



Save the Children

# Life Line

## THANKS ONLY TO YOU

*At Save the Children we work to give children a healthy start in life, the opportunity to learn and protection from harm.*

*Every day in 2017, through times of emergency and crisis, we responded to help children and their families.*

*You are the reason that our frontline teams at Save the Children can do what they do for children. Through disaster you help children **SMILE**. You are helping hungry children **SURVIVE**. Our frontline health teams **SAVE LIVES**. All children need **THE BEST START IN LIFE**.*

*Thank you for your support last year, and continued support in 2018.*



10 year old Ranjana\*, with her mother and four siblings, lives in Koiladi, one of the flood-affected areas of Saptari district, Nepal.

## THE LITTLE THINGS IN LIFE

When you've lost everything in a disaster, it is often the little things that can make life that much better.

"In all the materials we received today, I liked the comb most as I had not combed my hair since we left home on Saturday. I also liked the toothbrush", said 10-year old Ranjana.

Ranjana, her four siblings and mother, were lucky to escape the devastating floods. The worst floods to hit South Asia in over a decade, claiming the lives of thousands of people and affecting millions more across Nepal, India and Bangladesh.

Unable to save their home or any of their possessions, Ranjana and her family found temporary safety in a makeshift shelter with hundreds of their neighbours.

Tired, hungry, and with her little sister battling a fever, they worried about how they would get through the next few days.

## OUR RESPONSE IN NEPAL, INDIA AND BANGLADESH

Because of supporters like you, Save the Children emergency teams were on the frontline, reaching more than 25,000 children.

We distributed tarpaulins and ropes to help families like Ranjana's build their own shelters for more space and privacy. We also supplied urgent relief items

including hygiene kits- full of those little but important things like toothbrushes- and water purification tablets that help keep children safe from waterborne diseases. Our special playgroups helped children recover and temporary learning spaces ensured school classes could resume immediately.

\*Names have been changed to protect identities.



Jackson\* was very ill with pneumonia and survived thanks to intervention by Save the Children.



## JACKSON – INHALE, EXHALE

When Maximilla's three-year-old son Jackson\* started having difficulty breathing, she began a 55km journey on foot to the nearest hospital in Turkana County, Kenya.

Maximilla told us, "Jackson was tirelessly crying, refusing to eat, had a fever and was shivering." With no money or food, for six days she carried Jackson while her baby son Dickson was strapped to her back.

Eventually, they arrived at Lodwar Referral Hospital, where clinical staff trained by Save the Children rushed to stabilize Jackson. He had a severe case of pneumonia and he was close to death.

Jedidah, one of Save the Children's most experienced Emergency Health Officers in the region, oversaw his treatment. Then began the agonizing wait for Jackson's vital organs to stabilize. After two days, Jackson was sitting up, looking tired, but no longer in pain and distress.

It is thanks to your generous help that Lodwar Hospital has trained staff and the medicines needed to treat children like Jackson with severe cases of pneumonia, malaria and diarrhea. In Maximilla's words, "If it were not for Jedidah, my son would have died."

## SAVE THE CHILDREN'S WORK IN KENYA

Lodwar Hospital is in the capital of Turkana county, northern Kenya, one of the most remote, poorest and worst drought-affected regions of the country. With your support, the Lodwar Hospital team helped over 2,700 children last year.

The building of this hospital is part of

Save the Children's Every Last Child campaign, a global movement to ensure every child has an equal opportunity to survive, learn and be protected, no matter who they are or where they live. Barriers such as geography, gender, ethnicity, disability or conflict, have inhibited recent

progress in ending extreme poverty and reaching the most marginalized children. We are grateful for your support to save children's lives and give them an equal chance at fulfilling their potential. With your help, we must continue to reach Every Last Child.

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The long-term effect of conflict is devastating for children like Eman\*.



## HELPING CHILDREN COPE WITH TRAUMA CAUSED BY WAR

One-year-old Eman\* was at her relatives' house in a village in Arhab District, Sana'a Governorate, Yemen, when an airstrike hit the building. The blast killed her mother and at least five other women. Eman survived the attack after being trapped in a small space under the rubble, which shielded her from the debris. But her face was badly burned by the explosion, causing her eyes to severely swell.

Eman was dragged from the rubble and taken to a hospital in Sana'a, where Save the Children supported her treatment. Eman's burns have now healed and she has returned to the village to live with her grandmother, Khadija\*, who is also taking care of four orphaned children. Although Eman's physical condition has improved, she and other children, including her six-year-old sister Lamees\*, remain in shock following the attack and the horrors they witnessed. Before the attack she was an energetic and outgoing girl, but has now become fearful, withdrawn and wakes up screaming from nightmares.

## OUR RESPONSE IN YEMEN

Children in Yemen are facing a massive crisis. Volatile armed conflicts and rapidly shifting frontlines have been happening in the midst of growing poverty and an already large-scale humanitarian crisis. As the conflict rages on, the needs of vulnerable children continue to grow. Boys and girls are

growing up in the poorest country in the Arab world with little opportunity for education and development.

With thanks to your generous support, Save the Children is on the ground in Yemen, able to distribute food and operate mobile health clinics – we are consulting and treating 54,160

children under age 5 for malnutrition and supporting more than 820,000 people with food.

In addition to food and medical treatment, Save the Children is providing psychological support to Eman\* and other children affected by attacks to help them cope with their traumatic experiences.

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## 1,000,000 REASONS FOR THANKS

One million and counting – that's the number of children and adults in Somalia that you helped us reach with life-saving malnutrition, cholera and health interventions, last year. Your support allows our emergency teams to work around the clock, identify the most vulnerable children and provide direct critical healthcare to help them survive.

## FAR FROM HOME

Venetia\* 9, is an unaccompanied child refugee from South Sudan. Venetia fled South Sudan because of war, and came to Uganda with a group of unrelated people because her parents were killed. She now lives with a foster parent and several other unaccompanied minors in a basic tent.

She had not been to school since sometime in 2016, but has now been enrolled in a school in Imvepi, Uganda. She wants to study to be a nurse, so when she grows up she can treat people who are sick.

The number of South Sudanese refugees fleeing violence in search of safety across the border in Uganda has reached one million. With your help, we continue to work to establish health services and support children with critical education programs, Child Friendly Spaces and family reunification.

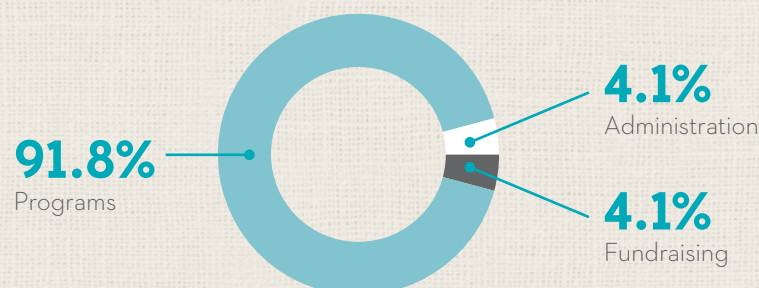
## INVISIBLE WOUNDS

Over 5 million Syrian children, women and men have fled the country in the 7 years since the start of the civil war. Save the Children released Invisible Wounds, a frontline report that detailed the ongoing psychological trauma faced by Syria's children.

With donors like you by our side, our program teams were on the ground helping Syrian children. We continue to run Child Friendly Spaces in Jordan, Lebanon, Iraq and Egypt, and provide essential protection services and assistance. In just one month alone, we distributed household kits to reach 19,789 people, winterization kits to keep 7,170 people warm, and nutritional food baskets to help 1,033 people. We also provided 7,094 children and adults with health visits.

## WHERE YOUR MONEY GOES

\* based on a three-year average



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