

THE CHILDREN'S EMERGENCY FUND

APRIL-JUNE 2026
IMPACT REPORT



Save the Children

Ramiz*, 8 months old, recovered from malnutrition with Save the Children's support in northern Afghanistan.

Photo: Asmar Khwahany/Save the Children



WITH YOUR SUPPORT, WE'VE HELPED MORE THAN **5.1 MILLION CHILDREN** THROUGH EMERGENCIES IN **55 COUNTRIES** SO FAR THIS YEAR¹

When disaster strikes, the Children's Emergency Fund is there to help. Already this year, the Fund has helped children recover after earthquakes, cyclones, disease outbreaks, conflict, drought and flooding, and supported communities to prepare for future shocks.

Between April and June 2026, the Fund provided **\$13 million** to respond to emergencies in **28 countries**, bringing the total funding allocated so far this year to \$32.7 million (January-June). This includes responding to the deadly Ebola outbreak in the DRC, two devastating earthquakes in Venezuela and climate shocks in Somalia.

The Fund continued to invest in **local partners** and **anticipatory action**, including piloting an exciting new funding model to enable our teams and partners to prepare sooner, respond quicker and recover faster to predicted shocks.

Thank you for supporting the Children's Emergency Fund in 2026. Read on to learn about our impact together from April-June this year.

FUNDING HIGHLIGHTS (APRIL-JUNE 2026):



\$13M
ALLOCATED TO
28 COUNTRIES²



46%
OF FUNDING
DECISIONS
IN 48 HOURS



10%
OF FUNDS
TO 19 LOCAL
PARTNERS



10%
OF FUNDS TO
ANTICIPATORY
ACTION³



*"When I was displaced from Hodeidah, I missed the school so much because I knew it was my future. **Save the Children has supported our learning space** and allows us to participate in many activities that we really missed, like football and basketball. I feel much better when I do these activities."*
– Waleed*, age 17, Yemen.

Waleed* lives in a camp in Lahj, Yemen, supported by Save the Children.

Photo: Zaid Shaker/Save the Children

IMPACT SPOTLIGHT

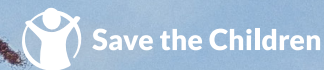
TACKLING AN EBOLA OUTBREAK IN THE DRC

On 15 May, a deadly new strain of the Ebola virus was confirmed in Ituri Province, Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). In just a few days, more than 100 people died. Communities were already coping with hunger, conflict and limited healthcare, reducing their ability to cope. Rapid action was needed to prevent the virus spreading further.

The Children's Emergency Fund quickly released **\$800,000** (followed by an additional \$2 million) to support health and hygiene measures. This included channeling **\$100,000** to BIFERD, a local partner working in Kibirizi on child safety.

We provided Personal Protective Equipment to **62 local health facilities**, trained local staff, delivered clean water, set up safe spaces for children and worked alongside children and communities to prevent misinformation and promote positive hygiene practices, like handwashing – helping more than **19,215 people** in just four weeks.

Finally, we also provided **\$815,000** to nearby countries including Uganda, South Sudan, Rwanda, Burundi, Zambia, Tanzania and Ethiopia, to support emergency preparedness measures in case the virus spread across borders.



***"Our teachers tell us that if someone has Ebola, we must not touch them or come into contact with them. We must inform others and encourage them to wash their hands."** – Alice*, age 13, DRC.*

Alice* washing her hands outside her school in the DRC supported by Save the Children.
Photo: Ahmed Albasha/ Save the Children

IMPACT SPOTLIGHT

RESPONDING TO EARTHQUAKES IN VENEZUELA

In June, two powerful earthquakes struck Venezuela, affecting around 1.8 million people, including 680,000 children. Children lost their lives or watched loved ones die as buildings collapsed around them. For those who survived, many lost their homes, schools and communities, forcing more than 20,000 people into temporary accommodation or to camp in public spaces, often without clean water or bathrooms. The earthquakes hit as families in Venezuela were already facing a prolonged economic and climate crisis.

Thanks to the Children's Emergency Fund, we were able to act quickly. **Within 12 hours, \$1.5 million was released**, helping our teams and local partners provide food and drinking water, hygiene supplies, lifesaving healthcare, mental health support and safe spaces for children.

One of the children supported was 11-year-old Alba* who was displaced by the earthquakes. Away from her home and school, she found comfort in a Child Friendly Space supported by Save the Children and our partner, where children could play, connect with others and receive mental health and wellbeing support.

In just the first month, we helped **12,886 people**, including **6,079 children**. Flexible funding meant we could act quickly, reaching children and families with vital support when they needed it most.



"I would tell people to visit the Safe Space because it's very good [...]they go into space, play, and relax their minds. And it's fun."
– Alba*, age 11, Venezuela.

Alba* inside the tent where she's living after the earthquakes in Venezuela.
Photo: Miguel Vera/Save the Children

IMPACT SPOTLIGHT

PREPARING FOR EL NIÑO IN SOMALIA & AROUND THE WORLD

Forecasts show that El Niño could bring heavy rains and widespread flooding to Somalia later this year, putting the homes, livelihoods and wellbeing of 3.2 million people at risk. This comes as six million people are already facing severe hunger, leaving families exposed to another crisis.

The Children's Emergency Fund is enabling us to **pilot a new model across eight countries**, including Somalia, where funding is released automatically when agreed triggers are met. This means our teams can **prepare sooner, respond quicker and recover faster** to predicted shocks.

In Somalia, this funding allowed us to work with the government and local partners to create the **first ever Flooding Early Action Plan** outlining thresholds and triggers, such as rising river levels, that would kick-start a response. This plan was developed with children from at-risk communities to ensure the response meets their needs.

Funding also helped us **stock essential health supplies** to respond to cholera outbreaks, which often surge after flooding. This early action means support can be ready before floods hit, helping children and families when they need it most.

We will continue working with partners and communities to prepare for the worst impacts of El Niño around the world.



WHAT IS EL NIÑO?

El Niño is a naturally occurring climate pattern that can dramatically alter weather conditions across the globe. It can increase the likelihood of drought in some regions and severe flooding in others, disrupting food systems, livelihoods, and access to essential services.

By taking action before these shocks occur, we can help protect children and reduce humanitarian impacts before they escalate.

PILOT FUNDING PROJECT

In 2026, the Fund reserved **\$2 million for eight countries** through the new trigger-based pilot, while continuing to support anticipatory action and preparedness around the world.

Asia	Africa
Bangladesh	Ethiopia
Nepal	Mozambique
Pakistan	Somalia
Philippines	Sudan

Margaret, age 15, looking out to the ocean in Torba Province, Vanuatu – a country vulnerable to the impacts of climate change. The Children's Emergency Fund is supporting communities in Vanuatu to prepare for cyclone season to limit the impact on children and families.

Photo: Conor Ashleigh/Save the Children

THANK YOU

We are deeply grateful to our donors, partners, and colleagues whose support makes the Children's Emergency Fund possible.

Together, we are helping ensure that children receive the support they need, when and where it matters most. Thank you for standing with children in times of crisis.

Endnotes

1. Number of children supported by all Save the Children's humanitarian work, towards which CEF contributes.
2. Total allocations (\$13,005,649) include 70% in flexible funding (\$9.1) and 30% in semi-flexible funding (\$3.9) that is earmarked for specific countries or regions, such as Ebola Outbreak, Ukraine, Gaza and the Middle East Region.
3. AA allocations: 10% of fully flexible allocations only
4. Local partners: 10% of all funding allocated, including flexible and earmarked.

*Names changed to keep people safe.

Published by Save the Children International
www.savethechildren.net



"I chose to be a volunteer because I wanted to help the community [...] The first time I met Reta, her child (Domi*) had severe malnutrition, weighing far below the threshold. I paid her home visits and saw her every day [...] Over the months, her child's weight increased."
– Selviana, Community Health Volunteer for Save the Children, Indonesia.

Domi*, age 4, who recovered from malnutrition with support from a Save the Children volunteer in Sumba, Indonesia. This included providing supplementary food to help Domi recover.
Credit: Sacha Myers / Save the Children