

**2011
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Save the Children
Canada

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Our vision is a world where every child attains the right to survival, protection, development and participation.

Our mission is to inspire breakthroughs in the way the world treats children, and to achieve immediate and lasting change in their lives.

Save the Children works in more than 120 countries. We save children's lives. We fight for their rights. We help them fulfill their potential.





Eglantyne Jebb

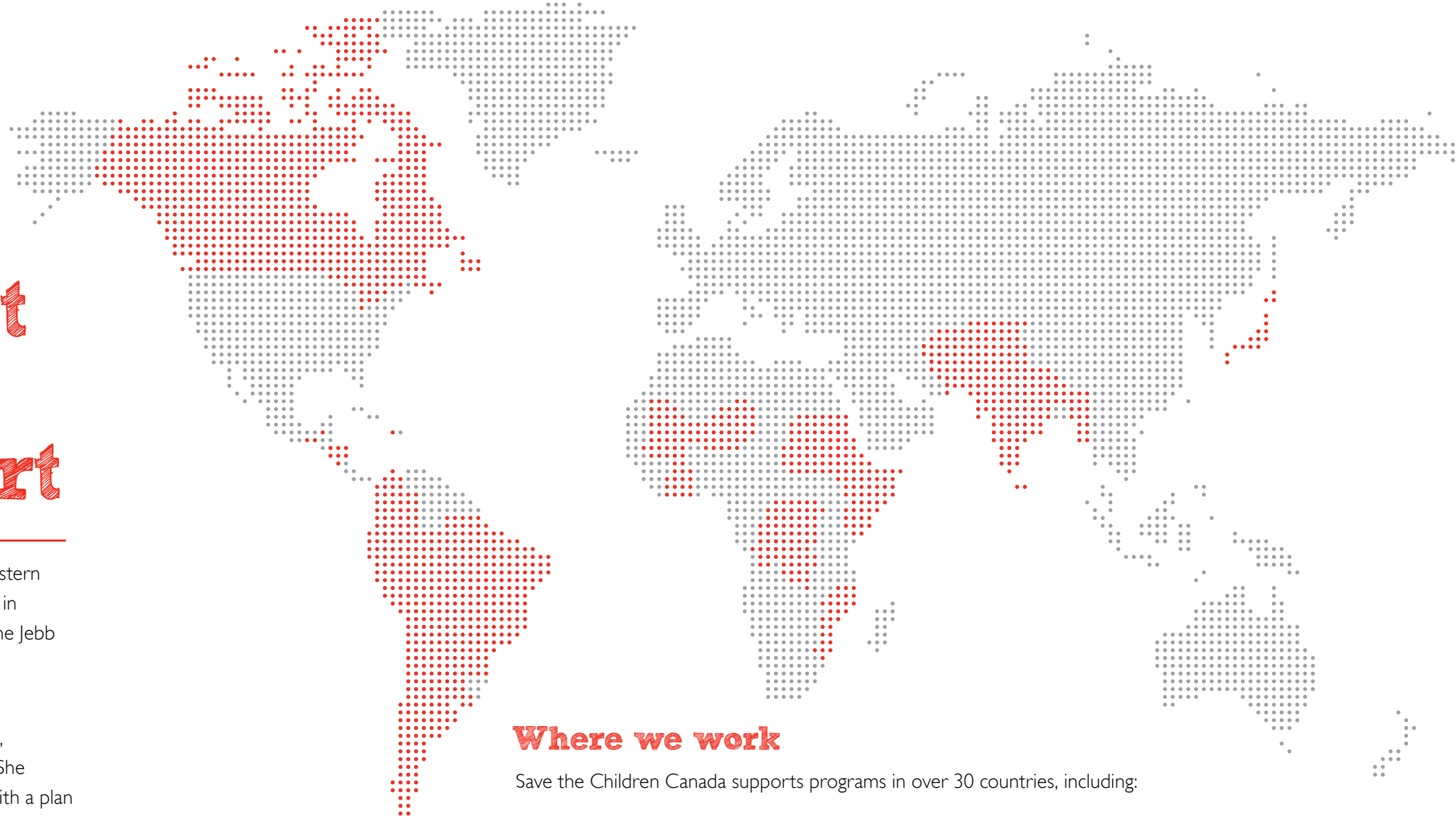
Speaking out for children from the start

In 1919, after the First World War, children in Austria and Eastern Europe were dying of hunger. Ignoring the many angry views in Britain that she was helping “children of the enemy,” Eglantyne Jebb began the Save the Children Fund to supply food to starving Austrian children.

In 1923, when the Russian relief effort was coming to an end, Eglantyne turned to another issue—that of children’s rights. She headed to a meeting of the International Union in Geneva with a plan for a Children’s Charter. The result was a short and clear document, drafted by Eglantyne, which asserted the rights of children and the duty of the international community to put children’s rights in the forefront of planning.

The Declaration of the Rights of the Child was adopted a year later by the League of Nations. The rights outlined in this declaration are now part of the laws of nearly every country in the world, protecting millions of children.

Eglantyne was driven by the belief that all children—whoever they are, wherever they are—have the right to a healthy, happy, fulfilling life. Her work is the foundation on which we are building a better future for children today.



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Save the Children Canada supports programs in over 30 countries, including:

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- Bolivia
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In 2011, your partnership with Save the Children helped save and improve the lives of over 50 million children, providing hope to communities around the world.

In East Africa, your generous outpouring of support alleviated the worst of the hunger crisis for many. Save the Children was able to provide timely emergency food, clean water, medicine and health care, as well as long-term, sustainable solutions such as irrigation systems and agricultural training.

You also helped us deliver programs and services in some of the world's most challenging environments. In Colombia, which has experienced decades of violence, your partnership is helping to reach 36,000 children in conflict zones with a quality education that prepares them to build a more peaceful, productive society. In 2011, this program received a very positive evaluation from the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) for its impressive results.

In remote areas of South Sudan, the world's newest country, your help enables health workers to provide frontline care. Mothers can now seek prompt attention for a child who is sick with malaria, pneumonia, diarrhoea, or other life-threatening childhood diseases.

The impact is nothing short of dramatic: "There are not as many children dying in our communities. There are not as many graves," a health worker in South Sudan told us.

This annual report is full of such inspiring stories, and as we look ahead, there is potential for even greater impact.

I am excited about the ongoing deeper collaboration we are undertaking with our fellow Save the Children organizations worldwide to become a united federation by early 2013. As an integrated, global organization of 30 members working in over 120 countries, we will continue to speak with a powerful and effective voice for children. We will be able to pool our resources in efficient ways, and build on our collective strength of nearly a century of success. Save the Children Canada looks forward to playing an active role in this exciting partnership, especially as we contribute our expertise in complex issues such as gender, and children who work.

On behalf of the board, I would like to express our sincere gratitude to all who support this critical work. It is an honour to partner with you to advance the cause of children's rights. I hope that like me, you will be inspired by what has been done, and by what we can continue to do together.

Patricia Erb, President & CEO

Last year, I visited a refugee camp in Kenya that was receiving people fleeing hunger and conflict in Somalia. Through an interpreter, I talked with a girl of about 16.

She had arrived exhausted, her feet bleeding, after walking for weeks with her brother, 7, and sister, 3. Her eyes had a haunted look as she described travelling through conflict zones and sleeping in the open among wildlife.

I was deeply moved to see the difference Save the Children had made for these children. We gave them food, sleeping mats, and hygiene kits. We arranged for another Somali family to care for them until they could be reunited with their parents. We helped them receive vaccinations and a medical exam, and start attending children's programs. They were safe—and they had hope for a better life. Our work with this family was only a small representation of our capacity to deliver at scale: over the course of the East Africa hunger crisis, we reached nearly 3.5 million children.

That's the wonderful impact of your partnership. In 2011, we responded to hunger in East Africa, the earthquake in Japan, and more, thanks to you, our supporters. You helped us advocate for the health and survival of the youngest, most vulnerable children through our EVERY ONE campaign. You helped us continually strive to find new and better ways to help children, such as in our successful education program in Colombia, which involved piloting an innovative project, scaling it up, and using positive results to influence government policy. This is truly sustainable change.

In my 20 years with Save the Children, I've seen the vital impact of what we do, and it continues to inspire me to do more. I see that girl in the refugee camp and the immediate attention she received. I also visit projects where we have been working for years, and I see the long-term impact on children's lives. I see the power of what we can do together.

I am deeply grateful to you and every partner—every donor, staff member, organization, and funding agency—who plays a part in this worthwhile effort. Thank you for helping to create lasting change for children.



A solid foundation for children's well-being

Save the Children focuses on the following essential needs and rights of children:

Health and Nutrition

We help children have access to food and health care, with special emphasis on the youngest children—those under five years of age—and their mothers.

Education

We provide relevant, quality education and life skills training, equipping children with a critical tool to rise out of poverty.

Livelihoods and Food Security

We help families develop sustainable livelihoods so they can better feed and care for their children.

Child Rights Governance

We encourage and help children in decisions affecting them and their communities. When children's rights are violated, we advocate for change.

HIV and AIDS

We work with families, community groups, government, and other organizations to strengthen local capacity to protect children, prevent infection, and offer treatment.

Child Protection

We strive to prevent all forms of child abuse and exploitation by working with governments, organizations and local communities to implement progressive laws and change harmful practices.

Emergency Preparedness and Response

We help communities prepare for emergencies and develop resiliency. In times of crisis, we provide humanitarian aid with a focus on children's needs. We also support rebuilding efforts.

Children and Work

In this emerging area of focus, we seek ways to support children to develop to their full potential. We safeguard their rights to an education and safe working conditions, while respecting family needs and cultural values.

Cat Carter/ Save the Children

How we make a difference

As Save the Children partners with government and other agencies to create immediate and lasting change for children, we contribute specific values and expertise:

We are committed to child rights

Save the Children is firmly grounded in the idea that children have rights. This is at the core of everything we do. It shapes our mission, our programming and our on-the-ground interactions with children and families. This focus means our organization is committed not just to meeting immediate needs but also to ensuring permanent rights for children.

We place an emphasis on gender equality

Save the Children Canada has become a leader among the international Save the Children partnership in applying a gender lens to development programming. Our goal is to ensure that girls and boys can equally participate and benefit from the work we do—so we can bring about sustainable, positive change for all children.

We lay the groundwork for lasting impact

Interwoven with everything we do is the desire to empower communities to continue their development after we leave. All our projects, including emergency relief, involve training and capacity-building at the local level. We also partner with governments to develop new policies based on the results demonstrated by our work. When our efforts shape policy, then they become truly sustainable.



A baby girl who came back from the brink

Three-month-old Umi weighed only 1.7 kg (3.5 lbs) when she was carried into a Save the Children-supported health clinic in Kenya.

Umi was acutely malnourished, dehydrated and suffering from bronchial pneumonia. She had been vomiting and had not eaten properly for five days. Umi's mother was also suffering from malnutrition.

Save the Children staff gave Umi antibiotics, and immediately took her to the stabilization centre at the district hospital in Wajir, where trained staff addressed her immediate needs and nursed her back to health. Save the Children health workers monitored Umi's progress to ensure she remained healthy and well nourished.

"My daughter was almost dying," said her mother, Amina, "but today I have a healthy daughter and I'm so happy. You cannot even compare the joy I feel today to the sadness I felt—it is just not comparable."

Three-month-old Umi is examined by a health worker at a Save the Children clinic in Kenya. With treatment, she recovered (see large photo, facing page).

Responding to emergencies

When disaster strikes, children are especially vulnerable. They may become separated from their families in the midst of chaos and upheaval. They are unable to access shelter, food, water, or protection on their own. If their families are forced to flee, children have to leave school abruptly and miss out on part of their education.

As a child-focused organization, Save the Children prioritizes children's needs in times of crisis. Our Child-Friendly Spaces give children a place to learn, play, make friends, and regain a sense of normalcy during a chaotic time. We work to reunite children with their families. We place special emphasis on helping children continue their education, which plays a key role in helping them survive and progress.

With our global staff, Save the Children is able to respond immediately, wherever disaster strikes. We assess needs, determine who is most vulnerable and launch life-saving activities. With decades of experience in child-focused programming, we are uniquely equipped for a response that takes into account children's needs, the impact on women and the need to build community capacity for the future.



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Three-month-old Umi is thriving (see image, right) thanks to the medical treatment she received from Save the Children.



Colin Crowley / Save the Children

Results in 2011



Hunger Crisis in East Africa. Save the Children helped save millions of lives in Kenya, Ethiopia and Somalia last year when drought and famine devastated the region. Globally, we were able to mount a \$145 million relief effort that included providing emergency food and water, and managing large-scale nutrition, health, food security, and child protection and education programs in drought-stricken areas and refugee camps. Of this response, \$6 million came from Canada alone.



Along with our international Save the Children partners, we reached 2,092,104 people in Ethiopia, 859,494 in Kenya, and 455,883 in Somalia. In one camp, we offered a food voucher program for parents who showed proof of immunization and growth monitoring for their children—an innovative way to promote child health while supporting the local economy.

Floods in Pakistan. Partnering with CIDA, we provided shelter and non-food items (such as cooking pots, blankets and water containers) to families who fled the rapidly rising floodwaters.

Earthquake in Japan. Save the Children contributed funds to support the Japanese government's response to the devastating quake. These funds were used for child protection and education activities.

Hunger Crisis in West Africa. As the threat of a food crisis became a reality, Save the Children scaled up efforts to save the lives of thousands of malnourished children. We trained community volunteers in Burkina Faso to screen children for acute malnutrition, provide therapeutic foods and refer severe cases to health clinics and district hospitals.

Political Crisis in Côte d'Ivoire. Families displaced by social upheaval received food, health care and hygiene kits.

In 2011, Save the Children collaborated with Oxfam on a report about the global response to the hunger crisis in East Africa. The report, **A Dangerous Delay**, called for a faster response to signs of a slow-onset emergency. It found that countless lives could be saved if governments, non-government organizations, media, and the public responded promptly rather than waiting until a situation becomes dire.



**Over
3.4 million
people were reached
with humanitarian aid**
when drought and famine
devastated East Africa.



Left: Tiggy Rodley / Save the Children; Ian Woolverton / Save the Children; Tiggy Rodley / Save the Children | Right: Helle Kjaergaard / Save the Children; Jensen Walker / Getty Images; Amadou Mboodi / Save the Children

David discovers his voice and his potential

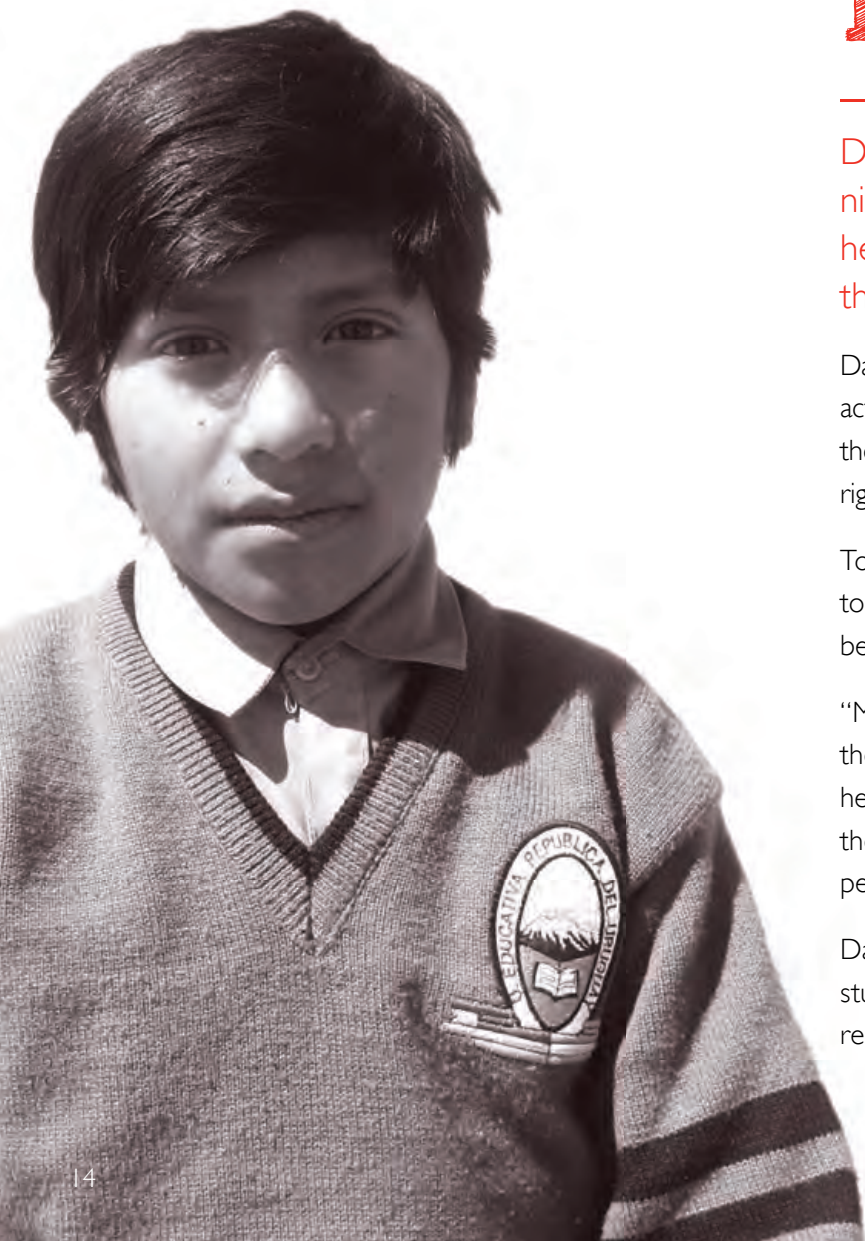
David Quispe, 11, lives in Bolivia with his parents and nine brothers and sisters. His father is a bricklayer. To help earn family income, David and his siblings help their father in the evenings after studying.

David, who is in Grade 6, has been taking part in workshops and activities held by Save the Children's local partner, Chasqui. David says the workshops have taught him about children's rights. "I know we have rights such as freedom of speech and to be listened to by grown-ups."

Topics like leadership, children's rights and self-esteem were new to David when he began attending the workshops, but gradually he began to participate and speak out.

"My dad and my mom are very supportive of my involvement in these activities and I feel very happy," he says. "In the evenings I help my dad in the bricklaying trade and also help to take care of the cattle. He sees that now I am very responsible, so he gives me permission to participate."

David is a leader among his classmates and has become the top student in his grade. With Save the Children's help, he is balancing his responsibilities with his family and his right to an education.



Children and work

In many cultures, children are expected to work alongside adults as a daily part of life. They help their parents weed crops, care for livestock, sell at the market, or perform other tasks. When a child is able to attend school and work in safe, appropriate conditions, the child may experience positive value: the opportunity to learn job skills, contribute to family income and develop a sense of responsibility.

Save the Children strives to respect different cultural views of childhood while ensuring children's rights are protected. Our goal is to remove the aspects of work that may harm children, and help them secure their right to safety, dignity and quality education.

Children Lead the Way is one of Save the Children's largest programs. Primarily addressing the issue of children and work, the program supports boys and girls in Bolivia, Burkina Faso, Kenya, Peru, and Nicaragua to become healthy, educated, and productive citizens.



Left: Save the Children Bolivia | Right: Michael Bizegile / Save the Children

2011 Results

694 teachers trained

in child-friendly teaching methodologies, including a focus in Bolivia on improving Indigenous children's education.

9,096 children received

school fees, school kits and tutoring opportunities.

1,085 children active

in various events with government decision-makers.

1 million

people in Peru and Burkina Faso were informed of child-related issues through media channels.

Goals in 2012 for Children Lead the Way include improving the quality of education through teacher training, organizing awareness-raising activities for children who work, strengthening the technical skills of teens, and sensitizing communities to the importance of education for children.



Monica benefits from a safer school

Monica Fernanda, 15, lives with her mother and two brothers in the city of Pasto, Colombia. Their home is in a *barrio*, or neighbourhood, that is highly unsafe. Children and youth cannot use the parks freely because of the fighting and crime.

At Monica's school, gang members wait by the doors to offer drugs to the students. This usually results in fighting. Gang activity has adversely affected education in the community because the gangs stir up fights and attempt to claim the school as gang territory.

"Safety at our school has improved since Save the Children arrived," Monica says, "because they gave us an opportunity to suggest strategies to reduce the violence. Youth groups have developed to promote activities that help children and youth stay away from gangs and make good use of their spare time."

As well, a traditional music group and a communications group are helping children and youth express their opinions, and engage in useful activities instead of being out on the streets. The change has been so significant that parents have started attending workshops too.

Helping children access quality education

Education is one of the most powerful tools for breaking the cycle of poverty. Save the Children's vision is for children to receive a quality education and acquire the skills and knowledge they need for success in the 21st century. This is every child's right, regardless of gender, ethnicity, social class, income or whether they live in conflict zones.

We believe education must be relevant to a child's cultural context. For example, Indigenous children need materials in their heritage language as well as the national language. Children in conflict zones need to learn about peacebuilding. Youth in high-unemployment areas need to learn vocational skills and small business skills. Children displaced by natural disasters need educational opportunities. All schooling must be relevant and inclusive for boys and girls alike.

Education is central to Save the Children's global strategy. We focus on four areas: early childhood development, basic primary and secondary education, education for youth empowerment, and education in emergencies.



Left: Save the Children Colombia | Right: Cristian Meilo / Save the Children

2011 Results

Our work in Colombia drew particular attention in 2011. Save the Children, funded by CIDA and supported by BULGARI, partnered with the Norwegian Refugee Council to reach children in conflict zones, with special attention to the Afro-Colombian population, Indigenous populations, and children affected by conflict.

36,000 children reached

in Colombia, a country where civil conflict, fuelled by the drug trade, has caused hardship and suffering for 50 years.

Helping to develop ethnic education, including a bilingual curriculum for the Awa Indigenous people in Nariño, an area of great need.

Finishing the five-year project "As We Learn We Grow," a program involving 24 schools, flexible models for out-of-school children, teacher training, peacebuilding, child participation, vocational skills development, and emphasis on reading, writing and mathematics.

Working closely with governments and schools to plan, implement and assess results. Quality measures provided by national tests show a clear improvement in areas where Save the Children works.

Health worker helps sick toddler get better

Chisomo, a village health worker in rural Malawi, visited Mercy Benson and her children as often as he could. He was concerned about Anthony, the youngest child, who had been sick with malaria and diarrhoea.

Anthony's health was deteriorating, and Mercy had stopped breastfeeding him because she was pregnant and she believed breastfeeding would adversely affect the pregnancy.

Through training and support provided by Save the Children, Chisomo was able to help Mercy and her children. He treated Anthony's malaria and diarrhoea. He was able to reassure Mercy that it was natural and safe for her to breastfeed her son, and that it would have no negative consequences on her pregnancy. He also taught Mercy the nutritional value of the staple foods she could afford, so she could maximize the quality of the meals she prepares for her family.

Chisomo checked back with the Bensons a few weeks later. "I noticed great improvements!" he said. "The family responded to my advice. They improved their hygiene to prevent diarrhoea. Anthony is no longer malnourished. And I was very pleased to see Mercy breastfeeding during my visit."

Anthony, 20 months, sits on his mother's lap. A Save the Children health worker helped Anthony receive treatment for malaria and diarrhoea.



Community Case Management

One of Save the Children's key strategies to address child mortality is Community Case Management. This involves training community health workers to provide life-saving treatments for children under five years of age in remote communities. Community Case Management focuses on common, life-threatening childhood illnesses like pneumonia, diarrhoea and malaria. It is proving very effective in countries such as Malawi, Mozambique and South Sudan.

The simple fact of having access to basic health care can save the lives of children who would otherwise have to be transported a long distance to the nearest clinic. When a worried mother visits a community health worker with a sick child, the health worker is able to assess the child's condition and provide medicine such as antibiotics or anti-malarial drugs. Workers are also trained to identify when a child is severely ill and requires referral to a hospital.



Left: Naomi Kalemba / Save the Children | Right: Jonathan Hyams / Save the Children

2011 Results

Last year's Community Case Management results in Malawi, Mozambique and South Sudan included:

2,642 people trained
as community health workers to provide frontline care in remote villages.

927,000 cases
of malaria and pneumonia among children under five years were treated.

Positive perceptions of the village clinic were reported in a mid-term evaluation. The evaluation found that people considered the clinic to be a valued resource, and that mothers trusted the quality of care they received.

A health workforce is being created by this project to benefit the countries after Save the Children leaves.

The project's success in 2011 led to its expansion into Mali and Pakistan in 2012. The Pakistan program includes screening for malnutrition in children, and the Mali program includes care for newborns.



EVERY ONE campaign: Every child has a right to survival

Every year, almost 7.6 million children—nearly half of them newborn babies—die needlessly. The main killers are malaria, pneumonia and diarrhoea. The tragedy is that these diseases are easily prevented and treated. Children could survive if only they had access to things like basic health care, nutritious food and vaccines.

EVERY ONE is Save the Children's global response to save the lives of millions of children under the age of five each year, along with the mothers who are dying in childbirth due to lack of a skilled birth attendant. Through EVERY ONE, Save the Children aims to educate and influence governments and the public about the need to help children survive—and thrive—in their early years of life.



Left: Tiggy Ridley/Save the Children | Right: Anna Kari/Save the Children

2011 Results

Save the Children is a key member of the Canadian Maternal Newborn and Child Health Working Group, established by the Minister of International Cooperation in 2011. Together with our partners in this group, we are spreading the word about the need for health workers, vaccines and nutritious food, and we are fostering collaboration between the many organizations who work to advance maternal, newborn and child health. In Year 2 of the five-year EVERY ONE campaign, Save the Children International continued mobilizing people in support of child and maternal health. Around the world, activities included walks, signature campaigns, drama presentations, relay races, concerts, social media campaigns, and more.

50.6 million

children and women worldwide received cost-effective, lifesaving care from Save the Children International. For example, 2,000 community health workers in Afghanistan were trained to identify malnourished children, and 450 religious leaders and health workers in the country were trained to encourage pregnant women to go to clinics where giving birth is safer.

The World Marathon Challenge

in October raised awareness about the need for more health workers in the world's poorest communities. Children from Toronto, and from First Nations communities in northwestern Ontario, participated in this event.



Caring for orphans, giving hope

Globally, about 16 million children have lost one or both parents to AIDS. Children are being robbed of their childhood and forced to assume adult responsibilities too soon—such as the older sibling who leaves school to care for younger children.

Orphaned children lack the benefit of parental guidance and care, resulting in a generation that is more likely to live in poverty, drop out of school and turn to anti-social behaviours. These are the challenges that Save the Children works to address. We focus on education, prevention, treatment, and community mobilization—key strategies to stop the spread of HIV and protect the next generation.

Most of our work takes place in Kenya, which has 1.2 million orphaned children and where 7.4 percent of 15 - 49 year olds are infected with HIV. By testing individuals for the virus and providing medication, we enable HIV-positive parents to carry on with their lives and continue caring for their children. This leads to lower levels of stigma and discrimination within communities.

Kate Holt / Save the Children

2011 Results

5,758 people

received HIV counselling and testing services. Those who tested positive were able to access health care and community support.

9,721 community members,

including youth, learned about reproductive health and HIV prevention.

369 children

affected by HIV received school fees or uniforms to help them continue their education.

Small business training was provided to youth and families affected by HIV so they are able to earn income and provide for children.

Life skills training helped children explore decision-making, leadership, self-awareness and self-esteem, and child rights and responsibilities.

11 Area Advisory Councils, learned about child rights and legal provisions in Kenya that protect children. This will help ensure the sustainability of our work.

Teens have the chance to learn about personal finance

In Kenya, Save the Children worked with banks and financial institutions last year to design savings accounts that are attractive to youth. This innovative product—the SMATA account—was welcomed by youth and parents alike:

“ I now have my own account and do not need to save under my mattress anymore...”

—13-year-old boy in Kenyatta Market

“ It felt good to use my card to deposit. It made me feel like a grownup and not a child.”

—14-year-old girl in Nanyuki

“ The money that was used to buy small things like sweets is now being saved.”

—A mother in Kitui (expressing a similar sentiment to many other parents)

Twelve-year-old Mellyca opens her first savings accounts in Mwatwpa, Kenya.

Breaking the poverty cycle

A quarter of the world's children—about 600 million—live in extreme poverty. Being born into a poor family dramatically reduces a child's chance for a bright future, as poverty is often passed on from generation to generation. Families need new ways to provide for their children and break free from the cycle of poverty. And children need access to financial tools like savings accounts, so they can cultivate sound financial habits and lay a solid foundation for their futures.

Save the Children Canada runs two livelihood programs: **YouthSave** and **Food Security & Economic Growth**. Through YouthSave, we help young people access basic financial services such as savings accounts to enable them, with support from parents, guardians and educators, to cultivate positive savings behaviours. Through Food Security & Economic Growth—as supported by Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA)—we are building the capacity of the Ethiopian government to help rural households in the Benishangul Gumuz Regional State grow more nutrient-rich foods, improve household incomes, and increase their resilience to naturally occurring disasters such as droughts.



Left: Rami Deshpande / Save the Children | Right: Cat Carter / Save the Children

2011 Results

YouthSave

YouthSave operates in four countries—Colombia, Ghana, Kenya, and Nepal. Among last year's results:

A youth-friendly savings account was pilot-tested.

New ways of communicating with youth were developed, such as comic books that discuss savings.

Events were held for youth to sign up for savings accounts.

75 percent progress toward account-holder targets was reached.

Food Security & Economic Growth

Save the Children is the lead agency for a six-member consortium of Canadian NGOs that aims to directly reach 20,500 households in Ethiopia. The project's objective is to improve household food security and strengthen economic growth in a way that equally benefits women and men. This project launched in February 2011. Among first-year results:

Tree seedlings and vegetable seeds were distributed.

Families were trained on livestock care, beekeeping, forest protection, and crop storage.

Agricultural tools were provided.

Bamboo production and processing were promoted by distributing seedlings, establishing bamboo nurseries, training farmers and exploring markets for bamboo products such as tables and chairs for schools.



“Moms in the group said they wished other moms would come too.”

Raven Crow, 29, has three children, ages 4, 6, and 7. She trained as a leader with Save the Children's Supporting Security project, and learned how to promote bonding between babies and their parents or caregivers. Raven describes her experience:

“Supporting Security taught us that you are supposed to comfort your baby ... My mother knows it now and she doesn't let babies cry any more. She used to say it was important to let a baby cry and clear out his lungs. Now people realize that a baby is thinking. They never thought of that before ... People didn't think babies had feelings. They thought babies didn't start having feelings or start thinking until later when they were older.

“Mothers who went through the groups are different. They understand how their babies think. It reassures them. They realize how important mother is for a baby. My community needs Supporting Security a lot. Moms in the group said they wished other moms would come too. Some don't because they are discouraged by their partners ... Partners may feel insecure because they feel the mom is learning something they don't know. We need to find ways to reach them and reassure them. Supporting Security helps us.”

Responding to children in Canada

Canada's Indigenous children are the most marginalized in our country. One in four lives in poverty compared to one in nine non-Indigenous children. These children also experience a \$3,000 shortfall in government spending for on-reserve education compared to other children. Save the Children is committed to helping all children get the support they need to flourish. Drawing on our history of partnering with Indigenous peoples in Colombia and Bolivia, we are working to create change for Canada's Indigenous children.

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Once upon a time our ancestors carried us on their backs as they chopped wood, as they gathered their wood and cooked their meals. The moss bags the infants slept in kept them warm and secure. The importance of attachment and security was important then and it's imperative that we continue in this generation. Supporting Infant Security is a program that has helped nourish the souls and minds of our children who will be our future and helps support the caregivers who are a significant part of their lives.”

—Christina Linklater



Christina Linklater is the Healthcare Coordinator for Moose Factory, Ontario.

2011 Results

In partnership with Dr. Jean Wittenberg of The Hospital for Sick Children, we continued our three-year parent/caregiver-child bonding project called Supporting Security: Strengthening the Experience of Security for First Nation Mothers and their Infants. This project aims to strengthen the experience of bonding and security for Indigenous infants and children, by helping caregivers improve their responsiveness to the baby's signals, which promotes emotional health for the infant.

39 local community health workers were trained.

199 parents and 281 children participated in support groups.

10 locations in the Kenora and James Bay regions of Northern Ontario benefited from support groups.

Over 250 other community members learned about attachment theory and how it is beneficial to babies.

Partnered with the Kenora Chiefs Advisory to integrate this project into a broader child and youth mental health strategy.

Also in 2011:

30,000 books were distributed to seven communities in the Kenora region.

Groundwork was laid for a heritage language project to increase children's emotional health and well-being by helping them have a stronger sense of identity.



Jean Wittenberg / Save the Children

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A child is helped out of a boat as families in Thailand seek refuge from flooding in 2011. Save the Children delivered life-saving aid and set up child-friendly spaces.

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Report of the Independent Auditor on the Summary Financial Statements

To the Members of Save the Children Canada,

The accompanying summary financial statements, which comprise the summary statement of financial position as at December 31, 2011, and the summary statement of operations and changes in net assets for the year then ended, are derived from the audited financial statements of Save the Children Canada (the "Organization") for the year ended December 31, 2011. We expressed a qualified audit opinion on those financial statements in our report dated June 8, 2012. Those financial statements, and the summary financial statements, do not reflect the effects of events that occurred subsequent to the date of our report on those financial statements.

The summary financial statements do not contain all the disclosures required by Canadian generally accepted accounting standards. Reading the summary financial statements, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the audited financial statements of the Organization.

Management's Responsibility for the Summary Financial Statements: Management is responsible for the preparation of a summary of the audited financial statements in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting standards.

Auditor's Responsibility: Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the summary financial statements based on our procedures, which were conducted in accordance with Canadian Auditing Standard ("CAS") 810,

"Engagements to Report on Summary Financial Statements".

Opinion: In our opinion, the summary financial statements derived from the audited financial statements of the Organization for the year ended December 31, 2011 are a fair summary of those financial statements, in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles. However, the summary financial statements are impacted, to the same extent as the audited financial statements by the possible effects of the limitation in the scope of our audit of the audited financial statements of the Organization for the year ended December 31, 2011.

Our qualified opinion on the audited financial statements is described in our report dated June 8, 2012, and indicated that the Organization, in common with many not-for-profit organizations, derives revenue from the general public, the completeness of which is not susceptible to satisfactory audit verification.

Accordingly, our verification of these revenues was limited to the amounts recorded in the records of the Organization and we were not able to determine whether any adjustments might be necessary to contributions revenue, deficiency of revenue over expenses, and cash flows from operations for the years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010, current assets as at December 31, 2011 and 2010, and net assets as at January 1 and December 31 for both the 2011 and 2010 years. Our qualified opinion states that, except for the possible effects of the described matter, those financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Organization as at December 31, 2011, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

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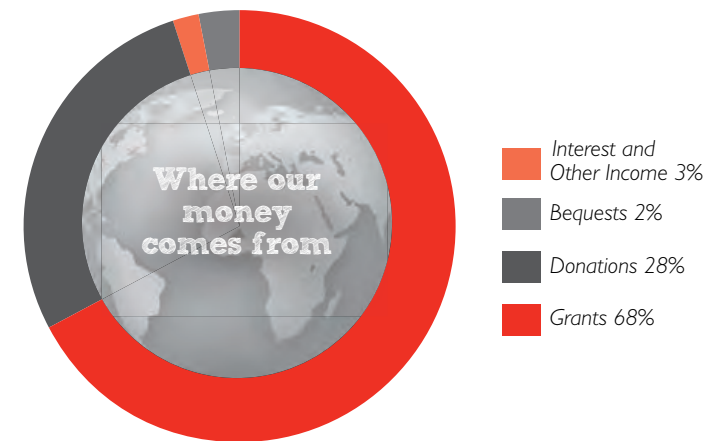
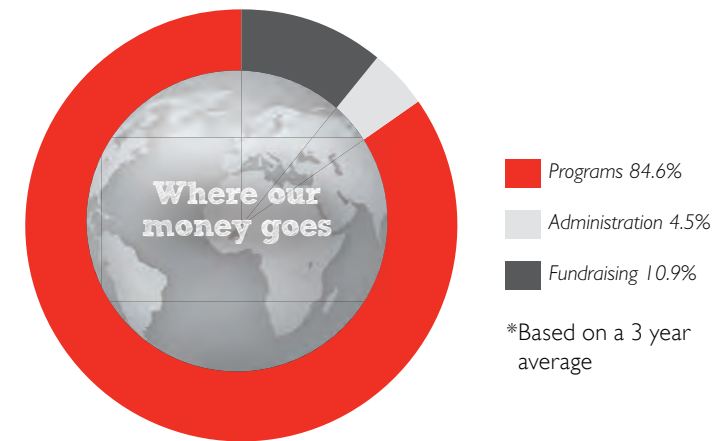
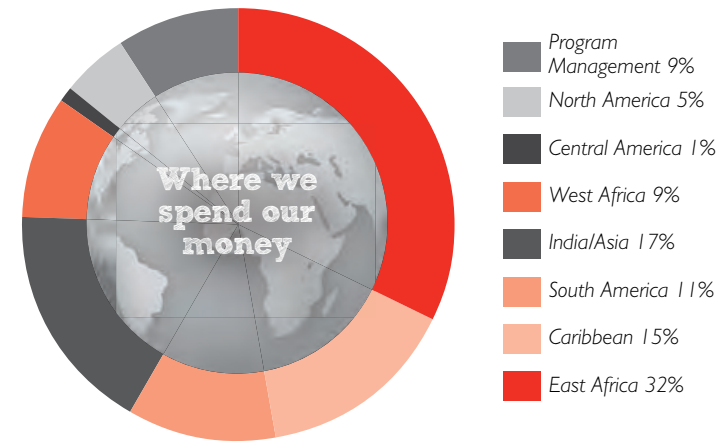
SUMMARY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2011

	2011	2010
ASSETS		
Current assets		
Cash and other working capital	27,278,275	28,478,528
Capital assets	134,035	96,300
TOTAL ASSETS	27,412,310	28,574,828
LIABILITIES		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable & accrued liabilities	2,407,004	1,963,867
Deferred revenue	21,909,557	23,894,926
	24,316,561	25,858,793
NET ASSETS		
General Fund	365,685	108,487
Reserve Fund	2,730,064	2,607,548
	3,095,749	2,716,035
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	27,412,310	28,574,828

Note: Save the Children Canada has prepared these summary financial statements to be included in its annual report. These summary financial statements present an aggregated view of the same information as contained in the audited financial statements, except for the statement of cash flows, notes to the audited financial statements, and schedule of program expenses. The audited financial statements can be obtained from Save the Children Canada, on request.

**SUMMARY STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS & CHANGES
IN NET ASSETS YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2011**

	2011	2010
REVENUE		
Contributions	11,425,057	6,498,357
Grants	28,032,247	23,455,743
Member Organizational Development Approach ("MODA")	929,731	2,048,190
Interest and other income	126,429	92,515
Foreign exchange gain	46,310	32,543
Gain on disposal of assets	45,089	-
Bequests	874,095	2,664,158
TOTAL REVENUE	41,478,958	34,791,506
PROGRAM EXPENSES		
International	36,567,445	27,610,755
Canadian	10,858	29,611
	36,578,303	27,640,366
OPERATING & OTHER EXPENSES		
Fundraising	3,014,425	4,411,878
General administration	1,449,539	1,400,393
Amortization	47,194	23,763
	4,511,158	5,836,034
TOTAL EXPENSES	41,089,461	33,476,400
Excess of revenue over expenses	389,497	1,315,106
Accumulated excess of revenue over expenses, beginning of year	2,696,845	1,381,739
Accumulated excess of revenue over expenses, end of year	3,086,342	2,696,845
Unrealized gain (loss) on available for sale financial assets, beginning of year	19,190	37,827
Change in unrealized gain on investments during the year	(9,783)	(18,637)
Unrealized gain on available for sale financial assets, end of year	9,407	19,190
FUND BALANCES, END OF YEAR	3,095,749	2,716,035





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