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Our Children, Our Future
Nos Enfants, Notre Futur

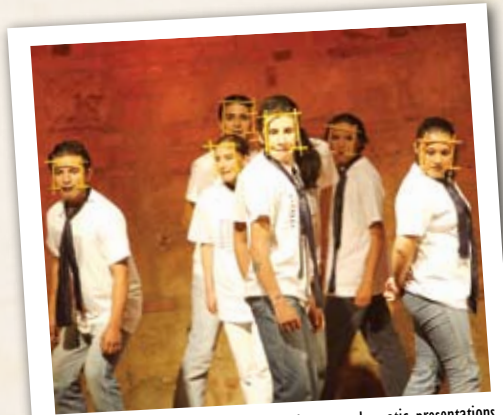


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CHILDREN AND EDUCATION



Rayuela is a Colombian organization that uses dramatic presentations to creatively depict issues related to violence (working with youth affected by violence and encouraging respect, dignity, and peacebuilding through art and theatre).

Children and Education

Education should and can be provided to all children, even in difficult circumstances where armed conflict prevails.

In countries experiencing or recovering from conflict, Save the Children's global campaign *Rewrite the Future* is helping children go to school. For 9,570 children in Port-au-Prince, **HAITI** we pilot-tested replicable models for safe schools and offered afternoon classes when schools are typically vacant. We advocated for greater public financing of the country's education system. In southeastern Haiti, where many natural disasters have destroyed schools and disrupted learning, Save the Children supported extra-curricular programs for 1,455 disadvantaged children.

There are high rates of malnutrition, infant mortality, illiteracy and poverty in Cochabamba, **BOLIVIA**. Many families cannot afford school fees and need their children to help with farming. We helped our partner K'anchay run four Agricultural Educative Communities for children and youth. Children received an education, as well as training in household work, construction, animal husbandry, and cultural identity.

So that more Bolivian children will stay in school, we funded a community partner TEKKO who translated classroom teaching

materials into the indigenous Guarani language.

An ongoing civil war in **COLOMBIA** has resulted in an estimated 3.5 million displaced people. Education is essential for children to resume normal lives when they have been uprooted, and often have experienced family fragmentation and trauma. As part of our commitment to providing education for children in Colombia, Save the Children Canada has implemented an ambitious *Rewrite the Future* program. We have provided 116,443 children (expecting to reach 547,000) with higher quality education, and conducted teacher training and advocacy for national attention to safety within schools.

Save the Children Canada's success in Colombia has been dramatic - we have funded improvements to school infrastructure, textbooks and supplies, and enhancements to the national curriculum to address gender roles and help build children's skills in conflict-resolution. We are protecting children through training on child rights and helping to create a culture of peace for children in the midst of conflict.

In **BURKINA FASO**, we improved the quality of teaching through new curricula. In the 25 schools we support, enrolment rates have increased by more than 10% for boys and by 40% for girls, with a retention rate of 100%. In addition, we delivered vocational courses in woodworking, dressmaking and mechanics for over 275 children, including 50 girls.

In **MALI**, Save the Children Canada funded the construction of seven Education and Development Centres, and equipped another five. We trained 12 youth workers and management committees to oversee the centres, a key factor in long-term sustainability.



To ensure **NICARAGUA**'s children receive a quality education, Save the Children trained 44 educators in a child rights-based approach to teaching. In the North Atlantic region, we have addressed high illiteracy rates by funding 800 scholarships for children who have never before attended primary school.

In **KENYA**, Save the Children constructed seven early childhood education (ECE) classrooms with outdoor playgrounds. Sanitary facilities were improved in 17 ECE centres to encourage hygiene and reduce absenteeism due to illness. As well, we helped 745 internally displaced children stay in school through education kits (backpacks, books and uniforms). Discrimination due to their poverty was reduced. Furthermore, our program renovated 18 classrooms, built six latrines, and installed 120 new desks.

Because 875 million children face dangers from seismic and flood risks every year, Disaster Risk Reduction is now a strong component of our education programs. We have retrofitted school structures to be disaster-resilient, and taught students skills in risk awareness, risk reduction and response preparedness.

Over the past decade, Save the Children Canada has funded \$25 million in educational programming in eight countries. Our *Child-Centred Education Framework* is a methodology that ensures that by being educated, children can realize their dreams and have their rights respected.



The framework outlines the most effective ways stakeholders who contribute to a child's education (parents, governments, communities) can contribute to good quality education that includes the most vulnerable and indigenous children.

Children and Education



Protecting Children Who Work



Protecting Children from Exploitation and Abuse

In many parts of the world, children must work to ensure the family's survival. By helping families escape from poverty, Save the Children hopes to reduce the prevalence of child labour.

In **HAITI**, children and families face significant challenges. Low levels of education, gang violence, and vulnerability to natural disasters frame the country's current fragile state.

The situation for Haitian children is especially precarious—more than one in 10 will die before reaching their fifth birthday. A complex system of child domestic servitude threatens the safety and education of 300,000 children nationwide. Thousands of vulnerable street children are living in urban centres.

Save the Children supported Haiti's working boys and girls with informal education, and advocated for improvements in working conditions.

In **INDIA**, we funded a community partner Apeksha Homeo Society, that advocated with local governments and assisted 1,500 girls and boys in 60 villages to go to school.

Save the Children's report, *Approaching the Crime of Human Trafficking and Exploitation in Nicaragua* documented our investigation into child trafficking and forced child labour

in **NICARAGUA** and Central America. It recommended that police and other government institutions develop an action plan, with training and technical support provided by Save the Children.

Save the Children's survey of 6,200 children in **MALI** and **BURKINA FASO** found that boys and girls start working between the ages of five and nine. It found that 45% have never been to school, many are victims of exploitation, and only 2 - 3% get paid for their work.

Save the Children Canada focuses on improvements in labour conditions for rural children. Referral and protection services/systems have been established to reduce exploitation and abuse. More than 1,200 children attended awareness-raising activities and are better informed of the risks associated with agricultural work. In addition, Save the Children's training workshops on child rights and International Labour Organization Conventions' 138 and 182 were attended by 115 community leaders. These partners then conducted awareness-raising activities for 9,500 adults.

Save the Children's PACTE project trained local community organizations who protect migrating children (those studying as talibés or working on farms) from exploitation and trafficking. Save the Children developed video and radio broadcasts on this theme which reached more than 130,000 children and adults.

In **MALI**, Save the Children has kept more than 2,280 children in school and away from the risks related to migration. Revised curricula and newly-trained teachers have made our education programs more effective. We created children's committees to both raise awareness about child rights' issues and to develop leadership skills among young people.



In **INDIA**, Save the Children Canada helped 3,571 children at risk of harmful work. We ran enrolment campaigns and bridge-education courses to ensure out-of-school children could re-enter formal schools. Save the Children Canada also funded “short-stay homes” so children could remain in their villages and attend school while their parents migrated for work. Through the formation of child protection committees, Save the Children advocated for the release of children from bonded labour,

and encouraged youth to act as leaders on this issue.

Save the Children Canada assessed brazil nut and cocoa production areas in **BOLIVIA** and met with stakeholders such as brazil nut processors and chocolate makers to advocate for the removal of the worst forms of child labour in their supply chains.



Since 2001, Save the Children Canada has been working with chocolate manufacturers, **WEST AFRICAN** and the US governments to ensure the protection of children working in the West African cocoa sector. The signing of the Harkin-Engel Cocoa Protocol laid out important milestones to be reached in moving toward this goal.

One of these milestones was the creation by the US Department of Labor, of an independent oversight body to monitor change. Save the Children acted as technical advisor to the Tulane University Oversight body in 2007, specifically working on surveys of children working on cocoa farms in Côte d'Ivoire and Ghana.

We also collaborated with the Oversight Body in the design and methodology of a pilot study into migration and trafficking from the child labour supply countries of Mali and Burkina Faso.

Our goal is to see that all working children still involved in the worst forms of child labour in West Africa cocoa-producing regions are offered protection, and experience wellbeing through targeted education and socioeconomic programs.

Protecting Children
from Exploitation
and Abuse

CHILDREN AND HIV and HIV

Children and HIV

Carol and her grandmother are part of our program for those caring for grandchildren. Our skills-training for grandmothers helps them to generate income by weaving baskets, rearing goats, and growing crops for the market.



Youth are at the centre of the global AIDS pandemic, accounting for 40 percent of all new HIV infections - approximately 3 million a year.

Adolescents and young adults are at risk of infection and need information to protect themselves.



Empowering girls in Ethiopia to protect themselves.

Childhood has been radically altered by urbanization, global cultural influences, and changing sexual attitudes and behavior. It is increasingly important that more services for children and youth are available to meet their needs.

To increase access to appropriate reproductive health education and services, Save the Children Canada has built and now operates seven of the 13 clinics in **KENYA** that deliver appropriate, confidential, user-friendly services. The Government of Kenya has enthusiastically promoted these clinics to international donors in order to help Kenya reach its Millennium Development Goals.

In addition, Save the Children trains youth as peer educators who disseminate information on safer sex practices. Our clinics provide voluntary counselling and testing, and age-appropriate contraception.

In Kenya there are 2.2 million orphans and of these, 150,000 are infected or living with HIV. In our program in Meru District, kits containing a lantern, mattress, blanket, and a mosquito net were given to 400 households caring for orphans. As well, 100 households received supplementary food packages. These measures supported more than 2,000 children.

Save the Children provided home-based care training to 25 local community organizations. Qualified caregivers then support vulnerable children.

We conducted nine reproductive health workshops for 353 orphans and vulnerable children aged 9 to 17. Six HIV-prevention workshops were conducted for 452 women and 198 men. Consequently, there has been an increase in demand for testing services and a reduction in stigma associated with HIV/AIDS. Demand for condoms has increased, and infected parents are disclosing their status to the community and to their children. More people are willing to join *People Living with AIDS* support groups, and are learning to live positively with the virus.

In **NICARAGUA**, Save the Children trained children and youth on sexual and reproductive health and HIV/AIDS prevention. Peer-to-peer discussions, theatrical performances, and puppet shows were received enthusiastically by young adults.

We helped fund an Adolescent and Youth Centre run by Nicaragua's SI MUJER that delivers sexual and reproductive health consultations, HIV testing, STD treatments, and condom distribution. Our program makes a positive contribution to changes in attitudes and practices which discriminate against girls and women. More than 5,490 children and youth, 866 women, and 1,176 men visited the centre this year.



Save the Children Canada conducted a study at the borders between **MALI**, **BURKINA FASO** and **CÔTE D'IVOIRE** to minimize the prevalence of HIV/AIDS in children and youth. Our target groups included victims of trafficking, street kids, school drop-outs, orphans, and other children at risk. This research will help Save the Children more effectively support 40 youth groups who strive to change behaviour in their communities.

Our three-year *Canadian Coalition on HIV/AIDS and Youth in Africa* partnership (with CARE, PLAN and World Vision Canada) concluded in 2007. The Coalition supported **ETHIOPIA**'s youth Anti-AIDS clubs, where young people could meet openly with peer counsellors and

learn about HIV prevention. Among our successes, the Bahir Dar Youth Anti-AIDS Club grew to 68 members who endeavour to stay HIV-free and 'be part of the solution'. These young people encouraged everyone to get tested for HIV on a regular basis, and they spent time with AIDS patients themselves. With funds from Save the Children Canada, Ethiopian development agency JEDCCO provided the Clubs with sports equipment and musical instruments.

In **BOLIVIA**, Save the Children Canada has found effective ways to teach sexuality to the country's indigenous populations. We campaigned to have Save the Children's materials on HIV prevention included in Bolivia's national school curriculum.

Children and HIV



Children/Youth participating in our HIV/AIDS programs	21,737
Women participating	7,635
Men participating	4,236
Community Program Partners	151
Indirect beneficiaries	158,309

Children in Emergencies

PROTECTING CHILDREN IN EMERGENCIES

Children in Emergencies

Save the Children believes that in times of conflict and disaster, children's needs and protecting their basic rights - such as the right to education - must be a priority.

On September 4, 2007, Hurricane Felix slammed into **NICARAGUA's** North Atlantic Autonomous Region, affecting more than 188,000 people and destroying 427,000 hectares of agricultural land and forests.

Save the Children Alliance Members launched a well-coordinated relief effort. With CIDA and other donors, we helped 8,500 people - 4,500 of them children - in 10 communities. We delivered shelter kits for repairing homes, hygiene kits to fight disease, ceramic water purification filters, and safe water training.

In February 2008, when the Beni and Cochabamba Lowlands of **BOLIVIA** flooded, more than 6,000 children faced a risk of water-borne and other illnesses. Save the Children provided access to clean, safe and adequate water supplies for 16,000 community members. We helped 2,200 families re-establish their agricultural livelihoods and send their 4,300 children to school; 900 community leaders were trained to reduce the risks facing children following floods and other disasters.

BURKINA FASO faced flooding in eleven of the thirteen regions of the country in 2007. Houses and schools were swept away, and fields flooded. More than 50,000 people were affected and 25,000 hectares of crops were destroyed.

With the assistance of a local, elected committee, Save the Children staff distributed blankets, children's clothing, and

medicine to protect against malaria and cholera. Corn, rice, oil and sugar were given out, as well as school kits for 400 children. Fertilizer, seeds and agricultural training produced one hundred tons of corn.



Save the Children's essential household supplies meant safe water could be provided to this Bangladeshi boy and his family after Cyclone Sidr.

Tropical Cyclone Sidr, a Category 4 storm, hit **BANGLADESH** on November 15, 2007, disrupting the lives of more than 5.4 million people. An estimated 75 - 90% of the standing rice crop was lost.

Before Cyclone Sidr landed, Save the Children had made the necessary preparations to quickly provide assistance to children and families, thereby saving thousands of lives. Funds provided by the Canadian government helped us deliver health and hygiene kits, and household items for over 14,000 families.

From lessons learned from the massive tsunami of 2004, Save the Children Canada initiated a two-year "Child-Led Disaster Risk Reduction" project in Aceh, **INDONESIA**. 3,000 children and 12,000 community members will acquire skills and knowledge to increase resiliency to natural disasters. Save the Children's tsunami recovery projects also continued in **SRI LANKA** and **INDIA** in 2007.

Art programs bring a sense of normalcy for a Sudanese child surviving in an emergency environment.





Hostilities between government troops and rebels in **CHAD**, combined with threats and attacks perpetrated by Sudanese *Janjaweed* and local militias, have led to massive displacements of the Chadian population. Since 2006, hundreds of civilians have been killed and dozens of villages attacked and burned to the ground in attacks, reminiscent of Darfur. Save the Children implemented a protection program in Dogdore IDP camp, which addressed the immediate well-being and safety of 15,000 children, and promoted sustainable community-based child protection to reduce the grave risks to children.

Widespread violence erupted across many parts of **KENYA** following disputed election results in December, 2007. More than 290,000 people were forced to flee their homes and move into temporary camps for displaced persons. With support from the Canadian government, Save the Children assisted 6,000 children through child-friendly spaces in displaced-persons camps, and established referral systems for vulnerable children in need of protection. We provided temporary learning spaces and education supplies to ensure children could continue to go to school.

In **SOUTH SUDAN**, Save the Children worked to improve access to safe schools. The project enabled a total of 399 children, 33 of whom were former child soldiers, to benefit from the stability and normalcy of schooling. In addition, over 4,000 children benefitted from improved water, sanitation and nutrition, via the establishment of school gardens, latrines and boreholes. School grounds were also fenced to improve security. Community and PTA members were trained in child protection and child rights, and children's clubs were supported in voicing issues of violation of their rights.

A massive earthquake struck southern **PERU** in August, 2007 and affected more than 655,000 people. The earthquake caused massive damage to mud brick homes, especially in the Pueblo Nuevo district of Chincha province. With the generous support of CIDA and Canadian donors, Save the Children Canada delivered plastic sheeting to shelter 5,674 families, 538 communal tool kits and 60 additional wheelbarrows to clear homes of rubble. We gave 4,717 family kitchen kits and 190 community kitchen kits to more than 7,000 families.

Regional Programs

Regional Programs



Aminata, age 16, was rescued from forced domestic servitude by Save the Children staff. She received training and now is an enthusiastic member of the community team who delivers anti-trafficking messages to girls and boys in urban communities.

WEST AFRICA

In **Burkina Faso, Mali and Ghana**, Save the Children Canada's programs aim to protect children from harmful work in both agricultural regions and urban centres. In addition, education programs remain a focus, as we help thousands of children stay in school through improvements to infrastructure and provision of school supplies. Moreover, Save the Children Canada coordinated an Alliance emergency response to severe flooding across the Cascade region in 2007.



Jane says "I have a purpose for living. Were it not for the support from Save the Children, my peers in the support group and that of my mother, I'd not be sharing this story today".

Jane Kathure is HIV-positive and has two children. She has been a member of Save the Children's orphan and vulnerable children support group since 2005. Joining the project improved her health and self-esteem significantly. She received training on home-based care, nutrition, disclosure, rights, and anti-retrovirals. She talks publicly about her status in order to encourage others to be tested.

EAST AFRICA

In **Kenya, Ethiopia and Sudan** Save the Children Canada is making every child count through HIV/AIDS support programs, early childhood education, water and sanitation projects, emergency relief, and advocacy for child rights. We support orphans and vulnerable children within extended families, teach children about living positively with the HIV virus, and ensure that children go to school.

Through saving the lives of mothers, Save the Children ensures that many children in Kenya will have a brighter future.



Young Nicaraguan boys in Siuna District received raincoats, backpacks and school supplies after Hurricane Felix caused extensive damage in September, 2007. Save the Children's emergency relief also provided locally-made ceramic water filters and weekly food rations for more than 20,000 people.

LATIN AMERICA

Save the Children Canada works to reduce the prevalence of HIV/AIDS and the worst forms of child labour, help in emergencies, and improve education and child protection of children in **Bolivia, Colombia, and Nicaragua**.



Advocacy

ADVOCACY

MAKING PERMANENT CHANGE FOR CHILDREN

Save the Children Canada collaborates with Alliance members, donors, governments, and civil society organizations to develop programs that have the greatest impact on children.

In **COLOMBIA**, the Rewrite the Future campaign has allowed more children to go to school, and improved the quality of the educational system. We have been successful in informing the Canadian government, Colombia's Education ministry, district government officials, and the private sector about the dire need for funding education in conflict-affected countries. Partnerships with the International Organisation for Migration, UNHCR, and OCHA are being discussed.

Save the Children staff make many presentations in order to impact policy at national and international government levels. This year in **CANADA** we spoke to the Canadian Department of Foreign Affairs and CIDA on "Child Protection Research in Colombia and UN 1612", and at the Millennium Scholarship Annual Conference in Ottawa.

Save the Children Canada is an active participant in the Devonshire Initiative, which addresses corporate social responsibility within Canadian extractive industries operating around the world. This advisory group is based in the Munk Centre at the University of Toronto.

As well, we are a member of the steering committee of the Canadian Global Campaign for Education, a coalition of agencies who promote the universal right to education.

Save the Children in **NICARAGUA** produced a children's book that explains the importance of birth registration as the key to achieving every child's right to health services, education and the opportunity to vote.

Save the Children provided oversight and technical assistance to NATRAS, Nicaragua's Movement of Boy and Girl Child Labourers, which advocates for the protection of children who work and the defense of their rights.

In **BOLIVIA**, Save the Children Canada led advocacy, corporate social responsibility, and supply-chain-management training in Bolivia for field staff, community partners, media, government officials and students.

In **INDIA**, we worked to ensure that vulnerable children were provided with a Certificate of Disability in order to secure state health benefits, and for their equal participation within the community as a whole.

Save the Children Canada contributed to a new manual, "Advocacy Matters: Helping Children Change their World; An International Save the Children Guide to Advocacy". The guide will assist Alliance members who are integrating advocacy efforts within their country programs. The facilitator's guidebook and participant training manual are tools that have been developed based on field expertise.

Save the Children's work with child soldiers, separated children in emergencies, landmine awareness and other care and protection work has been published in "Action for the Rights of the Child". This document is relied upon by UN agencies and NGOs working with refugee children.

Advocacy

A boy in Tamil Nadu, India shows his enthusiasm for the new Community Resource Centres built by Save the Children Canada.



THE YEAR IN REVIEW

The Year in Review

Save the Children is a remarkable organization, with a profound and lasting commitment to protecting and promoting the rights of children facing difficult and challenging situations. From youngsters trying to stay out of gangs in Colombia's violent shanty-towns to grandmothers caring for AIDS orphans in rural Kenya, Save the Children Canada was there to help. When natural disasters struck Nicaragua, Peru, Bangladesh, and Chad, financial support from Canadians meant we could indeed save children's lives and help communities rebuild.

Save the Children Canada is part of the Save the Children Alliance, the world's first global movement to protect and promote children's rights. Over the past year, we have been a leader and active participant in making the Alliance stronger and better for children. No other member of the Alliance is as involved in so many Alliance-wide initiatives to make our work more effective and efficient and build real and lasting change for children.

How have we done over the past year? Our revenue increased and we became full members of MODA (Member Organizational Development Approach) which, through financial investments from other Alliance Members, enabled us to expand our fundraising activities and attract new donors. This allowed us to fund new educational, health and child protection programs in Afghanistan, China and Peru.

Secondly, we cut back on administrative costs. The Alliance has introduced an efficiency program called Unified Presence which will reduce administrative expenses while increasing beneficiaries. This means that each national member of Save the Children will work closely together, thus increasing our efficiency and our impact on children. This is a multi-year process; last year we unified our offices in Bolivia and Haiti.

We are undertaking these "back-office" administrative efforts for one reason only – to make greater change for children. Last year the programs of Save the Children Canada helped more than 600,000 people – children, families and communities around the world.

In West Africa our team built a social network composed of the government, 86 youth groups, the bus drivers' union, religious organizations and media – all with the end goal of raising awareness of child trafficking. It operates a lot like neighbourhood watch, except that it is happening in one of the poorest regions in the world, and it's an important tool in the fight against child trafficking and exploitation.

Our tsunami project in India provided 4,000 children and their families with primary health care and psychosocial services, and a primary school education. We established 40 children's groups that will promote child rights.

Our response to the 2006 Pakistan earthquake concluded with 15,000 children having received temporary shelter. School Management Committees are flourishing in 100 schools and 5,000 boys and girls benefited from our safe play spaces and structured activities.

Save the Children Canada led an extensive food, water and nutrition emergency response after drought ravaged Kenya in 2006 and 2007. More than 40,000 people, including more than 10,000 children, were given access to clean water, and more than 31,000 people, including

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President & Chair
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over 19,000 children under the age of five, received nutritional supplements. 750 households took part in our livelihood support program, and more than 2,000 children received child protection.

Rewrite the Future continues to challenge our organization to fundraise and implement educational programs to help the millions of children living in countries affected by armed conflict. With generous support from CIDA, we have begun a four-year \$9.5 million project to deliver quality education to children affected by conflict in Nariño, Colombia.

In Haiti, Save the Children worked to raise the standards of child protection within government departments. We conducted training for the Social Welfare Institute and other child welfare organizations on the UN Convention of the Rights of the Child and standards for child protection. As a result, the Social Welfare Institute adopted the new standards and applied them in a landmark sexual exploitation case.

In Canada, we teamed up with Care Canada, Oxfam Canada, and Oxfam Quebec to form the Humanitarian Coalition. Together we will provide Canadians with an accessible and effective means to donate and make a difference during an emergency. This past year, the Coalition's funds raised helped during conflict in the Middle East, post-election displacement in Kenya, and flooding in Mozambique.

These are just some of the ways Save the Children Canada makes a profound difference in the lives of children around the world. We work in combination with grassroots community organizations for children, to ensure that business and government leaders assume their responsibility to protect and promote the rights of children.

But community projects alone are not enough. If we truly want to build real and lasting change for children, advocacy is needed to change government policies and ensure United Nations' support. Both go hand-in-hand.

A new school in a forgotten community in Asia. AIDS prevention for teenagers in Africa. Emergency medical and nutrition supplies for children made homeless by natural disasters. Save the Children Canada is there, making immediate and lasting improvements to children's lives worldwide.

Save the Children. Our name says it all.



David Morley

Bill Chambers

Handwritten signatures of David Morley and Bill Chambers, written in black ink.



MAKING AN IMPACT FOR CHILDREN

A number of significant organizational initiatives are underway within the International Save the Children Alliance. Expansion and realignment of our programs will improve the daily lives of millions of children.



Save the Children Myanmar stand proudly as a new Alliance member in 2007.

UNIFIED PRESENCE

With a network of 28 national organizations working in more than 120 countries, there has historically been more than one Save the Children member providing programs for children within a country. Since 2005, the Unified Presence Key Challenge has monitored, country-by-country, the 'unifying' of operational, advocacy and fundraising programs under a single operating entity.

Ultimately this will be beneficial to children as it will bring about greater efficiency through the scale of our programs, a better sharing of expertise, extended global reach for fundraising, and a single voice with local governments.

In 2008, Save the Children Canada and Save the Children US successfully combined their projects in Bolivia and Haiti under their own new management structures. In the near future, ten additional countries (Sudan, Mozambique, Nicaragua, Uganda, Viet Nam, Indonesia, Nepal, Philippines, Malawi, and Tanzania) will undergo similar unification.

COORDINATION IN EMERGENCIES

Emergency response is one of Save the Children's core programs. All Members of the International Save the Children Alliance strive to ensure that wherever disaster strikes, we can respond rapidly and effectively to save children's lives and establish relief programs that provide hope and a return to normal routines. In 2007, when natural disaster struck, Save the Children responded quickly, working under new, improved global procedures that enhanced the channeling of funds from around the world into a well-coordinated program on the ground. Emergency preparedness training has taken place across five continents in order that senior program staff are qualified to move into support roles and immediately mobilize resources for humanitarian relief.

REWRITE THE FUTURE

In 2006, Save the Children embarked on its first global campaign to reach children out of school in countries affected by armed conflict. We will ensure that three million children are able to go to school, and eight million will see improvements in the quality of their education by 2010. Two years into the campaign, much progress has been made.

5.7 million children have gone to school for the first time, or seen improvements in their education. Our global advocacy efforts have produced a marked increase in focus on funding for education in fragile states. Our fundraising program is on target for exceeding our goal of \$450 million.

Save the Children Canada's contribution to the strategic planning of the *Rewrite the Future* campaign was significant. We are a strong member of the global steering committee, and Chair for the global Institutional Fundraising group.

Key
Challenges



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GETTING INVOLVED

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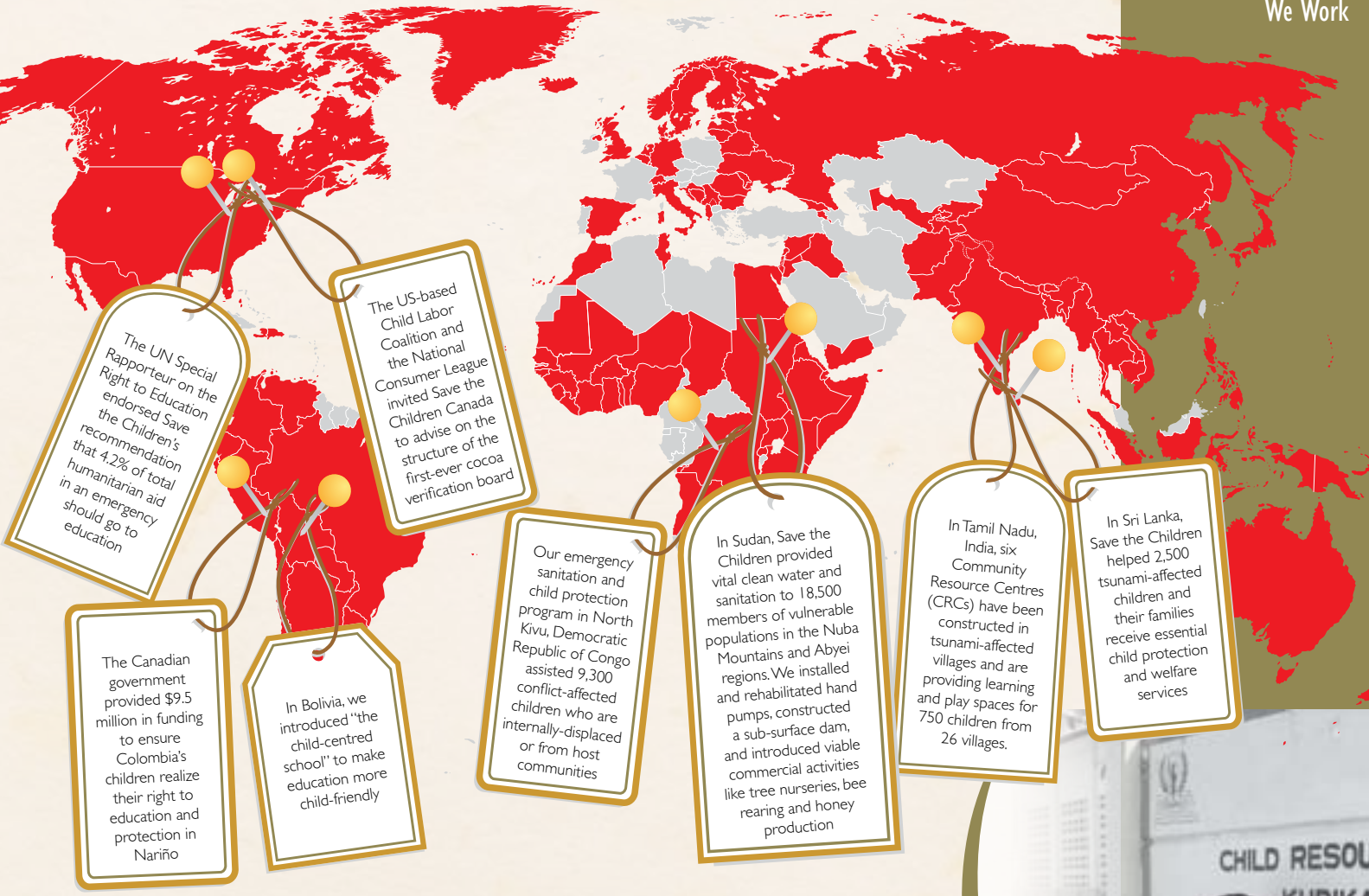


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WHERE WE WORK

Save the Children has 28 national organizations and programs in over 120 countries (highlighted in red below) where we strive to ensure that every child faces a brighter future.

Where We Work



OUR MISSION

OUR VISION

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Save the Children fights for children's rights.
We deliver immediate and lasting improvements to children's lives worldwide.

OUR VISION

Save the Children works for:

- A world that respects and values each child
- A world that listens to children and learns
- A world where all children have hope and opportunity

Our Vision



THE LEGACY OF CHILD rights & CHILD participation

It was **EGLANTYNE JEBB'S** passionate conviction that assistance should be extended to all children in need, that led to the founding of the Save the Children Fund on May 19, 1919, in London, United Kingdom. With her sister Dorothy Buxton, they dreamed of creating a powerful international organization to reach children in even the farthest corners of the globe. This was soon achieved – and Save the Children continues to build on this success.

A VOICE FOR CHILDREN

Save the Children Canada designed a guide in four indigenous languages, for incorporating the Rights of the Child into the curriculum of **NICARAGUA's** North Atlantic Autonomous Region's education system.

BOLIVIA's youth groups received training to develop their understanding of finance, planning and process within the education sector, in order to defend their right to an inclusive education.

Save the Children Canada is a member of **KENYA's** National Council for Children's Services and chairs the resource mobilization committee of this Council. Save the Children has encouraged the enactment of national child participation guidelines that govern how children will be engaged and protected in the processes that involve them.

In **HAITI**, education on the UN Convention of the Rights of the Children is a core component of our training workshops. We ensure that all partners, communities and beneficiaries have a basic understanding of child rights.

Save the Children Canada, with \$2 million in funding from CIDA, will ensure children in Kordofan, **SUDAN** their right to go to school through school upgrades, supplies, and funding to establish and train parent-teacher associations.

SUPPORTER NEWS

LIVING, READING, GIVING

A highly-educated librarian, Miss C spent her life working at the York Public Library on Eglinton Avenue West (now the Toronto Public Library).

"I always thought that Save the Children was a good organization and I wanted to help needy children around the world. I started donating over 40 years ago; I've supported the organization ever since." Travelling reinforced her philanthropy, "I now give to Save the Children projects that will have the greatest impact on the lives of many young children; this has given me much satisfaction."



People Making
a Difference

Shawna, age 9 and her three friends felt the need to help children. They raised \$226 from the sale of their own prized stuffed animals, which assisted vulnerable children and grandmothers in Kenya.

NORTHWATER

After Hurricane Felix devastated northeastern Nicaragua in September 2007, the Northwater Foundation generously donated \$25,000 to provide shelter materials, hygiene kits and water filters for 75 affected families. According to Vice-President Heather Broughton, Northwater Capital Management supported Save the Children's emergency relief efforts due to the tangible impact supplying basic necessities has on rebuilding lives. Save the Children's work with marginalized children in Nicaragua since 1980 was also important, as was the organization's financial accountability and transparency. Ms. Broughton was particularly pleased to attend a presentation by the Country Coordinator to learn more about their gift's impact on children.

Zahir Bhanji, Vice-President of Axis Pharmacy Inc. (pictured at right) and 36 others trekked up Mt. Kilimanjaro, raising more than \$190,000 net revenue in pledges and corporate sponsorships for Save the Children Canada's HIV/AIDS programs in Kenya. Axis Pharmacy Inc. was the title sponsor and Zahir was the key organizer, promoting the climb to pharmacy staff and clients in order to make it the tremendous success it was.



FINANCIAL OVERVIEW OF 2007-2008

The accompanying summarized statement of financial position and summarized statement of operations and changes in fund balances are derived from the complete financial statements of Save the Children Canada (the "Organization") as at March 31, 2008 and for the year then ended on which we expressed a qualified opinion with respect to the completeness of revenue from the general public and government organizations, international revenue and certain local field office expenses, and to the recording of certain capital assets purchased by the field offices with local funds, in our report dated August 1, 2008. The fair summarization of the complete financial statements is the responsibility of management. Our responsibility, in accordance with the applicable Assurance Guideline of The Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants, is to report on the summarized financial statements.

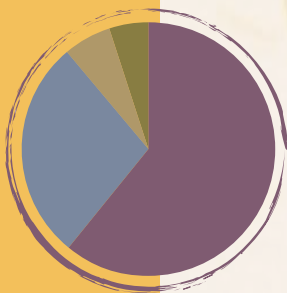
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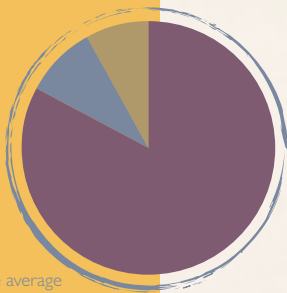
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WHERE OUR MONEY COMES FROM



Grants • 61%
Donations • 28%
Bequests • 6%
Interest and other income • 5%

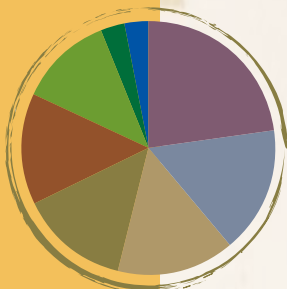
WHERE OUR MONEY GOES*



Programs • 83%
Fundraising • 9%
Administration • 8%

*Based on the average of the last 5 years

WHERE WE SPEND OUR MONEY



East Africa • 23%
South America • 16%
Central America • 15%
West Africa • 14%
Program Management • 14%
India/Asia • 12%
Caribbean • 3%
Middle East/Asia • 3%

Condensed Statement of Financial Position

As at March 31, 2008 and 2007
ALL FIGURES IN CANADIAN DOLLARS

	2008	2007
ASSETS		
Cash and other working capital	4,652,956	5,264,692
Long term investments	704,924	466,009
Capital Assets	58,836	95,543
Total Assets	5,416,716	5,826,244
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	481,774	831,133
Deferred revenue	3,907,833	4,056,385
	4,389,607	4,887,518
NET ASSETS		
General Fund	279,799	(34,543)
Reserve Fund	747,310	973,269
	1,027,109	938,726
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	5,416,716	5,826,244

Condensed Statement of Operations and Fund Balances

For the years ended March 31, 2008 and 2007

	2008	2007
REVENUES		
Donations	3,891,011	3,564,551
Grants	8,342,255	12,312,620
Interest and other income	776,389	177,361
Bequests	700,011	494,200
Total Revenues	13,709,666	16,548,732
PROGRAM EXPENSES		
International	10,668,216	13,842,505
Canadian	3,676	156,364
	10,671,892	13,998,869
OPERATING AND OTHER EXPENSES		
Fundraising	1,859,284	1,036,919
General administration	1,087,617	1,338,969
Amortization	40,236	139,976
	2,987,137	2,515,864
Total Expenses	13,659,029	16,514,733
Excess of Revenue over Expenses	50,637	33,999
Market valuation of Financial Instruments	37,746	
Fund Balances, Beginning of year	938,726	904,727
Fund Balances, End of year	1,027,109	938,726



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