, both within our organisation and across the world, we've continued to support impactful programs thanks to the unwavering support of our partners and donors. We are deeply grateful for the strong network of local partners we work with, and for the tens of thousands of generous Australians who make our work possible.

Children and young people are speaking out, demanding a future free from violence and a voice in the decisions that shape their lives. It's time to listen. It's time to act. Together, we can build a world where their voices are heard, and their rights respected. Thank you.

MARGARET SHEEHAN
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

WHO WE ARE

ChildFund Australia is an international development organisation working to reduce poverty for children and young people in countries across the world.

In partnership with civil society organisations, governments, communities and children, we are creating a world where children and young people, in all their diversity, can assert and realise their rights.

We directly manage and implement programs with partners in Cambodia, Laos, Vietnam, Myanmar, Papua New Guinea, Timor-Leste and other Pacific nations, and support partners to deliver projects throughout Asia, Africa and the Americas.

ChildFund Australia is a member of the ChildFund Alliance - a global network of 11 development and humanitarian organisations reaching nearly 36 million children and their family members in 70 countries.

OUR VISION

At ChildFund Australia, our vision is a world without poverty where all children and young people can say: 'I am safe. I am educated. I contribute. I have a future.'

Together with partners, children, communities and ChildFund supporters, we drive positive change by:

BUILDING STRONGER COMMUNITIES

We work hand-in-hand with families, community leaders and local governments to create safe and supportive environments for all children.

BREAKING DOWN BARRIERS TO EDUCATION

We create pathways for children to access quality education, opening doors to opportunity and a brighter future.

CHAMPIONING CHILD AND MATERNAL HEALTH

We support community access to essential healthcare services, helping mothers and children receive the care they need.

EMPOWERING CHILDREN TO RAISE THEIR VOICES

We create opportunities for children and young people to advocate for their rights and participate in decisions that affect their lives.

Our values are Respect, Integrity, Change, Collaboration, Empowerment and Excellence.



OUR GLOBAL IMPACT IN FY24

Creating lasting change together.

AU\$37.4 MILLION

Spent on programs globally

AU\$20.5 MILLION

Raised by our donors to invest
in a healthier and safer childhood
for all children

79 PROJECTS

In the poorest countries across
the world

875,758

Individuals were directly reached
through ChildFund Australia's
programs

473,923

Children were supported to stay
safe, healthy and educated

69

Partners supported to deliver
programs helping children and
communities living in poverty

18

Civil society partners received
additional investment to
strengthen their organisational
and programmatic capacity in
areas of financial management,
and Gender Equity, Disability and
Social Inclusion (GEDSI)

37

Advocacy meetings with MPs,
advisors, departmental
staff and key Ambassadors that
influenced policy for children

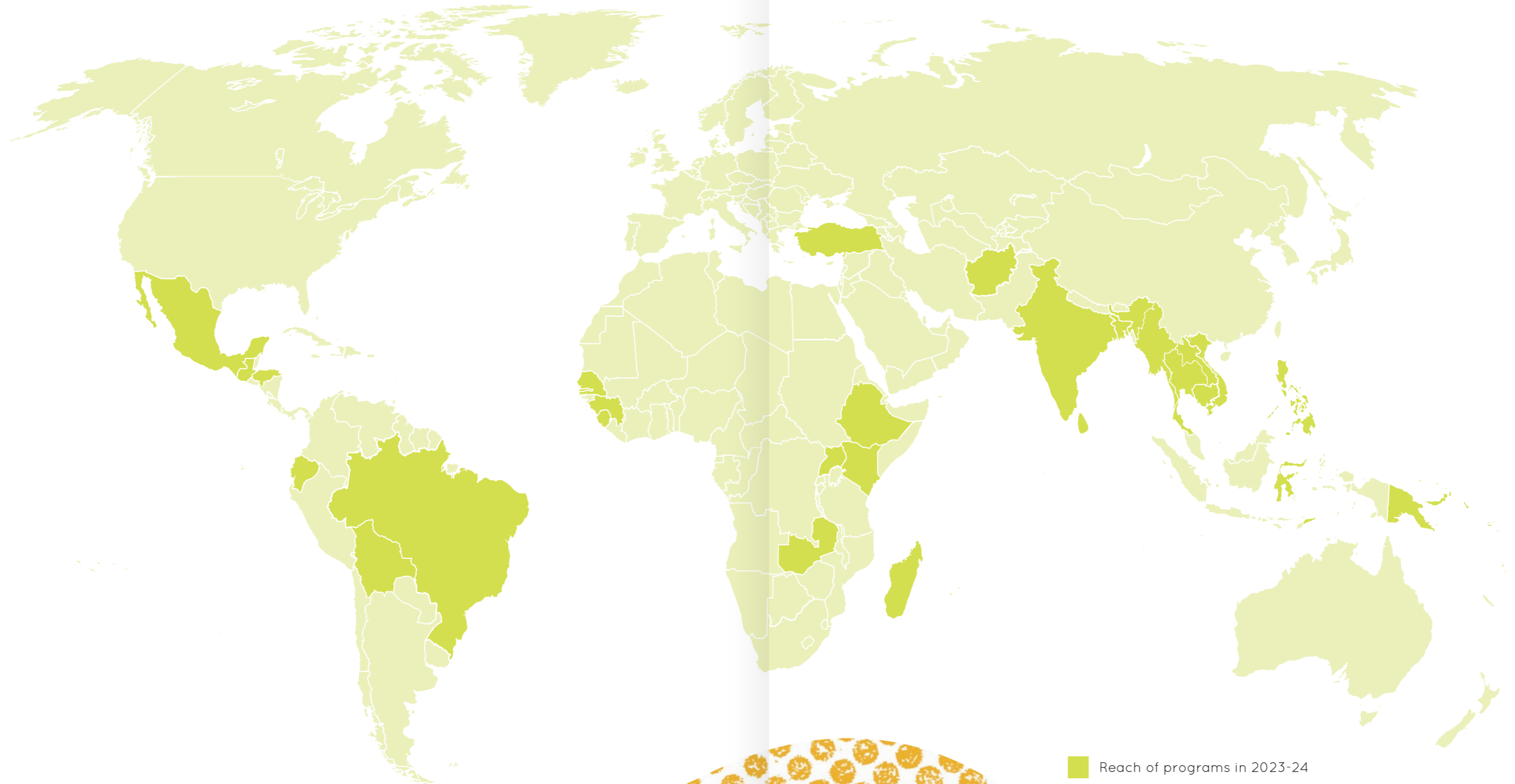
Thanks to your ongoing commitment, we are
building a world without poverty where all children
and young people can say: 'I am safe. I am educated.
I contribute. I have a future.'



WHERE WE WORK

Funds raised in FY24 supported a combination of programs managed and implemented by ChildFund Australia, our partners and ChildFund Alliance members, reaching communities in 31 countries, including:

- Afghanistan
- Bangladesh
- Bolivia
- Brazil
- Cambodia
- Ecuador
- Ethiopia
- Fiji
- Guatemala
- Guinea
- Honduras
- India
- Indonesia
- Kenya
- Laos
- Madagascar
- Mexico
- Myanmar
- Papua New Guinea
- Philippines
- Senegal
- Sierra Leone
- Sri Lanka
- Thailand
- The Gambia
- The Solomon Islands
- Timor-Leste
- Türkiye
- Uganda
- Vietnam
- Zambia



CHILD PROTECTION



ChildFund Australia supports communities to protect children by providing essential training, and resources to strengthen formal and community-based child protection mechanisms.

In FY24, we worked with partners across Cambodia, Myanmar, Papua New Guinea, the Solomon Islands, Timor-Leste and Vietnam to build a safer future for children.

HIGHLIGHTS

22
Projects across the Asia-Pacific

683,864
People participated in a range of child protection activities

2,310
Social workers, child protection officers and other service providers trained

439
Child protection cases reported and responded to

WARNING: These stories feature descriptions of violence and abuse.

Strengthening communities' response to child protection in Myanmar

Children in Myanmar are bearing a heavy burden, caught in the crossfire of conflict, poverty and exploitation. This has led to a severe child protection crisis. In Myanmar, we're working with partners to strengthen community-based child protection mechanisms, ensuring that children, parents and community leaders can identify risks, seek help, and access essential services.

This year, we supported 180 child protection awareness sessions, reaching over 2,000 community members. This has resulted in a significant increase in community awareness, with 75% of participants reporting increased understanding of child protection, and 65% of families adopting more positive parenting practices.

We've also invested in the next generation of child advocates through our Child Representative Groups. We've supported 457 young people to become voices for change, and 90% of these young leaders now have a deeper understanding of child protection and child rights. In turn, they've conducted 60 peer-to-peer awareness sessions, inspiring 70 more children to become Child Representatives.

Nine-year-old Arkar*, a bright and curious fourth-grade student from a rural village, faced a challenging reality, often absent from school

and left unsupervised. However, Arkar's life took a positive turn when he joined our Child Safeguarding and Gender-based Violence program. After learning about child rights and protection, Arkar courageously spoke to his parents about the harmful effects of alcohol and gambling, inspiring them to make positive changes. He now prioritises his education, attends school regularly, and sets a strong example for other children.

When communities have access to information, resources and services, they can lead the way in child protection.

This year, in collaboration with Ratana Metta Organisation and Child Development Association (CFN), we have:

Strengthened Community-based Solutions
Established 30 Child Protection Groups to strengthen community-based child protection mechanisms

Equipped Young Leaders
Empowered 1,104 children through 30 Child Representative groups and 60 peer-to-peer awareness sessions, teaching them how to seek help if they face neglect, exploitation, or abuse

Supported Direct Interventions
Reported and responded to 60 child protection cases, including providing advice and directing survivors to the appropriate services.



Keeping children safe with a click of a button

ChildFund Vietnam, in partnership with the Vietnamese Department of Child Affairs, has made significant strides in safeguarding children.

This year, improvements to the innovative App 111, a digital companion designed to protect children from harm, have helped strengthen and expand the country's child protection system.

App 111 has become a trusted tool for children and parents alike. New enhancements, including a document library where users can access materials on child online safety and how to prevent child abuse alongside a phone book of support services, have further strengthened its capabilities. The app's user-friendly interface and powerful features offer parents and children support in times of need.

Luu, an 11-year-old from Hoa Binh province, says she feels much safer knowing that she can ask for help with just a click of a button:

"It's like I have another friend to protect me. I use the app to report issues such as bullying or violence. Plus, it's really easy to use."

Not only is App 111 an invaluable aid to children, but also to carers and parents like Mr. Luan. "This app is great! Not only can I report child protection concerns, but I even learned some new things about keeping children safe, which I've been able to share with my own kids," said Mr. Luan.

The National Child Helpline (NCHL), of which App 111 forms a part, remains a vital resource for children in crisis. With over 500,000 calls annually, a dedicated team of 32 counsellors – trained by ChildFund – work tirelessly, around the clock, to provide support and intervention.

By combining technological innovation with compassionate support, we are working to create a safer future for Vietnam's children.

Learn more about 'App 111' in our music video, 'Who Lifts Children's Wings' featuring emerging Vietnamese artists.



“When I first went to see her, she was silent and didn't respond to any of my questions.”

Chakrya, social worker, rural Cambodia

Speaking out to end childhood violence

Child protection remains a pressing issue in Cambodia, with widespread violence against children in homes, schools, and communities. Many children suffer from physical, emotional and sexual abuse, often silently due to societal stigma and a lack of trust in authorities.

To address this urgent issue, we are working in partnership with WOMEN (Women Organisation for Modern Economy and Nursing) to break the silence on childhood violence. This work includes strengthening protection services, working with parents and communities to change harmful practices like corporal punishment, and supporting children to understand their rights and protect themselves.

For Chakrya, a 23-year-old social worker, taking part in a ChildFund-supported training program for child protection professionals was an eye-opening experience. She learnt about child rights, case management and positive parenting. After the training, she became more attuned to how violence impacts children and families in her community.

"I've noticed that about 50% of the kids in my neighbourhood—especially ethnic minority children—are victims of parental neglect, rape, and domestic violence. For example, they aren't sent to school or are left at home, exposed to potential harm," she said.

Using her new knowledge and skills, Chakrya supported a young girl who had been abused, providing counselling and taking action to protect her from further harm.

"When I first went to see her, she was silent and didn't respond to any of my questions," recalled Chakrya. "I worked with government officials to provide the necessary medical and legal assistance to the young girl. She is now recovering and back at school."

Investing in, and strengthening, local protection services enable social workers like Chakrya to respond quickly to child protection cases.

This year, in partnership with WOMEN, we have:

Shared Knowledge

Trained over 5,000 individuals, including parents and child protection professionals, on child safeguarding and positive parenting

Enhanced Service Delivery

Improved the skills and knowledge in child protection, positive parenting and case management of 86% of the community social workers who attended our child protection training programs

Strengthened Local Systems

Supported 11 communes to secure funding to support community social workers to continue providing services.

EDUCATION



ChildFund Australia is committed to ensuring that all children have access to a quality education.

In collaboration with partners across the Asia-Pacific, we're working to improve learning outcomes by training teachers in child-friendly teaching strategies, developing inclusive education plans, supporting smooth transitions from preschool to primary school and strengthening school governance.

HIGHLIGHTS

17
Education projects across Cambodia, Laos, Vietnam, PNG, Timor-Leste and the Philippines

19,525
Children directly supported to access quality education

1,967
Teachers trained in child-friendly teaching strategies

689
Schools supported to improve learning environments, educational outcomes and school governance



Unlocking potential: Supporting children with learning difficulties in Cambodia

In Cambodia, many children face challenges in accessing quality education, particularly those with learning difficulties and/or a disability. To address this issue, ChildFund, working alongside local partners in three provinces, is training teachers, engaging parents in the education process, and helping schools create more supportive learning environments.

Through our Easy to Learn Project Phase III in Battambang Province, we're supporting additional learning classes, often held in community spaces like homes and schools. These classes provide targeted support to children with learning difficulties, helping them to improve their reading, writing and numeracy skills.

In a small rural community, a young boy named Piseth faced significant challenges in his education. Struggling with reading and writing, he had been transferred multiple times between schools, unable to keep up with his peers.

With the support of ChildFund's Easy to Learn project phase III, Piseth has been able to access additional support and tutoring at community-based learning classes. Here, in a familiar and nurturing environment, he connects with peers and dedicated youth volunteers like Kimsan.

"I enjoy studying with my teacher, Kimsan and friend, Vichra. They help me whenever I struggle with reading and encouraged me to repeat words I struggle with," said Piseth.

Kimsan, a young volunteer, witnesses the impact of these classes firsthand, "The additional classes are a game-changer. Piseth, for example, has made remarkable progress improving his reading and writing skills, and becoming an active student in his class."

Piseth's newfound confidence extends beyond the classroom with his mother, Ms. Sophea, observing a positive change in her son, "I am so happy to see my son's progress. He is more focused and eager to learn. I believe that with continued support, he will have a bright future."

By providing targeted support and fostering a positive learning environment, ChildFund is empowering young learners like Piseth to overcome challenges and reach their full potential.

This year, in partnership with the Children's Action for Development, we have:

Worked with communities
Supported over 6,360 individuals, including students, teachers and parents, through various initiatives

Improved Learning Outcomes
Helped 45% of students who attended extra classes improve their reading and writing skills

Strengthened School Communities
141 classroom committees at 12 schools were established to monitor student attendance and create more supportive learning environments.

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I am so happy to see my son's progress. He is more focused and eager to learn. I believe that with continued support, he will have a bright future.

Ms. Sophea, Piseth's mother





Turning pages, brightening futures in Timor-Leste

“Reading is important,” shared Agostinho, a young boy living in rural Timor-Leste, before his weekly ChildFund reading session, “because it will help me with my school.”

In Timor-Leste, limited resources and a lack of trained teachers often hinder students learning journey. To address this issue, ChildFund Timor-Leste launched Every Child Achieving Literacy Outcomes (ECALO) program focused on improving literacy skills among primary school students.

Every Thursday afternoon, the familiar walls of Agostinho’s school transform into a haven of learning, laughter and play. Local volunteers like the remarkable Felizarda dedicate their time to providing one-on-one reading sessions, helping children in their community develop essential literacy skills.

Despite never having the opportunity to attend school herself, she learned to read and write from her children and community members. Now, she shares her hard-earned knowledge with the next generation.

“I didn’t go to school when I was younger. I learned to read and write by myself and from other people. I feel happy when I am teaching children,” Felizarda said.

Each week, with gentle guidance and unwavering support, Felizarda leads the children through a series of engaging activities.

Together, they embark on literary adventures reading aloud to each other, learning how to spell out words and playing interactive games and puzzles.

“The games stimulate their brains and make learning more fun,” Felizarda explained. “It encourages them to keep reading and come back for more.”

The impact of these sessions is undeniable. Children who once struggled to read and write now confidently navigate the pages of their favourite books.

“They were struggling in the beginning. They were also struggling to write their own name. But by the end of the sessions, they know how to write and read” said Felizarda.

This year, through the ECALO project, we have:

Shared the Joy of Reading

Delivered 1,600 story books to schools, opening new worlds of imagination and learning

Supported Young Readers

Ran 120 reading sessions for 100 students from grades 2 to 4, with 44% achieving satisfactory levels in their Tetum literacy assessments

Mobilised Parents and Teachers

Supported nine Parent Teacher Associations to actively engage in student learning, fostering a collaborative approach to education.

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Felizarda, volunteer, Timor-Leste



HEALTH



ChildFund Australia is dedicated to improving the health and wellbeing of children, young people, and families.

In 2023-24, our health programs in Timor-Leste and PNG achieved significant results by focusing on community-led approaches, decentralised care and integrated health services.

HIGHLIGHTS

8
Projects across Laos, Vietnam, PNG and Timor-Leste

20,117
People reached through community health promotion, information and educational activities

9,397
Individuals received vital health services, including nutrition outreach and immunisations

632
Health workers attended skills and knowledge strengthening trainings



16,545 vaccines and counting: Working together for healthier communities in PNG

Australia's closest neighbour, Papua New Guinea (PNG), has one of the lowest vaccination rates in the region. This has led to the re-emergence of previously eradicated diseases such as polio. To combat this, ChildFund PNG works in partnership with the Provincial Health Authorities in Central and Northern Provinces. Since 2022, we've supported the delivery of 16,545 vaccines to children living in remote and rural communities.

ChildFund's Mobile Health Clinics have had a profound impact on the ability of people living in remote communities to access much needed healthcare facilities. The clinics provide a one stop shop for a variety of health services, including vaccinations, maternal healthcare, and tuberculosis treatment, helping people to receive the healthcare they need without travelling long distances to the nearest health clinic.

For women like Mrs Abadi, who lives with her nine children and husband in a remote village in Central Province, ChildFund's mobile clinics are a lifeline. Previously, she had to travel long distances to the nearest health facility to ensure her family received the healthcare they needed.

"When I heard that the ChildFund team were coming to my village, I was excited and immediately rearranged my daily chores so that

I could attend the mobile clinic. This was a great opportunity for my family and me to receive medicine, especially for my youngest child, Kila, to get immunised," said Mrs Abadi.

"I am grateful for the outreach health services that provide immunisations, as I know that this has been instrumental in keeping Kila safe from the sicknesses I hear about in awareness messages from ChildFund."

This year, in partnership with the Provincial Health Authorities in Central and Northern Provinces, we have:

Delivered Health Education

Facilitated community-led health education sessions on maternal and child health to almost 7,000 individuals in Central Province and 2,274 in Northern Province

Strengthened Community-based Health Outreach

Trained 67 Community Health Volunteers in delivering community health education, providing essential maternal and child health support including routine childhood immunisation, and facilitating referrals to primary healthcare facilities.

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Mrs Abadi, mother, Papua New Guinea



Giving children the best start in life

Timor-Leste has one of the highest rates of stunting (a form of chronic malnutrition) for children under five in the world. To reverse this devastating trend, ChildFund, in partnership with the Alola Foundation, is working with parents, caregivers and community health volunteers to break down the barriers to accessing healthcare and nutritious food in remote and rural communities.

Long distances to the nearest health centre alongside low community awareness on child and maternal health issues means that it is all too common for women and children to miss out on essential health services.

Hipolita, a community health volunteer trained by ChildFund, is on the frontline of this crisis, going the extra mile to ensure that pregnant women, new mothers, and young children receive the care they need. By visiting homes, providing health education, and running mothers' groups, community health volunteers like Hipolita are helping to reduce malnutrition, increase immunisation rates, and improve maternal and child health outcomes.

"People must walk long distances to the health centre and there is no transportation here, therefore, most of the time, when they are sick,

they don't want to go to the health centre, so I must go to their homes and tell them to get treatment," said Hipolita.

In communities like Hipolita's, Mother Support Groups have become a vital support system for new mothers and pregnant women. With many families facing a daily struggle to put nutritious and affordable food on the table for their children, Mother Support Groups tackle this issue through running monthly 12-day community cooking programs that teach parents how to transform home-grown produce into nutritious meals. The support groups provide a safe space to learn essential information on nutrition, hygiene and child development.

Hipolita has seen significant changes in her community since the formation of the Mother Support Group. Previously, health advice was often disregarded. Now, across the community, families are taking a more proactive approach to their children's health and wellbeing.

"In the past, people tend not to come to the health centre when they were sick and ignored door-to-door sessions. But since the establishment of the Mother Support Group, we go directly to them and talk with them about their health. Now they are very proactive about their and their children's health."

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Now they are very proactive about their and their children's health.

Hipolita, volunteer, Timor-Leste



Father Support Groups are challenging gender norms in Timor-Leste

In Timor-Leste, we're finding innovative ways to challenge gender norms in early childhood development, encouraging parents to share household responsibilities and supporting fathers to become more emotionally and practically involved in their child's health and development.

One of these initiatives is the 'Male Engagement Groups', which provide a community platform for men to learn about maternal and child health, and the importance of nutritional foods for their child's development.

By promoting the importance of male engagement in child-rearing, there has been a significant transformation in fathers' involvement in and understanding of nurturing-care activities and maternal healthcare. Subsequently, fathers are encouraging other men in their community to engage in household activities, and spend more time with their families, demonstrating a marked shift in gender norms.

Sisto is a 46-year-old father from Lautem and his perspective on household roles and responsibilities significantly changed after attending his local Father Support Group.

"I learned about how men, as husbands, can be supportive of their wives, and after participating in these sessions, I personally started applying what I learned and shared it with my children and friends."

This year, in partnership with the Alola Foundation, we have:

Strengthened Community Support Networks

Established 21 Mother Support Groups in 10 new villages

Promoted Health and Wellbeing

Reached 4,654 people through health promotion sessions, cooking demonstrations, and community health volunteer outreach

Engaged Fathers

Recruited 78 fathers as facilitators for our Father Support Groups to promote active fatherhood and childcare

Increased Health Literacy

66% of parents in the communities where we work reported improved knowledge on maternal and child health issues.

SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL LEARNING



ChildFund Australia works with children and young people across the Asia-Pacific, helping them to develop crucial social and emotional skills.

Our programs support children to develop the skills to learn more effectively, navigate challenges in life, build positive relationships, and confidently participate in decision-making.

We also collaborate with local partners and governments to strengthen their ability to support children's wellbeing and create supportive environments where children's voices are heard.



HIGHLIGHTS

19
PROJECTS ACROSS CAMBODIA, LAOS, MYANMAR, VIETNAM, PNG, TIMOR-LESTE AND THE PHILIPPINES

20,196
YOUNG PEOPLE PARTICIPATED IN COMMUNITY-ORIENTATED ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING CULTURAL EXCHANGES, VOLUNTEERING AND MENTORING

8,737
YOUNG PEOPLE ACQUIRED IMPROVED SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL SKILLS THROUGH PARTICIPATION IN CLUBS, ARTS, CULTURE AND SPORTS FOR DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

1,626
ADULTS TRAINED TO SUPPORT YOUNG PEOPLE TO DEVELOP SKILLS FOR THEIR FUTURE.

Amplifying children's voices in Laos

In Laos, where children's voices have traditionally been muted in decision-making, ChildFund is creating space for young people to be heard. The National Children's Forum, co-hosted with the National Commission for the Advancement of Women and Mothers-Children (NCAWMC), is a unique example of what can happen when you hand young people the microphone.

For Pypo, a bright and engaged young person, the forum was a transformative experience. Over three days, he and his peers delved into critical topics like online safety, digital literacy and leadership. Through interactive activities and dynamic discussions, they honed their skills and found their voices.

"It's hard to imagine my life without digital technology. It's become an essential part of my day, just connecting me to my friends and the world," Pypo shared, taking the microphone at the conference with newfound confidence, "To use digital technology safely, I always verify the accuracy and reliability of news sources before sharing information."

At the forum Pypo not only learnt how to navigate the digital world responsibly but also to advocate for himself and his community. "It inspired me to try new things and step out of my comfort zone," he reflected. "Now, I'm more confident sharing my opinions, even in front of large audiences."

Through the Ready for Life project, ChildFund supported children to not only have a seat at the table but also the confidence and skills to lead the way. Pypo's story is just one example of the impact this project has had in Laos.

This year, by providing platforms for learning and leadership, we have:

Amplified Youth Voices

Coordinated one National and 40 Local Children's Forums where over 12,606 young people, including girls and LGBTQ+ youth, engaged in meaningful dialogue and skill-building

Supported New Leaders

Trained 336 Youth Volunteers who, in turn, organised 1,200 peer-to-peer training sessions, reaching nearly 3,000 students.



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It's become an essential part of my day, just connecting me to my friends and the world.*

Pypo, a bright and engaged young person

HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE



ChildFund Australia is committed to building the resilience of children, young people, families and communities in the face of humanitarian crises, disasters and climate change.

In 2023-2024, we partnered with local organisations and governments to deliver 13 projects across Vietnam, Papua New Guinea (PNG), Timor-Leste, Fiji, Myanmar, Bangladesh and Afghanistan.



HIGHLIGHTS

20,161
PEOPLE REACHED THROUGH HUMANITARIAN RESPONSES IN AFGHANISTAN, BANGLADESH AND MYANMAR

25
SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITIES ACROSS THE ASIA-PACIFIC SUPPORTED TO DEVELOP DISASTER RESPONSE PLANS

824
PEOPLE TRAINED IN DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION

The power of cash in Humanitarian Emergencies: Aziz's story

Afghanistan is currently facing a profound crisis. One in three children is experiencing crisis levels of hunger, and 23.7 million people – more than half of the country's population – require urgent humanitarian assistance.

ChildFund and our partners, WeWorld and the Rural Rehabilitation Association for Afghanistan (RRAA), are addressing this crisis through our Cash for Food program in Herat Province. This initiative provides families with cash transfers, allowing them to purchase essential and lifesaving food supplies. Much like the cash we use in our everyday lives, cash assistance is a dignified and effective form of humanitarian aid, empowering recipients to make their own choices.

Aziz, widowed four years ago, has faced immense challenges. She worked tirelessly, baking bread by day and tailoring clothes by night to provide food for her children, but it was never enough.

Economic insecurity and recurrent natural disasters left her struggling to feed her four children.

"I have been through a lot of challenges after my husband died. After he passed, there was not any income to feed the children and respond to our needs. My youngest daughter became malnourished, and I was forced to borrow money from my neighbours and relatives."

Her family was one of 500 families who were provided with cash assistance to help them meet their most pressing needs amid the economic and food scarcity crisis.

"[The cash] helped me a lot to provide food three times a day, provide clothes and education materials for my children, and treat them when they faced sickness. It has made my life better," said Aziz.

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Aziz, widowed four years ago





The young refugees fighting fires in Cox's Bazar

In one of the world's largest refugee camps in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh, young refugees are taking extraordinary steps to improve their community's safety and resilience. Faced with frequent fires, cyclones and heavy rains, young people, many of them women and girls, are taking the lead in protecting their community from the devastating impact of these disasters.

In partnership with EDUCO, ChildFund is supporting young people to build their skills and knowledge in disaster response, child protection and gender-based violence prevention.

Lamia, a young refugee, has firsthand experience of the fear and uncertainty that comes with living in a disaster-prone area. As a member of one of the many female-headed household in the camps, she regularly hears from other women and girls that they may hesitate to seek help from male community members during an emergency.

But instead of being overwhelmed, she's taking action.

Through ChildFund's programs, Lamia has learned vital skills like fire safety and life skills. She's also become a key member of her community's disaster management committee where she identifies vulnerable households and develops community-based emergency response plans. This information helps first responders like Lamia to quickly mobilise to support the most vulnerable in times of disaster.

"We also made a list of the houses more vulnerable to disaster, including the number of women and children with disabilities, before the monsoon period begins."

When asked why she joined the ChildFund-supported disaster response training, Lamia's answer was simple: "I want to work as a firefighter and serve my community. I want to save people's lives."

This year, in partnership with EDUCO, we have:

Trained Young Leaders

Reached 16,540 children, young people and adults, equipping them with the knowledge and skills to protect themselves and their communities.

Built Safer Communities

Supported 25 Community-based Child Protection Committees that are helping safeguard children from harm and established 30 Adolescent & Youth Clubs that provide a safe space for young people to learn and grow.

Supported Disaster Preparedness

Through Disaster Management Committees and five disaster simulations, we've reached 18,700 people, equipping them with skills to respond to emergencies and build resilience.

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I want to work as a firefighter and serve my community. I want to save people's lives.

Lamia, refugee



IMPACT FOR CHILDREN IN THE PACIFIC



The Pacific region is grappling with one of the highest rates of violence against women and children globally.

ChildFund is working closely with partners in Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands to raise awareness, provide support services for survivors and advocate for stronger laws and policies to protect women and children.

WARNING: These stories feature descriptions of violence and abuse.

1-Tok Kaunselin Helpim Lain

In Papua New Guinea, where gender-based violence remains a pervasive issue, the 1-Tok Kaunselin Helpim Lain provides a critical lifeline for survivors of violence and their families.

Now in its ninth year of operation, this vital helpline offers a 24-hour toll-free service delivering confidential counselling, information and referrals to those in need.

This year, the 1-Tok Kaunselin Helpim Lain has continued to expand its reach and strengthen its services, ensuring that survivors of all ages have access to compassionate and survivor-centred support, and their diverse needs, whether be health, legal, social or safety, are met in a timely and holistic manner.

Navu*, a woman in her 30s with four children, endured over 25 years of abuse in her marriage. Fearing for her children's wellbeing and her own safety, she called the 1-Tok Kaunselin Helpim Lain.

The counsellor provided emotional support, a risk assessment, and a safety plan, along with referrals for further assistance. With a comprehensive case management plan in place, Navu is now safe,

finalising her divorce, and moving forward with her life with the support of her family.

After seeing the phone number of the 1-Tok Kaunselin Helpim on a billboard, Elizabeth*, sought help for her and her daughter as she feared for their lives at home.

She shared her relief of having someone on the other end of the phone believe her story, "I felt respected and safe speaking to her. It made me feel hopeful that there was a way out of my situation."

The counsellor found a safe house for Elizabeth and her daughter helping them to leave a dangerous situation and find safety.

This year, the 1-Tok Kaunselin Helpim Lain reached:

14,979 people

5,384 girls & women

1,872 children & young people



Seif Ples

In the Solomon Islands, the stark reality is that two out of three women aged 15 to 49 have experienced physical or sexual violence at the hands of an intimate partner. Tragically, over a third of these women were also subjected to sexual abuse as children.

To support survivors and advocate for change, ChildFund Australia partnered with Seif Ples Gender Based Violence Crisis Centre, a government run service dedicated to supporting survivors of gender-based violence. This year, building on a knowledge exchange with the 1-Tok Kaunselin Helpim Lain team initiated in 2023, we've helped Seif Ples enhance their counselling services and improve their data collection and management.

In FY24, Seif Ples achieved a significant milestone by mapping and updating their SAFENET Community Directory. This vital resource strengthens the network of support for survivors in remote areas where government services are often limited. Now, more women and children in remote communities can access crucial information about the services available to them.

*Names changed

SPORTS FOR DEVELOPMENT



Passing It Back: Building resilience and community in Adiyaman, Türkiye

In the wake of the devastating earthquake that struck Türkiye in February 2023, ChildFund Rugby partnered with Türkiye Ragbi Federasyonu (TRF) to launch Pass It Back Recovery in Adiyaman to support children and young people using the power of sport.

Kicking off in July 2023, 16 TRF Pass It Back Coaches were trained to deliver integrated tag rugby and life skills learning to children living in temporary Adiyaman container cities. Coaches went on to form dozens of teams of 11-16-year-old players, more than 50% of them female. Over 2 seasons, 857 players (56% female) were registered.

For children like 13-year-old Ali Riza, who were displaced and struggling with the emotional aftermath of the earthquake, Pass It Back became a source of personal growth and confidence.

“The difficulties I faced after the earthquake deeply affected me,” he shared. “I used to enjoy life... but afterward, I became introverted, enveloped in unhappiness.” But then came Pass It Back. Initially hesitant, Ali Riza was drawn in by “the athleticism and intensity of rugby.” He embraced the challenges. Now preparing for the next tournament, he dreams of becoming a professional player for Türkiye someday.

Pass It Back has not only created passionate rugby players but also nurtured community leaders and role models. Pass It Back Coaches delivered 471 integrated rugby and life skills sessions over two seasons and data shows that two in three players have improved their life skills.

With such an engaged and passionate player base and dedicated coaches, forming a club in Adiyaman was the logical next step towards community sustainability.

Ümmügülsüm Mamis, the club’s Secretary General, reflects on the transformation: “A year ago, children and young people in Adiyaman were still reeling from the earthquake.

Today, more than 500 young people across our community are connected and passionate about rugby, building essential life skills, and many have become community leaders and role models.”

Adiyaman Coaches have now led 4 seasons of Pass It Back and are working closely with the new club, TRF and government counterparts to find ways to continue and build on what’s been started into 2025 and beyond.

Pass It Back Recovery (Türkiye) has been generously supported by World Rugby and Beyond Sport, together with W Rugby, DHL Express and Tsunami Sport, as well as by ChildFund Rugby supporters from across the world.

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Ümmügülsüm Mamis, Club Secretary General



SWIPE SAFE



The digital landscape offers incredible opportunities, but it also presents new risks for children and young people. This makes ChildFund Australia's Swipe Safe program a vital tool for children, parents and teachers in our rapidly evolving digital world.

We first launched Swipe Safe in Vietnam back in 2017, and since then we've reached 60,000 children and expanded to five countries across the Asia-Pacific, including Cambodia, Timor-Leste, the Solomon Islands, Fiji and Indonesia.

As a fun and easy face-to-face training program and app, Swipe Safe helps children and young people to improve their digital literacy skills by teaching them how to keep themselves and others safe online.

The program also provides parents, teachers and child protection professionals with knowledge and tools to support children's online safety, fostering a collaborative approach to protection.

Swipe Safe is more than just about online safety; it's about empowering communities to create a safer digital world for children. In FY24:

Over 12,000 young people in Indonesia, Timor-Leste and Vietnam attended Swipe Safe trainings

2,882 caregivers in Indonesia, Timor-Leste and Vietnam attended Swipe Safe trainings

383 frontline child protection professionals in Indonesia and Vietnam were trained on online safety through the Swipe Safe program

19 schools across Indonesia and Vietnam integrated Swipe Safe into their school curriculum.

At ChildFund, we believe that every child deserves to explore the online world safely and confidently.

That's why we're helping children, teachers, and parents gain the knowledge and skills they need to navigate the digital age.

EMPOWERING YOUNG PEOPLE

Navigating the internet felt 'overwhelming and risky' for 15-year-old Pilaria especially when she started to receive inappropriate messages. "Someone with a fake profile started sending me creepy messages. I didn't even know how to block them," she recalled.

This all changed when Pilaria completed Swipe Safe trainings at her school in Timor-Leste. She learned practical skills to protect herself, including how to block people and evaluate online information. "Now I know how to keep my information private. I started blocking people who seem suspicious," Pilaria shared.



EMPOWERING TEACHERS

Ms. Phuong, a dynamic teacher at Hop Giang Secondary School in Vietnam, embraced Swipe Safe and became a leader in online safety education. Her digital journey began with Swipe Safe training workshops, where she learnt how to creatively and critically meet the demands and challenges of living, learning and working in our digital world.

Through her dedication, the school has integrated online safety into 500 lessons, reaching 1,200 students, and held workshops for parents and teachers in the community.



EMPOWERING PARENTS

Mrs. Mely, a Swipe Safe facilitator and parent, shared how the program has equipped her with essential online safety knowledge and boosted her confidence. "Now we cannot prohibit children from using social media... parents need to have knowledge and skills... so they can help their children online," she explained.

Mrs. Mely has become a respected resource in her community, helping others navigate the digital world safely. "Helping them to feel comfortable when they surf the internet is something very special to me," she said.

Sonya Ryan, a global leader in online safety, became a ChildFund Australia ambassador

Sonya established the first charity in Australia to specialise in online safety education after her daughter was murdered by an online predator.

"The significance of my daughter's murder went beyond what I felt; Carly was the first victim of a violent crime that was

perpetrated through the internet in Australia. It is now my duty to do whatever is necessary to help prevent such suffering for other innocent children."

Sonya uses her daughter's story in a transformative way, to protect other children. She's a fearless advocate for child safety online, and an international leader in crime prevention.

We are proud that she has joined forces with ChildFund Australia to advocate for children's rights to protection and connection online.



OUR ADVOCACY IMPACT



“*The digital safety of children requires an approach that doesn’t just keep them safe, but one that preserves their digital rights to play, to learn, to access information, and to connect.*

We need to find the right balance between connection and protection.

Corinne Habel, Chief Development Officer, ChildFund Australia

Through our advocacy work, we continue to provide targeted policy advice in four areas: online safety, children in crisis, child poverty, and sexual and gender-based violence.

Improving online safety for children and young people

In FY24, ChildFund Australia cemented its position as a trusted, and bold voice in children’s online safety within Australia and across the Asia-Pacific. These efforts culminated in ChildFund Australia hosting a parliamentary committee event at Parliament House in Canberra with the Attorney-General, The Hon Mark Dreyfus, the eSafety Commissioner Julie Inman Grant, the Ambassador for Cyber Affairs and Critical Technology Brendan Dowling and Dr Rys Farthing, Global Research Director at Reset.Tech in July 2024.

Corinne Habel, Chief Development Officer at ChildFund Australia, who moderated the event, poignantly summarised the importance of a balanced approach to children’s online safety: “The digital safety of children requires an approach that doesn’t just keep them safe, but one that preserves their digital rights to play, to learn, to access information, and to connect. We need to find the right balance between connection and protection.”

Through our advocacy on online safety reform, ChildFund Australia also made significant contributions to improve online safety codes in Australia. Contributing to the rejection of 2 out of 8 codes, which did not adequately consider

community and child safety, by the eSafety Commissioner. Additionally, we secured a commitment from the Australian Government to the introduction of a Children’s Privacy Code.

Children in Crisis

Gaza remains the most dangerous place in the world for children. Throughout 2023-24, ChildFund joined forces with other humanitarian agencies to call for a permanent ceasefire, and action from the Australian Government.

A ceasefire is the first and essential step in ensuring urgent humanitarian assistance – and for a lasting peace for children and communities across the region.

Amplifying the expertise of leaders in the Indo Pacific

Centring the expertise of leaders in Papua New Guinea and Myanmar, ChildFund connected women in leadership roles from ChildFund offices in the region with decision-makers in Australia. This included co-hosting an event, briefings with government departments and meetings with Parliamentarians.



LOCALLY LED DEVELOPMENT AND PARTNERSHIPS



ChildFund Australia continues to leverage and expand our existing partnerships, working with local organisations and governments to build their capacity and to learn from them.

Organisation of People with Disability in Vietnam

ChildFund is proud to continue our support for the Organisation of People with Disability (OPD) in Na Ri District, Vietnam. With this support, the OPD is making a real difference by breaking down barriers to inclusion, reducing stigma around disability, and championing the rights of people with disability.

Deeply moved by the challenges faced by children with disability and the notable absence of organisations advocating for the rights of people with disability in Na Ri district, Mr. Nong decided to start the Na Ri District Organisation of People with Disability (OPD).

Lack of information, limited resources, and the stigma surrounding disability were formidable obstacles. "In the beginning, the biggest challenge for us was the lack of information. We did not know how to establish an organisation. After years of hard work from 2018-2021, we finally established the organisation," shared Mr. Nong, Chairman of the Na Ri District Organisation of People with Disability.

Ms. Nong, Vice Chairwoman of the Na Ri District OPD, added, "It was a 7-year effort with many challenges. I used to think I couldn't do it since both my child and I have a disability, but after joining the OPD, we have encouraged each other to overcome everything."

Today, the OPD is a thriving testament to the power of local leadership. They have built inclusive education classrooms, provide vital livelihood support to families, and even become an influential voice at the national level.

Binh, a member of the OPD, shared how the organisation had benefited him, "The OPD offers a wide range of support, including financial assistance, and starting livestock farms to help members improve their living conditions. My wife and I now earn enough to support our daily needs and send our children to school."

OPD have earned a reputation as a trusted partner in service delivery, working closely with both communities and the government. In a short time, they have expanded their influence at a national level and demonstrated strong leadership, financial management and service delivery.

Youth-led organisations in Timor-Leste

Ermenegildo, a passionate youth facilitator at the Lautem Municipality Youth Centre, is dedicated to empowering young people. Eager to gain skills that would enable him to make a greater impact, he seized the opportunity to attend a ChildFund training focused on upskilling youth leaders on project cycle management and proposal writing.

"I was very motivated to attend this training," Ermenegildo shared, "because I love learning new things."

He quickly grasped the importance of identifying community needs and designing projects to address them. "Proposal writing is my favourite part," he explained, "because it enables us to seek funds to support our communities."

By fostering local ownership and decision-making, youth leaders like Ermenegildo can drive development in their communities. When youth groups have the knowledge and skills to write their own proposals, they can identify their own priorities, secure funding, and implement solutions that truly resonate with their communities.

Armed with this new knowledge, Ermenegildo and his team crafted a compelling proposal to ChildFund Australia, securing a \$1,670 grant to conduct a Life Skills-Based Education (LSBE) training for 25 young people. This training covered crucial topics like civic education and essential life skills.

"The LSBE training is crucial," Ermenegildo emphasised. "These subjects are incredibly important for young people's development."

With continued support from partners like ChildFund Australia, Ermenegildo and his team can continue to create opportunities for young people to build a brighter tomorrow.

In FY24, we worked with 69 partners. This included:

- 23 civil society organisations
- 29 government authorities
- 2 sporting bodies



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Ermenegildo, youth facilitator at the Lautem Municipality Youth Centre

MEASURING IMPACT



LEARNING FROM OUR WORK



ChildFund Australia and our partners are focused on achieving the best possible outcomes for children, their families and the wider community.

ChildFund Australia's Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning (MEL) Framework measures and evaluates the effectiveness of our work in Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Vietnam, Papua New Guinea, Timor-Leste and other Pacific Island nations.

Why ChildFund measures impact

Our MEL Framework enables us to capture, analyse, and document programmatic information, and improve the effectiveness of ChildFund Australia's projects and development approaches, to achieve better outcomes for people living in poverty.

ChildFund Australia's MEL Framework generates credible evidence and learning about:

- if and how our projects contribute to change
- the quality and effectiveness of our approaches
- the reach and scale of our programs.

How ChildFund measures impact

The MEL Framework articulates the types of information required by ChildFund and our partners to understand the extent to which activities bring results and enables learning to improve the effectiveness of our approaches. This requires undertaking an in-depth analysis of projects from a strong evidence base, using the following information.

- **Headline reporting:** key data sets are reported each year
- **Sectoral analysis:** learning papers examine how projects are achieving change, and what can be learned about the approaches used
- **Organisational analysis and learning:** annual reflection and reporting processes are planned to generate discussion, learning and inform decision-making.

Strengthening partners capacity across the Asia-Pacific

In FY24, ChildFund Australia undertook an end-of-project evaluation of our Partner Capacity Strengthening project.

The aim of this three-year program was to better equip ChildFund partners to design and deliver programs in ways that keep people safe and increase the participation of minority and excluded groups.

The project provided targeted learning opportunities for partners in finance, child safeguarding, preventing sexual exploitation, abuse and harassment (PSEAH) and gender equality, disability and social inclusion (GEDSI) in Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Timor-Leste and the Solomon Islands. Additionally, the Sports for Development team developed resources to strengthen GEDSI capacity of partners in Cambodia, Laos, the Philippines, and Vietnam.

The evaluation drew some lessons learned that can be applied to future programs, including:

- Integrate principles of locally led development into capacity strengthening activities
- Ensure capacity strengthening happens at an individual, organisational, network and systems level
- Shift the focus of future capacity strengthening programs to areas where transformational change is most likely
- Continue to build on GEDSI capacity by including in partner agreements, designing GEDSI activities in collaboration with partners and country offices, and locating GEDSI capacity strengthening activity within a broader roadmap for achieving transformational change.





Thank You to our Rallying Changemakers

In FY24, our generous supporters raised AU\$20.5 million to build a world without poverty where children can say ‘I am safe. I am educated. I contribute. I have a future.’

These contributions have created lasting change for children and their communities.

Dancing for a Cause

This past April, Melbourne’s vibrant dance community pirouetted into action with an incredible display of generosity and passion. Dancers Unite, an inspiring annual charity event, brought together talented young dancers from across the city to raise vital funds for ChildFund’s maternal and child health programs in Papua New Guinea.

Founded by the remarkable Madelyn Hassan when she was just 15 years old, Dancers Unite showcases the power of youth to make a difference. Madelyn’s vision was to shine a spotlight on communities in need and inspire her generation to embrace the spirit of giving back.

The event was a dazzling spectacle of dance, with studios showcasing their skills and creativity in a breathtaking display of movement and artistry. But beyond the dazzling performances, there was a powerful sense of purpose. Each graceful leap

and perfectly executed twirl was a testament to the dancers’ commitment to improving the lives of children in Papua New Guinea.

Through their dedication and enthusiasm, Dancers Unite raised an impressive \$7,560. These funds will support ChildFund’s work in Papua New Guinea, providing essential healthcare services to mothers and children in some of the country’s most remote communities.

This heartwarming display of solidarity highlights the incredible impact that can be achieved when passion meets purpose. We extend our deepest gratitude to Madelyn, the talented dancers, and all those who supported Dancers Unite.

Your generosity is helping to ensure that children in Papua New Guinea have access to the healthcare they need.



FINANCIAL SUMMARY

The FY24 financial results demonstrate the delivery of our strategic ambition to deliver impactful programs and advance a locally led agenda within the context of a challenging funding environment.

In FY24 ChildFund Australia's total revenue decreased by 7 per cent on the previous year, with a total comprehensive deficit of \$2.2m. The operating deficit for the year was in line with our annual plan, funds drawn from restricted reserves across five of our country and regional programs in support of program activities. Net assets at the end of the year were \$17.4m.

In FY24, ChildFund Australia's total revenue was \$44.3m in comparison to \$47.7m in FY23. Revenue raised from the Australian public decreased by 7% compared to the previous year. This decline is reflective of the challenging fundraising environment we operate in alongside our strategic intent to diversify our revenue sources.

Grant funding decreased by 8% in comparison to FY23. The reduction of grant funding reflects planned sponsorship disaffiliations across Vietnam and Cambodia country programs and decline in DFAT Grants.

Other income increased compared to the previous year, primarily driven by growth in investment and interest income, reflecting the impact of higher interest rates, and an increase in funds invested in ChildFund's long term stability fund.

We would like to acknowledge the support of our ChildFund supporters and institutional funding partners whose trust and support allows ChildFund to continue to make a positive difference to children and communities in which we work.

How the money was spent

Program expenditure - which comprises funds sent to international programs, program support costs and educating the community about our work and its impact - totalled \$37.4m in FY24 representing a 10 per cent decrease from the previous year. Whilst the number of projects increased in total year on year, program investment in Papua New Guinea and Timor-Leste has reduced from prior year due to the completion of initiatives supported by larger multi-year grants. Program investment in Myanmar has increased as program activities recommenced from a state of suspension in 2023. Additionally, funding in support of ChildFund International country programs has reduced due to lower sponsorship income.

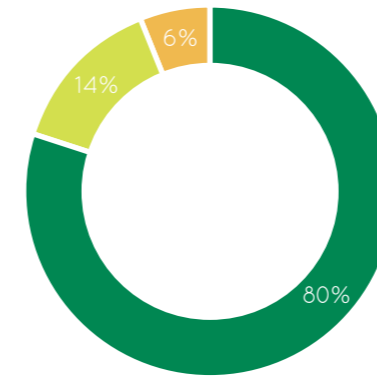
Program expenditure represented 80% of total expenditure by the organisation. This is a commendable achievement in the context of broader funding challenges and a strong measure of the level of funds being directed by ChildFund Australia towards delivering results for vulnerable children and families.

Our investment in fundraising remained steady at \$6.5 million, consistent with FY23, reflecting our ongoing focus on transforming our public fundraising to diversify revenue streams. Fundraising investment generated \$20.5m in public funds in FY24.

Accountability and administration expenses of \$3.0m decreased slightly from prior year and represent 6 per cent of total expenditure. These costs are necessary to efficiently run the organisation and include staff costs for teams such as supporter relations, finance, systems and technology support, and standard operating expenses such as audit fees, insurance and utilities.

Net assets at the end of the year total \$17.4m, a reduction from FY23 due to the planned operating deficit in the year. Reserve levels remain strong and will continue to provide a strong foundation to support ChildFund Australia's work into the future.

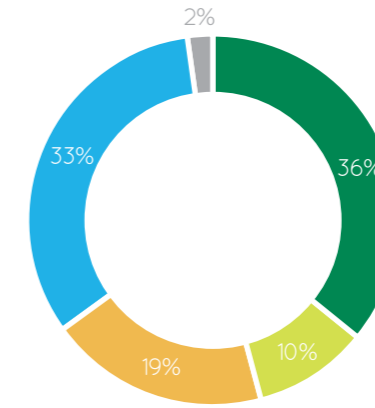
Expenditure by Type FY24



(% is a proportion of total expenditure)

- Program expenditure
- Fundraising investment
- Accountability and administration

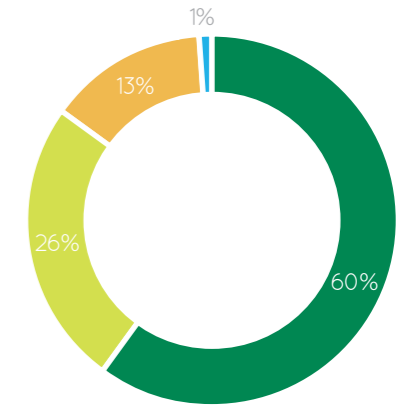
Revenue by Source FY24



(% is a proportion of total revenue)

- Child sponsorship
- Other donations and bequests
- Australian government grants
- Overseas grants
- Investment and other income

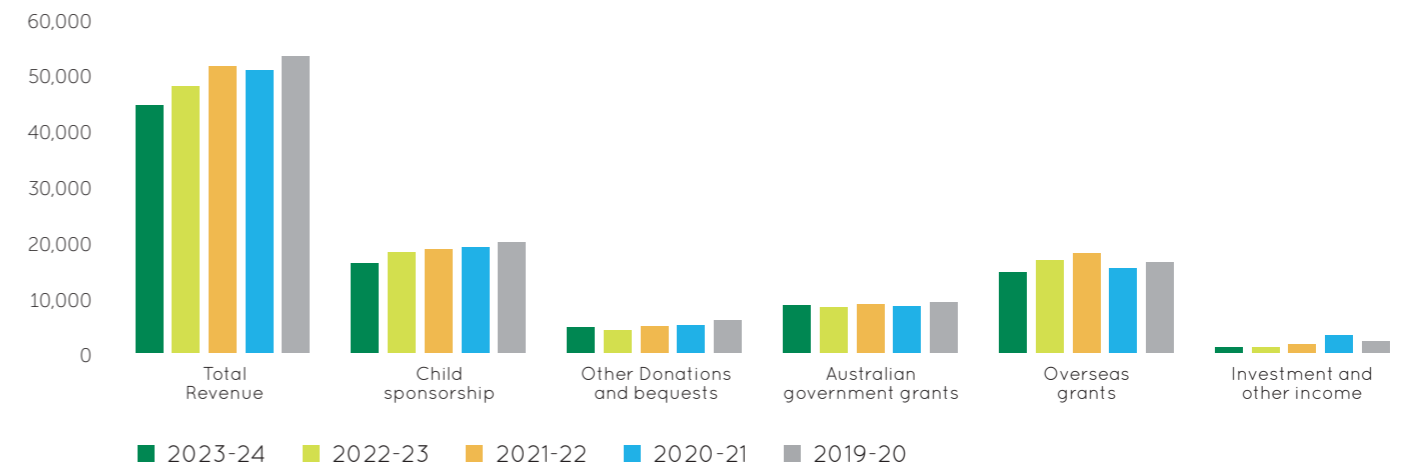
Funds to International Programs by Region FY24



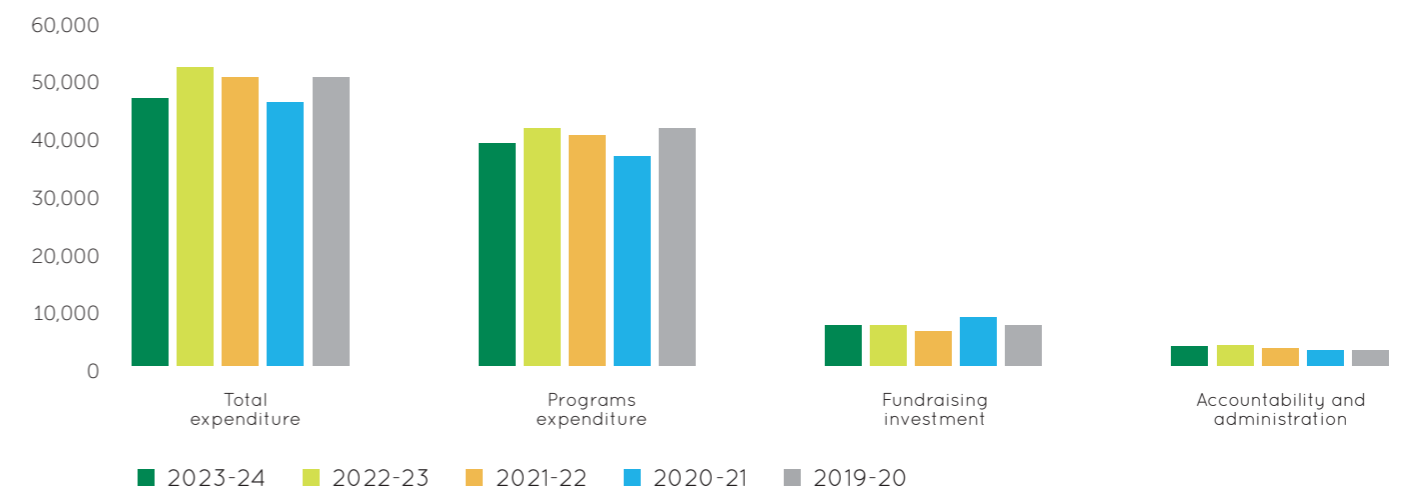
(% is a proportion of total funds to International Programs)

- Asia
- Pacific
- Africa
- Americas

Five-year revenue trend by Source



Five-year expenditure trend by Type



FINANCIALS

Consolidated Summary Statement of profit and loss and other comprehensive income

Year ended 30 June 2024

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Revenue		
Monetary donations and gifts	19,616,346	21,868,496
Legacies and bequests	918,015	108,307
Grants		
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	6,547,086	7,004,056
Other Australian	1,914,957	1,217,488
Overseas	14,418,442	16,642,116
	22,880,485	24,863,660
Investment income	836,382	787,428
Other income	87,721	122,032
Total revenue	44,338,949	47,749,923
Expenditure		
International Aid and Development Programs Expenditure		
International programs		
Funds to international programs	34,457,818	38,617,206
Program support costs	2,290,527	2,135,170
	36,748,345	40,752,376
Community education	698,565	669,588
Fundraising costs		
Public	6,320,428	6,343,196
Government, multilateral and private	177,157	139,657
	6,497,585	6,482,853
Accountability and administration	3,019,901	3,122,272
Total expenditure	46,964,396	51,027,089
Deficit of revenue over expenditure	(2,625,447)	(3,277,166)
Other comprehensive income		
Net change in fair value of equity investments	446,063	162,757
Foreign operations – foreign currency translation	(34,021)	782,131
Total comprehensive deficit for the year	(2,213,405)	(2,332,278)

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

Consolidated Statement of financial position

Year ended 30 June 2024

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	11,879,365	12,224,975
Trade and other receivables	2,755,410	3,191,009
Investments – financial assets	2,606,541	6,345,455
Total current assets	17,241,316	21,761,439
Investments – financial assets	6,530,214	3,980,208
Property, plant, and equipment	811,125	861,141
Intangibles	365,796	573,399
Right-of-use assets	784,337	887,772
Total non-current assets	8,491,472	6,302,520
Total assets	25,732,788	28,063,959
Liabilities		
Trade and other payables	4,841,996	5,171,139
Provisions	1,273,517	1,194,685
Lease liabilities	302,170	455,906
Total current liabilities	6,417,683	6,821,730
Provisions	1,361,968	1,133,209
Lease liabilities	506,709	449,187
Total non-current liabilities	1,868,677	1,582,396
Total liabilities	8,286,360	8,404,126
Net assets	17,446,428	19,659,833
Equity		
Retained surplus	9,565,662	9,765,928
Fair-value reserve	1,183,093	737,030
Unrestricted reserves	10,748,755	10,502,958
Restricted reserves	6,697,673	9,156,875
Total Equity	17,446,428	19,659,833

The Summary Financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the requirements set out in the ACFID Code of Conduct. For further information on the Code, please refer to the ACFID Code of Conduct Guidance Document available at www.acfid.asn.au. Copies of our audited financial statements can be downloaded from our website at www.childfund.org.au or can be requested via email to info@childfund.org.au, or by calling 1800 023 600.

Consolidated Statement of changes in equity Year ended 30 June 2024

	Retained Surplus \$	Fair Value Reserve \$	Restricted Reserve \$	Total Equity \$
Balance as at 1 July 2022	10,438,007	574,273	10,979,831	21,992,111
Total comprehensive income for the period				
Deficit of revenue over expenditure	(3,277,166)	-	-	(3,277,166)
Other comprehensive income				
Net change in fair value of equity investments at FVOCI	-	162,757	-	162,757
Transfers to restricted funds	2,605,087		(2,605,087)	-
Foreign operations - foreign currency translation	-	-	782,131	782,131
Balance as at 30 June 2023	9,765,928	737,030	9,156,875	19,659,833
Balance as at 1 July 2023	9,765,928	737,030	9,156,875	19,659,833
Total comprehensive income for the period				
Deficit of revenue over expenditure	(2,625,447)	-	-	(2,625,447)
Other comprehensive income				
Net change in fair value of equity investments at FVOCI	-	446,063	-	446,063
Transfers to restricted funds	2,425,178		(2,425,178)	-
Foreign operations - foreign currency translation	-	-	(34,021)	(34,021)
Balance as at 30 June 2024	9,565,659	1,183,093	6,697,676	17,446,428



Independent Auditors' Report on the Summary Financial Statements

To the members of ChildFund Australia

Opinion

The summary financial statements, which comprise the consolidated summary statement of financial position as at 30 June 2024, the consolidated summary statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income and the consolidated summary statement of changes in equity are derived from the audited financial statements of ChildFund Australia ("the Group") for the year ended 30 June 2024.

In our opinion, the accompanying summary financial statements are a fair summary of the audited financial statements.

The Group consists of ChildFund Australia and the entities it controlled at the year-end or from time to time during the financial year.

Summary Financial Statements

The summary financial statements do not contain all the disclosures required by the Australian Accounting Standards applied in the preparation of the audited annual financial statements. Reading the summary financial statements and our report thereon, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the audited annual financial statements and our report thereon. The summary financial statements and the audited annual financial statements do not reflect the effects of events that occurred subsequent to that date of our report on the audited annual financial statements.

The Audited Annual Financial Statements and Our Report Thereon

We expressed an unmodified audit opinion on the audited annual financial statements in our report dated 25 September 2024.

Directors' Responsibility for the Summary Financial Statements

The Directors are responsible for the preparation of the summary financial statements.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on whether the summary financial statements are a fair summary of the audited annual financial statements based on our procedures, which were conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standard (ASA) 810 (Revised), "Engagements to Report on Summary Financial Statements."

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Patrice Scott

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Partner

Sydney

25 September 2024

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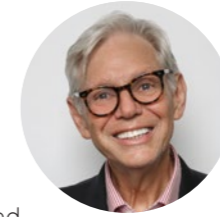
OUR BOARD

LISA HRESC



Lisa has over 25 years executive management experience in commercial and not-for-profit organisations, she is currently the CEO for the Can Too Foundation. She has led teams across business strategy, development, digital transformation, brand and media. Lisa holds an Executive MBA and is a member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors (AICD). Lisa is the Chair of the Communications and Marketing Committee and ChildFund Rugby Taskforce and is a member of the Audit and Risk Committee.

DAVID SHORTLAND



David Shortland is a specialist governance advisor and communication counsel to boards and senior executives. David is co-chair of the Governance and Nominations committee and a member of the Audit and Risk Committee and the Communications and Marketing Committee. David is a director of the international board of ChildFund Alliance.

YIH JEH (EJ) TEEN



Yih-Jeh has over 15 years of global experience in strategic business and technology transformation working with large international organisations, ASX listed companies and not-for-profits. Currently, Yih-Jeh is the Product Manager Leader for the deposit portfolio at Bank Australia and previously worked for The Fred Hollows Foundation as Head of Innovation and Save the Children Australia as Head of Strategy and Business Consulting.

MICHAEL PAIN CHAIR



Michael Pain is an experienced Non-executive Director for For-Purpose organisations, having been a director in this sector across multiple organisations for over 15 years. Previously, Michael worked for 25 years with Accenture in a range of leadership roles across Australia and Asia Pacific. He was appointed as Deputy Chair of ChildFund Australia in November 2020, and then to the role of Board Chair in November 2023. Michael is currently a member of the Program Review Committee, the Governance and Nominations Committee and the Audit and Risk Committee.

BELINDA LUCAS



Belinda Lucas has over 20 years of experience in international development. She is the co-founder and director of Learning4Development, a consulting practice that provides advisory services to multiple international development organisations and programs. Belinda retired from the Board in November 2023 at the end of her tenure. Prior to her retirement, Belinda was Chair of the Board, a member of the Governance and Nominations Committee, Audit and Risk Committee and the Program Review committee.

NANCY TCHOU



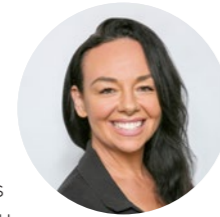
Nancy Tchou is a senior finance professional with over 18 years' experience in mergers and acquisitions, capital raisings, strategic reviews, stakeholder engagement, asset and fund management. She is currently Head of Infrastructure and Government Advisory at a global investment bank. Nancy is a member of the Audit and Risk Committee and the Communications and Marketing Committee.

PHILIPPA VENNING



Philippa Venning has over 20 years of experience in international development and program implementation. She is currently Vice President at Abt Associates, leading Abt's technical team to provide quality advice and implementation across programs in women's economic empowerment, governance and health in Asia Pacific. Prior to joining Abt, Philippa worked for Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), the World Bank, United Nations Development Program, and several non-government organisations.

LYNDSEY RICE DEPUTY CHAIR



Lyndsey has over 15 years leadership experience gained across international markets and is currently the Chief Executive Officer of Children's Hospital Foundation. She is experienced in strategic planning, fundraising, marketing, philanthropy, digital transformation and leading highly effective teams. Lyndsey is a member of the Communications and Marketing Committee and Audit and Risk Committee.

SHANTANU PAUL



Shantanu Paul has over a decade of experience in social entrepreneurship and international development. He is the Director of the Catalyst Fund and Global Grantmaking Programs at Teach for All. Prior to this, he was the Managing Director of Leaders for Climate Action. Shantanu sat as a youth representative on the Board of Plan International Australia. Shantanu is a member of the Program Review Committee and the Governance and Nominations Committee.

KOBUS EHLERS



Kobus Ehlers Kobus Ehlers is an experienced leader in assurance, risk, governance and compliance with more than 25 years' experience working and leading teams in large multinational companies across a range of industries and markets including Asia Pacific and Africa. Kobus is Chair of the Audit and Risk Committee.

TUREIA SAMPLE



Tureia Sample is an experienced lawyer and executive specialising in governance, corporate advisory and critical infrastructure projects particularly in the communications, health, energy and transport sectors. She is the office managing partner of Ashurst PNG based in Port Moresby. She was previously a partner at PwC Legal, and prior to that held senior executive roles at SBS (including Company Secretary and Director of Corporate Affairs) as well as working for law firm Allens in Sydney and Hong Kong.

OUR EXECUTIVE TEAM

MARGARET SHEEHAN

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



ADRIAN GRAHAM

DEPUTY CEO, OPERATIONS



CORINNE HABEL

CHIEF DEVELOPMENT OFFICER



SARAH HUNT

DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS - SUSTAINABLE GRANTS AND PROGRAMS



SOPHIE JENKINS

DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS - STRATEGY, PARTNERSHIPS & HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE



The following director resigned during the financial year. We thank them for their service and commitment to ChildFund Australia.

AMY LAMOIN GLOBAL PROGRAMS DIRECTOR

Appointed June 2020 - Resigned June 2024

THANK YOU TO OUR COMMUNITY

ChildFund Alliance

ChildFund Deutschland
ChildFund International
ChildFund Japan
ChildFund Korea
ChildFund New Zealand
Barnfonden
Children Believe
Educo
Un Enfant par la Main
WeWorld

Ambassadors

Aimee Sutorius
Amy Sligar
Annabelle Williams
Danielle Cormack
Emily Chancellor
Honey Hireme-Smiler
Ilona Maher
Lauren Moore
Mere Baker
Michael Rose
Ron Rutland
Sonya Ryan

Local Partners

CAMBODIA

Cambodian Rural Development Team (CRDT)
Children's Action for Development (CAD)
Khmer Association Development of Countryside Cambodia (KAFDOC)
Kampuchea Action for Primary Education (KAPE)
Khmer NGO for Education (KHEN)
Operations Enfants du Cambodge (OEC)
Teach for Cambodia
WATHNAKPHEAP (WP)
Women Organisation for Modern Economy and Nursing (WOMEN)

FIJI

Fiji Council of Social Services (FCOSS)

LAOS

Humanity Inclusion
Maeying Houamjai Phathana (MHP)
Community Association for Salvation & Environment (CASE)
Lao Rugby Federation (LRF)
Houaphan Provincial Education and Sports Service
Ministry of Education and Sports (MoES)
Ministry of Health (MoH)
The National Commission for the Advancement of Women and Mothers and Children (NCAWMC)
The Commission for the Advancement of Women and Mothers and Children at Provincial and District levels (CAWMC)



MYANMAR

Ratana Metta Organisation
Child Development Association (CFN)

PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Central Provincial Health Authority - PNG
PNG National Department of Health
Northern Provincial Health Authority
National Department of Education (NDoE-PNG)
Family and Sexual Violence Action Committee (FSVAC), a committee on CIMC

SOLOMON ISLANDS

Seif Ples

TIMOR-LESTE

Alola Foundation
Alumni Parlamentu Foinsa'e Timor-Leste (APFTL)
Ba Futuru
BELUN
FRATERNA
Ministry of Education, Timor-Leste
Ministry of Health, Timor-Leste
Ministry of Youth, Sport, Art and Culture, Timor-Leste
Institute for the Defense of the Rights of the Child (INDDICA)
National Institute of Public Health of Timor-Leste
INFORDEPE (Nat'l Training Institute for Teachers and Educ Prof Timor-Leste)

VIETNAM

Action to the Community Development Institute (ACDC)
Bac Kan City People's Committee, Bac Kan province
Bac Kan Provincial People's Committee
Cao Bang city People's Committee, Cao Bang province
Department of Child Affairs
Kim Boi District People's Committee, Hoa Binh Province
Na Ri District People's Committee, Bac Kan Province
Ngan Son District People's Committee, Bac Kan Province
Organisation of People with Disability in Na Ri District
Quang Hoa District People's Committee, Cao Bang Province
Tan Lac District People's Committee, Hoa Binh Province
Thach An District People's Committee, Cao Bang Province
Vietnam Association of Children's Rights (VACR)

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ChildFund Australia is also a member of Accountable Now, a platform of international civil society organisations that strive to be transparent, responsive to stakeholders, and focused on delivering impact. As a member, ChildFund has signed 12 globally-agreed upon Accountability Commitments and will report annually to an Independent Review Panel on our economic, environmental and social performance according to the Accountable Now reporting standards.

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ChildFund Australia recognises the significance of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and cultures.

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land and recognise their continuing connection to land, water and community.

We pay our respect to them and their cultures, and to Elders past, present and emerging.

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