

EDUCATION

BECAUSE ALL CHILDREN HAVE THE RIGHT TO LEARN

It is no surprise that being born into poverty severely limits a child's access to education. But additional factors compound this disadvantage—ethnicity, ability level, gender, and location all impact a child's likelihood of attending school. Migrants and refugees, children in conflict areas, children with disabilities, girls, child laborers, and rural children struggle to access quality education and to realize their potential. These children stand to gain the most from going to school—and yet they are the least likely to get an education through mainstream services. We must do more to reach the most vulnerable children.

124^M

children and adolescents worldwide are not in school.

168^M

children are engaged in child labor—and at risk of being denied quality education.

50%

of out-of-school children live in areas affected by conflict.



IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT SCHOOL: SOMETIMES, IT'S LIFE OR DEATH

Child survival is closely linked to maternal education. Educated girls grow up to have healthier babies and are less likely to transmit HIV to their children. They are also more likely to delay early pregnancy and childbirth, which is the second leading cause of death among adolescent girls in the developing world.

Education unlocks a world of opportunity. This year, 170 of our grassroots partners provided learning opportunities to children in 51 countries around the globe. We supported these partners with more than \$1.9 million in cash grants, complemented by a range of capacity-building services to help them become lasting resources.

LOCAL, LASTING SOLUTIONS FOR CHILDREN'S EDUCATION

We believe grassroots organizations are uniquely positioned to tackle local educational challenges with innovative solutions. Our partners have the passion and vision to change their communities, but they often lack the professional know-how to become lasting resources. So we provide them with management assistance, capacity-building expertise, and networking opportunities to help them grow. On average, our partners more than triple their budgets over the course of their partnership with us. The result: strong organizations that transform children's lives, their communities, and civil society as a whole.

Sources: UNESCO, ILO-IPEC

OUR INVESTMENTS: CATCHING CHILDREN WHO FALL THROUGH THE CRACKS

The Global Fund for Children supports local, grassroots solutions for children living on the margins of society. Kids living in remote villages check out their very first books at traveling libraries. Through microenterprise programs, parents gain the economic freedom to send their children to school instead of to work. Community awareness campaigns give rise to a generation of girls attending school for the first time. Innovative and effective, these programs bring quality education to children who would otherwise go without.



RURAL SCHOOLS

to create culturally relevant learning opportunities in traditional communities with scarce resources.

MOBILE CLASSROOMS

to reach rural children, waste-picking communities, and children who live in slums and on the streets.

BILINGUAL EDUCATION

to make sure indigenous children, migrants, and refugees have equal footing in the classroom and beyond.

SUPPLEMENTAL LEARNING

at tutoring centers, libraries, and Saturday schools to help kids succeed and stay in school.

GIRLS' EDUCATION

to help girls access the knowledge they need to lead healthy, productive lives.

NIGHT SCHOOLS

to provide education to children who work during the day.

OUR RESULTS: AS DIVERSE (AND AS PROMISING) AS THE CHILDREN WE SERVE

We measure and track our partners' success and growth as they enroll children in school for the first time, make sure students advance to the next grade level, rehabilitate and integrate kids into mainstream schools, and help youth transition into employment and training. We watch with pride as they transform community attitudes about girls' education and ensure that girls have safe environments in which to learn.

217 Operating the only rehabilitation center in its district, *Beypil* offers individualized care to more than 200 children with disabilities in Bokonbaevo, Kyrgyzstan. In addition to helping disabled children get an education, *Beypil* provides art and music therapy, hydrotherapy, home visits (often in remote mountain villages), and income-generating activities.

3,320 Serving more than 3,000 impoverished children in a semi-urban district of Phnom Penh, *Khemara* runs a kindergarten program to meet the unique needs of children who are affected by HIV/AIDS. In addition to early childhood education, *Khemara's* holistic model includes scholarships, food, health education, and medical checkups.

1,050 *Home of Hope* goes door-to-door in Johannesburg, South Africa, to find children engaged in sex work, and then helps them leave the industry and provides them with shelter and counseling. Through education programs and vocational training, HOH ensures that girls can support themselves in the future. The organization reached 1,050 children last year.

“More girls are staying at school and refusing to get married at age 12, and many of them are refusing to undergo female genital cutting, a traditional rite of passage in our community. More and more parents are accepting the need to educate their girls.” — GFC GRASSROOTS PARTNER IN KENYA

GET INVOLVED

The Global Fund for Children specializes in finding small organizations with big potential and helping them to grow into sustainable resources for their communities. Our locally based partners understand how to bring learning opportunities to the children and youth who are most in need—whether they are refugees, orphans, children with disabilities, or children living in slums. To learn more about how you can contribute to the advancement of children's education worldwide, please visit www.globalfundforchildren.org.