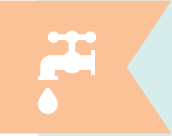


We contribute to:



Health, WASH and Nutrition

In 2025, Help a Child continued its focus on building strong, child-centred systems that protect health and dignity in crisis-affected communities. Rather than addressing needs in isolation, our programmes connected water, health, nutrition, sanitation, and protection to create lasting impact for children and their families living in fragile settings.

In Somalia, Help a Child partnered with Medair and 3 local organisations to deliver a holistic Health, Wash and Nutrition response that addressed immediate health risks while strengthening community capacity. Children suffering from acute malnutrition received treatment, caregivers were reached through community-based health promotion, and access to reliable water reduced exposure to preventable diseases. Protection services were embedded throughout the response, including Child-Friendly Spaces and specialized care for survivors of sexual and gender-based violence.

In DRC, our work prioritized schools as hubs for safety and wellbeing. By upgrading sanitation infrastructure, improving access to safe water and raising awareness about health and hygiene practices, we helped create healthier learning environments and supported daily hygiene practices in areas facing prolonged instability.

Across all programmes, our Child-Centred Community Development (CCCD) approach strengthened local capacity, promoted behaviour change on health and hygiene practices, and supported early detection of malnutrition through Early Childhood Development (ECD) centres.



End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture



Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages



Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all

Key statistics:

168,699 people supported with Health, WASH, Nutrition

Health

3,806 life birth attended by skilled health persone

50,850 primary health care consultations

WASH

Soap distributed to **38,764** people



49,193 people supported through clean water supply

134,025 people reached with hygiene promotion messages

16,319 people having access to WASH facilities

Nutrition



9,541 young children received treatment for malnutrition



SOMALIA IMPACT STORY:
Emergency assistance
within 48 hours

In 2025, the Crisis Modifier within the Somalia Joint Response reaffirmed the critical value of flexible funding in a highly volatile context. Recurrent flooding and new displacement demanded rapid and targeted action.

Through the Crisis Modifier, Help a Child, together with Medair and local partner organisations, was able to mobilise emergency assistance within 48 hours of a crisis alert. Local organisations independently conducted rapid needs assessments and delivered

timely food assistance, emergency shelter materials, hygiene kits, mosquito nets, and community awareness activities. In total, 12,185 people were reached in 2025. This swift response prevented further deterioration of living conditions and reduced reliance on harmful survival strategies.



At the same time, the Crisis Modifier strengthened local decision-making, ownership, and implementation capacity. As such, the mechanism contributed not only to effective lifesaving assistance, but also to the resilience and preparedness of affected communities and local emergency response organisations.

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each life matters



BURUNDI IMPACT STORY:

Beyond food and cash distribution

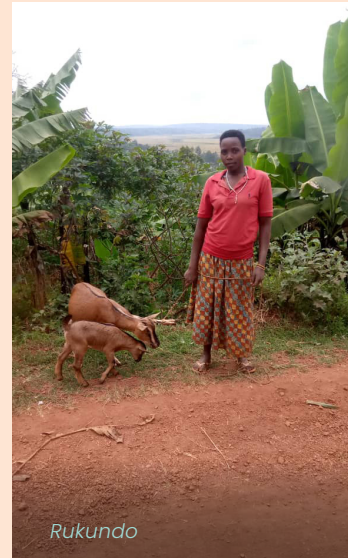
In 2025, the Tubashigikire programme, implemented by Help a Child with support from World Food Programme (WFP), played an important role in reducing food insecurity and malnutrition in Burundi. The project focused on assisting refugees, internally displaced people, and other vulnerable households.

Under URT 1 (Unconditional resource transfer for refugees), 35,206 refugees across 6,158 households in Kinama, Musasa, and Kavumu received monthly food and nutritional assistance via a digital distribution system ensuring transparency and dignity.

URT2 (Unconditional resource transfer for internally displaced people) supported 82,995 beneficiaries (16,599 households) in Kirundo, Cibitoke, Bujumbura, Bujumbura rural and Rumonge,

combining participatory community targeting, awareness campaigns, and cash assistance to meet essential needs and promote income-generating activities.

The human impact of the Tubashigikire programme is embodied in stories like that of Rukundo. Before, she faced chronic food insecurity with no clear future. With cash assistance, she bought three goats. And today, her herd has grown to four, providing income,



security, and hope. "This aid has been like a caring parent, helping me regain confidence and think about tomorrow," she says.

The Tubashigikire programme goes beyond food and cash distribution. It empowers families to rebuild, regain dignity, and envision a better future.



DRC IMPACT STORY:

Cash transfer **transforms lives**

In DRC, war caused massive displacements, and after years, IDPs are returning to their villages. Many of them found their houses and belongings destroyed.

In Nyiragongo, a cash transfer programme supported 2,400 women and men in creating more

secure and stable livelihoods. Beneficiaries learned to use the cash to help the communities become independent. Two examples show how the lives of people were improved through this support.

Before receiving assistance, Gaudence and her children depended on food from their

neighbours. As a widow, she felt unable to provide for her family and was uncomfortable relying on others for support. With cash assistance, she was able to buy a sheep. This livestock now allows her to earn a small income, for example, to purchase potato seeds, helping her move towards independence.

After receiving cash assistance, Francine bought 80 kg of potato seed and 15 kg of fertiliser and planted her field. She and her family hope the harvest will allow them to earn enough to buy school kits for the children and pay their school fees for the 2025–2026 school year.



SOUTH SUDAN IMPACT STORY:

Where water is a **precious natural resource**

Access to clean and safe water is a big challenge in South Sudan. Despite the endowment from the different water sources in the country, there is still an overreliance on the waters of the River Nile for domestic purposes.

Water rationing in the city and other parts of the state is insufficient; most of the population obtains water from surface runoff, which may not be clean or safe, subsequently exposing them to waterborne diseases like typhoid and cholera.

Help a Child South Sudan works closely with WASH partners to enhance integrated response of its programmes by ensuring that schools and communities without water points, are referred to the WASH partners to ensure water points are drilled. Through the South Sudan Joint Response 2024–2026

programme, in which Help a Child South Sudan is the lead, it implements a WASH project through its partner Dorcas | ZOA, which is part of the consortium.

Poor water infrastructures in urban centres make the public rely on water tankers which tend to charge a water drum expensively.

