

Save the Children at a Glance

A Century of Progress

Our extraordinary story begins in 1919, when founder Eglantyne Jebb launched her pioneering fight to save suffering children across war-torn Europe, inspiring Save the Children's global movement. She was the first person to declare the rights of the child and demand the world take responsibility to ensure those rights are realized. A hundred years later, Save the Children continues to be driven by the same clear and compelling vision, courage and compassion.

Save the Children began work in the U.S. in 1932 in Appalachia to respond to the needs of children hit hard by the Great Depression. We provided hot lunches to hungry schoolchildren in Harlan County, Kentucky – a successful initiative that would become the model for the federal hot lunch program.

Today, Save the Children supports rural America's most isolated and underserved children. We work with parents to build a strong foundation for school readiness in children from before birth to age 5. In 2017, Save the Children combined our U.S. Programs and Advocacy (USPA) efforts to provide the best chance for sustaining impact at scale.

Our Enduring Mission

We advocate for a world where every child has the right to a healthy start in life, the opportunity to learn and protection from harm.

Despite significant progress for children, millions are excluded because of who they are or where they live. Girls are among the most marginalized, and we strive to ensure they have the same opportunities as boys to maximize their potential.



Vulnerable children in Malawi's Zomba District attend a preschool supported by Save the Children, where they gain the nutritional and educational support they need to learn and thrive. *Photo: Jonathan Hyams*

With our decades of experience, proven programs and emphasis on innovation, Save the Children is uniquely qualified to serve those hardest to reach. Every last child.



Our Global Reach

In 2017, Save the Children reached more than 155 million children in 120 countries, including 237,000 in the United States. Our humanitarian experts responded to 121 emergencies across 61 countries. Whether during a natural disaster, drought or conflict, we deliver lifesaving assistance and stay as long as it takes for families to recover.



Our Financial Status

Thanks to our generous supporters, Save the Children USA continues to maintain a strong financial foundation with 2017 operating revenue totaling \$807.4 million. Save the Children's global movement generated more than \$2 billion in operating revenue.



Trust

Save the Children is an organization you can trust. From schoolchildren who send their allowance for relief efforts to the largest philanthropic donors, we cherish all of our supporters. Our independently audited financial statements consistently show that nearly 9 out of every 10 dollars we spend go to programs and services for children and families in need. We keep administrative costs low so that more funding goes to children's programs. In fiscal year 2017, 86 percent of all expenditures went to program services.

Year after year, charity watch groups give us top ratings for achieving incredible results for children – with proven efficiency, effectiveness and accountability.









Program Areas

- U.S. Education
- Global Health & Nutrition
- Global Education
- Protection from Harm
- Emergency Response (Readiness, Relief, Recovery)
- Hunger & Livelihoods
- Empowering Girls & Women
- Policy & Advocacy

Recent Achievements

- Early Steps to School Success. For the 2016-17 school year, 85 percent of 3-yearolds enrolled in our U.S. home visiting program scored at or above the normal range for vocabulary acquisition.
- Saving Newborn Lives. Our global experts trained 1,700 frontline health workers, exceeding our 2017 training target by 30 percent. They, in turn, cared for 379,000 babies.
- Literacy Boost. In 36 countries, this proven program helps vulnerable children learn to read and write. Evidence shows that participating students improve their reading comprehension by 30 percent.
- Saving Syria's Children. After more than seven years of brutal conflict, we have delivered vital aid to 4.2 million Syrians affected by violence and displacement, including 2.7 million children.



In the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey, our emergency teams responded in Texas and have since addressed the needs of more than 73,000 adults and children, including 2-year-old Samantha. We will support their recovery through 2019. *Photo: Susan Warner*

Thank you for your support.

