



Save the Children®

# THE CHILDREN'S EMERGENCY FUND

We're helping students like Nana\*, 13, continue learning after being impacted by flooding and other natural disasters.

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## A CRITICAL RESOURCE

Today, there are more children in need of humanitarian assistance than at any other time since the Second World War. Save the Children has been supporting the unique needs of children caught in armed conflicts and disasters for over 100 years.

As disasters became more frequent and severe, Save the Children recognized the need for a more agile response vehicle for children in crisis situations. In response, we created the **Children's Emergency Fund** so we can act faster, and in turn, bring humanitarian assistance to children in global crises.

Your funding to the Children's Emergency Fund allows us to:

- **RESPOND IMMEDIATELY:** Prepositioned funding enables us to mobilize resources quickly, providing immediate relief to those affected by disasters.
- **MAXIMIZE IMPACT:** Collective contributions allow us to undertake larger-scale responses and reach more people in need.
- **BE PREPARED:** By having resources ready, staff and local partners can act in advance of threats to mitigate the effects of crises and provide sustained support.

## 2025 HIGHLIGHTS

In 2025, we reached 26.3 million people with humanitarian aid across 61 countries. As a humanitarian response organization, we support children where needs are greatest and are equipped to provide expert support for their health, education and protection.

Here are just some examples of the Children's Emergency Fund in action:

### EARTHQUAKE IN MYANMAR

After a 7.7-magnitude earthquake struck central Myanmar, our local staff and partners began assisting families immediately. We provided food, water, cash, emergency healthcare, learning materials and psychological support for children, helping over 100,000 people in just two months.

### COLD SNAP IN AFGHANISTAN

Unusually cold temperatures and harsh conditions during the past winter season in Afghanistan put children and their families at risk. The Children's Emergency Fund enabled our teams to quickly provide warm clothing, blankets, and cash for heating and food to over 125,000 people in 25 districts. This rapid support not only protected families through the coldest months, but also helped unlock additional donor funding to sustain assistance and strengthen community resilience.

[See more](#) impact examples from Fund in 2025.

Save the Children's Emergency Health Unit provided lifesaving health and nutrition services for at-risk children and families facing drought and food shortages in Kenya.

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**IN 2025, WE REACHED OVER 26.3M PEOPLE, INCLUDING 14.2M CHILDREN, THROUGH THE FUND.**



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## RESPONDING TO INCREASING DISASTERS IN A COMPLEX WORLD

We're always among the first to respond to crises, and are committed not only to providing immediate emergency relief, but also to helping communities rebuild. Here's how the Children's Emergency Fund helps us reach children and families in need.



### LAUNCH LIFE-SAVING ASSISTANCE

The Children's Emergency Fund lets us speed relief to disasters in the first 24 hours, when children's lives hang in the balance, often before potential donors learn what occurred. This could include deploying our Emergency Health Unit to provide free healthcare, distributing prepositioned supplies and setting up safe spaces to protect children.



### GET AHEAD OF PREDICTABLE EMERGENCIES

Our emergency preparedness and anticipatory action programs in disaster-prone countries saves lives and livelihoods by reducing the impact of disasters on communities.



### REACH PEOPLE IN CHRONIC AND UNDERFUNDED CRISES

The Children's Emergency Fund provides the resources that make it possible to scale up our responses in ongoing or escalating crises, delivering desperately needed aid to children and families even when public attention is focused elsewhere.



### MEET THE NEEDS OF THE MOST MARGINALIZED

The Children's Emergency Fund ensures we can work with impacted community members and local NGOs to quickly identify the needs of vulnerable groups, including women, children and people living with disabilities. This means we can deliver assistance to better meet immediate needs and support the long-term recovery of those traditionally marginalized.

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## CHILDREN NEED YOUR SUPPORT

Your support for the Children's Emergency Fund ensures we can meet children's needs in times of crisis, uphold their rights even in the most challenging contexts and work with communities toward a better future.