

CHILD VOICE

2017 ANNUAL REPORT ISSUE

17 children
share how your
support has
changed their lives

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700,000+ lives**

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CEO'S NOTE



Thank you, from all of us

I see promise, potential and possibility in every child. Truly, there are no limits to what they can achieve — regardless of where they are born or to what circumstances.

The fact you see it too, and demonstrate it through your support, is one of the reasons I was thrilled to join Christian Children's Fund of Canada (CCFC) as the CEO in April 2017.

Growing up in Sri Lanka, I saw poverty and conflict. The suffering, courage and hope I witnessed is what inspired me to work in international development 20 years ago.

Since then, the incredible impact I've seen through my work with other international development non-profit organizations in North America, Europe, Africa and Asia, is why I'm more committed than ever to advocating for human rights, championing the needs of vulnerable children and promoting positive change.

And, real change takes a global community. It takes engaged and determined children, and dedicated mothers, fathers and community members. It takes compassionate, skilled and collaborative partners. And, it takes caring supporters like you.

As we continue to grow and redefine what we are capable of achieving together, each new day offers a chance

for us to work in partnership to pursue new opportunities and create extraordinary change. And, that's the type of change we're working towards across CCFC. That means asking tough questions, challenging our thinking, and considering how we can push aside the status quo and drive forward with clear intent.

You are part of a global community making a difference every day

In the months ahead, we'll let you know how we've engaged — and will continue to engage — communities, supporters, partners and staff around the globe to create a world where every child has a voice and the ability to achieve their full potential.

Thank you for your trust, kindness and generosity as we take the next step in our journey together. I hope you enjoy this issue showing the diverse ways supporters like you are making a difference.

Sincerely,

Patrick Canagasingham
CEO and child sponsor
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ACCESSIBILITY

We seek to recognize and remove the obstacles faced by persons with disabilities. All communications are available in alternative formats upon request.



Our contributors' childhood dreams

**I dreamed of being a doctor —
I even practised with goats.**

William (Ghana)

**Directing films was my dream.
I've written lots of screenplays,
but they're all in my cupboard.**

Lipi (India)

**I wanted to help all of the children
abandoned by their parents.**

Rosanna (Paraguay)





Thank you, from the children

There was plenty of laughter in a community centre in India as 40 children gathered to paint a mural thanking you for your amazing support.

Below they share what they painted and why...

Hema: I painted about tailoring. My sister is trained very well in the tailoring course. I'm thankful to the people who supported this program.

Manisha: I like the pond cleaning and deepening program. Water is used for cattle and irrigating vegetable crops. We are getting food. Thank you.

Iliyaz: Near our village, children get married in childhood and suffer a lot. Now, child marriages are decreasing. Thank you for helping us stop child marriages.

Sameera: I drew notebooks. I've received notebooks for two years. [Now] I can study well. The notebooks are very useful. I'm very thankful.

Balu: Our school leaked when it rained. It got new windows and was painted, too. Our school is perfect now. Thank you for supporting our school renovation.

Sonia: I painted about child-rights protection. I'm very thankful to those who made me aware [of my rights].

Watch the children creating their mural! [▶ bit.ly/childvoicemural](https://bit.ly/childvoicemural)





6 WAYS YOU'RE CREATING CHANGE

(and stories to **PROVE IT**)

How do **YOU** make a difference?

Do you sponsor a child? Order from our **Gifts for Good** catalogue? Maybe you make a **monthly gift** through Community Rise or transform communities by **funding projects**? Perhaps you've chosen to **leave a legacy** of hope, education and empowerment to vulnerable children through a gift in your Will.

Keep reading to see how your support is positively changing children's lives, and **meet some of the people, like you**, who are making a difference.



Families pay it forward

By William Anim-Dankwa, CCFC communications manager, Ghana

“I used to go to school without eating,” six-year-old Nashira (pictured) tells me. “This gave me a lot of pain in my stomach.” She looks up at her mom shyly. “Sometimes, I followed classmates and begged for food. My mother didn’t like it. I couldn’t help it. I was hungry.” Nashira looks back at me and grins. “Now, I don’t worry about what to eat.”

It can be hard to imagine how a single gift can change a life. But in Ghana, I’ve seen it many times.

Thanks to thoughtful people like you who gave through our *Gifts for Good* catalogue, I saw 87 crop farmers enrolled in a village and savings loan association (VSLA) each receive a flock of three goats.

The VSLA members, including Nashira’s parents, have suffered severe hardship in recent years due to erratic rainfall and drought. The goats provide a secondary source of income and are an excellent source of protein.

Since the goats were distributed they’ve reproduced. Twenty-nine new VSLA members have each been given three baby goats from the litters – the foundation of a herd. So far, 687 children have directly benefited!

Twelve-year-old Abdul’s mother received three goats. It came at a time when Abdul wanted to drop out of school. He was ashamed of his tattered and patched school uniform and taunts from his classmates.

“That night I slept holding the new uniform.”

– Abdul, 12 (pictured right)

“One day I found a uniform in my room,” Abdul tells me smiling. “When my mom said it was mine I had tears in my eyes. That night I slept holding the new uniform, eager to go to school and show my friends.”

Meet Nashira

 bit.ly/childvoicegoats

A supporter’s story



BONAR BELL
CCFC staff member who loves giving through the gift catalogue

Describe yourself in three words.

Helpful, optimistic, creative.

Why do you like to purchase gifts through the gift catalogue?

Having travelled to some of the communities where CCFC works, I’ve met children and families who have benefited from items like goats and water projects. It’s something special to see.

What do you love about children?

They tell it like it is! There aren’t any barriers – they’re free to express themselves as they are, and that makes me laugh.



Library sparks hope and happiness

By Semereta Sewasaw, CCFC communications manager, Ethiopia

Twelve-year-old Abonesh likes reading biology and chemistry books. Fourteen-year-old Biruk prefers reading anything to do with physics. Yesmashewa, 12, and Endashaw, 14, love reading just about everything.

Books mean so much to children in Ethiopia. For those living in poverty, reading truly opens a world of opportunity that empowers them for the future. Reading books can plant the seeds of imagination, curiosity and creativity; help children succeed in school; and inspire them to dream big.

It was the generosity of caring monthly Community Rise donors that made it possible for Christian Children's Fund of Canada to support the building of an elementary school library in a children's school and fill it with 300 books. It's an incredibly special gift to the school's 1,252 students. These four book-loving children, were happy to share what the library means to them.

Abonesh: I use the library for my school assignments. I enjoy reading under the shade of a tree.

Biruk: I wish to be an engineer when I grow up, so I love reading physics books. I come to the library four days a week and spend many hours here.

“I encourage my friends to read.” – Abonesh, 12

Yesmashewa: I am happy to have this library. I love reading books! We learn things we don't know and how to solve our problems. I read for more than two hours every day. I wish to be a doctor.

Endashaw: My reading skills have improved. And, if I keep using the library, I know my grades will get even better. This will enable me to go to university.

A supporter's story



RACHEL BONNETTA (FOX Sports host)
Community Rise donor and
CCFC volunteer ambassador

Describe yourself in three words.

Goofy, emotional, fighter.

What inspires you to give monthly?

I've visited so many communities in Ghana and India that Community Rise is helping. I saw the difference it's making. I want to be a part of it and to help even more!

What makes you most proud?

My work with Community Rise and sponsoring my girl Glory in India. It's wonderful to see kids can be happy in such a tough place. They are the strongest and bravest people I've met.



An inspiring survivor

By Rosanna Menchaca, CCFC communications manager, Paraguay*

April 14, 2008 is an unforgettable day for one family in Paraguay.

Eighteen-month-old Rubén (pictured at age five and 10) was playing outside his home with the family dog. His mother, Estela, was nearby feeding chickens and boiling a large pot of water for cooking. Suddenly, the dog knocked over the pot and boiling water splashed onto Rubén.

“My sponsor always writes to me and gives me strength.”

— Rubén, 10

“We wrapped him up and took him [20 km] to the city’s hospital by motorcycle. He cried all the way,” shared his mom. “Rubén was transferred immediately to the national burn hospital [where he spent the next month in an induced coma]. The doctors did not have much hope.”

Since then, there has been intensive physiotherapy, special creams and five

surgeries to extend his skin, which was burned on 30 percent of his body. And he will need more surgeries.

But, thanks in part to a big-hearted, loyal sponsor like you, Rubén has grown into the confident, soccer-playing boy he is today with dreams of becoming a doctor.

“The [sponsorship] program has always helped us,” shared Rubén’s mom. “It’s helped us reach health consultants, make doctor follow-ups, and even pay for medicine. We will always be grateful.”

“I have no words to thank my sponsor [for everything],” shared Rubén. “She helps me feel better. I write to her telling her about my school and my health and that I’m very good now.”

Thank you for making a difference in so many children’s lives.

* With notes from Javier Mendoza, Crecer.

Meet Rubén

 bit.ly/childvoiceruben

A supporter’s story



GARY ERICKSON, SPONSOR
with his granddaughter and wife
(Avrielle and Carol)

Describe yourself in three words.

Quiet, friendly, generous.

Why do you sponsor?

Children are our future. Every month the children I sponsor are getting many of their needs met that they may not otherwise.

What do you love about children?

Children are eager to learn new things and dream big dreams. Everything is a wonder to them. They deserve the chance to grow up in a safe and healthy environment.

What’s made you happiest?

My children and grandchildren.



The gift of health

By Enmanuel Castro, CCFC communications manager, Nicaragua

Whatever gift you send your sponsored child for a birthday or holiday, it truly makes them feel special. Sometimes, it even ends up helping in ways you didn't expect. It did for the sponsor of 17-year-old Fernanda.

When Fernanda was 15, she was diagnosed with lupus, a disease in which the immune system attacks healthy cells and tissues. There's no known cure. The diagnosis was devastating for Fernanda, a girl known in her community for being active in children's rights workshops.

"I had swollen joints, rashes, hair loss, fever and extreme fatigue," shares Fernanda.

"I did not attend school for five months. Walking was almost impossible. Some days I couldn't lift a glass of water because of the pain. I wanted to go out with my friends. I wanted my life as it was in the past. I didn't know how my family could pay for medicine."

It was then that we alerted Fernanda's sponsor that her original gift for school supplies would be used to buy medicine to help the family. She was eager to assist.

"Lupus won't stop me from achieving my dreams."

— Fernanda, 17 (pictured)

"The gift was very helpful for my entire family," says Fernanda. "I receive this support twice a year. Those are the best months in the year [since my mother can't afford the medicine]."

Now the teen has new interests and hope for the future.

"I started reading Isabel Allende and other writers on my trips for treatments," she shares. "And, I want to be a doctor or engineer. A sponsor can change a person's life."

Meet Fernanda

[▶ bit.ly/childvoicefernanda](https://bit.ly/childvoicefernanda)

A supporter's story



VAL JARVIS, SPONSOR
sends special gifts to her
10 sponsored children

Describe yourself in three words.

Work in progress.

Describe your sponsored children in three words.

Full of potential.

What is your greatest hope for them?

That their dreams will be realized.

What type of gifts do you send?

I send \$25 for birthdays, Christmas and Easter along with notes and letters of encouragement. Every child is in a unique situation, so this way they can save for post-secondary school or purchase whatever they need.



A safe place to learn

By Patrice Zongo, CCFC communications manager, Burkina Faso

“I spent two years in a straw-shed classroom,” shares Marie (pictured), a Grade 6 student. “It was not easy.”

Recently, I visited a primary school in Burkina Faso to talk with children about what it was like to learn in one of more than 4,000 straw-shed classrooms in the country.*

The temporary classrooms — dark, fragile and unsafe — were built to avoid turning children away from the overcrowded school. That was before kind supporters like you helped build and equip three cement, sand and rock classrooms with 56 writing benches, six blackboards, and three desks and chairs for teachers.

Thirteen-year-old Marie, and 14-year-old Rémi, two of 198 students at the school, were eager to share their experiences.

Marie: When it rained, we used to run [out of class], or we rushed home before the rain. The wind sometimes

took the roof off. One day it fell on us. Once it falls, donkeys rush to eat the straw. Even when there was no wind, passing donkeys ate the straw stems. We would chase them away but they always came back.

“Now we can sit in classrooms without being worried.”

— Marie, 13

Rémi: Very often we found snakes [hiding in the straw]. One day, we saw one and everyone ran out, including our teacher. Luckily no one was hurt, and the snake was killed. When we sat in those classrooms, we were never at ease. Thank you for our safe new classrooms!

*Source: National Institute of Statistics and Demography, 2015

Meet Marie and Rémi
[▶ bit.ly/childvoiceclassroom](https://bit.ly/childvoiceclassroom)

A supporter's story



DAVID & CRISTINA
love funding projects

What was your last project gift?

It was to a classroom construction project in Burkina Faso. We strongly believe in the importance of education for children, especially those from struggling communities.

What inspires your support?

We believe a lot of charities in Canada do great work in our home country, but the need is also very great in other parts of the world. Children require our best efforts to ensure they have a chance at a healthy and happy life. This project gives us a sense of helping kids in challenging situations and meaningfully changing their lives.



Standing up against child marriage

By Lipi Jobson, CCFC communications manager, India

India has the highest number of child brides in the world — an estimated 47 percent of girls in India are married before their eighteenth birthday (UNICEF).

Three years ago, 18-year-old Usha (pictured) came close to being a part of that statistic. What made the difference is a child-protection program that's helping 4,746 children and youth, like Usha, understand their rights, report violations and take action.

Usha wanted to tell her story.

“When my mother told me I had to marry my 31-year-old uncle [17 years older than me], I cried and shouted. My mother reacted very badly and had relatives come to convince me. I was absolutely scared of anybody coming to my house.

Right away I told a child-protection committee member, left a note in the complaint box and spoke to CCFC's local partner, SPEECH. The issue was

brought to the attention of the government child helpline SPEECH runs [and promotes].

Immediately a team from the Social Welfare Board, Anti-Human Trafficking police unit and SPEECH came to talk to me and my family.

Since then, I've been in a hostel so I can continue my education safe from child marriage. Now I'm going to college for nursing.

“If I was forced to marry, I would have committed suicide.”

— Usha, 18

I am grateful to Canadians for their support. I am empowered because of the [child-protection] program. It has built up my resilience to fight against injustice. I want to become an advocate pleading for girls like me.”

A supporter's story



DAVE & BRENDA SCRUTON
Dave added CCFC to his Will

Describe yourself in three words?

Happily retired, fortunate.

Why have you committed to making a legacy gift?

I look at my responsibility to my sponsored children the same way I look at my responsibility to care for my wife and children if anything should happen to me. I am blessed in my life, and I have an obligation to help others.

How does giving this way make you feel?

It makes me feel like I am doing what I should be doing. It's very important to me.



Our warm and friendly staff are happy to help you! Below are answers to some frequently asked questions.

Can I fund a project?

Liz: Yes! Transform Communities is Christian Children's Fund of Canada's (CCFC) program that lets you invest in projects with clear start and end dates and measurable outcomes we report. Funding is desperately needed for projects that address education, clean water and sanitation, health and nutrition, and sustainable economic growth. We're happy to match a project to your interests and passions.

Does CCFC only support Christian children?

Dawn: We help children regardless of their faith. Our work does not involve evangelism. Children are selected for sponsorship based on their need to access the basic necessities of life — not because of their ethnicity, religion or culture.

I'm already sponsoring a child, why should I send a special gift for Easter, Christmas or his/her birthday?

Annie: For many children in vulnerable communities, birthdays and special occasions may pass with little or no fanfare. If you want to do something extra special to make a child's life brighter, or provide a life-changing opportunity, your gift will be cherished for many years to come. Sponsors often give money for colouring books, new clothes and even college tuition.

What should I write about in letters to my sponsored child?

Amanda: Your message can be simple and short. Tell your child about your family, work or the place where you live. Photos or postcards are helpful to describe daily life. A few words of encouragement can mean a lot!

How can I make a bequest?

Laura: Making a gift through your Will is one of the easiest ways to make a planned gift. Your income won't be affected, and you can receive significant tax benefits. With the help of your financial advisor, you can include language in your Will specifying what gifts are to be made as part of your estate plan. Donors often make a bequest, because they wish to leave a legacy of hope, education and empowerment to vulnerable children.

What do I get with my Community Rise monthly giving plan?

Vikky: Most popular is our Leader Plan. You'll receive a *Community Rise* eNewsletter, and invitations to join our Facebook group and to take part in our monthly Facebook Live *Rise and Shine* series (it includes video updates, interviews and Q&As). If you'd like to give a little more, those in our Champion Plan receive an annual invitation to meet field-office staff and learn more about our community projects.

I'm not sure what to choose from the gift catalogue; any advice?

Nutan: With 37 amazing gifts, picking just one can be hard. A popular option is our matched gifts which multiply in value up to five times! My favourite items include:

- schoolbooks (\$35);
- keep a child safe (\$85);
- help where the need is greatest (\$100); and
- keep a girl in school for a year (\$125).

In addition to our mini printed catalogue, you can look at items online (ccfcandada.ca/GiftsforGood).

Is CCFC on social media?

Jeffery: CCFC is actively engaged on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube. 'Follow,' 'Like' and 'Share' our content to let others know about CCFC's work, and make comments to help us get to know you better. We are always posting new stories, photos and videos from around the world.

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WE'RE HAPPY TO HELP**

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CHAIR'S NOTE

We achieve what we believe

Children around the world believe in their right to be educated, receive healthcare, drink clean water, eat healthy foods, be safe — and to speak and be heard.

I share their hopes and dreams. Your support of Christian Children's Fund of Canada (CCFC) shows you do, too. It's why I'm excited to be the new Chair of CCFC's Board of Directors. And, it's why I'm so determined to bring the same leadership, creativity and vision to my volunteer role that I've brought to my career, where I worked to advance excellence in medical and healthcare research and education across the globe.

Integrity and transparency are essential to how we work

Since I joined the Board in 2012, I've been inspired by the efforts of you, and other Canadian and international partners, to ensure children realize their rights — and achieve their full potential.

As a trusted international development agency, everything we do has one goal: to create the biggest change



in children's lives by using donor dollars wisely. Our global highlights (pages 16-17) share how we've been taking actions together to achieve this in the past year. You can also see a sample of our progress (page 15).

We deeply value our relationships. Moving ahead, we're looking forward to engaging our global community in deeper ways. Already, amazing change is underway. We've grown an active and engaged social-media community, reached out to thousands to determine the best path to revitalize our brand (page 15), and we're strengthening new and existing partnerships (pages 18-19).

Thank you for believing in a brighter future for children, and the work we do, together. I'm deeply grateful.

Warm wishes,

Dr. John Dirks
Chair of the Board and child sponsor
Christian Children's Fund of Canada

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**Thank you for your
leadership and guidance.**

*As of September 1, 2017

OUR VISION

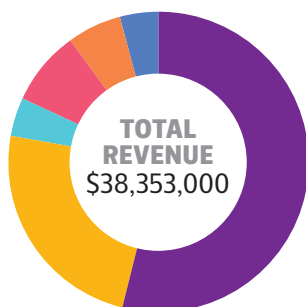
We dream of a world where every child has a voice and the ability to achieve their full potential.

OUR MISSION

Christian Children's Fund of Canada creates a future of hope for children, families, and communities by helping them develop the skills and resources to overcome poverty and injustice. For nearly 60 years, we have followed the example of Christ by serving the poor regardless of their faith, cultural, and ethnic background.

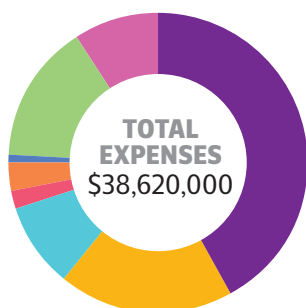
Thanks to your wonderful generosity, **TOGETHER** we raised **\$38,353,000** to improve the lives of vulnerable children, families and communities.

2017 Revenue



- 54%** Child sponsorship
- 24%** Medications
- 4%** Project funding
- 8%** Global Affairs Canada
- 6%** Special gifts for children
- 4%** Other donations

2017 Expenses



- 42%** Health and nutrition
- 19%** Education
- 9%** Strengthening community organizations
- 2%** Water, sanitation and hygiene
- 3%** Sustainable economic growth
- 1%** Emergency response
- 15%** Fundraising
- 9%** Administration

Summarized Statement of Operations

For the year-ended March 31, 2017 (in thousands of dollars)

	2017	2016
REVENUE		
Sponsorship and other contributions	26,637	27,340
Donated medications/gifts in kind	8,807	8,658
Contributions from Global Affairs Canada	2,909	1,590
TOTAL REVENUE	38,353	37,588
EXPENDITURE		
Program services		
Health and nutrition	16,018	13,248
Education	7,471	7,548
Strengthening community organizations	3,330	3,475
Sustainable economic development	1,098	1,253
Water, sanitation and hygiene	806	1,638
Emergency response	476	1,471
Fundraising	5,953	5,813
Administration	3,468	3,355
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	38,620	37,801
Excess of Revenue Over Expenditure (Expenditure Over Revenue) for the year	(267)	(213)

Summarized Statement of Financial Position

As at March 31, 2017 (in thousands of dollars)

	2017	2016
ASSETS		
Current assets	4,235	1,386
Investments	5,150	5,002
Capital assets	5,704	5,685
TOTAL ASSETS	15,089	12,073
LIABILITIES		
Current liabilities	2,659	2,404
Deferred contributions	5,366	2,137
Demand loan	805	1,006
TOTAL LIABILITIES	8,830	5,547
NET ASSETS		
Unrestricted	1,360	1,647
Internally restricted - emergency response reserve	—	200
Invested in capital assets	4,899	4,679
TOTAL NET ASSETS	6,259	6,526
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	15,089	12,073

For CCFC's detailed independently audited Financial Statements, visit: ccfcana.ca/about-us/financials

Christian Children's Fund of Canada (CCFC) is an independent and autonomous organization and, unlike many other Canadian International development registered charities, CCFC does not flow funds through international governing bodies or regional offices. Instead, funds donated to CCFC are distributed directly to countries of operation for program activities.

Further, as part of our social impact strategy, CCFC does not employ expatriates in our field offices. We are committed to hiring nationals.

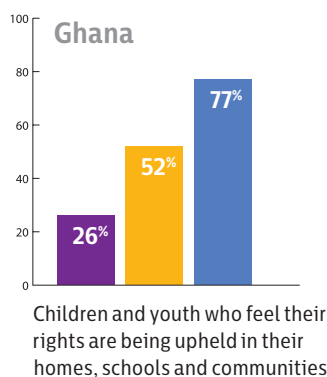
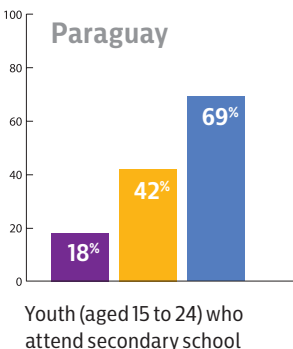
CHANGE ... IT'S A GOOD THING

Measuring change

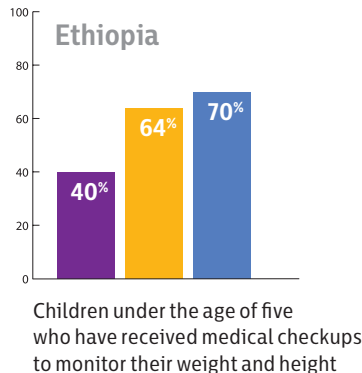
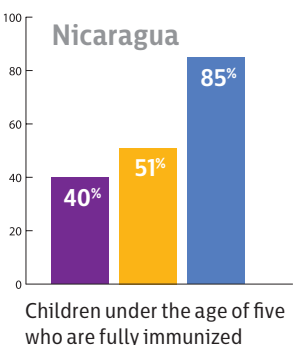
In collaboration with community members and our country-office staff, we collected baseline data (our starting point) in 2012/13 and set six-year targets. The past year, we followed up in the countries we work. Below is a sample of our contributions in three sectors and the progress we've made in CCFC-supported communities.

■ 2012/2013 ■ 2015/2016 ■ Target

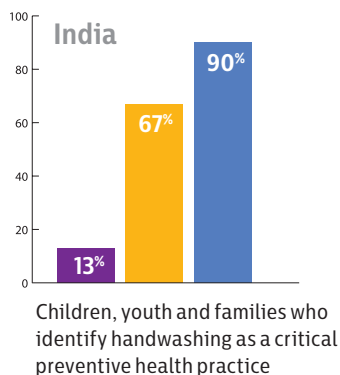
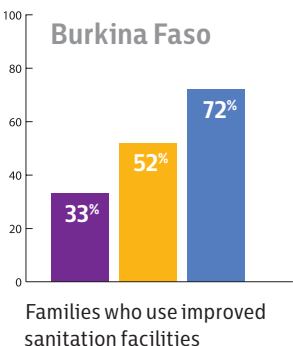
Education



Health and nutrition



Water, sanitation and hygiene



What you've helped inspire ...

By Vicki Quigley, managing editor, *ChildVoice* & CCFC brand stewardship manager, Canada

Christian Children's Fund of Canada (CCFC) was founded in 1960, but our roots date back to the 1930s during the Sino-Japanese war. Two strangers on the same mission of caring collaborated to make Christian Children's Fund a vibrant force for the welfare of children around the world. To ensure our future is as bright as our past, we've engaged more than 3,000 donors, staff and members of the public for their insights, ideas and feedback on how we



can revitalize the brand. You can see the first of those changes in the pages of this magazine. We've given our brand a fresh look, with new colours, fonts and more. Stay tuned for more exciting updates in the year ahead.

200,000+ followers and counting

By Bonar Bell, CCFC communications manager, Canada

Our social-media followers continue to amaze us! Thank you for liking, sharing and commenting on our posts every single day. Thanks to you, more than 200,000 people have decided to follow us to learn more about children, families and communities through our social networks. Keep up the great work by inviting your friends to connect with us on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram.

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Our shared beliefs guide the work of our global community. That's why we invest in projects that empower children, families and communities to lead their own change. See the positive difference you've made in the past year.*

WE BELIEVE...

Every child must be safe

57 government departments, **179** schools and **4,211** parents, guardians and community members were trained in **CHILDREN'S RIGHTS AND PROTECTION**




What's more, **53,976** people were reached by **AWARENESS-RAISING CAMPAIGNS**



Children should have the tools they need to go to school

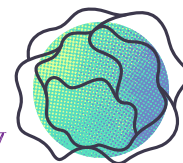
359 schools and **55,812** children and youth received much-needed **EDUCATION SUPPLIES** — overall,

466,432 supplies, including

 books, pencils and  uniforms were provided 



Healthy food supports healthy children and communities



18,175 children in our sponsorship program received nutritional support, through **HEALTHY SNACKS AND MEALS**



Everyone should have the knowledge and tools to protect their health



75,584 community members were reached by **HEALTH-AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS**

Lessons on how to **PREVENT ILLNESS AND DISEASE** were given to **18,465** community members, including children, youth and families

2,208 mothers attended **115** newly formed **MOTHER CLUBS** for support on issues such as breastfeeding, early learning and nutrition



Empowering individuals can protect the health of communities

3,311 community members, volunteers and committee members were trained on **SAFE WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE** practices to reduce sickness and disease **+204** sanitation facilities were built and **99** water facilities were built or renovated



Children and youth should have access to basic healthcare



28,582 children had annual health and **DENTAL CHECKUPS**, **3,339** children were **VACCINATED**, and **3,790** children received anti-parasitic **MEDICATION**



Every child should know their rights

9,796 children and youth learned about their **RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES**, leadership, group management and organizations they can reach out to for **SUPPORT**

Vocational training builds local economies and empowers communities



140 different **INCOME-GENERATING ACTIVITIES** were created in communities; **1,925 TOOLS AND SUPPLIES** were provided to youth and community members; and **4,366** women and **690** men benefited



All children should have a chance to be kids

59,058 children and youth participated in extracurricular activities, giving them a **FUN, SAFE AND SUPERVISED** after-school alternative



Empowered communities should lead their own change

10 communities held a ceremony to **CELEBRATE THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS** in their journey towards self-sufficiency **+2,737** community group members were trained on management and **SKILLS DEVELOPMENT**



*Statistics are based on Christian Children's Fund of Canada's last fiscal year (April 1, 2016 - March 31, 2017)

Where we're working and what we're doing

THANKS TO CARING SUPPORTERS LIKE YOU — and trusted Canadian and international partners — Christian Children's Fund of Canada (CCFC) works in **12 COUNTRIES** in Africa, Asia and the Americas. Together, we're changing the lives of more than **700,000** children, youth and community members through improved health, education and clean water.

HERE ARE SOME OF OUR PARTNER PROJECTS UNDERWAY



Preventing irregular child migration in Central America

CCFC is leading a project to improve the well-being of children and youth who are at risk of irregular migration. The initiative addresses many of the root causes — from high levels of crime and violence, limited employment and educational opportunities, to social exclusion and a lack of information on the dangers of migrating without following the normal immigration procedures.



Program undertaken with the financial support of the Government of Canada provided through Global Affairs Canada

DUCA-CCFC Innovation Fund

For the past four years, DUCA Financial Services Credit Union has sponsored an Innovation Fund contest. This year, solar-powered water for farmers in Northern Ghana won the most votes around the world in a month-long contest. So far, DUCA has provided resources to improve family literacy in Paraguay, train women on employable tailoring skills in India and built a solar-powered village in Ghana.















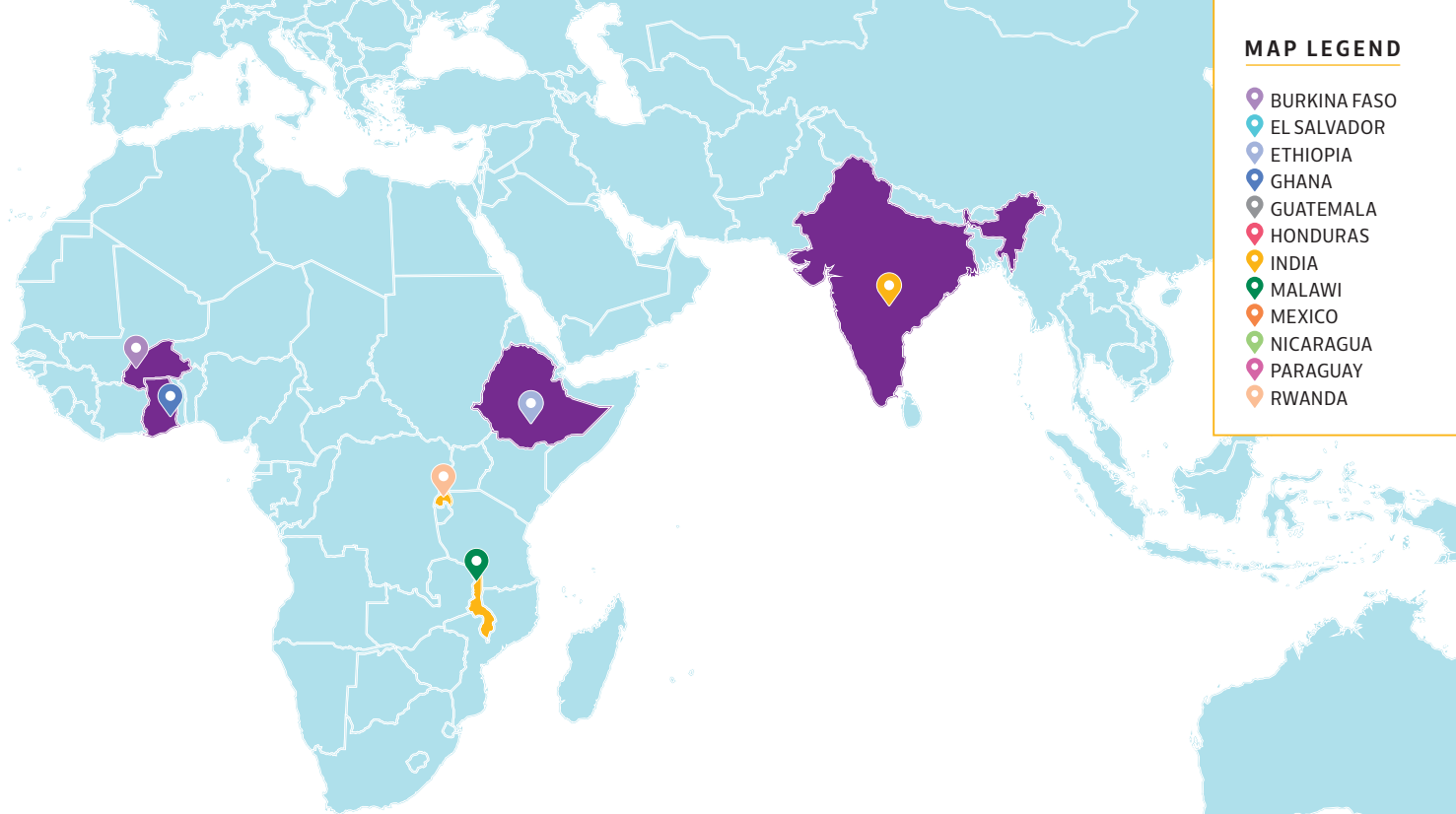
Community-driven solutions for preventing violence against children in Ghana

CCFC has been working in partnership with UNICEF in communities where there are high rates of poverty, child abuse and violence against children. Through a community-driven approach to reporting and preventing child-rights violations, including child, early and forced marriage, we are strengthening local advocacy for child rights and protection.



MAP LEGEND

-  BURKINA FASO
-  EL SALVADOR
-  ETHIOPIA
-  GHANA
-  GUATEMALA
-  HONDURAS
-  INDIA
-  MALAWI
-  MEXICO
-  NICARAGUA
-  PARAGUAY
-  RWANDA



Canada–Africa initiative to address maternal, newborn and child mortality

CCFC has partnered with three Canadian organizations to improve the delivery of essential health services to moms, pregnant women, newborns and children under the age of five; increase the use of improved health services; and improve the consumption of nutritious foods and supplements. Our partners are working in Kenya, Malawi and Tanzania.



Promoting maternal, newborn, infant and child sustainable health efforts

CCFC is leading an initiative that aims to reduce maternal and child mortality in Africa through an integrated approach focusing on health-service delivery and use as well as improved nutrition. It promotes respectful and supportive maternity care as well as mother and baby-friendly environments. It also fosters engagement by fathers and ensures supportive supervision for new mothers.



Protecting children from traditional mining sites

Many children in Burkina Faso take on dangerous work in traditional mining sites to support themselves and their families. With funding from the European Union, CCFC is working with EDUCO to protect children from child labour and exploitation by strengthening child protection mechanisms, helping children go to school, and supporting income-generating activities that will help pay for families' basic needs and children's education.

Our global family

As a member of the ChildFund Alliance, a global network of 11 child-focused development organizations working in more than 50 countries, we work together on projects around the world, including emergency-relief and advocacy efforts to improve the lives of children.



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