

Faisa\*, 12, outside at a displacement camp in the Bari region in Somalia.




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# THE CHILDREN'S EMERGENCY FUND

JUNE 2024 IMPACT UPDATE



A young boy with dark hair, wearing a grey and green striped long-sleeved shirt, is lying on his back on a colorful play mat. The mat is made of interlocking foam tiles in green, blue, orange, and yellow, with large numbers and letters printed on them. The boy is smiling and looking directly at the camera. A black bucket is partially visible in the bottom right corner.

Jheyson, 11, plays at a Save the Children education center in Bolivia.

# PROTECTING CHILDREN'S FUTURES

## CHILDREN'S LIVES ARE BEING THREATENED IN AN INCREASINGLY DANGEROUS AND VOLATILE WORLD.

Conflict and climate disasters have **forced more children from their homes** than any other time since the beginning of the century, leaving millions in need of protection and essential services.

The Children's Emergency Fund is our most valuable resource when it comes to preparing, launching and scaling humanitarian assistance. It is the world's largest independent, nonprofit humanitarian fund, reaching over 25 million people last year alone.

The Fund allows us to pre-position resources before emergencies happen, ensuring that we can prepare for and deliver immediate, lifesaving humanitarian aid for children and communities as soon as a crisis hits.

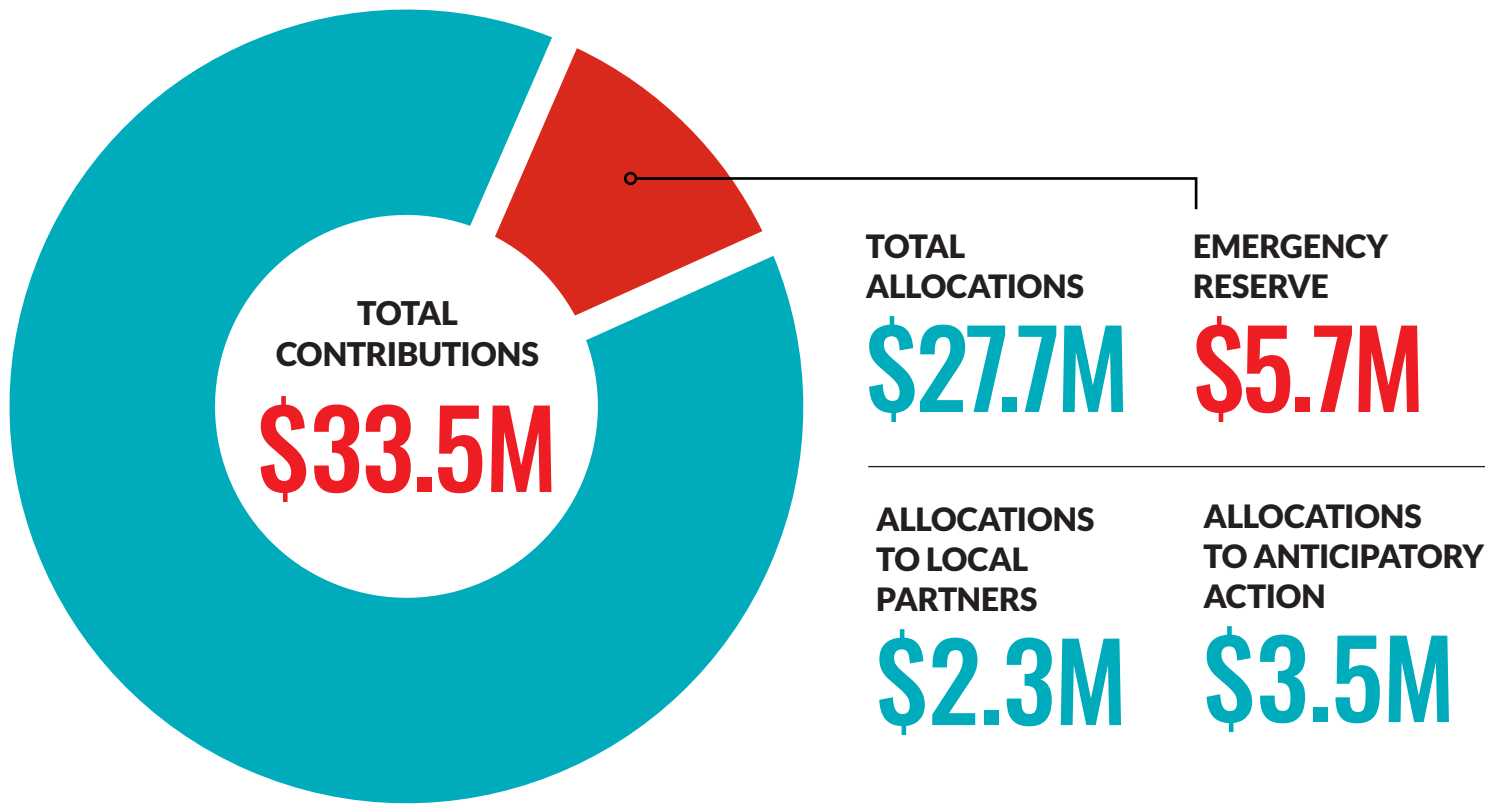
So far this year, the Fund has provided assistance to **over 5.4 million people, including 3.3 million children** across 52 countries, allocating **\$27.7 million** in flexible funding to meet humanitarian needs.

The Fund has enabled us to help families fleeing the conflict in Sudan, deliver lifesaving healthcare in Gaza, respond to the devastating floods in Afghanistan and so many other emergencies. Notably, we strengthened our commitment to local and national actors, allocating more than \$2.3 million to 28 local partners so far this year.

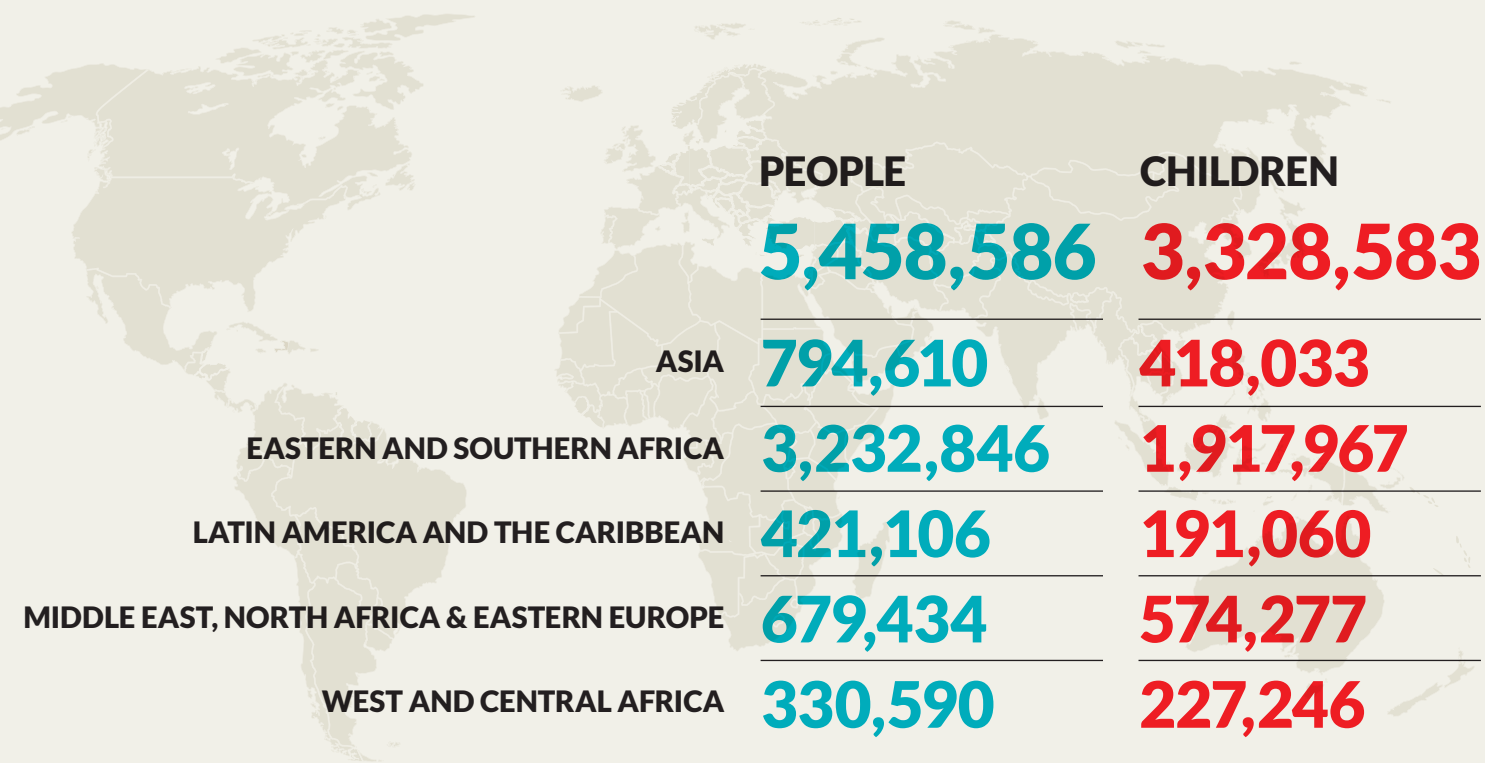
Together, we're ensuring no child is left behind, reaching the most vulnerable whenever and wherever they need us.

# BY THE NUMBERS

## 2024 Allocations to Date:



## 2024 Reach to Date:





# THE LEADERSHIP OF LOCAL PARTNERS

Before, during and after an emergency, the Children's Emergency Fund enables us to support the work of local and national humanitarian responders. Our role is complementary to and supportive of local and national organizations, and we aim to reinforce and not replace existing capacities. Since 2020, \$16.3 million has been allocated to local partners to support community recovery efforts.

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Waheed feeds ready-to-use therapeutic food to Jaiyana\*, 10 months, who received medical help after being diagnosed with severe acute malnutrition in Sindh, Pakistan.



## DRIVING IMPACT FOR CHILDREN IN PAKISTAN

In Pakistan, the Children's Emergency Fund enabled us to support a local partner, Indus Hospital and Health Network (IHHN), to deliver health and nutrition services to remote areas in the country facing crisis levels of hunger.

Over 2 million children are acutely malnourished across Pakistan. With additional funding, the IHHN was able to provide nutrition interventions focused on infant and young child feeding support, malnutrition screening, health and hygiene sessions and immunizations. Between January and March, IHHN reached more than 25,000 people through mobile health and nutrition services thanks in part to the Children's Emergency Fund.





# PREPARING AHEAD OF EMERGENCIES

By investing in emergency preparedness and anticipatory action, we work with communities and local humanitarian responders before a crisis hits, saving lives and livelihoods.

Through the Children's Emergency Fund, over \$3.5 million has been allocated to 29 countries for anticipatory action and emergency preparedness so far this year.

We supported communities in Yemen, Pakistan, Nigeria, Colombia and the DRC, which received the highest amount of funding for emergency preparedness. Through preparedness programming, we were able reach vulnerable families with services and supplies before disasters occurred, allowing for more effective and timely interventions to protect children and communities.

## \$3.5M ALLOCATED TO ANTICIPATORY ACTION SO FAR THIS YEAR



### EARLY WARNING SYSTEMS IN NIGERIA

Nearly 8 million people need humanitarian assistance in Nigeria due to the combined impact of armed conflict, disease outbreaks and natural disasters. Given the predictability of many of these threats, we're prioritizing emergency preparedness interventions to better help vulnerable communities.

Thanks to the Children's Emergency Fund, our team in Nigeria expanded their early warning system to alert local communities to anticipated threats, including natural hazards like flooding and disease outbreaks, before the crisis hits.

In addition, we trained 70 volunteers in areas with a heightened risk of extreme weather and emergencies as well as supported flood-prone communities by strengthening their capacity to proactively monitor and respond to potential disasters.



Portrait of Rita, 16, inside her home in Cross River State, Nigeria.



# HIGHLIGHTS

Amidst the world's most complex crises, we deliver desperately needed aid to children and their families. Here are just a few examples of how the Children's Emergency Fund was used to support those in greatest need.

Jeremy, 7, with his cousin Yuderby in the doorway of their home in Nicaragua.



## DISPLACEMENT IN BURUNDI

In Burundi, the Children's Emergency Fund enabled us to support families and their children fleeing violent conflict in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC).

For families fleeing the conflict in the DRC, we set up child-friendly spaces in transit centers, supported children's return to school and facilitated the integration of unaccompanied children in foster families.



## FLOODING IN AFGHANISTAN

In Afghanistan, the Children's Emergency Fund helped us respond to the flash floods that impacted over 60,000 people and left 5,000 families homeless in March of this year.

Thanks to the Fund, our emergency team responded to the devastation within 48 hours, providing impacted families with cash assistance, essential supplies, water, nutrition services and mental health and psychosocial support.



## DISEASE OUTBREAK IN NICARAGUA

In Nicaragua, the Children's Emergency Fund was critical in helping us respond to deadly dengue outbreaks in the country.

With additional funds, we were able to launch a comprehensive, holistic response to the health crisis, which included treating diagnosed cases, providing cash assistance to impacted families and managing the increase in malnutrition in communities.



# CRISIS IN GAZA

The Children's Emergency Fund played a key role in supporting our response to the crisis in Gaza. Since the beginning of the crisis, the Children's Emergency Fund has allocated \$12.2 million to our response team, helping them meet the most critical and urgent needs of women, children and the elderly impacted by the violence.

Flexible funding was also critical when our **Emergency Health Unit** deployed to Gaza to provide lifesaving emergency health services to children and their families. Thanks to additional funding, our emergency health team has provided maternal health and pediatric services to thousands of children in Gaza.



Lana\* was the first baby to be born at Save the Children's new maternity unit in Gaza.



## PROTECTING THE HEALTH OF MOTHERS AND NEWBORNS

Since our Emergency Health Unit began providing maternal health services in Gaza, we've provided more than 900 consultations – including prenatal and postnatal care for women – and supported the delivery of 28 babies.

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Lana's mother Tima\*, 26, found out she was pregnant in July 2023. Tima shared with us that it's been difficult being pregnant during the conflict, and she worried about where she would give birth safely, given the continuous attacks on healthcare facilities. Thanks to our Emergency Health Unit, Tima was able to receive prenatal care and safely deliver her baby in our maternity ward.



# CONFLICT IN SUDAN

It's been over a year since armed conflict broke out in the capital of Sudan that has since triggered widespread violence and instability across the country and the region. Sudan is now the largest child displacement crisis in the world with 4 million children uprooted from their homes.

The Children's Emergency Fund has supported our team of 300 staff and 25 local partners in Sudan, helping them reach children and families with critical services spanning health, cash assistance, child protection and education. We're also providing critical support to children who've been forced to flee to neighboring countries, like South Sudan and Egypt.



## SUPPORTING CHILDREN SEEKING SAFETY

We're helping children like Hassan\*, 6, who was forced to flee his home in Sudan with his family. He now lives in a transit center in Renk, South Sudan with his father, Ahmed\*, and his mother, Salma\*.

After fleeing their home and arriving in the transit center, Hassan began attending one of our child-friendly spaces to play, learn and receive mental health support.

Thanks in part to the Children's Emergency Fund, we're providing refugees in South Sudan with comprehensive case management services, including identifying and registering separated and unaccompanied children, providing essential supplies to the most vulnerable unaccompanied minors and separated children, offering psychosocial support services and more.



Hassan\*, 6, at a displacement camp in South Sudan.





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# THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

When a crisis occurs and children's futures are on the line, Save the Children needs to be ready to act fast.

Your support for the Children's Emergency Fund means we can be by children's sides within hours of a disaster striking and be there for the long-term to help them and their families recover and rebuild.

Thanks to your generous support, we're able to respond across the globe wherever and whenever there is need.

Masah\*, 1, being held by her mother Sarah\*, 25, while she's treated by our Emergency Health Unit in Gaza.

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