

SAFETY

PROTECTING CHILDREN FROM DANGER AND HARM

Millions of children around the world live on the fringes of society—in places like refugee camps, slums, and prisons—where they have to fight to survive, let alone pursue their dreams. Whether displaced by war, trafficked for labor, or living on the streets, their lives are fraught with uncertainty and fear. But thousands of grassroots organizations worldwide are working tirelessly to help children who are trapped in dangerous or hazardous situations, giving them holistic care and helping them to rebuild their lives.

51%

One in every two refugees worldwide is under the age of 18. Global displacement is at an all-time high.

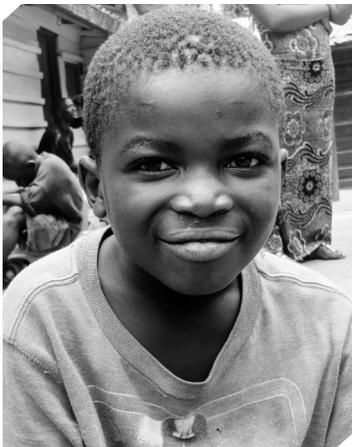
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An estimated 5.5 million children and youth are engaged in forced labor worldwide.

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Roughly one-third of all girls in the developing world are married before age 18.

Last year, we supported 126 organizations that help children who are situated in, at risk of, or emerging from dangerous or hazardous environments in 47 countries, providing these organizations with nearly \$1.5 million in funding and a range of capacity-building services.



SPOTLIGHT: PROTECTING TRAFFICKED CHILDREN

Forced to be soldiers, fishermen, servants, miners, weavers, and sex workers, trafficked children live in danger and fear, denied their most basic rights. The Global Fund for Children invests in nearly 50 grassroots organizations around the world that are taking a stand against modern-day slavery. They work courageously to prevent trafficking, to rescue enslaved children, and to help survivors heal from trauma, regain their rights, and safely reintegrate into their families and communities. In the Democratic Republic of the Congo, our partner **Bureau pour le Volontariat au Service de l'Enfance et de la Santé** (pictured) negotiates directly with armed groups to release child soldiers. BVES then supports the children as they transition home—providing them with shelter, therapy, and education and helping them reunite with their families.

Sources: UNHCR, ILO, USAID



OUR APPROACH: REACHING THE MOST VULNERABLE

Local organizations are uniquely positioned to tackle problems in their own communities. They understand not only the challenges children face, but also the culture, needs, and resources that surround them. That's why our grassroots partners are highly effective in finding children who are in need of rescue or protection and providing them with holistic care. The services our partners provide include:

RESCUE

from forced labor, hazardous environments, trafficking, sexual exploitation, and abuse and neglect

SHELTER

through transitional homes that meet children's basic needs and provide critical social services

REHABILITATION

through counseling, physical therapy, healthcare, food and nutritional support, and legal services

REINTEGRATION

by offering education, vocational and leadership training, and job placement, and by helping children to safely reunite with their families

PREVENTION

by training teachers, parents, police officers, social workers, and others to recognize when children are in jeopardy and to take action

ADVOCACY

by fighting social stigma and discrimination, and by pushing for better laws and policies to protect children and youth



SPOTLIGHT: CHILD REFUGEES IN CRISIS

Millions of children and families displaced by the Syrian conflict continue to suffer—many lacking even the most basic of necessities as they seek safety. In the midst of this massive crisis, our local partners in Serbia, Turkey, and Lebanon are doing everything they can to protect children displaced by war. GFC has been providing these partners with emergency aid so they can help refugee families rebuild their lives. Our partner **Tahaddi** (pictured) supports more than 800 Syrian families living in Hay al-Gharbeh, a shantytown in Beirut, Lebanon. With GFC's support, Tahaddi has been expanding its shelters and adding more education classes to meet the growing need for its services. Tahaddi also offers family-tracing services for unaccompanied children and counseling for children coping with trauma.

RESULTS FROM THE FIELD

100% The percentage of the 110 abused children rescued by Baan Nana last year who were placed in a safe environment. Working with undocumented and stateless children on the Thai-Burma border, Baan Nana uses a family-like model and provides the children with food, a safe place to live, and academic scholarships.

4,536 The number of children provided with trafficking prevention, recovery, and rehabilitation services last year by *Roshni Research and Development Welfare Organization* in Pakistan. Roshni coordinates a helpline and a quick-response system to recover abducted children within 48 hours of their disappearance.

100% The percentage of students in *Association Zanmi Timoun's* accelerated learning program who successfully completed their education last year. Working in Haiti with survivors of exploitation, trafficking, and abuse, Zanmi Timoun reaches more than 1,000 children each year with reintegration services, education, and counseling.

GET INVOLVED

Your support makes all the difference. With your help, we reach children on the margins of society so they can be safe, educated, healthy, and cared for. To learn more about how you can transform the lives of vulnerable children, visit www.globalfundforchildren.org.