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ABOUT CHILDFUND AUSTRALIA

ChildFund Australia is an independent and non-religious international development organisation that works to reduce poverty for children in many of the world's most disadvantaged communities.

ChildFund Australia is a member of the ChildFund Alliance, a global network of 11 organisations working with more than 9 million children and their families in over 50 countries to overcome poverty and the underlying conditions that prevent children from achieving their potential.

Around the world, ChildFund works in partnership with children and their communities to create lasting change, support long-term community development, promote children's rights, strengthen child protection, prepare for natural disasters and respond to humanitarian emergencies.

ChildFund's work is carried out to advance children's rights as set out in the Convention on the Rights of the Child, and in support of the new global development agenda – the Sustainable Development Goals.

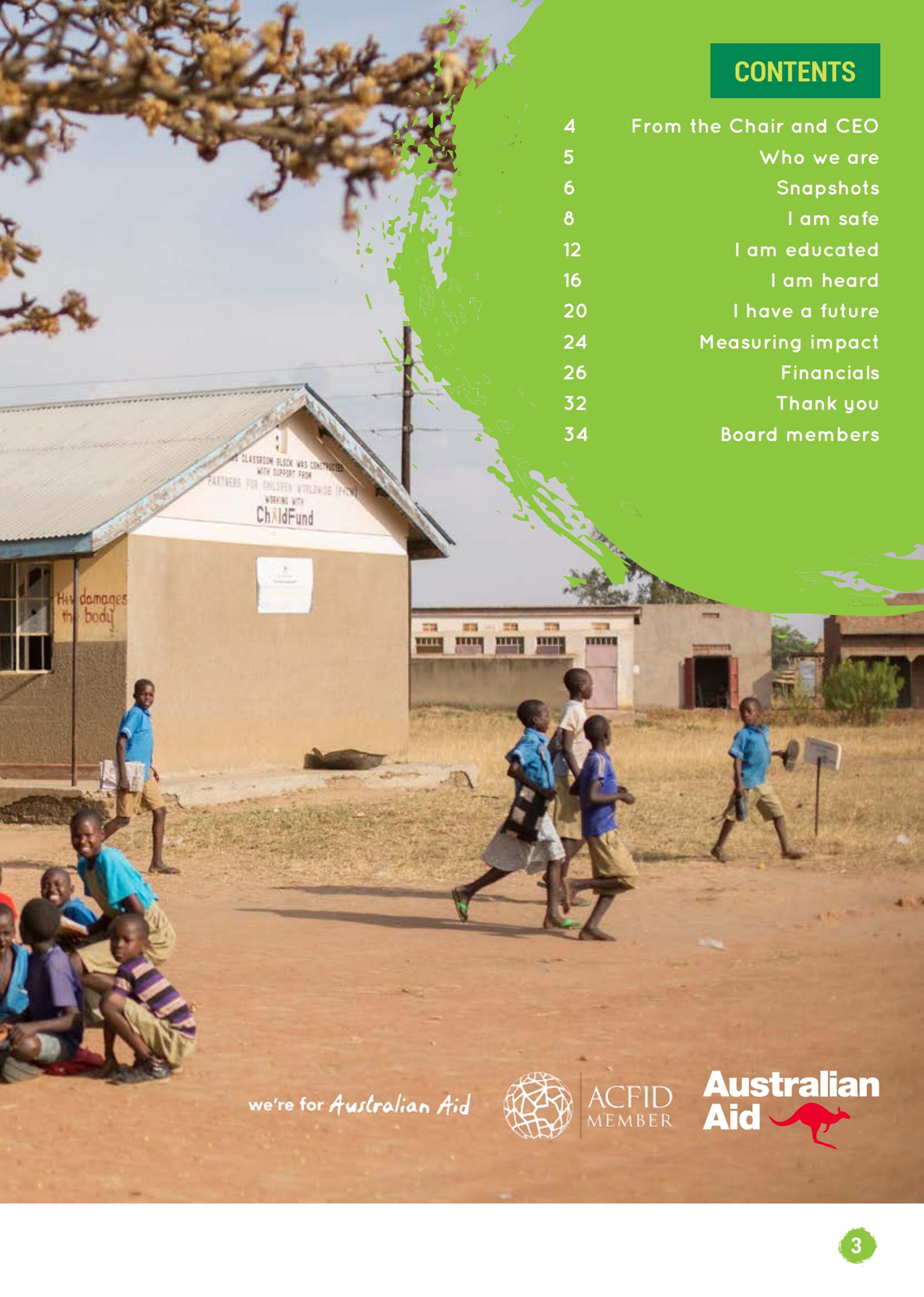
ChildFund Australia directly manages programs in Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Timor-Leste, Vietnam, Papua New Guinea and other Pacific nations, and supports projects delivered by other ChildFund organisations throughout Asia, Africa and the Americas. Programs are funded through child and community sponsorship, government grants, as well as donations from individuals, trusts and foundations, businesses and corporations.

ChildFund is determined to promote the participation of children in community life, strengthen their protection, and advance their rights, so that all children, regardless of their birthplace, have access to the same essential opportunities.



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In the past year, many children around the world have experienced a childhood in which violence, deprivation and instability are the norm, where fear, insecurity and worry are constant. These children have little or no control over their environment – instead, the lottery of their birthplace has determined what type of childhood they experience.

At ChildFund, we believe that every child should have a decent childhood – a period in a child’s life when they feel safe, encouraged and valued. It is fundamentally unfair that so many children don’t survive childhood, many endure a childhood scarred by poverty or violence, while many children and young people miss out on education and opportunity. Children’s human rights are frequently breached or ignored. It is this inherent unfairness which ChildFund seeks to address.

The heightened global uncertainty in the past 12 months has magnified the challenges for vulnerable children in many parts of the globe. War, famine, natural disasters, political and economic instability, the growing gap between rich and poor are having severe impacts on children and families in poor communities. The worst-case scenario is to see communities where positive gains have been made over time backsliding into poverty.

However, to retreat from the challenge of overcoming global child poverty is not an option. We remain firmly committed to our

overarching aim: to enable children and youth to be safe, confident and resilient, able to play active, constructive roles in an increasingly turbulent world.

This is not an empty aspiration. Decades of experience and research provide evidence of the effectiveness of quality development programs and humanitarian assistance in improving the lives of children. Fewer child deaths, increased school participation, improved household incomes, more resilient communities and opportunities for child

participation are some of the many significant achievements.

It is also clearly evident that when children are nurtured, protected, educated and given opportunities they make important contributions to their families and communities. And when they reach adulthood they will nurture the childhoods that follow.

The work to improve conditions for children requires a collective effort and at ChildFund we are thankful for the strong, compassionate and steadfast support network – 50,000 everyday Australians, as well as schools, businesses, governments, civil society partners, and local community leaders. And of course, the children and families with whom we work whose energy and vision for a better world drives the success of so many ChildFund projects.

Thank you for your continued generosity and ongoing commitment to building a world fit for all children, where every child’s life has the same value, regardless of their birthplace.

Yours sincerely,

Mary Latham
Chair

Nigel Spence
CEO

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

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

We want all children with whom we work to be able to say:



I AM SAFE



I AM EDUCATED



I AM HEARD



I HAVE A FUTURE

WHY? BECAUSE EVERY CHILD NEEDS A CHILDHOOD... A CHILDHOOD WHERE THEY ARE NURTURED, PROTECTED, ENCOURAGED AND VALUED.



End Violence Against Children

MEMBER of the Global Partnership

In July 2016, the ChildFund Alliance celebrated the launch of the Global Partnership to End Violence Against Children, of which it is a member, in New York. Responding to the Global Goals, the Partnership is turning talk into action by advocating for, supporting and funding a coordinated approach to ending violence against children.

USA



Six-year-old Jessica is a regular attendee at her local ChildFund-supported Early Childhood Development (ECD) centre in Uganda. ECD centres are a great resource for young children and their caregivers, as they provide activities, toys and learning kits to enhance cognitive and psychosocial development, as well as lessons for parents on health and nutrition.

"Our visit to meet Ericah was more than we could have ever imagined. We've been with ChildFund for almost 25 years as we've always wanted to provide other children with the opportunities that we've given our own. It was so wonderful to hear about Ericah's dream of becoming a nurse and be able to support and encourage her face-to-face."

**Peter and Dennise Rosetti
ChildFund Sponsors**



Peter and Dennise Rosetti are two of ChildFund's **50,889 Australian supporters**. This year, they travelled to Zambia to finally meet their sponsored child Ericah in person.

The Hon Julie Bishop MP, Minister for Foreign Affairs, travelled to Laos in July 2016 where she met players and coaches from ChildFund Pass It Back. She was particularly impressed to know that half of those taking part in the rugby-based program are girls.



During 2016-17, ChildFund Cambodia directly assisted **97,647 children in Cambodia**. Projects were implemented in the rural provinces of Svay Rieng, Kratie, Battambang, as well as urban Phnom Penh, focused on improving living standards for marginalised communities.



LAOS

CAMBODIA

TIMOR-LESTE

UGANDA

ZAMBIA



THE PACIFIC

ChildFund Australia began implementing a project in The Pacific to train frontline child protection workers in September 2016. Practitioners from government, civil society and faith-based organisations in the Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, Fiji and Kiribati have taken part.

Delsia has been enjoying learning about child rights awareness through her local children's club in Timor-Leste. Sessions are run through her school, and hosted by the students themselves.





I AM SAFE

ChildFund Australia believes that every child has the right to live without fear, in a safe, non-violent, protective and nurturing environment. We help communities to strengthen their child protection mechanisms to keep children safe from harm, and provide emergency humanitarian assistance in times of disaster, both natural and man-made.

We want every child with whom we work to be able to say: "I am safe."





The number of natural disasters occurring around the world has increased exponentially, and it is estimated that almost 70 million children are affected annually. While we can't prevent disasters from happening, it is possible to reduce their impact by taking precautionary steps to prepare communities, reducing both loss of life and material possessions.

In Cambodia, ChildFund staff are working in partnership with local communities to ensure that they understand how to establish and deploy early warning

systems, and have access to vital emergency supplies needed to survive in the aftermath of a disaster such as a storm or flood, including life jackets, basic medicines, and lights.

In addition, ChildFund Cambodia has established a range of initiatives to support agricultural families dealing with the impact of climate change, facilitating training on drought resistant crops, new farming methods, and biogas systems which convert manure to gas for household use.



**I AM
SAFE**



FLOODING IN SRI LANKA

Intense monsoon rains in May caused major flooding and landslides in the southwest of Sri Lanka – affecting over 600,000 people.

Water sources, electricity and telecommunications were damaged, homes destroyed, thousands of families displaced and hundreds of people were injured, missing or lost their lives.

STATE OF FAMINE

Severe drought, a three-year civil war and economic collapse resulted in a state of famine being declared in South Sudan in February 2017. Thirty-eight-year-old Anab, a mother of six, was struggling to keep her family alive. With over one million people facing starvation, ChildFund Australia, working in partnership with Plan International Australia, provided emergency food aid to the worst affected communities in the country.



Responding to the emergency, ChildFund Sri Lanka set up child-centred spaces and protection services aimed at providing psychosocial support for hundreds of children until they recover from the immediate shock and trauma. ChildFund also worked with community leaders to activate community-based child protection mechanisms, and distributed hundreds of back-to-school kits and dry ration packs to affected children and families.



1-TOK KAUNSELIN HELPIM LAIN

Papua New Guinea's first nationally available, toll-free hotline offers crisis support to survivors of family and sexual violence.

Since its launch in August 2015, counsellors on the 1-Tok Kaunselin Helpim Lain have answered over 8,000 calls.

Analysis of call data found that the top three issues for callers have been relationship advice, physical and sexual violence (mostly perpetrated by an intimate partner), and child welfare concerns.

Managed by ChildFund Papua New Guinea, the hotline is helping to tackle epidemic levels of violence against women and children. Callers are assisted by trained phone counsellors who provide information, crisis counselling and referrals to a range of support services, including the police, medical assistance, legal advice, safe houses, and family support centre.

The 1-Tok Kaunselin Helpim Lain is a partnership between ChildFund Papua New Guinea, CIMC (FSVAC) and FHI 360, supported by ChildFund Australia, ChildFund New Zealand, the New Zealand Aid Programme and USAID.

"In a country where rates of family and sexual violence are at endemic levels, the 1-Tok Kaunselin Helpim Lain is not only providing a vital and much-needed service, but potentially has saved lives."

Manish Joshi
ChildFund Papua New Guinea Country Director



I AM EDUCATED

ChildFund Australia believes that every child should have access to education and a high quality learning environment. We implement education projects where children are supported to learn essential skills in literacy and numeracy, while also being given the opportunity to develop a range of skills and capabilities for their future.

We want every child with whom we work to be able to say: “I am educated.”

Eight-year-old Khet Khet from Myanmar dreams of becoming a teacher. She wants to help others, gain financial independence, and ease the burden on her family. But she knows this will only be possible if she can complete her education.

“If my mother is not able to work and we have no money, I am worried I won’t be able to go to school,” Khet Khet says. “If I cannot go to school, I cannot be a teacher. I will have to be a servant and do what others ask of me.”

For now, Khet Khet is lucky. She lives near a monastic school that provides free lessons to disadvantaged children. However, many teachers do not have formal qualifications, and the classrooms are small, loud and overcrowded.

In partnership with the Monastic Education Development Group, ChildFund Myanmar is focusing on training teachers to deliver quality lessons to young minds, building more classrooms and improving educational environments, and funding school lunches so that children like Khet Khet can reach their full learning potential.





I AM EDUCATED

"If I had not been supported by ChildFund, I may have ended up as a school dropout, doing agricultural labour and household chores until my parents got me married."

Annapoorna
Former sponsored child,
India



YOUTH JOB TRAINING IN VIETNAM

Today, 28-year-old Quan has a secure, well-paying job as a welder in a factory. But finding decent work has not always been easy. Growing up in a poor farming community in northern Vietnam's mountainous Bac Kan Province, Quan's parents found it difficult to provide for their seven children.

To support young men and women like Quan, ChildFund Vietnam developed the Pinpoint vocational training and job support program, which provides youth with marketable skills and sustainable employment opportunities. Working closely with vocational institutions

and local businesses requiring skilled workers, ChildFund is able to 'pinpoint', or match, trainees with new roles for apprenticeships once they complete their skills training.

In 2016-17, 140,595 children and their families living in remote Vietnamese communities benefited from ChildFund programs.

"I am delighted about my job," says Quan. "The company takes good care of the workers and they provide social insurance and work clothes. They also pay me on time, every month."

FROM SPONSORED CHILD TO TEACHER

Annapoorna from Andhra Pradesh in India is a successful primary school teacher, earning her own income. She's in a happy marriage that was her choice, and is the mother of a young daughter. Annapoorna was once destined for a life similar to that of her mother, who married young and raised a family as the wife of a subsistence farmer.

ChildFund's child sponsorship program enabled Annapoorna to continue her education into adulthood and complete university. After fulfilling her dream of becoming a qualified teacher, Annapoorna made a conscious choice to return to her village and help her community.

Annapoorna now teaches at a local primary school and is instrumental in helping students with difficulties in mathematics and English. She is also active in a ChildFund-supported children's club and child protection committee – and has even helped protect a young girl from a forced marriage.



LITERACY IMPROVEMENT IN CAMBODIA

In Cambodia, children often have limited classroom time as many teachers are underpaid and have to work multiple jobs. Additional challenges include overcrowded classrooms, limited access to quality libraries and educational resources, and a shortage of literacy programs or interventions. As a result, many students in rural schools don't have adequate opportunities to practice and improve their reading skills.

To address this, ChildFund Cambodia has partnered with local organisation Kampuchean Action for Primary Education (KAPE) to implement the Easy2Learn Project. This features a child-to-child reading program aimed at improving literacy in primary schools.

As a peer tutoring initiative, older students tutor younger student learners. During designated sessions, older students help their younger classmates read and write in Khmer using special reading toolkits provided by ChildFund and KAPE.

For slow learners, this informal support network means tutors can explain concepts more simply and in a private environment, with no pressure from teachers. Children are more comfortable and confident, and learn more quickly and effectively. In this sense, children themselves become an important resource in improving the quality of education in schools.





I AM HEARD

ChildFund Australia believes that every child should have the opportunity to play an active role in society, and to have their views sought, valued and respected. Our programs give children and youth the confidence to share their opinions, and to participate in family and community decision-making on issues which affect them.

We want every child with whom we work to be able to say: "I am heard."

The results of ChildFund's seventh annual Small Voices, Big Dreams survey, one of the world's largest polls of children's views, highlighted the striking similarities and differences between children across the world.

This year, 6,226 children aged 10-12 from 41 countries took part.

While children almost universally agreed on the importance of education, the survey found close to a third of children globally said their school was only 'sometimes' safe.

Ten-year-old Diana from Mexico explains that safe schools are important so that children can give their full attention to their studies: "A safe school means I can focus on Maths, Spanish and Science."

ChildFund conducts the Small Voices, Big Dreams survey to hear directly from children on issues of importance to them, and to help inform ChildFund's program work in disadvantaged communities. The findings are also used to continue advocating globally for children to live in a world free from violence.



“The fact that so many children do not feel safe at school is of great concern, as safety is a prerequisite for learning. ChildFund Alliance is committed to doing all we can to provide children around the world with a safe, quality education.”

Meg Gardinier
Secretary General of the
ChildFund Alliance



I AM HEARD



THE POWER OF DIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS

Global Community is a program powered by ChildFund Australia to bring our world closer together, uniting Australian sponsors and families in developing countries to improve lives and tackle child poverty in all its forms.

By harnessing the power of digital communications, ChildFund supports children and youth from Laos, Myanmar and Papua New Guinea to express their ideas and opinions - with sponsors being encouraged to connect with communities online.

To support more children and youth to speak up and openly share their views, ChildFund Laos recently held a five-day 'Young Writers' training in rural Nonghet district. With 25 children aged 10 to 14 taking part, participants were taught skills in creative writing, journalism, and film-making.

Reporting on issues that affect them, their local environment and daily life - children have learnt how to communicate their views of the world in new and creative ways, and by making the most of modern technology.



HELPING GIRLS BECOME LEADERS

For a girl growing up in a rural village of Myanmar, there is little choice for her future. She will usually work on the family farm or migrate to find domestic or factory work. This often happens at a very young age, which means she won't have the chance to finish school.

ChildFund is partnering with Girl Determined to give girls in Myanmar the education and support they need to overcome these challenges. A structured leadership and life skills program has been developed – which brings together adolescent girls from diverse ethnic and religious backgrounds to enhance their access to education, health knowledge, participation in decision-making and personal development.

The curriculum spans from communication skills, teamwork and goal-setting, to self-esteem, healthy relationships and diversity. Gender norms are also challenged through participation in sports, commonly not available to girls and young women in Myanmar.



RUGBY STAR INSPIRES YOUNG WOMEN

Aussie Rugby Sevens star and Olympic gold medallist Nicole Beck recently took part in the ChildFund Pass It Back Cup in Vietnam. Running coaching and referee clinics, she gave girls and young women the chance to learn new skills and encouraged them to inspire positive change in their own communities.

ChildFund Australia and Australian Rugby Union, with support from the Australian Government, have been working together to grow ChildFund's innovative Sport for Development program.

Using a fully integrated rugby and life skills curriculum, ChildFund Pass It Back promotes the right to play in communities where children have little or no access to sports and recreational activities, and provides important learning opportunities.

During 2016-17, over 3,500 young people from Laos, The Philippines and Vietnam took part in the program.

ChildFund Pass It Back is led by ChildFund in partnership with World Rugby, Asia Rugby and Women Win.

"It is a privilege to be able to travel to these communities and support the development of new talent. I am particularly impressed that in Laos and Vietnam so many girls and young women are jumping in and giving it a go."

Nicole Beck
Aussie Sevens star and Olympic gold medallist





I HAVE A FUTURE

ChildFund Australia believes that every child should have the right to survive and thrive, and to feel confident and hopeful about their future. We implement programs which prioritise the health, wellbeing and resilience of children, working in partnership with their families and communities to ensure that their basic human rights are safeguarded and upheld.

We want every child with whom we work to be able to say: “I have a future.”

Ten-year-old Grace from remote Papua New Guinea (PNG) has battled TB for a large part of her life. The first time she contracted the disease, she was terrified.

“The sickness made me so weak. I thought I was going to die. I could not walk. It was painful and hurt the most in my neck. I was so worried,” she says.

Children account for 26 per cent of detected TB cases in PNG, but this is likely to be just a fraction of the real story. While TB is curable, there are formidable challenges to the diagnosis and treatment of paediatric cases, and children in PNG are particularly susceptible to the most disabling forms of the disease.

“There can be few more challenging and imperative goals in the field of child health than to beat the cruel scourge of tuberculosis,” says ChildFund Australia CEO Nigel Spence.

Thanks to the support of Australian donors, over \$220,000 has been raised to help ChildFund PNG train village health workers – who live in-community and monitor children like Grace until they are cured, stock first-aid kits and supplies in rural clinics, and enable healthcare staff to transport medication to remote villages. Early diagnosis and treatment of TB is preventing lifelong disabilities and saving lives.





I HAVE A FUTURE



GUIDE MOTHERS GIVE HEALTH SUPPORT

In rural Bolivia, ChildFund's community health volunteers, known locally as guide mothers, are responsible for supporting caregivers to monitor children's health and development, and run regular health monitoring events at Early Childhood Development (ECD) Centres.

At one session in 2014, guide mothers in Sapahaqui met Ingela, a baby girl who was severely malnourished and dehydrated. With staff realising that Ingela needed better medical attention as the community health centre didn't have enough resources to

help her – the guide mothers took Ingela and her mother Cristina to the nearest hospital in El Alto City.

After being formally diagnosed with severe anaemia, malnutrition, dehydration and pneumonia – Ingela had to spend one month in hospital so she could receive proper care. The family received support from ChildFund throughout Ingela's complete recovery: working with social services at the hospital to ensure Ingela could access medicine, treatment and a bed at the hospital.

Two years later, Ingela is healthy and developing well, according to the results of her last visit to her local ECD Centre with her mother for health monitoring.

"Those days were so hard for us. I didn't have enough milk for Ingela, or money to save her. I am very grateful for the project and to ChildFund for all the advice and support."

**Cristina
Mother, Bolivia**

THE DIFFERENCE A BIRTH CERTIFICATE MAKES

A birth certificate is a lifelong passport to many rights. Without it, a person cannot access public education, healthcare, voting rights and legal services.

In Kenya, a child without a birth certificate can't be admitted to a public school, or register for the national exams needed for admission to secondary school and university. As unregistered children grow into adults, they find they cannot legally marry, own certain types of property, access the banking system and formal labour market, or vote.

ChildFund has helped over 77,000 vulnerable children in Kenya obtain birth certificates, giving them lifelong access to their civil rights.

"I did not have any money to apply for birth certificates, but with ChildFund's assistance we were able to get the papers," says Catherine, mother to five-year-old Akinyi and seven-year-old Ochieng.

"I used the birth certificates to apply for the government's cash transfer program, and Akinyi was finally able to enrol at a government school. I can also now apply for government medical insurance for my family through the National Health Insurance Fund."



WEAVING BRINGS OPPORTUNITIES

Mai, a mother of two, lives in small village in Nonghet district, northern Laos. Like 80 per cent of the people in her area, Mai comes from a farming family. Along with looking after the household, she helps her husband plant corn seasonally. This provides an income for the family - although not very much.

After hearing about ChildFund Laos' special vocational training program just for women, Mai got excited. To her mind, this program would enable her to develop skills, and give her the ability to earn a formal income - providing a better future for her children.

"Since the training, I now spend eight hours a day weaving, after I've finished the housework," says Mai.

Mai weaves Lao skirts based on patterns provided by ChildFund, as well as her own creative designs. Each piece of clothing she weaves can be sold for US\$14 - enabling her to earn around US\$100 every month.

"Our family income is a lot higher now, thanks to the skills I've learnt from the vocational training conducted by ChildFund. Being able to weave garments has really enabled me to provide more for my children - including new school uniforms and essential school items," says Mai.



ASSESSING CHANGE FOR CHILDREN

ChildFund Australia is focused on achieving the best possible outcomes for children, their families, and wider community. The organisation's Development Effectiveness Framework is an important tool in ensuring we can measure and evaluate the effectiveness of our work.

ChildFund's monitoring and evaluation system – the Development Effectiveness Framework (DEF) – was designed to provide answers to three important questions:

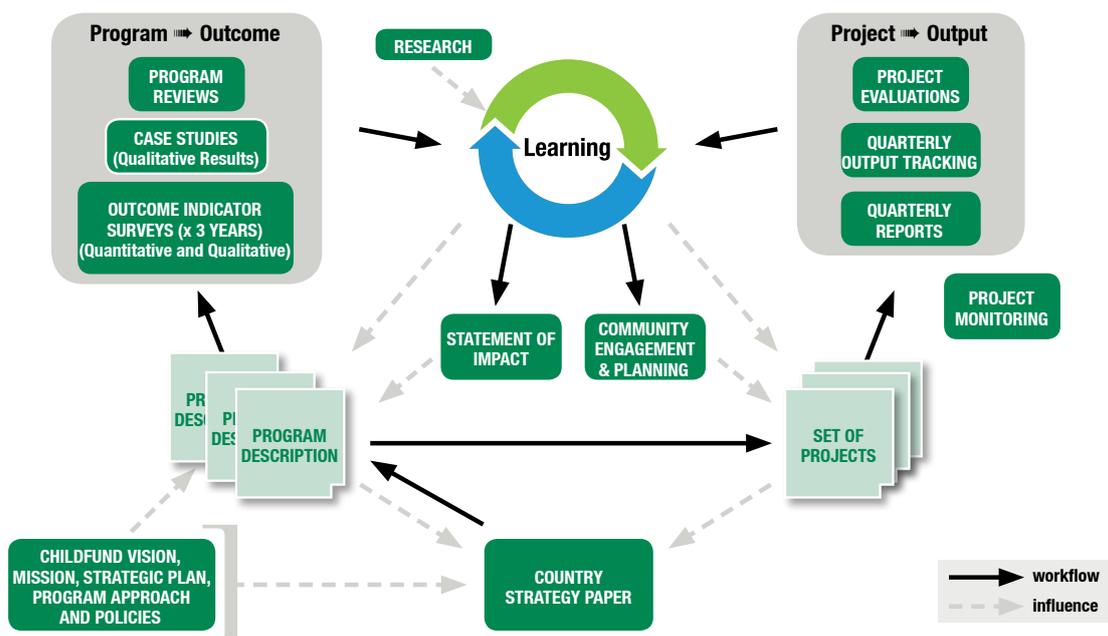
1. How do we know if our work makes a difference and gets results?
2. How do we learn from experience in order to improve the way we work?
3. And, how can community members and local partners directly participate in the planning, implementation and evaluation of ChildFund's development projects?

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

- Organisational outputs: used to track the activities and results of ChildFund projects throughout the year.

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

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



ChildFund's Development Effectiveness Framework in practice



STATEMENT OF IMPACT

Following an initial baseline survey, ChildFund Australia conducts four-yearly repeat surveys within each district where projects have been implemented in order to assess change, and give local communities the opportunity to discuss the results, and ChildFund's contribution to change.

Community members, including children, youth, women, commune leaders and local government representatives, come together to provide feedback on the most recently collected data in comparison with the original baseline survey data.

This includes assessing the validity of the latter data based on whether it matches their own knowledge and experience. Once the data has been agreed, the representatives assess ChildFund's contribution to this change.

During the last financial year, ChildFund Australia undertook a Statement of Impact (SOI) assessment in Ormand District, Papua New Guinea. Following the stakeholder consultation process, local government authorities said: "ChildFund delivered tangible community assets including classrooms and associated aids, rain water catchments, latrines, farming implements and materials, seedlings, immunisation and village health volunteer service aids and resources.

"We acknowledge ChildFund's logistical and capacity building support to carry out outreach work, especially the delivery of health services at the village level. We are hoping that ChildFund can expand to other parts of the district and the province to reach other communities who have similar needs."



FINANCIAL SUMMARY

The 2016-17 financial year represented a year of increased funding in support of ChildFund Australia's programs to improve the lives of children in developing communities.

Total revenue increased by 4 per cent on the previous year. Our operating deficit of \$0.79m was in line with our financial plan, and reflected a reduction from 2016's operating deficit of \$2.4m. Net assets at the end of the year were \$3.8m.

Where the money came from

In 2016-17, ChildFund Australia's total revenue was \$51.5m in comparison to \$49.3m in the 2015-16 financial year.

Revenue growth was driven primarily by increased grant revenue from the Australian Government and other institutional funders. Overall, grant funding increased from \$17.3m in 2016 to \$19.8m in 2017 and ChildFund continues to expand and diversify these funding sources and partnerships.

Revenue raised from the Australian public declined from the previous year; a consequence of the challenging and competitive public fundraising environment in which we operate. However, public support for ChildFund's work remains strong.

Investment and other income decreased. In 2015-16 ChildFund benefited from gains on foreign exchange

holdings, in 2016-17 low interest rates diminished overall investment returns.

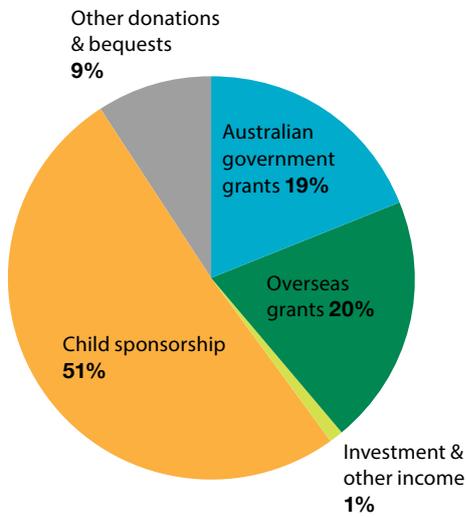
How the money was spent

Program expenditure - which comprises of funds sent to international programs for both development and humanitarian relief activities, program support costs and educating the community about our work and its impact - totalled \$41.5m in 2017. This is an increase from \$40.1m in 2016. Our program expenditure represented 79 per cent of ChildFund's total expenditure.

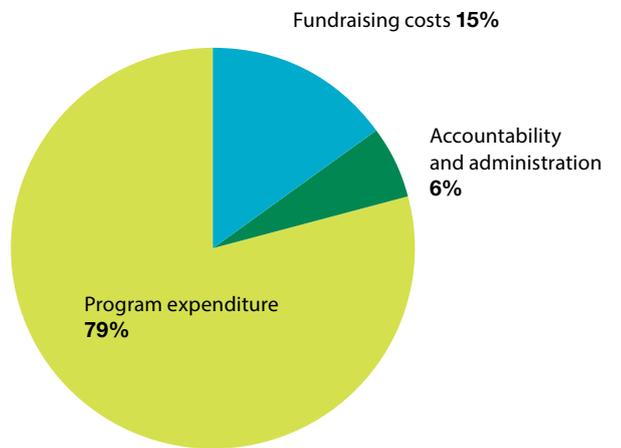
Fundraising costs of \$8m in 2017 were lower than spend of \$8.9m in 2016. This was a planned rationalisation in order to manage our overall operating deficit. Fundraising costs are those expenses incurred in attracting more support for ChildFund's programs through child sponsorship, other regular-giving support and donations. We continue to maximise our investment in fundraising wherever possible to raise much-needed funds in support of our program work.

Accountability and administration expenses increased slightly to \$2.9m from \$2.6m in 2016 and represents 6 per cent of total expenditure. These costs are necessary to efficiently run the organisation and include items such as staff costs for finance and organisational development, as well as audit fees and insurance.

Sources of revenue 2016-2017
(% is a proportion of total revenue)

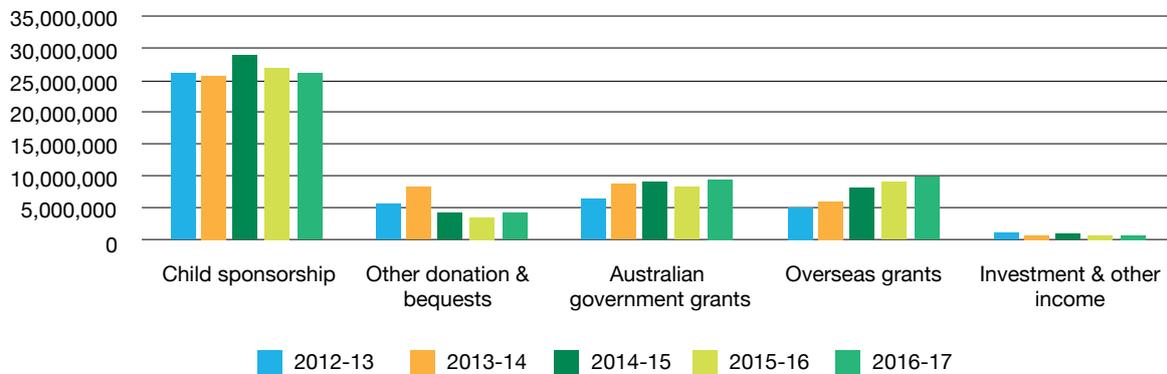


Breakdown of expenditure 2016-2017
(% is a proportion of total expenditure)

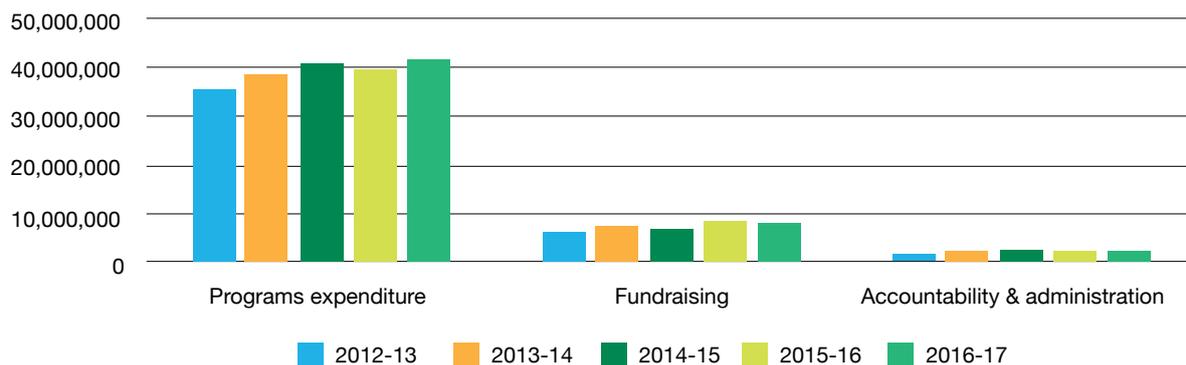


Note: Please see Financial Summary narrative (left) for further descriptions and explanations.

Five-year revenue trend (by source)



Five-year expenditure trend (by type)



Summary Statement of comprehensive income: Year ended 30 June 2017

	2017 (\$)	2016 (\$)
Revenue		
Monetary donations & gifts		
Child sponsorship donations	26,296,652	27,191,454
Other donations	4,347,559	3,899,461
	30,644,211	31,090,915
Legacies and bequests	297,633	16,812
Grants		
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	7,906,085	7,457,793
Other Australian	1,778,782	848,086
Overseas	10,111,467	9,002,901
	19,796,334	17,308,780
Investment income	249,491	328,991
Other income	513,092	600,525
Total revenue	51,500,761	49,346,023
Expenditure		
International Aid and Development Programs Expenditure		
International programs		
Funds to international programs	38,244,616	36,977,363
Program support costs	2,603,075	2,547,575
	40,847,691	39,524,938
Community education	654,793	614,560
Fundraising costs		
Public	7,926,863	8,795,089
Government, multilateral and private	101,085	118,062
Accountability and administration	2,897,108	2,607,551
Total expenditure	52,427,540	51,660,200
Shortfall of revenue over expenditure	(926,779)	(2,314,177)
Other comprehensive income		
Net change in fair value of available-for-sale financial assets	134,329	(128,916)
Total comprehensive loss for the year	(792,450)	(2,443,093)

During the year, the Company 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.

Summary Statement of financial position: As at 30 June 2017

	2017 (\$)	2016 (\$)
Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	6,623,192	7,156,166
Trade and other receivables	803,213	725,888
Financial assets	7,669,145	7,546,005
Total current assets	15,095,550	15,428,059
Property, plant and equipment	779,146	829,603
Intangibles	1,624,342	1,827,385
Total non-current assets	2,403,488	2,656,988
Total assets	17,499,038	18,085,047
Liabilities		
Trade and other payables	12,905,176	12,727,620
Provisions	537,743	472,604
Total current liabilities	13,442,919	13,200,224
Provisions	252,091	288,345
Total non-current liabilities	252,091	288,345
Total liabilities	13,695,010	13,488,569
Net assets	3,804,028	4,596,478
Equity		
Unrestricted reserves		
Retained surplus	1,281,479	2,332,505
Bequest reserve	500,000	500,000
Fair-value reserve	681,179	546,850
	2,462,658	3,379,355
Restricted reserves	1,341,370	1,217,123
Total equity	3,804,028	4,596,478

The Summary Financial Reports have been prepared in accordance with the requirements set out in the ACFID Code of Conduct. For further information on the Code, please refer to the ACFID Code of Conduct Guidance Document available at www.acfid.asn.au.

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

Summary Statement of changes in equity: Year ended 30 June 2017

	Retained surplus (\$)	Bequest reserve (\$)	Fair value reserve (\$)	Restricted reserve (\$)	Total equity (\$)
Balance as at 1 July 2015	3,931,984	500,000	675,766	1,931,821	7,039,571
Total comprehensive income for the period					
Shortfall in revenue over expenditure	(2,314,177)		-	-	(2,314,177)
Other comprehensive income					
Net change in fair value of available-for-sale financial assets	-	-	(128,916)	-	(128,916)
Transfers to restricted funds	(2,090,221)	-	-	2,090,221	-
Transfers from restricted funds	2,804,919	-	-	(2,804,919)	-
Balance as at 30 June 2016	2,332,505	500,000	546,850	1,217,123	4,596,478
Balance as at 1 July 2016					
Balance as at 1 July 2016	2,332,505	500,000	546,850	1,217,123	4,596,478
Total comprehensive income for the period					
Shortfall in revenue over expenditure	(926,779)				(926,779)
Other comprehensive income					
Net change in fair value of available-for-sale financial assets	-	-	134,329	-	134,329
Transfers to restricted funds	(2,328,810)	-	-	2,328,810	-
Transfers from restricted funds	2,204,563	-	-	(2,204,563)	-
Balance as at 30 June 2017	1,281,479	500,000	681,179	1,341,370	3,804,028

Independent Auditor's Report



Independent auditor's report to the members of ChildFund Australia

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

Opinion

The Summary Annual Financial Statements of ChildFund Australia (the Company) are derived from the audited Annual Financial Statements of the Company as at and for the year ended 30 June 2017 (audited Annual Financial Statements).

In our opinion, the accompanying Summary Annual Financial Statements are a fair summary of the audited Annual Financial Statements of ChildFund Australia.

The Summary Annual Financial Statements comprise:

- Summary Statement of financial position as at 30 June 2017
- Summary Statement of comprehensive income, Summary Statement of changes in equity for the year then ended.

Summary Annual Financial Statements

The Summary Annual 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 Annual Financial Statements and the auditor's report thereon, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the audited Annual Financial Statements and the auditor's report thereon.

The Audited Annual Financial Statements and Our Report Thereon

We expressed an unmodified audit opinion on the audited Financial Statement in our report dated 13 September 2017.

Responsibility of the Directors for the Summary Annual Financial Statements

The Directors are responsible for the preparation of the Summary Annual Financial Statements.

Auditor's responsibility for the audit of the Summary Annual Financial Statements

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on whether the Summary Annual 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 Engagements to Report on Summary Financial Statements.

KPMG

Sarah Cain
Partner
Sydney
13 September 2017

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DANIELLE CORMACK EXPLORES CAMBODIA

Danielle Cormack is a star of stage and screen, but few experiences in her life have been as rewarding as her visit to see ChildFund's work in Cambodia in July.

A long-time ChildFund supporter and ambassador, Danielle spent time in rural villages talking to children and their families about how they are benefitting from ChildFund Cambodia's support.

"To be an ambassador for anything, it's important that you know that the organisation is actually doing what they say they do, and you get to experience it firsthand," Danielle says.

"Although it can be difficult seeing how some people live, it can also be incredibly humbling and enlightening to witness their resilience and to know that people are actually being helped by your contribution."

Danielle spent time talking to children and families in rural villages about their concerns, and the areas where help is needed most.

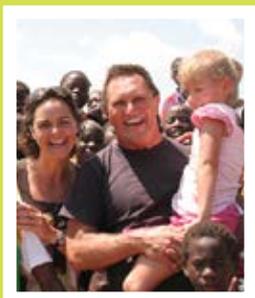


"Primarily, it comes down to clean water because that's imperative for good health. If you don't have a healthy community, you don't have healthy children and they can't function," she says.

"And secondly, it's education so kids can stay in school, so they aren't separated from their families and sent out to work.

"What I found was parents want the best for their kids, they want their kids to be educated, they just don't necessarily have the resources. And after schools being built, it's things like access to solar lamps so kids can study at night instead of using kerosene lamps because there's a danger of toxicity and of their huts burning down. It's little things we take for granted which make such a difference."

THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR AMBASSADORS FOR YOUR ONGOING COMMITMENT AND SUPPORT!



Frankie J Holden and Michelle Pettigrove



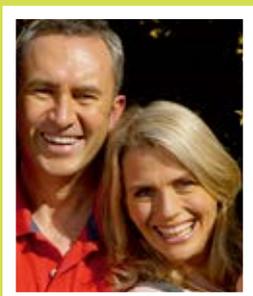
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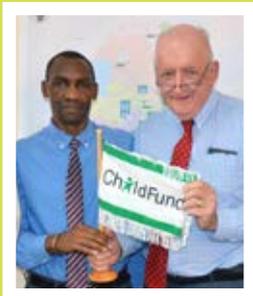
Julie Goodwin

"Until I saw it myself, I didn't realise everything our sponsorship dollars accomplish. It makes me so proud to be part of ChildFund."

Julie Goodwin
Celebrity chef and
ChildFund ambassador



Mark and Rachel Beretta



The Hon Tim Fischer AC,
Special Envoy for
ChildFund Australia

CHILD FUND AUSTRALIA BOARD

DIRECTORS

The Directors in office during the whole of the financial year and up to the date of this report were:



Mary Latham (Chair)

Mary is a chartered accountant, company director and consultant. She is a member of the Governance Committee and the Audit and Risk Committee.



Jo Brennan

Jo is a General Manager with CommInsure at the Commonwealth Bank. She is a member of the Program Review Committee and the Communications and Marketing Committee.



David Shortland (Deputy Chair)

David is a governance specialist and communication counsel to Boards and Senior Executives. He is Chair of the Governance Committee and a member of the Communications and Marketing Committee.



Carolyn Hardy

Carolyn is a passionate advocate for women and children, having worked with the United Nations for over a decade in senior roles. She is a member of the Program Review Committee and the Communications and Marketing Committee.



Michael Rose

Michael is the Chairman of the ChildFund Alliance Board and former Chief Executive Partner of law firm Allens.



Richard Moore

Richard is a consultant specialising in Asian economic, political and social transition, currently working in Myanmar. He is a member of the Program Review Committee and the Audit and Risk Committee.



Justine Richardson

Justine works with Boards and Senior Executives to address complex business issues. She is Chair of the Audit and Risk Committee and a member of the Governance Committee.



Belinda Lucas

Belinda is co-founder of international development consultancy Learning4Development. She is Chair of the Program Review Committee.

The following Directors resigned during or after the close of the financial year:

Joanne Thomson: resigned in November 2016 (maximum term)

Michael Pain: resigned in November 2016

Yassmin Abdel-Magied: resigned in July 2017

Gaye Hart: resigned in November 2016

Company secretary

Adrian Graham was appointed on 21 June 2017



"I had the humbling honour of visiting projects in Uganda this year and see, first-hand, the impact the work of ChildFund has on individuals and communities around the world. It made me proud to be part of an organisation that truly values community-centred development and strives to do it as best as possible."

Yassmin Abdel-Magied
ChildFund Australia Board Member

ChildFund Australia is a member of the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID) and a signatory to the ACFID Code of Conduct. The Code requires members to meet high standards of corporate governance, public accountability and financial management.

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