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Child Rights and Participation

The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child is integral to our work. This Convention contains a comprehensive, universal set of rights for children, endorsed by virtually all governments. Child participation is a vital dimension of our programs. This year we completed an extensive review of Save the Children's work on child participation as part of an Alliance-wide team.

Exploitation and Abuse

We work to eradicate child exploitation and abuse, including the worst forms of child labour, sexual exploitation, violence and trafficking. We do this through education programs that introduce new awareness of a child's right to be protected from abuse, and through funding of child rights' advocates whose work is integrated into all of our projects.

HIV/AIDS

As the AIDS pandemic spreads across all continents we work aggressively to secure more funding to address the tremendous needs of children - orphans, heads of households, infected and affected - millions of children whose lives have been torn apart by this disease. We now have projects in Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Kenya, Nicaragua, Bolivia, and India that demonstrate our effectiveness and expertise. We undertake child-led awareness training, counseling, treatment and support.

Conflict and Disaster

Hurricanes, earthquakes and droughts have impacted children's lives on a massive scale this year. Armed conflict is prevalent in many of the countries where we work. Save the Children Canada is increasing its commitment to emergency relief programs in areas of conflict and disaster around the world to ensure children receive protection.



Education

Our education programs have grown tremendously; highlights include addressing education for indigenous children in remote parts of Bolivia, expanding our parent-and-young-child support groups in Canada, setting up temporary school structures in earthquake-devastated Pakistan, and building 97 community centres designed by children after the tsunami in India. Our work makes substantial inroads into delivering education to thousands of children who would otherwise be left behind.

Since 1921, Save the Children Canada has provided innovative development assistance and emergency relief for children and their families. We have developed programs to ensure that children's basic and fundamental rights are upheld, and we have made significant strides in addressing the structural and systemic issues that threaten children's rights in the first place.



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For the world's children, 2005 was another challenging year. Even as we recognise how much more needs to be done, I am proud of the accomplishments of Save the Children Canada on behalf of those in need this year. Through the diligence and professionalism of our staff and the generosity of our donors, we have made a difference in the lives of many children.

Over the course of the year, we have focused on the basics of solid business management to continue to develop the organization. Each year we are better positioned to effectively pursue our goals in the five key areas in which we work. In particular, our efforts have been spent on quickly identifying and acting on the strengths and weaknesses of our five-year management plan, on strengthening our participation within the International Save the Children Alliance, and on bringing focus and clarity to our governance.

We continue to receive significant funding from the Canadian government, including the renewal of our Canadian Partnership Branch five-year funding

grant, and I am optimistic that we will continue to earn their respect and support with many new program initiatives in 2006. We value their partnership and their dedication.

At the end of our fiscal year, we announced the departure of our CEO Rita Karakas. On behalf of the board, I want to thank Rita for the remarkable transformation of Save the Children Canada over her three-year tenure. With excellence in programming still its hallmark, and with a revised, cohesive strategy, Save the Children Canada is poised to become more effective in protecting and promoting the interests of children.

We enter 2006 with confidence and enthusiasm. We look forward to new perspective and energy from our new Chief Executive Officer, David Morley. Our board is active and deeply committed to our mission. Now in our 85th year, we possess the expertise and resources to make substantial progress toward our goals and deliver on our vision.

I want to thank my colleagues on the Board of Directors for their support. I want to thank our donors and our funding agencies for their confidence. I especially want to express the board's gratitude and admiration to the women and men of Save the Children and its partners around the world who work tirelessly and insightfully on behalf of the world's children.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bill Chambers', with a long, sweeping underline.

Bill Chambers
President of the Board of Directors

“I am grateful for the part that each of you played in building a productive environment that strengthens the fight for children's rights in everything that we do.”

Save the Children Canada has worked diligently to turn ideas into programs, and dreams into reality for so many children.

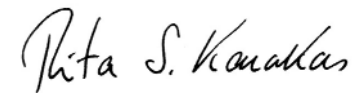
In communities around the Indian Ocean, post-tsunami children are returning to school and families are able to establish new businesses with our livelihoods programming support. In Pakistan, after the October earthquake, we were able to provide temporary shelter and child protection services in a huge coordinated effort, just 10 months after the tsunami brought us all together on a massive scale of emergency response as an Alliance. Now into our second of a three-year ambitious program to fight HIV/AIDS in Africa, we are able to see orphans and adults living with hope where before there was none. In Kenya, we are delivering food and water to thousands who are facing drought and starvation.

We have been able to achieve a tremendous amount on behalf of children. We continue to help the neediest children who have been silenced by poverty, disease and conflict. We have developed programs to ensure that children's basic and fundamental rights are upheld, and we have made significant strides in addressing the structural and systemic issues that threaten children's rights in the first place.

With the assistance of our donors, partners, inspired volunteers, and staff, we have overcome the challenges that one must face every day in performing a duty to humanity. I feel confident that this organization is in a solid financial position and that much can be achieved. I am grateful for the part that each of you played in building a productive

environment that strengthens the fight for children's rights in everything that we do.

Thank you for your sustained support and encouragement.



Rita S. Karakas
Chief Executive Officer
June 2006



Nicaragua: Two field workers for Save the Children use PDAs (personal digital assistants) to register many people without birth documents. Without the proper documentation people are denied basic health care and education.



In **Nicaragua** 36 per cent of children are not legally registered due to administrative, legal and cultural reasons. Distance, cost and low levels of education also impede many parents from being able to register their children. This practice is particularly prevalent in rural communities where access to municipal offices is limited. As a result, thousands of children do not have the basic legal documents that recognize them as citizens of Nicaragua.



01 NICARAGUA

Nicaragua is a country struggling to overcome inequity and poverty, which affect children and women most severely. It is the third poorest country in the Americas, with a per capita gross national product of just \$453. Poverty affects almost half the population, with one-third of the poor living in extreme poverty, mainly in the Central and Atlantic regions. One of every three children has some degree of chronic malnutrition and nine per cent suffer from severe malnutrition. The maternal mortality rate (MMR) of 150 per 100,000 live births is unacceptably high. The quality and relevance of education are significant problems. It takes an average of 10.3 years to complete the mandatory six years of schooling, and only 29 per cent of children complete primary schooling. Only five per cent of disabled children receive appropriate support.

This year, Save the Children Canada began a major three-year birth registration campaign of children and adolescents under 15 which has contributed to the recognition of their personal, cultural and national identity and better enabled them to exercise their rights. Our efforts have focused on the Atlantic Coast of Nicaragua, a region of the country which is highly inaccessible and extremely poor. 21,000 children have been registered to receive their first-ever birth certificate. The total number of children in the Northern Atlantic Autonomous Region who can now exercise their citizenship and stand up for their right to health, education, and protection from abuse is now more than 100,000 (or 40% of all children in the region).

Save the Children Canada continues to work to put an end to sexual exploitation. It has introduced a program to prevent violence and address sexual exploitation in the North Atlantic coastal city of Bluefields. We worked in 11 schools to disseminate information and set up safe spaces to discuss issues of sexual abuse, violence, and sexual exploitation. We have promoted the improved coordination among institutions working on the needs of children and youth victims of abuse and sexual exploitation. We ran a media campaign to prevent abuse, violence and sexual exploitation of children and adolescents, organized a

network in three neighbourhoods of the city, and published a series of educational materials geared at young people and developed in partnership with teachers as tools for discussing and preventing violence and abuse. More than 4,500 children, 1,500 youth and 767 adults have been directly impacted by our program.

Este camino te puede llevar a la muerte, protégé tu vida



El abusador te ve como un objeto para la prostitución, la esclavitud y el trabajo forzado

La trata es un delito. ¡Denúnciala!



Maritza*

Maritza* lives in the municipality of Somotillo in northern Nicaragua. When she was 11 years old, she stopped attending school and began helping her mother sell juice on the street. A friend named Nora* offered her a good job as a domestic worker with a salary of \$100 a month. She had to move to nearby El Salvador for the job, and so she decided not to tell her mother and left with her friend, full of illusions of what her new job would hold for her. They were given a ride and crossed the border illegally without any documentation through what are known as "blind spots".

The day that they arrived in El Salvador, Maritza was sold into a brothel. She was sexually abused by many men, mistreated and humiliated. Eventually she managed to escape the brothel but the Salvadoran authorities detained her for working illegally. With the help of her family, she was able to return home. Maritza tells us, "The saddest thing in life is to be sold into prostitution. I thank God that my mother was able to rescue me, and that now I am with my family."

Maritza was a victim of human trafficking for sexual exploitation, something that will leave an indelible mark upon her life. When she learned of Save the Children Canada's project for children and adolescent victims of trafficking, she offered her testimony and collaboration as a promoter in her school. She is helping to ensure that other Nicaraguan children and adolescents will not suffer as she did.

* not her real name



A group of school girls walk through the streets of Carrefour Feuilles, an impoverished suburb of Port-au-Prince, **Haiti**.

Education and Domestic Runaways in Haiti

Street kids live day-to-day. Once these lifestyles are cemented, it is tough to intervene and to suggest a feasible, trustworthy way of living. Many of the estimated 300,000 domestic workers in Haiti have been entrusted to a host family by their parents who are unable to provide them with the necessities of life. They work in exchange for housing and food. Without means to contact their family, they are often

left to the mercy of cruel employers. Unwilling to suffer abuse at work or to return to their poor families, many of these children choose to live on the streets.

One man who wants to end this vicious cycle is Joseph Simon, the founder of TIMKATEC, Save the Children Canada's partner organization for the past

five years. Save the Children Canada financially supports TIMKATEC and its staff of social workers, educators, and care givers as they provide former street children with a new home and new hope for an improved life. Bridge education programs are offered to prepare street children for enrolment in the public school system.

02 HAITI

Despite Haiti's unstable political climate, Save the Children Canada has succeeded in delivering essential and effective services to the country's impoverished children. Together with the Haitian Coalition for the Defence of the Child's Rights (COHADDE) and Jeunesse & Action, Haitian children are being taught conflict resolution, gender equality, protection from HIV and about children's rights. In addition, Save the Children Canada, the Red Cross and a network of 21 children's rights clubs trained youth and communities on how to prepare for natural disasters such as hurricanes. In collaboration with MENJS (Ministry of National Education, Youth and Sports), Save the Children Canada constructed three child-friendly schools in remote areas to replace buildings ruined by flooding. This ensured school access for 1,715 children. This CIDA-financed emergency project was enabled through the Centre de Gestion de Fonds Locale.

Save the Children Canada has also been instrumental in trying to reduce the growing numbers of child domestic workers (or "restavek") in Haiti who are often exploited, frequently abused and made to work long hours. Many don't receive adequate food and are made to sleep on the floor. Those that run away from the abuse of their host family, often end up living on the streets. There are an estimated 300,000 child domestic workers in Haiti. There are about 2,000 street children. Save the Children Canada has helped in the fight against the worst forms of child labour by providing immediate support to children rescued from the streets, through government lobbying efforts, and by increasing access to school for rural children. Save the Children Canada assists other urban partners - TIMKATEC, CAD, ASPE - to deliver bridge education to unschooled street children in order to prepare them for enrolment in the public school system. This has enabled 166 street children - some of them living in shelters - to learn to read and write.

Save the Children Canada has worked diligently to ensure that Haiti's 3.9 million children know their rights. Our support has led to the formation of FETJABEN, a federation of seven associations of street children. This federation will broaden the ability of marginalized children to participate in their own lives and future. This initiative is led by CAFA, a centre that offers street girls' skills training, health education and other non-formal education options. Save the Children Canada's partner L'Ecole de Musique focuses on the fight against discrimination and has successfully reduced the effects on more than 750 children in Jacmel by completely integrating them into their after-school music program.

03 CANADA

Save the Children Canada continues to encourage the expansion of the Program for Early Parent Support (PEPS), in partnership with nine local agencies across Ontario. In partnership with The Canadian Association of Family Resource Programs, we have worked with parents and community service providers to develop PEPS community networks in Ottawa, Toronto and Thunder Bay. Save the Children Canada's strategy for addressing child abuse and neglect in the early years of a child's life in Canada, is PEPS. These networks are at various stages in their programming and are excited about using the PEPS approach to work with parents in order to identify feelings of isolation and to discuss the challenges and highlights of parenting. Each region has a part-time PEPS coordinator. Save the Children Canada provides on-going support and resources by way of materials, seed funding and facilitator training. A total of 26 community workers and parents from 19 different family support agencies were trained this year to facilitate PEPS groups. PEPS groups have been facilitated in new-immigrant Arabic-speaking communities, as well as Aboriginal communities. An estimated 95 parents have participated in PEPS groups and training workshops since the initial start of this program. Read more at www.savethechildren.ca/wherewework/canada/projects/PEPS.html

The UN Secretary-General's Study on Violence Against Children is a global research document produced by consultation in order to promote actions that will counter violence against children. It will bring together existing research and relevant information about the forms, causes and impact of violence which affect children and young people (under 18-years-of-age) around the world. Professor Paulo Pinheiro, the independent expert leading the global Study, will present ideas for action in preventing or reducing violence during the UN General Assembly in October 2006. The North American Consultation was one of many regional meetings held as part of the two-year global Study. Save the Children Canada worked with a team of youth to coordinate and facilitate the active and meaningful participation of children at the Consultation in June 2005. With support from Save the Children Canada, the participation of children in the study continues throughout 2006.

Youth speak at the Consultation in Toronto in June 2005



Joe

The Odawa Native Friendship Centre in Ottawa has been supporting a successful PEPS supper club program for four years which is well attended by both returning and new families. PEPS at Odawa works alongside their Healthy Babies and PAT (Parents as Teachers) programs. The Family Hand Drum Circle has been a main component of the PEPS activities at Odawa and builds in cultural learning and sharing within the group.

Joe entered the program as a single Metis father looking for educational and parental support for himself and his young daughter. He took part in The Family Hand Drum Circle night, which allows his daughter to learn traditional culture. Their involvement has increased his interest in participating in cultural activities within the Aboriginal community and with other families. He is also providing his daughter with opportunities to learn female teachings that she has not been exposed to before. Joe is feeling confident as a single parent and is feeling less isolated. He now participates in a Saturday playgroup and has been trained by St. John's Ambulance for basic First Aid Training for Infants and Children.

A school in **Colombia** which is supported by Save the Children helps children deal with some of the problems they face - particularly the threat of forced recruitment into the illegal armed forces. The project uses workshops in sport, music, acting, art and circus activities to give children a chance to enjoy recreational activities.



Impact on Policy in South America

In an initiative to create safe environments for children and young adults living in displaced zones in Colombia, Save the Children Canada completed a research study, "Making Every Child Count" funded by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA). The study summarized the security risks for

children, the awareness and knowledge of government officials about these risks, and the reporting mechanisms in place for corrective action to take place based on child rights and humanitarian law. Save the Children Canada presented its overall results with policy recommendations to CIDA and to the

Human Security Department at Foreign Affairs Canada. We also used these findings to support the International Save the Children Alliance recommendations on protection of children in armed conflict.



01 COLOMBIA

Colombia has been immersed in a civil war for more than 50 years. It is a brutal conflict between many different armed groups who struggle for power and control over land. About 5,000 people are killed every year, and most of these are civilians. Over two million people have been displaced over the last ten years- 80% are women and children. Forced displacement remains a serious social problem affecting the ability of children and youth to continue their schooling and to enjoy acceptable living standards.

Understanding that education is a key to eradicating poverty and other social inequities, in 2003, Save the Children Canada, in partnership with CIDA, provided \$2.5 million to help displaced children in Colombia obtain an education. Over three years, the project will also teach peace building and leadership skills to children in Bogotá, Villavicencio and Medellín. By the end of its third year, 2,818 children will have attended school in the project areas and we will have provided a safer and productive non-formal learning environment for 6,000 school children. Through learning, students have been shown that there are many life-choices available to them other than working in the drug trade. We have been instrumental in creating 21 locally-based organizations that serve the interests of 1,048 children.

We funded seven local, three regional, and three national networks in Colombia, which work to protect the rights of children and youth. These organizations and networks facilitate skills building, strengthen leadership, protect children from getting involved in illicit activities, promote children's right to life and quality education, and involve children and youth in policy dialogue and advocacy.

Jorge

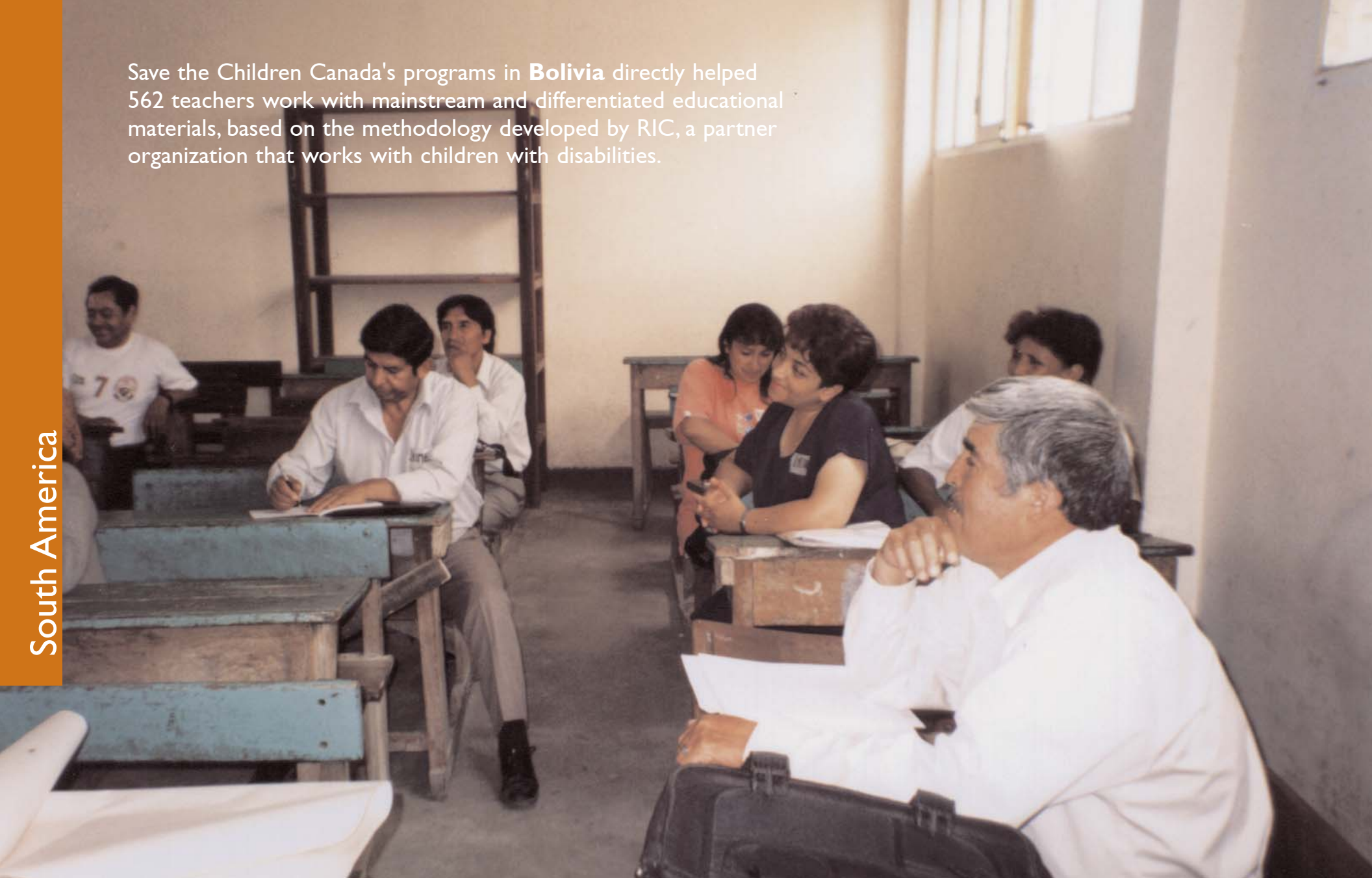
Young boys like Jorge who live in areas affected by the violence brought on by the drug trade, are easy prey for rebel groups seeking new recruits. But while some succumb to a life of crime, others like Jorge are helped by organizations like Pastoral Social. A Save the Children Canada partner, Pastoral Social is the social wing of the Catholic Church and works with forcibly displaced people in rural communities in Meta, helping to build a culture of peace through various educational programs. The organization teaches youth how to deal with conflict and resist violence. It also advocates for the right to quality education with local authorities.

Realizing that education is a major force in protecting children from violence, Pastoral Social coordinates alternative tutor-based, ministry-approved schooling for children in isolated indigenous and rural communities to more than 15,000 students.

Understanding the need to create a positive social environment, Pastoral Social has encouraged young people like Jorge to get involved in the newly formed youth-led organization known as Isimali Juvenil, which honours indigenous traditions. Isimali Juvenil, of which Jorge was elected coordinator, has a permanent team of 24 boys and girls representing approximately 350 youth from the area. Under Jorge's leadership, Isimali Juvenil recently organized a public forum attended by SAT students, adult community members, and local government representatives. Despite his quiet and unassuming manner, Jorge has become a recognized leader of a significant youth-led endeavour to provide alternatives to violence.



Save the Children Canada's programs in **Bolivia** directly helped 562 teachers work with mainstream and differentiated educational materials, based on the methodology developed by RIC, a partner organization that works with children with disabilities.



In **South America** 60 percent of the children are estimated to be living in poverty. Through decades of political instability, internal conflicts, and natural disasters, boys and girls in this region remain vulnerable to poverty and violence, and lack adequate education and protection.

02 PERU

The children in the Andean Highlands of Peru are poor and rarely attend school. Low attendance rates, repetition and dropouts are a problem that point to poor quality education. Lack of textbooks and teaching supplies, irrelevant curriculum, poorly trained teachers, lack of appropriate school infrastructure, distance to schools and corporal punishment are some of the challenges we address. Save the Children Canada's work is geared towards improved access to relevant quality education and the improvement of literacy and skills training for marginalized children, child workers, rural children and children with disabilities. Specifically, we are promoting the rights of indigenous boys and girls in schools that respect cultural diversity, integrating children with disabilities into the school system, and advocating for better rural access to basic education. In 2005, our programs directly helped 2,782 girls and boys, 1,209 teachers received further training, and 2,585 parents were introduced to the need to get involved in advocating for the right to education for their children.

Domestic labour is very common in South America, and it is also poorly regulated. With the help of Taipy and Defence for Children International in Bolivia, and CESIP and Casa Panchita in Peru, young girls who come from rural areas to work in cities as domestic workers have learned about their rights, received life skills training, raised their self-esteem, gained access to formal education through night schools programs, and participated in psychological counselling. Save the Children Canada helped draft protection legislation for domestic workers and lobbied for its approval. Girls involved in the domestic workers program are now receiving training on this law and the benefits to which they are entitled. Children and their families in the communities from where these girls migrate are also participating in awareness-raising and information workshops on the benefits and challenges of working as domestic workers.

03 BOLIVIA

In 2005, Bolivians saw positive changes take place. The majority of Bolivians are low-income subsistence farmers, miners, or small traders. About 14 per cent survive on less than \$1 US per day. One-fifth of Bolivia's children and adolescents must work to supplement the family income. About 44% of children in rural areas have access to secondary education. We are currently running a CIDA-funded program called Consolidating the Rights of Children in South America. It protects and promotes the rights of children through programs focusing on education, prevention of child abuse, HIV/AIDS and advocacy work, and public education to address these themes. The program uses local media to lobby for reforms to legislation and regulation.

Our programs directly helped 4,924 girls and boys in the area of education (4,188 indigenous children, 96 children with disabilities, and 640 working children). Over 560 teachers were trained on the methodology developed by RIC, a partner organization that works with children with disabilities, and 466 families were trained and involved in rights promotion of disabled children and their inclusion into the school system.

Nanci cooking in her home

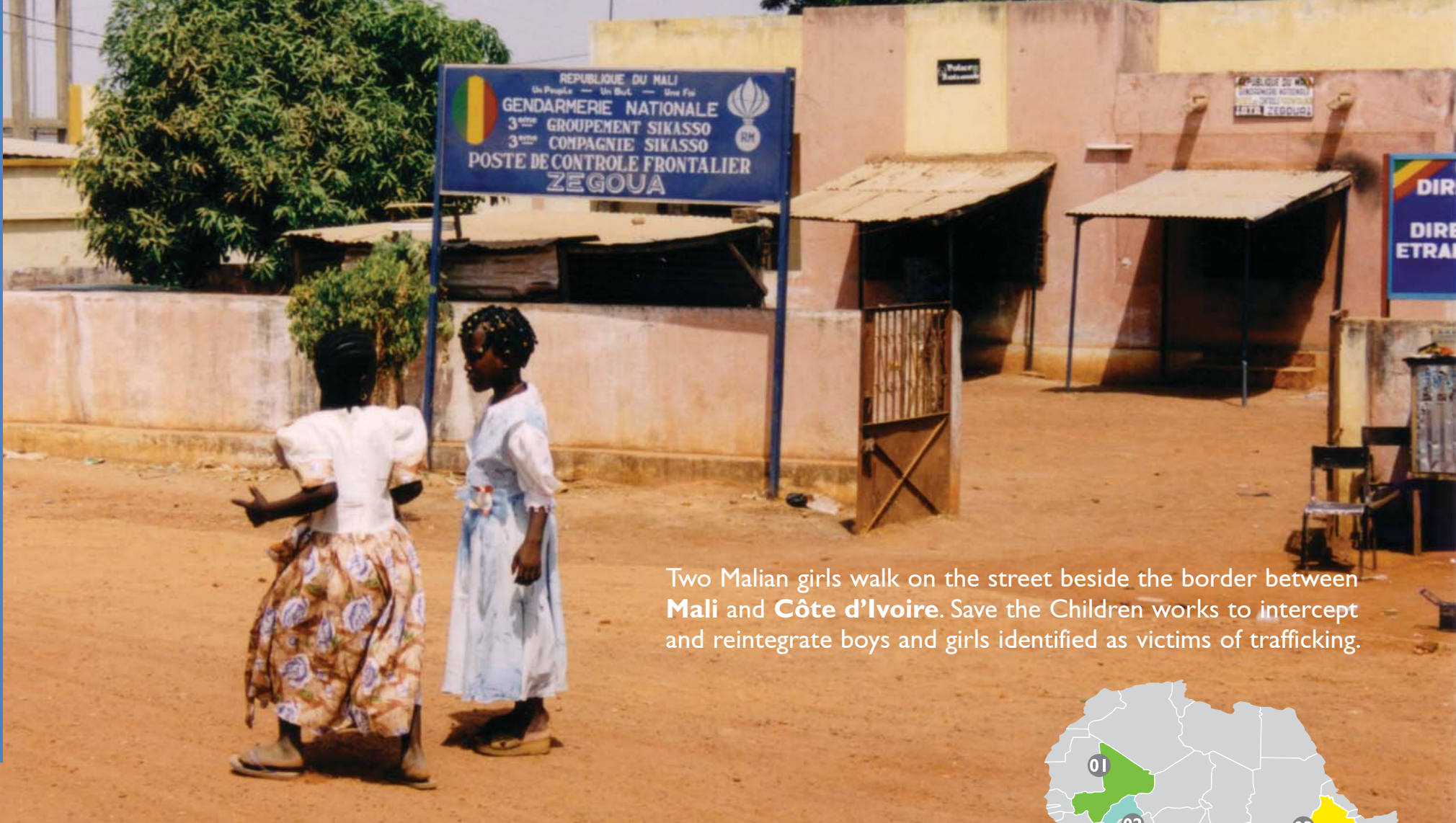


Since 2002, Nanci has attended the PENNT program (After School Support for Working Children). She is 12 years old, thin and small for her age and in the fourth grade. Nanci is always smiling, curious and likes to share her things with her friends.

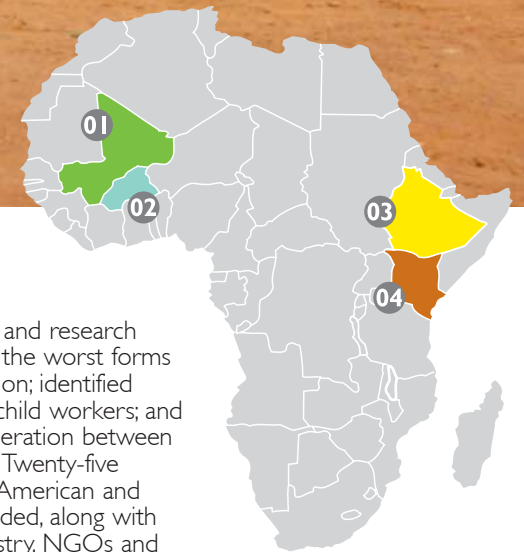
She lives with her mother, a widow, and three brothers in a little room without windows in one of the poorest districts in the city. In the room where she and her family live there are only two beds (for her whole family), a wardrobe, a little stove, a table and a burner. Nanci and her mother make cloth flowers they sell in the market.

Since Nanci has been going to PENNT she has more confidence in herself, is learning and has made many friends. She is now teaching her teachers how to make flowers for a mothers' day celebration. Nanci is also learning about values and life skills.

PENNT supports low-income children who work in the informal sector (car washers, shoe shiners, etc.) to continue their education. The children receive a healthy snack and school materials. They also work with specialised teachers who help them keep up in school. Save the Children Canada gives technical and economic support to this program.



Two Malian girls walk on the street beside the border between **Mali** and **Côte d'Ivoire**. Save the Children works to intercept and reintegrate boys and girls identified as victims of trafficking.



Impact on Policy in West Africa

Policy discussions and advocacy for children's rights are at the heart of Save the Children Canada's programmatic work and mission. Since 2001, Save the Children Canada has been advocating to eliminate the worst forms of child labour in West African cocoa production and consequently in North American chocolate making. In 2005 we scaled up our efforts with the chocolate companies, inviting them to go on a joint

due diligence trip to West Africa (Côte d'Ivoire, Mali and Ghana) where we learned about the chocolate industries' Farmer Field School and they learned about Save the Children Canada's child rights programmatic and advocacy work. Soon after returning from this joint trip, Save the Children Canada hosted an International Expert Forum, "Child Protection in Raw Agricultural Commodities Trade: The Case of Cocoa" in Toronto. The forum focused world

attention on the policy, program and research initiatives underway to eliminate the worst forms of child labour in cocoa production; identified gaps in efforts taken to protect child workers; and explored opportunities for cooperation between stakeholder groups on this issue. Twenty-five thought leaders from Canadian, American and West African governments attended, along with leaders from the chocolate industry, NGOs and the International Labour Organization (ILO).

01 MALI

Mali is one of the poorest countries in the world, ranking as one of the most underdeveloped nations. A majority of the population is still lacking access to basic services, such as primary health care and education, and is facing the growing spread of HIV/AIDS. Save the Children Canada supports programmes that reduce exploitation and abuse, promote child rights, and promote a wider understanding of HIV/AIDS.

Save the Children Canada, through the support of the Canadian government and Save the Children Finland, continues its program to combat child trafficking, based in Mali but extending to Burkina Faso, Guinea, and Côte d'Ivoire. In response to the complexities of this issue, the program provides prevention and protection mechanisms for boys and girls who may be encouraged to migrate alone into cities where they are vulnerable. The project also reinforces the capacities of governments and non-governmental organizations to ensure the protection of migrant children.

Save the Children Canada has enabled working children, rural children and others who have dropped out of school, to take part in non-formal education. In Sikasso region, CIDA funding has supported the continuation of non-formal, basic education in 12 schools and helped open 11 schools. In Sikoroni, with funds from Save the Children Canada and Save the Children Finland, 13 children's governments and clubs were supported to speak out in public and advocate for better country-wide government registration services. Through CIDA funding, a project on birth registration was also completed in the areas of Niono, Finkolo and Blendio (in the Sikasso region), whereby 3,000 persons were mobilized on the issue.

Mali has a HIV/AIDS prevalence of 1.7%. The epidemic has affected all levels of society, but for girls in the 15-24 age group prevalence rates are 5-8 times higher than that of boys. With the support of the Canadian Partnership Branch (CIDA), Save the Children Canada conducted a study to better understand the vulnerabilities that children face. 128 boys and girls participated in the study. Also with CIDA support, Save the Children Canada has conducted a study on child labour in the Office du Niger agricultural region that will be used to better define our future programs on the issue.

02 BURKINA FASO

Burkina Faso is one of the poorest countries in the world, where even basic services such as health care is not available for most, and the scourge of HIV/AIDS looms large. Since 1995, Save the Children Canada has supported non-formal education programs in various regions of the country. Thousands of very young children do not have access to schools, or must migrate to urban centers and enter the labour force in order to survive. Save the Children Canada's Training and Education against Trafficking (TREAT) Project in Burkina Faso strives to reduce the risks of the worst forms of child labour, including child trafficking, in four regions, ensuring the enrolment and graduation of children at risk. The main objective is to reinforce and develop both non-formal and formal education capacity. The project has created new schools, developed new curricula, and established local awareness-raising committees to take action against child trafficking in their own communities.

Burkina Faso has a HIV/AIDS prevalence of 2.8%. The epidemic has affected all levels of society, but for girls aged 15-24 prevalence rates are 5-8 times higher than that of boys. Since 2004, through the Canadian Coalition on HIV/AIDS and Youth in Africa program, Save the Children Canada has been providing resources to vulnerable communities and teaching healthy lifestyles and HIV/AIDS prevention to children and youth.

Violence in school settings in Burkina Faso has spread in recent years. Throughout the province of Comoé, where Save the Children Canada is working to explain children's rights, 55% of students have reported that they are the victims of violence. Examples are corporal punishment, serious threats, and expulsion from courses due to non-payment of school fees. A small percentage of cases are rapes, sexual harassment, indecent assaults, and forced smoking of narcotics (1.5%). Students, supervisors, teachers and managers are involved. Faced with this situation, Save the Children Canada has helped students to set up programs to fight violence in their schools and to re-establish a safe and healthy learning environment.


Our program teaches a code of conduct for teachers and students, enforcement of school rules, and the integration of children's rights into the curriculum. In a recent evaluation, there was a decrease of 46% in the number of victims and a decrease of 65% in sexual assaults.

Ken and his late grandmother



Ken is a nine-year old orphan and a beneficiary of Save the Children Canada's Total Care Initiative (TCI) project. His mother passed away in 2003 leaving Ken, under the care of his grandmother Evangeline Kangai. At the time the grandmother was not aware of Ken's HIV status but he was very small for his age and fell ill often. In 2004 and after being in and out of hospital with Ken, Evangeline was finally advised to have him tested and the results were positive. The grandmother sought assistance from Save the Children Canada and was one of the first guardians enrolled in the TCI project.

At age seven, Ken weighed only 11 kgs and could have been mistaken for a three-year-old. He started receiving treatment and nutritional support. By late 2005, he had received anti-retroviral (ARV) therapy and weighed 18 kg. All his clinical indicators are now positive. Ken has shown great improvement and has finally returned to school. In November 2005, Ken's grandmother died, leaving him under the care of his great-grandmother. Ken receives a monthly food basket from the project and his nutritional status has improved over time. However, as an AIDS orphan who is himself infected, he faces immense challenges in the future.



Save the Children Canada is leading a significant relief effort for drought-ravaged Kenya. A child is measured for the signs of malnutrition at a district health clinic in Isiolo, Kenya.

East Africa is a geographically and ethnically diverse area, and one of Africa's most troubled regions. Natural disasters, wars and HIV/AIDS have left millions of people struggling under extreme poverty. Save the Children Canada works in two countries in this region: **Ethiopia** and **Kenya**.

03 ETHIOPIA

About 250,000 children and 3.5 million adults are HIV-positive in Ethiopia (4.4%), according to a Ministry of Health report. Since its implementation in April 2004, the Canadian Coalition on HIV/AIDS and Youth in Africa Program (a coordinated effort of four Canadian organizations, namely Save the Children Canada, CARE, World Vision and Plan), has helped more than 120,000 Ethiopians in its efforts to prevent the spread of this deadly disease. In the past two years the CIDA-funded, 3-year project has brought about major changes. With the help of government hospitals, mobile voluntary counseling and testing services were brought to 3,000 people living in rural communities. People living in remote areas (up to 35 km from major cities) were provided with a youth centre where they could obtain educational videos, behaviour change materials, condoms, and attend forums on reproductive health issues and HIV/AIDS. A total of 81,462 youths and 7,353 adults directly benefited from BCC, voluntary counselling and testing (VCT) and other services.

Orphans and vulnerable children (OVC) received financial and psychosocial support, school uniforms, stationery, clothing, shoes and a monthly financial subsidy. They thereby were assured that they could pay for their own health care, food and attend school. The safeguarding of orphans and vulnerable children was enhanced by providing 151 guardians with start-up funds to invest in income-generating activities intended to promote sustainability and reduce dependency. In Jarso, a stationery shop managed by community committees opened and will support 30 OVCs. Vocational skills training was offered to out-of-school youths to encourage self-reliance.

The Professional Alliance for Development in Ethiopia (PADET), a partner of Save the Children Canada, initiated a sheep-fattening project to encourage People Living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA) to become self-reliant. This project will also benefit 236 children. As well, within the PADET project area, 173 children were provided with school supplies, clothes, shoes, nutritional support, free medical support and legal assistance regarding ownership of family property. Educational forums were held to learn more about child rights and HIV/AIDS, and as a result there has been an increase in concern and commitment of the community to child rights' issues.

04 KENYA

Through the Coalition on HIV/AIDS and Youth in Africa, eight youth-friendly centres were set up in district hospitals to provide services to more than 1,000 young people. Also, 608 peer youth educators and 193 health workers were trained on adolescent reproductive health services. Behaviour change communication (BCC) messaging was used during outreach activities reaching 17,572 women, men, and thousands of youth. During the awareness raising campaigns, the project distributed protective devices including female and male condoms, and offered voluntary counseling and training (VCT) services. Save the Children Canada supports and empowers groups such as People Living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA) and their children through our Total Care Initiative project. This project has provided 119 infected parents with antiretroviral therapy and home-based care, succession planning, training and other necessary tools to survive and live a positive life. A comprehensive package of care, including education support, was given to 109 orphans belonging to PLWHA groups.

Orphans and vulnerable children and youth received assistance through the Hope for African Children Initiative (HACI), which funds community organizations. Save the Children Canada provided bursaries (\$200 equivalent) to about 891 youth, so that they could pay the fees to stay in high school. Eleven primary school classrooms were constructed and equipped, and an Early Childhood Development Centre was built and furnished. In Tharaka, two school dormitories for girls were built and one school received bed furniture.

Save the Children Canada continues to integrate child rights programming in all its efforts. Five area advisory committees (AAC) were established in five districts, and 1,330 local leaders were trained on the Kenya Children's Act, which outlaws abuse against children, including female genital mutilation for girls 18 years of age and younger.

Save the Children also launched an emergency response in March to address the needs of children affected by the drought devastating Northeast Kenya. Learn more about the nutrition, water, livelihoods and child protection drought relief program under "Conflict and Disaster" on Page 21 or on our website at www.savethechildren.ca/wherewework/eastafrica/kenyaproject.html

Save the Children HIV/AIDS information center



Getahun, 20, who lives in Jarso in the eastern part of Ethiopia, is one of the many young men to benefit from behavioural change training taught through the Stepping Stones program in partnership with Save the Children Canada. He has since undergone HIV testing, has a better understanding of how transmission occurs and no longer engages in risky sexual behaviour with multiple partners. He says he is now faithful to one partner.

Another young man to benefit from the Stepping Stones program is Gobeze, 20, who lives in Kombalcha, Ethiopia. What the program taught him was not to fear or discriminate against people living with HIV/AIDS. He was also encouraged to talk to others about HIV and reproductive health. Gobeze realized that sex was an issue that concerned both men and women and he has learned to freely and unashamedly discuss what he had learned at Stepping Stones with his sister, his parents and others in the community.

A boy undertakes construction work in Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh, **India**. Save the Children Canada aims to reduce exploitative child labour and direct children into formal education in 10 municipalities.



Save the Children Canada works in two countries in South Asia - **India** and **Sri Lanka**. We focus on helping governments and local organizations to improve basic services such as health and education, to reduce poverty and child labour; to tackle HIV/AIDS, and to combat abuse and discrimination.



01 INDIA

While certain areas of India are wealthy and have advanced economically, the fact remains that the majority of Indians living in rural areas are poor and illiterate. The world's second-most populous country is also employing the world's largest number of child workers, estimated to be between 10 million to 40 million. To reduce exploitative child labour and promote education in India's rural districts, Save the Children Canada and its partners have provided funding to five child-specific community development projects in India.

We partnered with the Apeksha Homoeo Society, focusing on eliminating exploitative child labour in Akola District. Working children deprived of formal schooling are encouraged to attend drop-in centres for alternative learning, and those already in the rural school system are provided with the means to stay in school and continue with higher learning. Last year, 10 new drop-in centres were established. As of mid-2006, 238 children will have been enrolled in formal schools and 44 children's groups are now operating in various villages.

Save the Children Canada aims to reduce the worst forms of child labour and direct children into formal education in 10 municipalities. This project has been successful at institutionalizing the concept of seasonal schools (scheduled to accommodate crop harvesting) at the state level, and 56 sugar factories have agreed to run these schools. To date, 3,025 children have stopped working, 2,317 children have continued with their formal education, 1,002 children have completed vocational training and 1,148 children have participated in the Life Oriented Education Skills Program.

Another Save the Children Canada partner, Swadhar, is working to address the needs of children affected by HIV/AIDS by offering counselling, educational, referral and nutritional support. A centre is available to children of sextrade workers to go for medical checkups, obtain health supplies and nutritional support. The centre also offers youth between the ages of 12 to 16, sessions on reproductive health. To date, outreach has been provided to 317 children.

Last summer, Save the Children Canada was quick to respond when unprecedented rain fell on Mumbai and the rest of Maharashtra state on July 26, 2005. Close to 1,000 people died and a vast amount of property was destroyed. Save the Children Canada provided relief supplies to 2,245 families. This included food, clothing, blankets and plastic sheets. Notebooks and school bags were supplied to 1,330 children and health camps were held for 3,645 people.

02 SRI LANKA

In Sri Lanka, Save the Children Canada published the results of its research on the issue of children living in institutional care. Of these children, the study found that only 8% were orphans. Poverty, desertion, war and displacement, disabilities and the search for education were the main reasons for the institutionalization of children.

The study further found that institutionalization had a definitively negative impact on the psychological and emotional well-being of children. While voluntary guidelines for institutions were in place there is a lack of monitoring and adherence to these guidelines. The findings of the research are directly influencing Save the Children Canada's tsunami rehabilitation programming in Sri Lanka. They will inform our work with local governments on child protection, to address the physical and psychological harm suffered by children as a result of the tsunami, and their increased vulnerability to exploitation and abuse in its aftermath.

Satish standing with his schoolmates



A bright student, Satish, 12, was forced to leave school after the third grade because his parents needed him at home to care for his brothers and sisters. When he wasn't at home, Satish worked the fields with his parents in the village of Anbhora, located in the Maharashtra region. In 2005, the Apeksha Homoeo Society (AHSO) stepped in. They realized Satish was a capable student and should return to school, but the problem was convincing his parents. They couldn't afford to lose his wages, but with time they agreed that Satish should go back to school.

At first, Satish had a difficult time readjusting to school life and coping with the curriculum, but in no time he passed his fourth-grade exams with flying colours and graduated to the fifth grade. Satish, one of the best students among this classmates, has made his uneducated parents proud. He also unselfishly shares his knowledge with his mother and father and helps his younger siblings with their studies.



Save the Children Canada contributed significantly to Save the Children Alliance emergency responses around the world in the past year. The following is a summary of these interventions.

BOLIVIA Heavy rainfall caused severe flash floods in several regions of Bolivia in early 2006. Most of the rivers of the Amazon basin overflowed, causing serious damage to houses, crops, roads and other basic infrastructure. Many families' homes were damaged and rendered uninhabitable, and livelihoods were ruined. The destruction of roads and other infrastructure increased families' vulnerability, as

getting help to them was even more difficult. Families explained to Save the Children that their main priorities were to recover their farmland, prevent and treat diseases that quickly began to appear (malaria, dengue, typhoid fever and others) and ensure their children were able to continue their schooling. To accomplish this they were in dire need of tools, seeds, medicines, mosquito nets and school materials. Training was

needed to address the reconstruction of their communities and to prevent future emergencies. Save the Children secured resources from the European Union to address these needs. Save the Children moved quickly into Amazon jungle areas, providing food commodities (wheat flour, cornmeal, lentils, chickpeas and soy blend), jerry cans for water, personal hygiene kits for 3,614 families, school supply kits and medicine.

ETHIOPIA Since March 2005, Ethiopia has been overwhelmed by worsening food insecurity, rapidly increasing malnutrition rates, distress migration, and inclement weather. On May 4, 2005, the Government of Ethiopia and the U.N. estimated that 3.8 million people would require emergency food assistance that year. Despite high levels of emergency assistance, chronic and acute food insecurity continues in

Ethiopia. More than two million people in Ethiopia depend on direct food assistance from donors even during good harvest years. Save the Children received funding from CIDA to treat 1,600 severely malnourished children and 4,000 moderately malnourished children in East Harege, Ethiopia by providing access to therapeutic feeding assistance. The project will increase the capacity of Ministry of Health staff to manage and prevent malnutrition and in the long term, will contribute toward a better understanding of the prevalence and causes of malnutrition in the region. This project is underway and will be implemented by a Save the Children partner, the International Medical Corps.

GUATEMALA Guatemala was struck by Hurricane Stan on October 3, 2005 causing flooding, mudslides/landslides, destruction of roads and bridges, and loss of lives and assets across thousands of kilometres. With funds from individual donors, Save the Children Canada was able to contribute to the provision of 89 temporary family shelter units, coordination with local authorities to ensure trash pick-up services, the testing of water quality at the shelters on a weekly basis, and the provision of support by government psychologists to children living in shelters. Save the Children initiated an education program on water use and essential sanitation practices, and worked with volunteer youth to identify and mark with flags all areas in the shelters deemed unsafe for children. We worked closely with communities to create work plans to address future challenges, such as reducing fire hazards in the shelters.

KENYA Inadequate rainfall in 2005 resulted in total crop failure in 37 districts in Kenya with approximately 3.5 million people requiring food assistance, including 500,000 children. The drought has resulted in very poor pasture and water availability, having a severe impact on livestock health and milk production for household members and, most critically, young children. Large numbers of livestock have died and others have been taken away from homesteads by male family members in search of pasture, leaving women and children with minimal sources of support. It has also created many threats to children's protection, from their physical well-being

to their ability to attend school and refrain from engaging in dangerous labour to support their families.

Save the Children Canada is responding to the needs of children in Kenya through a nine-month program, delivering age-appropriate nutrition for children under five years of age, supplementary nutrition for pregnant and lactating women, repair and rehabilitation of community and school water sources, health care for severely and moderately malnourished children, and child protection services. The program has received funding from a number of government donors, including CIDA, as well as from other Alliance member organizations and individual donors. Save the Children Canada's more than twenty years in Kenya, which have fostered strong working relationships with communities, children and local government authorities, is an important factor in responding to this crisis with a view to the long-term recovery of communities and well-being of children.

INDIA/PAKISTAN On October 8, 2005 an earthquake along the border between Pakistan and India killed an estimated 75,000 people and levelled communities across a 12,000-square-mile region. Almost three million people were left homeless, and entire communities lost their means of livelihood. Children who survived lost family members and some were separated from their families. Many sustained injuries that required short and long term treatment, lost friends and play spaces, and were left without shelter, food rations, schools, medical attention, and psychosocial support.

The International Save the Children Alliance deployed teams to the field immediately, assessing damage and planning for relief and longer-term rehabilitation. Save the Children Canada secured funds from CIDA to reach 3,600 beneficiaries, including 2,400 children, in 16 villages and hamlets in Baramulla district, India, with tents, tarpaulins, blankets and clothing. Despite the many security and transportation challenges of working in mountainous areas near the Line of Control in Jammu and Kashmir, Save the Children staff and volunteers were able to reach all targeted villages.

Save the Children also provided life-saving shelter relief in the earthquake-affected areas of Pakistan. Save the Children targeted the first distributions towards vulnerable families living at the highest altitudes, working downwards into the valleys. Kits of essential household items, including a stove, warm clothing, hygiene items and cooking utensils, were provided. The project provided 923 shelter kits, 2,078 household kits and 2,926 plastic sheets. Save the Children as an Alliance has helped more than 26,000 earthquake-affected families in Pakistan survive the winter.

With funds donated by individual Canadians and matched by additional funds provided by CIDA as well as the Government of Ontario, Save the Children Canada will be supporting longer-term rehabilitation in Pakistan, focused on the emergency education needs of children. The goal of this project is to ensure that 20,000 girls and boys affected by the earthquake in Batagram district have access to education, structured play, psychological support and protection services to aid in their recovery.

SUDAN Sudan has been severely challenged by conflict since independence in 1956. During the 1983-2003 civil war between the north and the south, more than two million people died in South Sudan alone (a quarter of them children), and another 70,000 have lost their lives in the recent conflict in Darfur. In addition, there has been widespread degradation of the environment, human rights abuses and displacement of about 5.65 million people.

Save the Children Canada has been providing ongoing aid to the children of Sudan. With support from CIDA, this year in Khartoum our program helped 13,000 internally displaced children (7,552 boys and 5,448 girls) in 15 primary schools, 1,900 working children in catch-up education evening classes, and 544 teachers.

In Darfur, Save the Children has endeavoured to significantly reduce the maternal morbidity among women in the camps by providing reproductive health services. This critically important project, funded by CIDA, directly served 75,000

beneficiaries this year alone. Save the Children established two Emergency Obstetrics Units and refurbished and supplied 10 Primary Reproductive Health Units. More than 5,000 clean delivery kits were distributed to pregnant women in the camps, and almost 200 midwives and traditional birth attendants received training. Almost 30,000 antenatal visits were made to new mothers.

USA Hurricane Katrina's path of devastation through New Orleans, southern Louisiana and Mississippi last fall has been well documented. More than 1 million people-including more than 300,000 children - were forced from their homes in the greatest forced migration of U.S. families since the Great Depression. Canadian donors have helped in meeting children's needs in the aftermath. We have contributed to reconstruction, training for teachers and social workers in psycho-social structured activities for children, and have established day care, after-school programs and safe play spaces.

Save the Children completed the first five of 20 planned temporary camp assessments in Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama. Disturbing trends emerged, and child protection issues relating to education, health and overall safety were seen throughout. Serious protection concerns included the lack of any safe play areas or green spaces for children, a lack of safe recreational opportunities or after school activities for children and teens, and limited transportation access to health care and humanitarian assistance. Barriers to education such as transportation, stigmatization of evacuee children and high dropout rates have been noted, as has been cases of sexual abuse, domestic violence, and the presence of sex offenders/potential sexual predators. Save the Children met with a company that had developed a master plan for transitional housing sites. The plan, which included green spaces, laundries and other features to protect children and enhance evacuees' quality of life, was largely ignored. Save the Children is working closely with a wide range of community groups, organizations and government bodies in this emergency response, and has opened an office in New Orleans.




Left: **Sudan** Sueward Ahmed with her sister Majjida, is seen by a Save the Children medical staff member at Tawila Town clinic.

Right: In Biari village, **Pakistan**, Saima opens the household kit her family received from Save the Children following the earthquake.

Far Right: **USA** 9 year-old Ashanti Conerly stands with his grandmother Alfreida Magee in front of their home. They were home when Hurricane Katrina dropped a tree on the house.





Banda Aceh, **Indonesia**: Children take time out to enjoy dance activities at Lambaro Skep barracks, transitional shelters built in one of the hardest hit areas of the Tsunami.

The earthquake that created the world's largest tsunami on December 26, 2004 devastated lives and communities around the Indian Ocean. In early January 2005, the Canadian government named Save the Children Canada as one of its partners to work with in the tsunami-affected region, because of our on-the-ground presence and established global capacity to deliver aid. We immediately began

helping children and their families by providing the necessities of life, with Canadian donations directed to Sri Lanka, Indonesia, and India.

Save the Children Canada received \$5.3 million in a combination of private donations, Canadian government matching funds, and corporate gifts. The overwhelming generosity of Canadians meant that there

was sufficient funding to address the immediate needs of survivors. In the following months it ensured we could deliver medical supplies, temporary water and housing supplies, and adequate sanitation facilities that helped to divert a subsequent disaster caused by disease.

For Tsunami updates check: www.savethechildren.ca/whatwedo/crisis/global_response.html

Funding from the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) to Save the Children Canada provided resources for immediate debris clearing and shelter rebuilding in the districts of Batticaloa, Ampara and Jaffna in Sri Lanka. Forty-nine beaches, 21 roads and 1,268 coastal homes were cleared of mud and rubble. In Jaffna, we funded the building of 15 temporary shelters, one tube well and one children's play area in Point Pedro. In subsequent months, we began rebuilding 13 schools in the Jaffna region which will benefit over 6,000 children who have been receiving their education in temporary camps provided by Save the Children. With CIDA support, Save the Children Canada also provided 34,271 families in nine districts of Indonesia with household kits that included blankets, jerry cans, cookware, mosquito nets and repellent, hygiene products, and other household necessities.

In India, Save the Children Canada found more than 8,000 children and their families across 26 villages in the hard-hit region of Tamil Nadu were in desperate need of help. Our survey and focus groups identified 300 orphans and categorized their needs. With donations from the Canadian public and CIDA, we provided 20 trained Child Development Facilitators to begin the long process of providing children with psychosocial activities to help them express their fears and grief, and organized health camps to provide medical assistance to thousands of families. A centre has been opened to provide physical and psychological support for women and children, and more than 3,000 women from vulnerable and marginalized families have participated in Self Help Groups that focus primarily on leadership training and income generation activities. In addition, support from a Canadian company has been allocated to the construction of 6 Child Resource Centres, an important initiative which is highlighted in the case study to the right.

India: A teacher with children in the neighbourhood of Salt Road, Nagapattinam.



For tsunami-affected areas in Sri Lanka, Save the Children Canada has been developing a multi-year rehabilitation project in close collaboration with affected communities, local government officials, and Save the Children in Sri Lanka. This project will provide support to children affected by the tsunami, such as those who have lost one or both parents, or whose families' livelihoods have been threatened or destroyed. The goal of the project is to strengthen and expand local government programming in child protection to address the physical and psychological harm suffered by children as a result of the tsunami, as well as their increased vulnerability to exploitation and abuse in its aftermath. This will be achieved by strengthening communities and government personnel and structures with the capacity and tools necessary to meet the needs of tsunami-affected children, and through evidence-based child protection policy reform. Beneficiaries of this project will include 2,500 tsunami-affected children and their families in three districts of Sri Lanka.

The International Save the Children Alliance raised more than US \$261 million, supported more than 625,000 survivors and is well into an extensive, five-year rehabilitation program in Indonesia, India and Sri Lanka. We are helping to protect children across the tsunami-affected region, and to rebuild communities and livelihoods.

Save the Children Canada will continue to address the critical needs of children and their families in the tsunami region over the next three years. Our commitment to these communities, on behalf of all Canadians, is that we will stay with them to ensure that children, who have been made most vulnerable by this disaster, will have a brighter future. We thank our supporters who have enabled us to deliver immediate improvements to children's lives in this region.

Sri Lanka: Primary school children in an area affected by the tsunami eagerly return to their classes and daily routine.



Child Resource Centres, India



In Cuddalore district (one of the most affected districts in Southern India), Child Resource Centres cater to multidimensional needs of the community with a primary focus on children post-tsunami. The centres are located in six villages and offer pre-school for children aged three to five, evening school centres focused on child-centered education and the physical and psychological well-being of the children, space for livelihood training and meetings, and disaster preparedness training. The Child Resource Centres will have a sustainable impact in the villages, as they are developed, operated and governed by the local children and community members.

Village children are the primary designers. The design process includes consultation with the community and children aged 5-18 years, and the formation of Children's Clubs. The Children's Clubs have the opportunity to interactively design not only the structure and the make-up of the building, but also the programs and activities that take place there. The structures are earthquake-proof and cyclone-resistant, as the construction area is prone to these kinds of natural disasters. The structures use low-cost materials that are easily available and wherever possible, eco-friendly. Construction is in progress and the centres are expected to be ready for use during the academic year of 2006.

This important project has been made possible with the financial support of a Canadian company, HATCH. We have partnered with a local community-based organization, The Association for Sarva Seva Farms (ASSEFA), and a Canadian non-governmental organization, The International Institute for Child Rights in Development (IICRD), in implementing this project.

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recent earthquake in Indonesia. When asked why Axis supports Save the Children Canada, Zahir Bhanji, the Vice-President of Axis Pharmacy Inc. states, "We admire their commitment to improving children's lives not only in the face of an immediate disaster, but also in the long-term by investing in sustainable development that benefits children".

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The Minkha Women's Knitting Co-operative A True Success Story

Volunteers play an important role at Save the Children Canada. Fifteen years ago, Save the Children Canada established a program called the Minkha Women's Knitting Co-operative in Bolivia. Building upon a well-established Bolivian tradition of hand-knitting, cooperative members knit beautiful alpaca sweaters, which are subsequently marketed and sold by volunteers both in Canada and the US. Since the early 1990's, our volunteer group in Calgary coordinated sweater sales for the women's cooperative. Four years ago, Bev Edwards-Sawatzky organized a group of 15 volunteers in Edmonton to sell the Minkha sweaters. The Edmonton group presently sells about 600 knitted garments a year and has raised approximately \$220,000.

"From our Heart to Yours" Valentine Tree Project Lets Inner City Kids Help Others

Since 1997, Rose Avenue Public School (RAPS), a downtown inner-city school located in Toronto, has contributed to Save the Children Canada. The Grade 5/6 initiative to raise money began with posting a large paper tree on the school wall on Valentine's Day. The students then cut out coloured hearts and sold them to other students, who wrote messages on the valentines and attached them to the tree. In February, the students managed to raise over \$380. According to Maureen McCrae, one of the

teachers who has been involved in the project for a number of years, not only does the tree project help raise money for children overseas, but it gives RAPS children a sense of accomplishment. Even though these children don't have a lot of money, they still help others in need.



Save the Children Canada achieved a small deficit in fiscal 2006, almost balancing revenues and expenses. Undesignated cash has remained stable at over \$1.0 million out of the total cash and working capital of \$6.5 million. Revenues for the fiscal year totaled \$15.2 million, a decline of 10 per cent, which included all restricted and non-restricted sources.

Government and international grant support for programs decreased by 12 per cent from last year, totaling \$11.2 million. The decrease is attributed to lower funding from international sources, partially offset by an increase of 18 per cent in funding from the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA).

Fundraised revenue and bequests declined by 5 per cent in 2006, totalling \$3.8 million. The decline is attributed primarily to decreased corporate partnership and major gift donations.

During the year, program spending decreased 10 per cent in line with program funding, while spending on operating and other expenses remained constant.

Net assets decreased slightly as a result of the current year's financial performance.

Full financial statements, audited by Deloitte & Touche, LLP Chartered Accountants, are available upon request by calling 1-800-668-5036.



Karin Dschankilic
Director of Finance and Administration

Condensed Statement of Financial Position as at March 31, 2006 and 2005

ALL FIGURES IN CANADIAN DOLLARS

	2006	2005
ASSETS		
Cash and other working capital	6,485,343	7,239,744
Long term investments	652,092	—
Capital Assets	215,360	246,215
Total Assets	7,352,795	7,485,959
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	511,558	754,088
Deferred revenue	5,936,510	5,803,547
	6,448,068	6,557,635
NET ASSETS		
General Fund	147,324	236,022
Reserve Fund	757,403	692,302
	904,727	928,324
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	7,352,795	7,485,959

Condensed Statement of Operations and Changes in Net Assets

For the years ended March 31, 2006 and 2005

REVENUES		
Donations	3,305,380	3,708,166
Grants	11,207,447	12,693,216
Bequests	521,874	301,414
Interest and other income	122,349	48,495
Total Revenues	15,157,050	16,751,291
PROGRAM EXPENSES		
International	12,384,726	13,725,216
Canadian	190,492	205,554
	12,575,218	13,930,770
OPERATING AND OTHER EXPENSES		
Fundraising	1,351,734	1,318,611
General administration	1,112,056	1,150,664
Amortization	141,639	133,744
	2,605,429	2,603,019
Total Expenses	15,180,647	16,533,789
Excess of Revenue over Expenses	(23,597)	217,502
FUND BALANCES		
Beginning of year	928,324	710,822
End of year	904,727	928,324

WHERE THE MONEY COMES FROM

Grants	11,207,447
Donations	3,305,380
Bequests	521,874
Interest and other income	122,349
	15,157,050

WHERE OUR MONEY GOES

International Program	12,384,726
Fundraising	1,351,734
Administration	1,253,695
Canadian Program	190,492
	15,180,647

HOW WE SPEND OUR MONEY

East Africa	3,101,564
West Africa	2,590,691
South America	2,064,281
India/Asia	1,968,702
Program Management	1,211,356
Central America	781,717
Caribbean	666,415
Canada	190,492
	12,575,218

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a world that listens to children and learns
a world where all children have hope and opportunity

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