

EMERGENCY RESPONSE

PROTECTING CHILDREN & COMMUNITIES IN TIMES OF CRISIS

When catastrophes happen, the world responds generously. Haunted by images and stories of destruction, death, and disease, we all want to offer support. But the chaos that accompanies profound devastation can lead to confusion over where the money goes and whether it is used effectively.

At The Global Fund for Children, we provide rapid-response grants and long-term aid to our grassroots partners on the front lines. These organizations may be directly affected by a disaster or providing assistance and relief to others in their community. They understand the needs on the ground and respond quickly to address the crisis—and GFC donors know their investments are making a direct impact in a time of incredible distress.

Since 2005, GFC has provided direct support totaling more than \$1 million to 108 grassroots organizations in the aftermath of emergencies both large and small.

News fades fast, but the aftermath endures. Our donors want to make a lasting impact—so we stick around for the long haul.

HAITI EARTHQUAKE: IMMEDIATE & LONG-TERM RELIEF

Within hours of the earthquake that struck Haiti in January 2010, GFC grantees were mobilizing relief efforts. Within weeks, they received emergency grants funded by our donors. Now, years later, we continue to support Haitian organizations as the country recovers. Since 2010 GFC has invested nearly \$500,000 in grassroots organizations in Haiti that are rebuilding their communities from the ground up. In the case of large-scale disasters, GFC commonly supports long-term relief efforts for 4 to 6 years, ensuring a lasting recovery for the community.

GRANTEE SPOTLIGHT

Immediately after the 2010 earthquake in Haiti, GFC grantee **Asanblè Vwazen Solino** distributed food and water to families in the Solino area of Port-au-Prince. Due to the neighborhood's inaccessibility, support from GFC donors was among the very first aid to arrive. AVS's free primary school for Solino children was destroyed in the disaster, but the school managed to reopen its doors in April 2010.

A year later, when a cholera outbreak began killing neighborhood children, AVS utilized another GFC grant to provide purification tablets, clean water, and awareness materials. Today, GFC continues to support AVS's school for children who would otherwise have no opportunity to get an education.





Emergencies come in all sizes. We are there to make sure children are cared for when things go wrong.

Not all disasters are covered on the nightly news—but even small emergencies can disrupt vulnerable children’s lives. That’s why we offer support not only during large-scale catastrophes but also when a smaller event threatens our grantee partner’s ability to maintain essential services.

In 2013, a fire in a Thai refugee camp killed 38 people and destroyed dozens of homes. A GFC grant helped rebuild homes, replace belongings, and provide psychological support to traumatized children. In 2014, the leader of one of our grantee partners in Haiti received death threats for her work with rape survivors, and her home was attacked with gunfire. With a GFC grant, her organization purchased a security system and hired security personnel to help protect the staff and their families. Even small amounts of support can make a big difference.

SUPPORT FOR THOSE WHO NEED IT MOST

The children we work with are already fighting incredible odds. With the help of our grantees, we make sure they don’t fall through the cracks. This year, conflict in Ukraine exacerbated challenges for vulnerable children and the organizations that help them. GFC stepped in with an emergency grant for **Kiev Children and Youth Support Center** to provide orphans with food and medicine. GFC also provided emergency support to **Pravo Vibora** and **Early Intervention Institute**, which faced unexpected increases in expenses that threatened to disrupt the organizations’ crucial services for children with disabilities. Our partner **Association of Disabled Young People of the Eastern Donbass** helped more than 200 disabled children and youth relocate from the city of Luhansk, which is on the Russian border, to a safer area of the country.



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In 2010, when massive flooding struck one of Pakistan’s poorest provinces, GFC grantee **De Laas Gul Welfare Programme** immediately took action. DLG used a GFC emergency grant to provide more than 250 affected families with relief packages, including food and items like hygiene kits, jerry cans, and soap. DLG also organized a volunteer drive, collected water pumps to remove contaminated water, and facilitated a medical camp to treat more than 300 children and adults.

BEYOND BAGS OF RICE

Food, water, and shelter are essential in an emergency—but needs run far deeper. Children who have suffered trauma long for normalcy to be restored. Our grantees provide services that help strengthen communities and give children a sense of security and hope.

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

in at-risk communities, so they can respond more effectively in the future

COUNSELING

to help children work through their sense of loss and trauma

SAFE HAVENS

so children have safe places to play and learn, away from the disorder of their lives

PROTECTION FOR GIRLS

who are especially vulnerable to rape and exploitation amidst chaos

ENHANCED SECURITY

for those who have suffered violence and death threats in carrying out their missions

RECONSTRUCTION & REPAIR

so families and organizations can return to their homes and offices quickly and safely

GET INVOLVED GFC specializes in investing in small organizations with big ideas and helping them to grow into sustainable resources in their communities. In times of crisis, our partners are often the first responders, delivering efficient and effective relief. To learn more about how you can provide transformational support to vulnerable children when disaster strikes, visit www.globalfundforchildren.org.