

# Impact **report**

2025

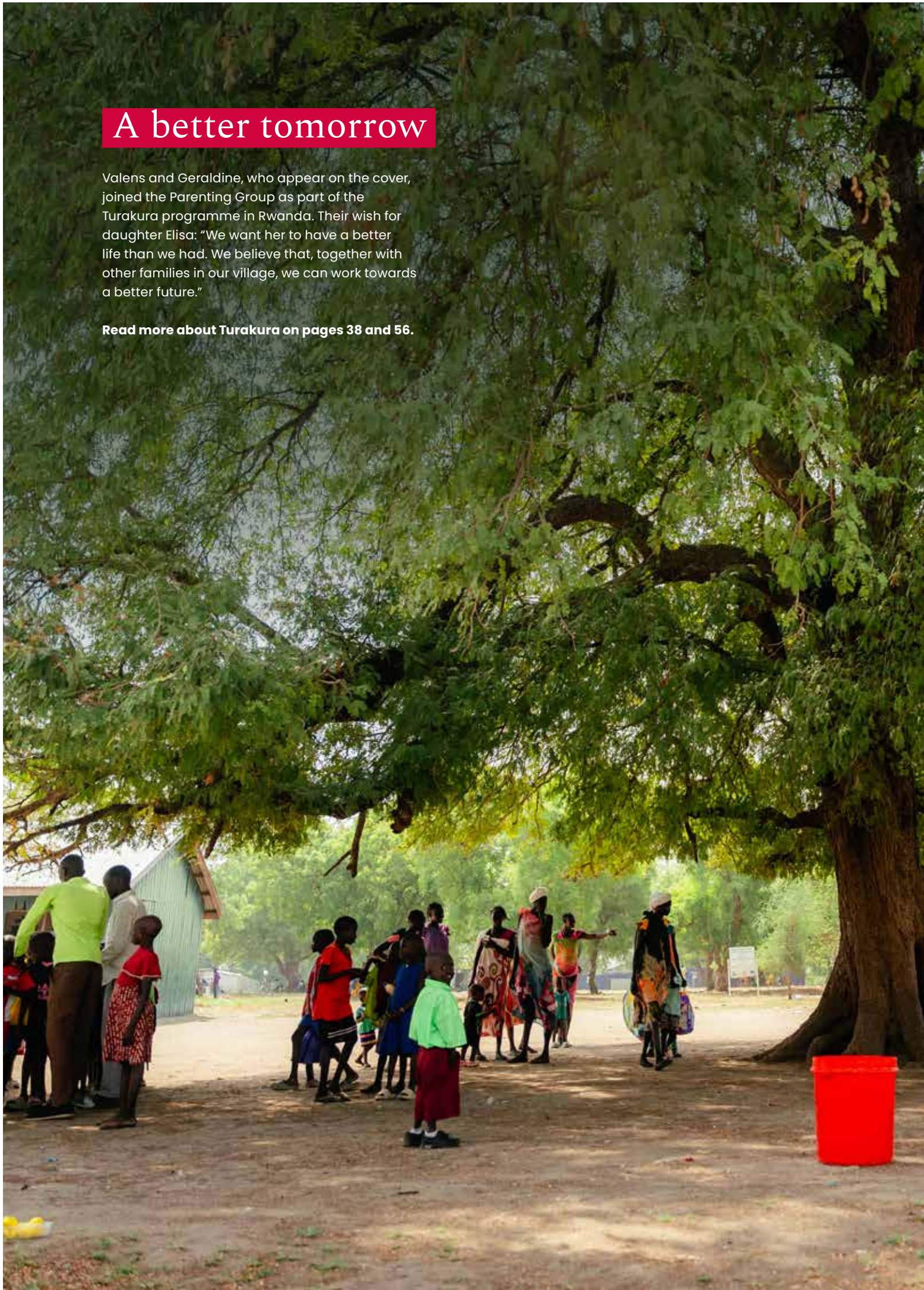
**A better  
tomorrow  
for the  
children of  
today**

Help  a  
**CHILD**

## A better tomorrow

Valens and Geraldine, who appear on the cover, joined the Parenting Group as part of the Turakura programme in Rwanda. Their wish for daughter Elisa: "We want her to have a better life than we had. We believe that, together with other families in our village, we can work towards a better future."

**Read more about Turakura on pages 38 and 56.**





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# A better tomorrow for the children of today

For almost 60 years, the driving force behind Help a Child's work has been the commitment to creating a better tomorrow for children in need. Although methods may have changed over the years, our commitment and drive have remained the same.

In 2025, we also worked towards this goal. For example, in Rwanda, we launched a new five-year programme called Turakura, which focuses on children in ECD centres as the main target group. A good start for children is invaluable for a better tomorrow! We help their parents shape a better tomorrow for their children by providing parenting training and teaching better agricultural techniques to improve income, as well as climate adaptation methods to increase resilience to the effects of climate change. Furthermore, the ECD centre becomes a place where parents can access local clinics to learn about vaccinations and nutritious food, as well as fuel-saving cooking methods.


In the Netherlands, we are working towards a better future for children in need by revising our sponsorship model. We have stopped publishing photographs of sponsored children on our website to attract new supporters. Next to our current sponsorship model, we have introduced an alternative support model that no longer involves direct contact between supporters in the Netherlands and the children they sponsor.

Looking back at 2025, we are grateful that we were able to work towards a better tomorrow for children in need. At the same time, despite the daily challenges we face, we remain determined to do even more. We are also thankful that we do not have to do it alone.

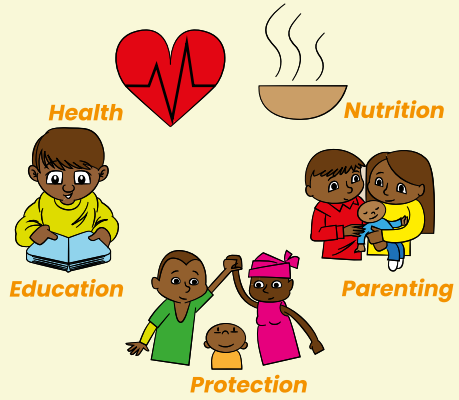
We are thankful that our Lord is in charge of this world. We are thankful for the many blessings we received in 2025, too. We trust that He will continue to bless our efforts.

Andries Schuttinga  
CEO



 **We are proud to share the impact we made in 2025. Scan this QR code to watch the animated video.**

# We are Help a Child, a christian constituency based organisation for children in need



Engage constituency

Promising future

Holistic care



Empower people



Sustainable impact

Our motivation



Help a CHILD

# This is Help a Child

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## Our vision

As a Christian non-profit organisation Help a Child wants every child – regardless of their social, political, religious, ethnic, or economic background – to have a life in dignity, with love and with a promising future.

## Our mission

Help a Child provides a future for children in need, their family, and their entire community.

## Our guiding principles

### Sustainable impact

Help a Child creates sustainable impact for children. We want to support children living in poverty and crises to have a better future. We achieve this by empowering our target groups, enabling them to independently enhance their living conditions and increase their resilience and coping mechanisms to deal with the crises they face.

### Empower people

As a Christian organisation, we believe that every human being and every child is uniquely created in the image of God. All our efforts need to result in people who have the strength and perspective to improve their own situation and the confidence to develop within their own context.

### Holistic care

Help a Child understands that poverty and crisis are multidimensional, therefore we believe in holistic approaches. Providing children with a better future is a comprehensive goal, encompassing multiple domains. We support children to be Healthy & Strong, Educated

for Life, Social & Emotionally Developed and living with Hope & Dignity. As an organisation, we focus on what we do best and cooperate with other actors to achieve the rest.

### Engage our constituency

Our reason to exist is children in need, our right to exist is our constituency. To engage people in the Netherlands in our work is crucial in a world in which we are connected as brothers and sisters. As an organisation we feel the obligation, due to our shared values of compassion and love, to create awareness and to function as a bridge between the families in the Netherlands and families in need worldwide.

### Our motivation

We believe that the motivation with which we do our work makes a difference. As Help a Child colleagues we are inspired to love, called to justice, moved to mercy, invited to reconciliation, motivated to stewardship and dependent on God. These Christian principles inspire us to give our best in all circumstances.

# Navigating the tides of change

The environment in which Help a Child operates has not become any easier in 2025. Global insecurity and instability have increased over the past year, and consequently, stakeholders are increasingly retreating into themselves. The idea of striving for international solidarity is fading away, being replaced by a 'me first' or 'us first' mentality.

## Help a Child's **achievements** in 2025



### EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

## Turakura programme

In 2025, we launched our innovative five-year Turakura programme in Rwanda, introducing the accompanying Turakura funding model in the Netherlands. This new programme combines a national programme with a new funding model, replacing child sponsorship. This will give **25,000 young children and their families** improved access to education.

### HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE

## South Sudan Joint Response

Help a Child South Sudan, in collaboration with 16 consortium partners, marked **ten years of the South Sudan Joint Response (SSJR)** of the Dutch Relief Alliance (DRA). Over the past decade, the programme has reached a **vast number of vulnerable people** through coordinated interventions. The initiative has also supported efforts to strengthen the capacities of communities, civil society organisations, and local leaders. The last two years, Help a Child had the lead position.



In early 2025, the rebel movement M23 captured the city of Goma in eastern Congo. As this is where our DRC country office is located, our staff had to evacuate or hibernate. This put great pressure on their personal wellbeing and security, as well as on our ability to help children and families. It is a testament to the resilience of our staff that they were able to regroup and resume our work quite soon. The increased activity of M23 in eastern Congo not only affected our work in DRC, but also our work in Burundi and Rwanda. This was

due to increased tensions between governments and the increased number of refugees and returnees.

The US government's decision to heavily cut USAID budgets has also hampered our work, both directly and indirectly. Directly, because we had a USAID-funded project running in DRC, and indirectly, because it set a precedent for other governments to follow suit and cut international aid budgets.

In these turbulent times, both externally and internally,

Help a Child still had to fulfil its mandate to help children and families in need. It is a testimony to our devoted and resilient staff, both in the Netherlands and in our country offices, that we were able to deliver.

2025 was the first year of the implementation of our innovative five-year Turakura programme in Rwanda and the introduction of the accompanying Turakura funding model in the Netherlands. Initial results after the first year are promising.

## CLIMATE CHANGE PIP training

Through agricultural and PIP training, parents learn practical ways to adapt to the effects of climate change. In Malawi, we trained almost **30 government extension workers and partner staff** in the PIP approach. This enabled the two EU-funded projects to make a strong start using this methodology. Want to learn more about the PIP approach? Visit [www.pipapproach.com](http://www.pipapproach.com) to find out more.



## LISTENING TO COMMUNITIES The Listening Project

**Eight project locations across four countries** participated in The Listening Project in 2025, with the aim of understanding how communities perceive Help a Child's communications on integrity and PSEAH, as well as our feedback and complaints systems. The aim of this project is to **strengthen and improve communication with communities.**

In terms of funding, we had a good year in 2025. Despite private funding coming under pressure, we were able to diversify our donor base. We renewed our memorandum of cooperation with our sister organisation, Charity shops for Help a Child, which continues to grow and flourish.

Donors invited us more often to write proposals directly, bypassing the tender process, and we had our first project approved by UN-OCHA.

By the year-end of 2025, we became the lead of the Acute Crisis Response from the Dutch Relief Alliance to address the needs of refugees and IDPs in DRC

and Burundi, with a 3 million euro budget made available.

As 2025 marks the start of our new strategic period, we have taken the first steps towards implementing our strategy. As planned, we phased out the Youth and Work thematic expertise area, while increasing our investment in Early



## ENTREPRENEURSHIP

### Business Challenge

We launched our first Business Challenge to encourage our partners in Uganda to **come up with creative ideas that are also financially sustainable**. SAO Uganda won with a plan to set up an intensive organic agribusiness on its 10-acre plot of arable land. This enterprise will generate income for child-focused programmes and operate as a demonstration farm where **children aged 12–17 can learn about agribusiness**. Co-facilitated with Dutch entrepreneurs, this initiative bridges sectors and supports a shift from 'aid' to 'trade'.

## PARENTING

### National curriculum

The Parenting Challenge is included in Burundi's national curriculum. Any other organisation wishing to run a parenting programme must use our **methodology**. This is a tremendous recognition!



## EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

### Strategic partnership

We established a strategic partnership with the Government of India's Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) department to strengthen Early Childhood Development (ECD). We **upgraded 64 Anganwadi ECD centres** by providing them with **improved sanitation facilities** and **access to safe drinking water**, as well as **kitchen gardens** to promote nutrition and hygiene. We also supplied teaching and learning materials to enhance engagement and improve learning environments.



Childhood Development (ECD), Parenting and Child Protection. One way of achieving this was to set up thematic portfolio teams, which bring together the combined knowledge of colleagues in the Netherlands, country offices, and local partner organisations. We see these teams as the place where the quality of interventions will

be monitored and programmatic innovations will be developed.

Despite the many challenges we faced in 2025, we were able to support 496,253 children in taking steps towards a better future. You can read more about where and how we made an impact in the following chapters of this impact

report. We hope that you will find courage in these examples of bringing hope to children in need at a time when hope sometimes seems lost.



## VOLUNTEERS

# Charity shops

A total of **533 volunteers** supported our second-hand charity shops in the Netherlands, through which **828,490 products** were sold.



## DISASTER RESPONSE

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## EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

# Education Outcome Fund

By launching our first outcomes-based financed project with the Education Outcome Fund in Rwanda, we have positioned ourselves at the forefront of innovative financing in the sector, while also reinforcing our commitment to measurable outcomes. A total of **25,000 young children** will gain access to quality education and a fair start at **140 rehabilitated ECD centres**. This initiative aligns with the Government of Rwanda's national vision of expanding and improving ECD services.



## CHILDREN'S RIGHTS

# Children's Assembly

Our CCCD programmes empower children to participate in governance and policy. An example of this can be seen in Kitui, Kenya, where the first Kenya Children's Assembly was established, **providing children with a formal platform** through which they can influence local decision-making. Children also presented findings from child-led research into the causes of school dropout to local leaders, demonstrating **the power of children's voices** to shape policy and inspire action.

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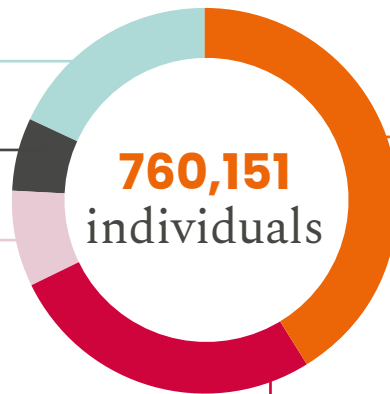
# Key statistics 2025

Help a Child supported:

**135,527** young children (0-7 years) in development programmes

**48,076** children (8-17 years) in development programmes

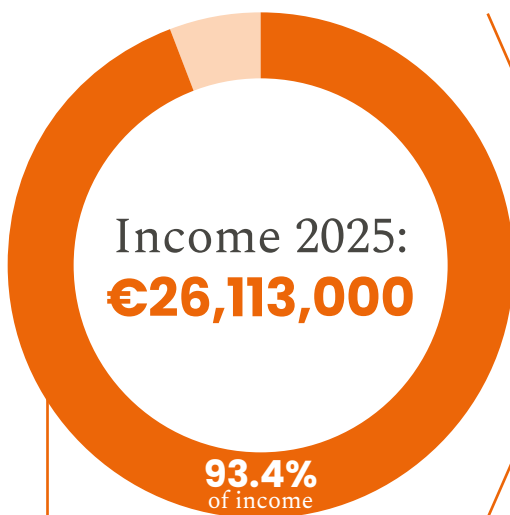
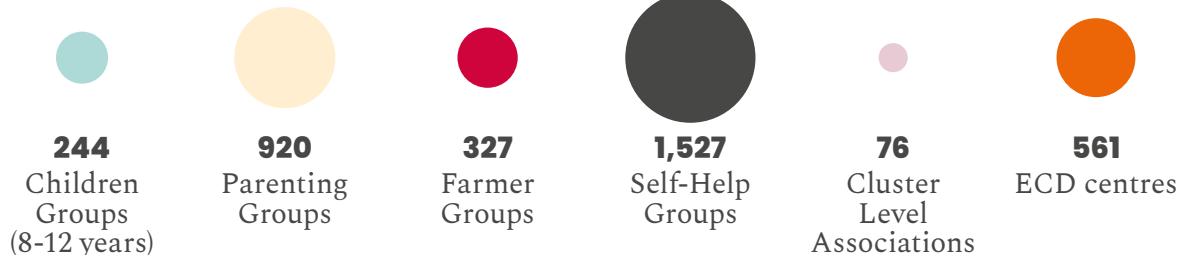
**59,838** adults (≥ 17 years) in development programmes



**312,650** children (<18 years) in disaster response programmes

**204,060** adults (≥18 years) in disaster response programmes

Help a Child established and/or strengthened:



Expenditure on objectives: **€24,388,000**



# Help a Child Worldwide



 The Netherlands - supporting office

Lebanon

 South Sudan

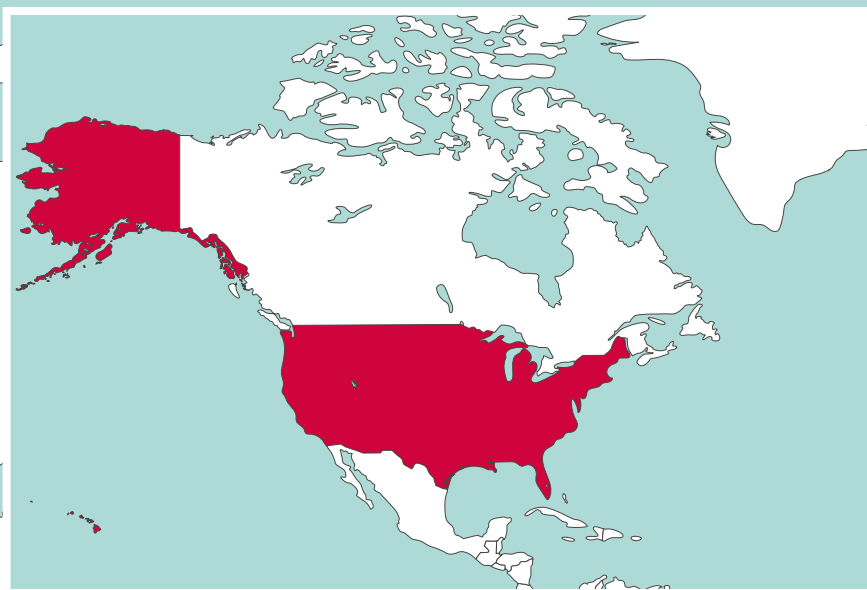
Uganda

 Rwanda

 The Democratic Republic of Congo

 Burundi

 Malawi



 USA - supporting office



 Country Office

# Help a Child Burundi



Help a Child Burundi is working with local organisations and the government to create a better environment for children. We make sure they have access to health, nutrition, birth registration, and education, so they can have a flourishing future. We are unique because we have a holistic approach, especially in the Early Childhood Education (ECE) sector, and we use humanitarian and triple nexus initiatives.

## RUNNING PROGRAMMES:

- **Child-Centred Community Development (CCCD) Programme** in Murwi, 2023-2030, €1.34 million
- **Child-Centred Community Development (CCCD) Programme** in Butaganzwa, 2023-2030, €1.39 million
- **Child-Centred Community Development (CCCD) Programme** in Kibago, 2023-2030, €1.67 million
- **Tubashigikire Programme**, FSL for IDP and Refugees camps (Kinama, Musasa and Kavumu Refugee Camps), 2024-2026, €320,000
- **Merankabandi Programme, refugee resilience support**, 2024-2026, €180,000
- **Rêves des enfants**, ECD, 2024-2026, €679,000
- **ECD/ Child rights**, 2025-2026, €678,000

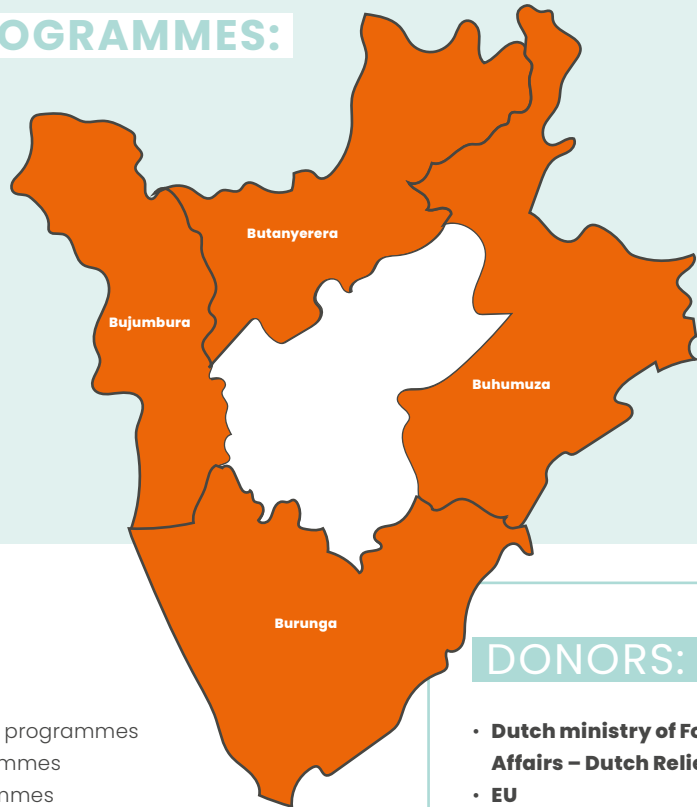
> For information about our projects in Burundi, please refer to pages 36 and 60.



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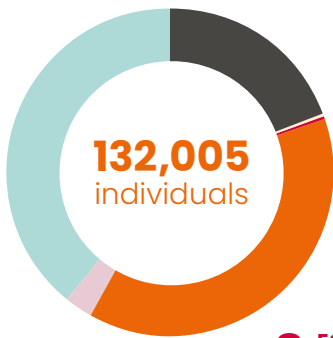
- ✓ Early Childhood Development (ECD)
- ✓ Child Protection
- ✓ Food Security & Livelihoods
- ✓ Community Empowerment

**PROGRAMMES:**



**Supported in 2025:**

- 84,162 young children (0-7 years) in development programmes
- 1,077 children (8-12 years) in development programmes
- 933 children (13-17 years) in development programmes
- 16,658 children (< 18 years) in disaster response programmes
- 12,184 adults (≥ 17 years) in development programmes
- 16,991 adults (≥ 18 years) in disaster response programmes



**20** Cluster Level Associations

**160** Parenting Groups

**65** Farmer Groups

**302** Self-Help Groups

**33,649** people reached with FSL interventions

**9** ECD centres supported



**226** children supported in ECD centres

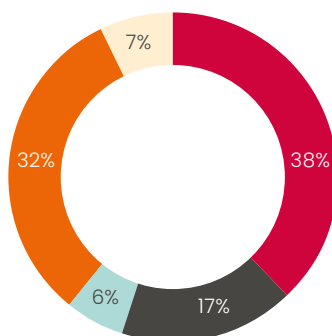
**100** Child-Friendly Spaces supported



**2,966** children supported via Child-Friendly Spaces

**Expenditure on objectives in 2025:**

- Early Childhood Development
- Social Protection
- Child Protection
- Food Security & Livelihoods
- Health, WASH and Nutrition



**DONORS:**

- Dutch ministry of Foreign Affairs – Dutch Relief Alliance
- EU
- UNICEF
- World Food Programme (WFP)
- EO Metterdaad
- Stichting Rehoboth



**IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS:**

- FECABU (Fraternité Évangélique du Christ en Afrique au Burundi)
- Help Channel Burundi
- RCIBF (Réseau des Confessions Religieuses pour la Promotion de la Santé et le Bien Être Intégral de la Famille)
- SAD (Social Action for Development)



# Help a Child DRC



Help a Child DRC is dedicated to meeting the needs of vulnerable children in eastern DRC. Through integrated programming in Child Protection and SGBV, we also provide psychosocial support, emergency education, food security and livelihoods, and water, sanitation and hygiene services. We place communities at the heart of our work, while building the capacity of local organisations for sustainable impact.

## RUNNING PROGRAMMES:

- **Joint Response**, WASH, FSL and Protection, 2024-2026, €3.52 million
- **Acute Crisis - Emergency Response Goma**, Protection, FSL, MPC, 2025, €482,000
- **Acute Crisis DRC - Burundi (Uvira) refugees**, Shelter, Protection, 2025-2026, €3.0 million
- **Kids@Risk**, Protection, 2024-2026, €655,000
- **BHA Tumaini Hope**, Emergency response Eastern DRC, 2024-2025, €662,000
- **BHA Tumaini Hope II**, Emergency response Eastern DRC, 2025-2026, €202,000
- **Facilitation of inclusive education**, 2023-2025, €800,000
- **Protection Bunia**, 2025, €183,000
- **Integrated Emergency Response Eastern DRC**, E2P and Child Protection, 2024-2025, €1.92 million
- **STAR-EST**, E2P and Protection, 2025-2026, €272,000

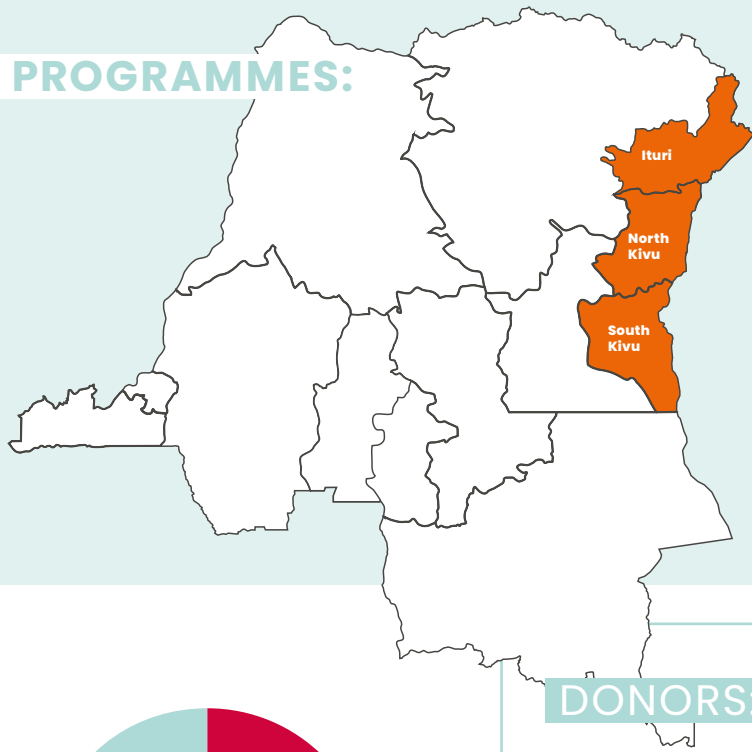
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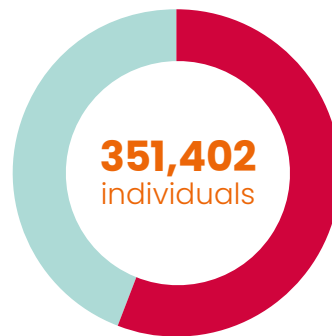
- ☑ Child Protection and Child-Friendly Spaces
- ☑ Sexual Gender Based Violence (SGBV)
- ☑ ECD in emergencies
- ☑ Food Security & Livelihoods as a fundamental element for ECD

**PROGRAMMES:**



**Supported in 2025:**

- 196,203 children (< 18 years) in disaster response programmes
- 155,199 adults (≥ 18 years) in disaster response programmes



**82,721**  
people reached with WASH interventions

**196**  
people reached with Education interventions

**7,970** people reached with FSL interventions

**1,806** children with disability reached

**281,673** people reached with Protection interventions

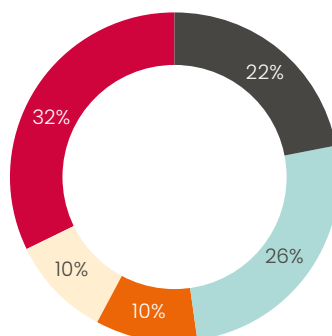
**171** Child-Friendly Spaces supported



**103,713** children supported via Child-Friendly Spaces

**Expenditure on objectives in 2025:**

- Social Protection
- Child Protection
- Food Security & Livelihoods
- Health, WASH and Nutrition
- Contribution to consortium members



**DONORS:**

- Dutch ministry of Foreign Affairs – Dutch Relief Alliance
- ECHO with Medair
- USAID-BHA with Medair
- UNICEF
- World Bank with COOPI (Cooperazione Internazionale)
- EO Metterdaad

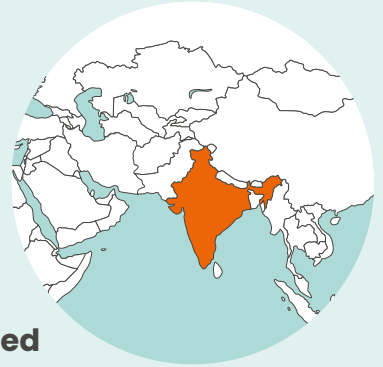


**IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS:**

- ADED (Appui au Développement de l'Enfant en Détresse)
- CAU (Collectif Alpha Ujuvi)
- Help Channel Congo
- FÉCONDE (Femme Congolaise pour le Développement)



# Help a Child India



**Help a Child India is a child-centred organisation committed to transforming the lives of children through holistic, inclusive development. Our programmes are community-driven, relevant, participatory and empowering. We design innovative initiatives like the Green ECD initiative, community-based disaster response task forces and child-inclusive parenting education.**

## RUNNING PROGRAMMES:

- **Child-Centred Development Programme** in Nabrangpur, Odisha, 2017-2026, €601,000
- **Child-Centred Development Programme** in Gajapathi, Odisha, 2019-2026, €971,000
- **Child-Centred Development Programme** in Purnia, Bihar, 2019-2028, €981,000
- **Child-Centred Development Programme** in Rania, Jarkhand, 2020-2028, €970,000
- **Child-Centred Development Programme** in Assam, Cachar, 2021-2028, €1.02 million
- **Rurban Child Development Project** in Kulberia, Kolkata, 2024-2029, €269,000

➤ **For information about our projects in India, please refer to pages 48 and 51.**



**FOCUS:**

- ✓ Early Childhood Development (ECD)
- ✓ Child Protection and Child-Friendly Spaces
- ✓ Parenting and family-focused development
- ✓ Community Empowerment through Self-Help Groups
- ✓ Gender equality
- ✓ Disaster resilience

**PROGRAMMES:**



**Supported in 2025:**

- 3,420 young children (0-7 years) in development programmes
- 2,793 children (8-12 years) in development programmes
- 2,738 children (13-17 years) in development programmes
- 6,700 adults (≥ 17 years) in development programmes

**DONORS:**

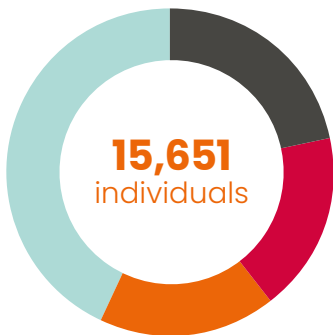
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**IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS:**

- Gramodaya
- Help a Child and Woman of India
- RPC NEI (Reformed Presbyterian Church North East India)



**75** Parenting Groups

**59** Farmer Groups

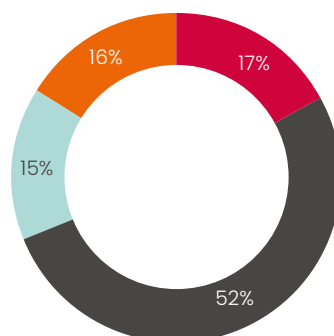
**59** Self-Help Groups

**76** ECD centres supported **1,849** children supported in ECD centres

**68** Child-Friendly Spaces supported **3,023** children supported via Child-Friendly Spaces

**Expenditure on objectives in 2025:**

- Early Childhood Development
- Social Protection
- Child Protection
- Food Security & Livelihoods



# Help a Child Kenya



With a strong culture of innovation, problem-solving and quality-focused delivery, Help a Child Africa is a pioneer of child-centred solutions. Thanks to our entrepreneurial spirit and strong local presence, we can adapt quickly and co-create effective, child-centred solutions that align with Kenya's changing development landscape.

## RUNNING PROGRAMMES:

- **Child-Centred Community Development (CCCD) Programme** in Busia, 2021-2028, €3.08 million
- **Child-Centred Community Development (CCCD) Programme** in Kitui, 2020-2028, €1.6 million
- **Child-Centred Community Development (CCCD) Programme** in Bomet, 2020-2028, €1.8 million
- **Water project** in Kitui, 2024-2027, €417,000
- **Revolving fund**, 2025 - 2026, €50,000 (loan)

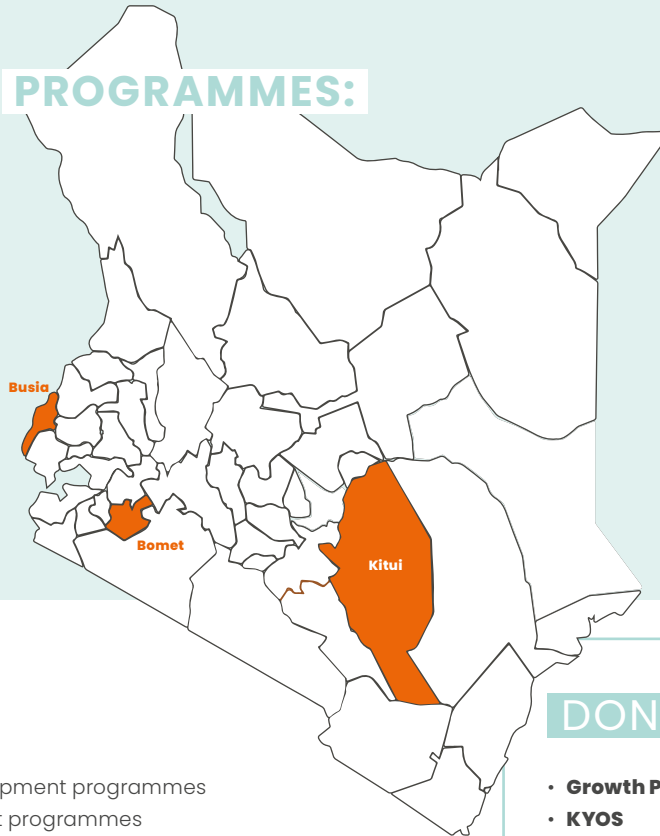
> For information about our projects in Kenya, please refer to pages 42, 53 and 57.



**FOCUS:**

- ✓ Early Childhood Development (ECD)
- ✓ Child participation
- ✓ Empowering local partners
- ✓ Positive parenting
- ✓ Child-focused and partner-related innovations

**PROGRAMMES:**



**Supported in 2025:**

- 2,524 young children (0-7 years) in development programmes
- 2,366 children (8-12 years) in development programmes
- 1,545 children (13-17 years) in development programmes
- 5,268 adults (≥ 17 years) in development programmes

**DONORS:**

- Growth Partners
- KYOS
- Rijk Zwaan/ Holland Green Tech
- Stichting Jarola
- Stichting Universitas



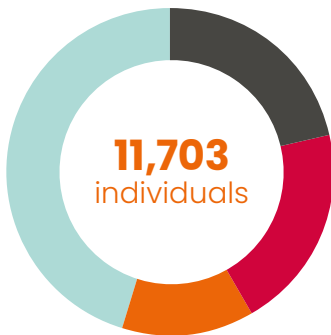
**IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS:**

- ADS South Rift (Anglican Development Services South Rift)
- AICCAD (Africa Inland Church Child and Community Development)
- NCKK (National Council of Churches of Kenya)



**REVOLVING FUND PARTNER:**

- Neema Talent Sacco



**27** Cluster Level Associations

**44** Parenting Groups

**37** Farmer Groups

**171** children with disability reached

**237** Self-Help Groups

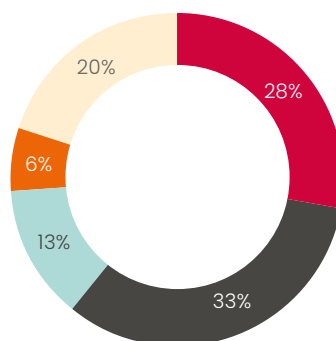
**31** ECD centres supported



**2,154** children supported in ECD centres

**Expenditure on objectives in 2025:**

- Early Childhood Development
- Social Protection
- Child Protection
- Food Security & Livelihoods
- Health, WASH and Nutrition



# Help a Child Malawi



Help a Child Malawi works with partners and communities through Child-Centred Community Development (CCCD) programmes to implement holistic and integrated programmes for young children, focusing on Early Childhood Education. We also promote parenting education and programmes that improve food security and livelihoods, enabling parents to provide all the support their children need.

## RUNNING PROGRAMMES:

- **Child-Centred Community Development (CCCD) Programme** in Zilakoma, 2016-2025, €1.99 million
- **Child-Centred Community Development (CCCD) Programme** in Mwanambo, 2023-2030, €1.55 million
- **Child-Centred Community Development (CCCD) Programme** in Mwalweni, 2021-2028, €1.8 million
- **A warm home, a bright future**, ECD, 2024-2025, €75,800
- **Nkhata Bay project**, Ecosystem restoration project, 2024-2027, €296,000
- **Rumphu Bay project**, Ecosystem restoration project, 2024-2027, €308,000
- **Revolving Fund**, 2021-2026, €30,000 (loan)

➤ **For information about our projects in Malawi, please refer to pages 47 and 54.**



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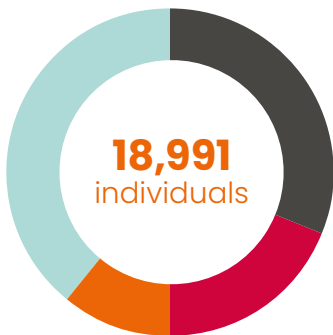
- ✓ Early Childhood Development (ECD)
- ✓ Parenting
- ✓ Mainstream FSL in ECD programming
- ✓ Mainstream DRR and climate in ECD programming

**PROGRAMMES:**



**Supported in 2025:**

- 5,940 young children (0-7 years) in development programmes
- 3,556 children (8-12 years) in development programmes
- 2,086 children (13-17 years) in development programmes
- 7,409 adults (≥ 17 years) in development programmes



**2**   
Cluster Level Associations

**135** Parenting Groups

**129** Farmer Groups

**46** children with disability reached

**218** Self-Help Groups

**72** ECD centres supported  **3,714** children supported in ECD centres

**24** Child-Friendly Spaces supported  **2,897** children supported via Child-Friendly Spaces

**DONORS:**

- EU with Nkhata Bay District Council
- EU with Rumphi District Council
- EO Metterdaad
- Stichting Cascade
- Koopman Logistics Group BV
- Restaurant De Oude Tol, Oud-Beijerland



**IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS:**

- LISAP (Livingstonia Synod Aids Programme; Church of Central Africa Presbyterian)
- WACRAD (World Alive Commission for Relief and Development)

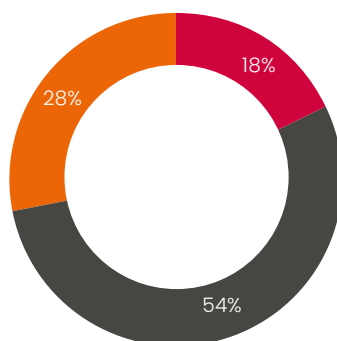


**REVOLVING FUND PARTNER:**

- Rising Finance Limited

**Expenditure on objectives in 2025:**

- Early Childhood Development
- Social Protection
- Food Security & Livelihoods



# Help a Child Rwanda



Guided by the vision that every child should grow up with dignity and hope, Help a Child Rwanda works in partnership with local communities to create nurturing environments in which children can flourish. We have a strong grassroots presence and a proven track record of impact, as well as trusted relationships with local leaders and government institutions. These factors make us a reliable and transformative partner, committed to lasting change for children and families in Rwanda.

## RUNNING PROGRAMMES:

- **Turakura Kids Rwanda** in Bugesera, Rusizi and Rwamagana, ECD, 2024-2028, €5.3 million
- **Small steps, big dreams**, ECD, 2024-2026, €798,000
- **Play based learning**, ECD, 2024-2025, €73,000
- **EOF - Nkuza Neza**, ECD, 2025-2029, €2.3 million
- **Revolving fund**, 2021-2026, €42,000 (loan)

> For information about our projects in Rwanda, please refer to pages 35, 38 and 56.



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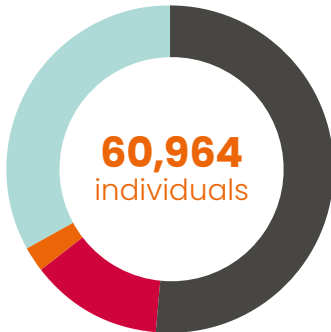
- ✓ Early Childhood Development (ECD)
- ✓ Sustainable Early Childhood Education
- ✓ Food Security & Livelihoods for families
- ✓ Parenting
- ✓ Building community ownership

**PROGRAMMES:**



**Supported in 2025:**

- 31,366 young children (0-7 years) in development programmes
- 7,992 children (8-12 years) in development programmes
- 1,456 children (13-17 years) in development programmes
- 20,150 adults (≥ 17 years) in development programmes

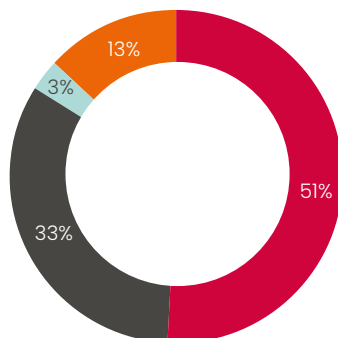


**252 children**  
with disability reached

**308** ECD centres supported  **32,486** children supported in ECD centres

**Expenditure on objectives in 2025:**

- Early Childhood Development
- Social Protection
- Child Protection
- Food Security & Livelihoods



**DONORS:**

- LEGO Foundation & Government of Rwanda through Education Outcome Fund
- UNICEF
- Stichting Pharus



**IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS:**

- AEE (African Evangelistic Enterprise)
- EPR (Église Presbytérienne au Rwanda)



**REVOLVING FUND PARTNER:**

- Sangwa Sacco

# Help a Child South Sudan



Help a Child South Sudan is a leader in Child Protection, integrating Early Childhood Development (ECD) with primary education, building a comprehensive ECD approach with a strong foundation in Food Security & Livelihoods, and supporting Child Protection through evidence-based advocacy. We are a leading member of the Dutch Relief Alliance Joint Response. Helping children thrive through the support of families and communities is our mission.

## RUNNING PROGRAMMES:

- **Joint Response**, FSL, Education, Protection, 2024-2026, €2.92 million
- **Joint Response Lead**, 2024-2026, €19.84 million
- **Acute Crisis - Floods Upper Nile**, 2024-2025, €800,000
- **Education**, 2024-2025, €696,000
- **Kids@Risk**, 2024-2026, €349,000
- **A good start, a loving family**, 2024-2026, €460,000

➤ For information about our projects in South Sudan, please refer to pages 37, 45, 53 and 61.



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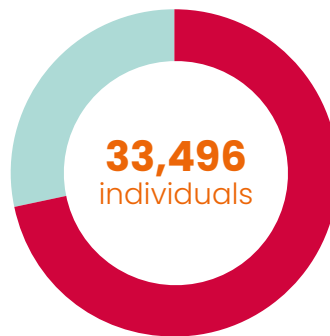
- ☑ Early Childhood Development (ECD)
- ☑ Child Protection
- ☑ Food Security & Livelihoods
- ☑ Community Empowerment

**PROGRAMMES:**



**Supported in 2025:**

- **24,035 children** (< 18 years) in disaster response programmes
- **9,461 adults** (≥ 18 years) in disaster response programmes



**21,196**  
people reached with  
Education interventions

**850** people reached with  
FSL interventions

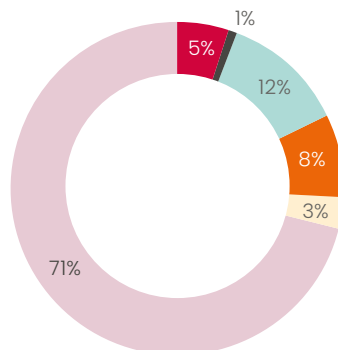
**280 children**  
with disability reached

**11,450** people reached with  
Protection interventions

**5** Child-Friendly Spaces supported  **627** children supported via Child-Friendly Spaces

**Expenditure on objectives in 2025:**

- Early Childhood Development
- Social Protection
- Child Protection
- Food Security & Livelihoods
- Health, WASH and Nutrition
- Contribution to consortium members



**DONORS:**

- Dutch ministry of Foreign Affairs – Dutch Relief Alliance
- EO Metterdaad
- Stichting Pharus
- UNICEF



**IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS:**

- Across



**CONSORTIUM PARTNERS:**

- CARE
- Dorcas Aid International
- Plan International
- Save the Children
- Tearfund
- War Child



# Help a Child Uganda



Help a Child Uganda has an excellent track record in the areas of Early Childhood Development (ECD), Parenting and Child Protection in northern and western Uganda. Positioned at the intersection of humanitarian and development work, we are advancing nexus programming in fragile regions to ensure both immediate relief and long-term resilience. We are dedicated to achieving impactful and sustainable change for children.

## RUNNING PROGRAMMES:

- **Child-Centred Community Development (CCCD) Programme** in Karamoja – Abim, 2017-2025, €2.89 million
- **Child-Centred Community Development (CCCD) Programme** in Arua – Arivu, 2017-2025, €2.72 million
- **Child-Centred Community Development (CCCD) Programme** in Terego – Bileafe, 2021-2028, €2.25 million
- **Child-Centred Community Development (CCCD) Programme** in Karamoja – Napak, 2025-2032, €1.32 million
- **Child-Centred Community Development (CCCD) Programme** in Madi – Okollo, 2025-2032, €1.49 million
- **Revolving fund**, 2025-2026, € 35,000 (loan)

➤ For information about our projects in Uganda, please refer to pages 41 and 49.



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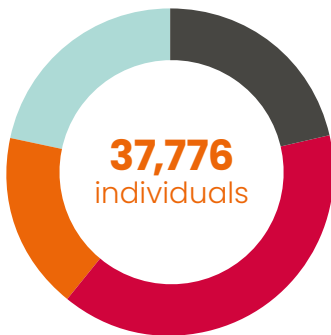
- ✓ Early Childhood Development (ECD)
- ✓ Child Protection
- ✓ Food Security & Livelihoods
- ✓ Community Empowerment
- ✓ Parenting

**PROGRAMMES:**



**Supported in 2025:**

- 8,115 young children (0-7 years) in development programmes
- 14,878 children (8-12 years) in development programmes
- 6,656 children (13-17 years) in development programmes
- 8,127 adults (≥ 17 years) in development programmes



**19** Cluster Level Associations

**17** Parenting Groups

**10** Farmer Groups

**81** children with disability reached

**138** Self-Help Groups

**29** ECD centres supported



**3,297** children supported in ECD centres

**DONORS:**

- Growth Partners
- Kruitbosch Zwolle B.V.
- Rijk Zwaan/ Holland Green Tech
- Stichting Wees een Kans



**IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS:**

- AEE (African Evangelistic Enterprise)
- SAO (Share an Opportunity)

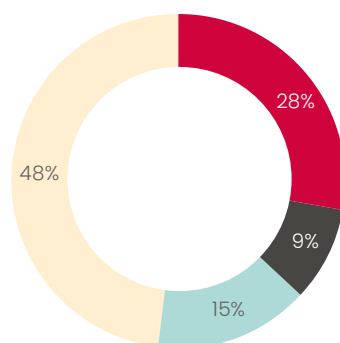


**REVOLVING FUND PARTNER:**

- Local Village Banks

**Expenditure on objectives in 2025:**

- Early Childhood Development
- Social Protection
- Child Protection
- Health, WASH and Nutrition



# CHAP. 2



# Programmes

This chapter provides an overview of our key humanitarian and development outcomes in 2025 across our core areas of intervention. We have identified two main areas of expertise, Early Childhood Development (ECD) and Child Protection, for which we want to be known.

Besides these two main areas of expertise, we also contributed to Community Empowerment, Food Security & Livelihoods, Health, WASH and Nutrition and Climate resilience. Through these integrated programmes and in close collaboration with our partners, Help a Child has made significant contributions towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), strengthening the resilience and wellbeing of vulnerable children, families, and communities.

## Development

Help a Child is a highly experienced organisation in long-term community and child development. Our flagship approach, Child-Centred

Community Development (CCCD), is implemented in India, Kenya, Malawi, Burundi, and Uganda. This holistic model integrates key thematic areas, including Early Childhood Development (ECD), positive parenting, community empowerment through Self-Help Groups (SHGs), and Integrated Farm Planning (PIP). By addressing these interconnected areas, CCCD fosters sustainable improvements in child wellbeing. Help a Child remains committed to continuous research and refinement of this approach to enhance its impact.

In 2025, Help a Child launched the Turakura programme in Rwanda to enhance ECD for children aged 0-7. This was accompanied by the introduction of an alternative funding model in the Netherlands.

While CCCD projects are primarily funded through the Community Ambassador Model (CAM) supported by our Dutch private constituency, Help a Child has made significant progress in diversifying its funding portfolio within programme countries.

## Disaster response

In South Sudan, Somalia, Burundi, and the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Help a Child has been actively responding to acute

humanitarian needs while fostering long-term, sustainable change in protracted crises. Alongside lifesaving support, we prioritised equipping children and their families with the knowledge, skills, and tools necessary to overcome repeated shocks and increase resilience.

With funding from the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs through the Dutch Relief Alliance (DRA), we have been able to address protracted needs in DRC, Somalia, and South Sudan. With funding from WFP, ECHO, USAID, and UNICEF, we have been able to address Food Security, Protection, Child Protection, and Emergency Education needs. With private funding from our Dutch constituency, Help a Child continued the Kids@Risk programme in DRC and South Sudan.

## Disaster risk reduction

In more stable settings such as Kenya, Rwanda, and India, the emphasis lies on reducing disaster risks and enhancing community preparedness. By training local groups, mapping hazards, and guiding families on effective disaster response planning, we ensure that potential crises do not undermine the progress communities have worked hard to achieve.



We contribute to:



## Early Childhood Development

Approximately 80% of a child's brain development occurs within the first three years of life, reaching 90% by age 5. Because of this critical time window, high-quality Early Childhood Care and Education is essential in providing children with a good start and compensating for growing up in adverse circumstances.

This includes responsive parenting, good nutrition, health care, and access to Early Childhood Education (ECD). Help a Child's Parenting Groups, Child-Friendly Spaces and ECD centres form the foundation of our ECD programmes and are the entry points for integrating early learning, nutrition, child protection and health interventions.

Highlights in 2025 have been:

- Upscaling of our Turakura programme, and start of the Nkuza Neza programme in Rwanda, a four-year programme financed by the Education Outcome Fund with the aim to improve the quality of 130 ECD centres in Rwanda;
- Improving teacher quality in our ECD centres through a global training on playful learning;
- National implementation of Help a Child's Parenting programme and the establishment of Early stimulation spaces in Burundi;
- Implementation of My Friend in DRC, Ethiopia and Palestine.



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



Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all.

### Key statistics:



**135,527**

young children (0-7 years) in development programmes supported

**47,519**

children enrolled in ECD centres

**561**

ECD centres supported



**1,283**

ECD teachers trained

**114**

trainings given to ECD management committees



**33,313**

parents trained in the Parenting Challenge



## RWANDA IMPACT STORY: Global training on playful learning

**The power of play and of sharing knowledge, something we witnessed so clearly during a knowledge exchange on playful learning in Rwanda.**

Together with childcare organisation KleurRijk, Gerjanne van Ravenhorst from Twiga Dukina and Help a Child Rwanda, a global playful learning training was organised for ECD experts from all Help a Child countries.

During the training, participants learned and shared experiences on the importance of play and how to translate national ECD curricula into practice. This is quite a challenge, given the often lack of materials and

overcrowded classes. The event however, brought new energy and confidence to participants, strengthening their ability to promote holistic ECD and to nurture children's creativity, curiosity, and overall growth through the power of play.

Participants were very enthusiastic and indicated that they only truly realised and experienced how a simple game can stimulate all areas of a child's development. "It was an amazing week, full of sharing knowledge and creativity with so many passionate professionals from different countries, and we will carry those lessons back to our own communities."





## BURUNDI IMPACT STORY:

# Early stimulation spaces

**Despite of growing attention for Early Childhood Development in Burundi, still a little more than half of the children under age 5 suffer from chronic malnutrition and have impaired growth and development.**

This is influenced by multiple causes: poverty, poor nutrition for children and their mothers, high prevalence of diseases, lack of hygiene and sanitation, and early and close pregnancies.

Recognising the critical importance of the first years of life, Help a Child Burundi, with funding from UNICEF, has established Early stimulation spaces in Gitega and Kayanza. Early stimulation spaces were created to provide children aged up to 5 years old with opportunities for appropriate early developmental stimulation.

These community spaces welcome parents and equip them with essential knowledge on proper nutrition, starting during pregnancy and continuing with recommended feeding practices from a child's



first six months to fifty-nine months. Parents also receive training on hygiene, child protection, and the role of play in supporting cognitive, physical, social, and emotional development.

To ensure sustainability and ownership of the community, Help a Child, in collaboration with local authorities, established community committees responsible for overseeing the Early stimulation space, training parents, and organising play-based learning activities. These committees also play an active role in reinforcing community involvement and encouraging parents to actively promote the well-being of their children at home.



## **SOUTH SUDAN AND DRC IMPACT STORY:** **Building confidence** with My Friend

**The successful My Friend approach was rolled out in additional countries in 2025.**

Training has been provided by Help a Child to the staff of Terre des Hommes and PMU in Ethiopia, and to partner organisations of PMU on the West Bank. Colleagues of Help a Child DRC also attended the training in Ethiopia. The method is now used in DRC to support children who have fled the conflict in and around Goma. Many of them have had deep traumatic experiences.

My Friend is developed to address the need for psychosocial interventions for young children growing up with Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) or living under violent, war or refugee conditions.

My Friend is an approach focusing on pre-primary school children (aged 5 -7), with a parallel programme for parents. In twelve sessions with trained facilitators, children and their parents learn positive strategies to alleviate



*Participants of the training*

stress symptoms and regulate emotions. My Friend makes use of storytelling, body-oriented exercises, the metaphor of the volcano and a hare as a role model.

Rebecca, a 7-year-old girl from South Sudan, who used to struggle with anxiety, has learned to express her fears and build confidence through My Friend . Before, she was

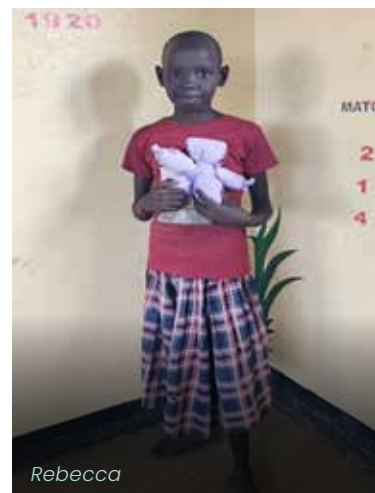
very shy and often isolated herself from other children. After joining the My Friend sessions, she now plays with her friends every day. She also shares that the sessions have taught her how to communicate with her parents without fear.



*Mon ami Baraka*



*Parents know how to calm their emotions and teach children how to calm their 'volcano'*



*Rebecca*



# Small Steps, Big Dreams

## Scaling up Turakura

**The Turakura programme in Rwanda, focusing specifically on the young child, has demonstrated strong potential for scalability, as evidenced through the Small Steps, Big Dreams project.**

Building on the Pharus Foundation's earlier investment in Early Childhood Development (ECD) in the same district, the project illustrates how improved ECD services can be expanded to reach the most deprived and disadvantaged communities in Rusizi.

The previous Pharus-supported intervention established a Model ECD centre, which contributed not only to improved access to ECD services, but also to continuous capacity building for caregivers.

Small Steps, Big Dreams capitalised on these achievements and lessons learned. Through the construction and renovation of 12

ECD centres, access to quality early learning services in communities, that previously had very limited educational infrastructure, has significantly increased. In parallel, caregivers' knowledge, attitudes, and practices to support children's

holistic development have been strengthened through Positive Parenting groups. Following the parenting education cycle, 1,400 parents transitioned into 70 Self-Help Groups (SHGs), enhancing household economic resilience



and improving families' capacity to meet their children's basic needs in a sustainable manner.

### Engagement of fathers

A notable success of the scaled-up programme was its effective engagement of men as agents of positive change. Through the Men Model approach, 120 enthusiastic fathers, who participated in parenting education, emerged as champions of positive parenting and shared responsibility. They went on to actively mobilise and influence other parents within their communities.

A participating father reflected on his transformation: "Before

the training, I believed that taking care of children and household duties was only the responsibility of my wife. Now I understand that a father has an important role in nurturing, guiding, and supporting his family. My home is more peaceful, and my children are happier."

These testimonies capture the Small Steps, Big Dreams impact, where small shifts in men's engagement led to stronger families, reduced conflict, and improved child well-being, confirming Turakura's scalability and community-driven strength.



When constructing ECD centres, water tanks are installed to collect rainwater, helping to mitigate potential risks associated with excess rainfall.

## Planting trees for kids

During the implementation of the Turakura programme, awareness of climate change and practical action to address it, are promoted through community mobilisation and Positive Parenting education. Community members are informed about the impacts of climate change and supported in adopting response strategies such as rainwater harvesting, soil erosion prevention techniques, planting trees and protecting previously planted trees.

With technical and logistical support from Help a Child Rwanda, Agri Smart Company Limited facilitated the planting of 10,450 agroforestry and fruit trees in communities where Turakura Kids Rwanda operates. These included 3,500 Cedrella trees, 1,150 tree tomatoes, 5,100 Grevillea trees, 100 grafted avocado trees, and 600 Leucaena trees.

This initiative contributes to environmental sustainability and climate resilience while providing a platform for children and families to learn about and engage in environmentally conscious practices.

### Turakura

This innovative programme is designed by Help a Child to enhance ECD for children aged 0-7, focusing on providing quality education and creating safe environments. Help a Child is the first child-sponsoring organisation to take this innovative step towards community work with a focus on young children.

The name Turakura means 'We grow and learn together' in the Kinyarwanda language, and this reflects Rwanda's strong communal culture and highlights the programme's emphasis on collective growth.

**9**  
ECD centres  
built/supported

**14**  
kitchen gardens  
established at  
ECD centres

**451**  
Self-Help  
Groups  
supported

**17,686 members**  
in Parenting Groups



We contribute to:



## Child Protection

Children need protection. That's obvious, but is it really that easy? Many parents, including those in the Netherlands, struggle with this because there are so many dangers. Nevertheless, you must allow your child to grow up and become independent, for example by letting them go to school alone or play outside.

The same applies in the countries where Help a Child works. However, the circumstances are often even more challenging. Parents often have to leave their children at home alone while they search for water or food, work on the land or try to sell a few tomatoes at the market to earn money for food.

Children face many other dangers too: they can get sick from drinking dirty water or be bitten by mosquitoes carrying malaria and become very ill. The stress of survival can also lead to parents arguing and sometimes becoming violent.

In countries such as DRC and South Sudan, there are also armed militias that create insecurity. Even in 'safe' countries, groups of armed people fed up with poverty have taken to robbing people and raping girls.

Help a Child and its partner organisations try various ways to protect children. If something does happen, it is crucial that children receive the right care.



End poverty in all its forms everywhere



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

### Key statistics:

**10,941**

children in Children Groups supported



**33,313**

parents trained in the Parenting Challenge

**920**

Parenting Groups



**473**

Child Protection Committees



**370**

Child-Friendly Spaces supported

**117,156**

children supported via Child-Friendly Spaces



## UGANDA IMPACT STORY: A girl with a **voice**

**Gladys (14) lives in Abim, a district in the northeast of Uganda. She was a very shy girl and didn't like to speak up in class or in a group. She didn't have many friends and felt lonely. When she started having her menstruation, she had to stay home every month for a few days, since her parents could not afford to buy sanitary pads.**

Change started when she became a member of the children's club at Awach Primary School. Together with other children, she talked about everything that concerns them. Slowly, Gladys also started to share her experiences. It turned out that more girls were facing monthly problems. It felt good to realize she was not the only one with this problem.

Together with the other members of the club and the teacher, Gladys decided to do something about this. They learned how to make their own sanitary pads: a piece of cloth that you can stuff with cotton which grows there. You can then wash it and use it again. In the club, they informed the boys about menstruation, so they understood what it was and no longer bullied girls with it. And it worked!

The girls are no longer missing lessons because of this. Gladys finds the group so important that she now even talks about these topics on the radio to advocate for children's rights. She now loves speaking out and encouraging other children to know and stand for their rights. "I love speaking on the radio because it makes me feel like my voice matters," Gladys says with a big smile. "I want all children to know that they have a right to be heard and should never be afraid to speak up."

Gladys dreams of becoming a teacher one day so she can inspire and empower other children. She is grateful to the children's club for giving her confidence, skills, and hope for a brighter future.





## KENYA IMPACT STORY:

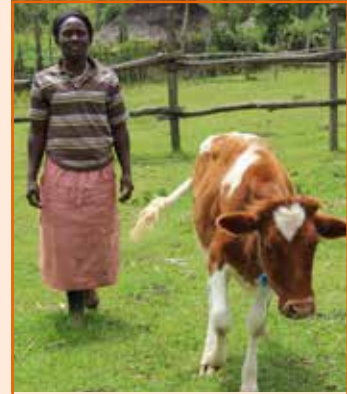
# Challenging parenting

**Southwestern Kenya is a region of striking natural beauty. Under normal rainfall conditions, the landscape is lush and green. However, livelihoods in the area are highly dependent on rainfall patterns. When rains are delayed, insufficient, or excessive, communities can face significant challenges and increased vulnerability.**



Linet, a single mother, experienced these challenges firsthand. To provide for her children, she brewed traditional beer, which gave her enough income to support the family. However, the work also carried risks. Customers sometimes became drunk and unpredictable, and Linet's children helped deliver the brew to clients in the community, which was not always safe for them.

When ADS, the partner organisation of Help a Child, started a PIP training for farmers, Linet joined. She was trained in farm planning, smart agriculture, and diversification. Supported by the other members of the group,



**37** Farmer Groups supported in Kenya

she took the difficult decision to leave brewing and started farming the way she learned. With a loan from the group, she started poultry farming. Today, her business is doing very well, and she can take care of the children, providing them with a safe home.



*Linet participating in the farmers' group training session.*

**DRC IMPACT STORY:**

# How a community protects their girls and women

**In DRC, protection is greatly needed but difficult to achieve. Armed militias are making villages unsafe. There is a lot of violence, including sexual violence.**

A few years ago, Help a Child launched a group intervention programme called Empower 2 Protect (E2P). Through this programme, men and women of all ages come together in group sessions to discuss safety issues. They reflect on the risks they face in their daily lives, how these risks affect them and how they can protect themselves and their communities.

These discussions are particularly important because many everyday activities involve significant danger. For instance, young girls and women frequently have to walk long distances to collect water and firewood or to trade goods at

the market. These journeys expose them to serious risks, as armed groups operate in the area, making travel unsafe. The E2P sessions provide a platform for community members to openly discuss these challenges and explore ways to mitigate the risks they encounter.

Several solutions are being discussed in the E2P groups: travelling in a group, having (young) men accompany girls and women, and not going out too late as it gets dark early. Another possibility is wearing an Invi-bracelet, which releases a bad smell when pulled off, scaring people away and giving the girl the opportunity to escape.

The insecurity in the area affects more than just girls and women. Young men are also at risk, as they are often targeted by armed groups and forced to join militias. Refusing is rarely an option, so



many boys and young men have to think carefully about how to stay safe and avoid being recruited.

Within the E2P groups, participants discuss these risks and share their experiences. The groups have proven to be effective. Girls and women feel more confident speaking about their fears and experiences, and realise that they are not alone. Men gain a better understanding of the dangers faced by their daughters and wives, as well as how they can support and protect them. Meanwhile, young men are increasingly opening up about the risks they face and discussing strategies to stay safe.





# Learning through play

**Children need to play. It may be a common understanding, but the importance of it for children, and adults, is often not realized.**

Through play, children develop physical skills such as running, jumping and throwing a ball, which requires hand-eye coordination. Take football, for example: in all our programmes, boys and an increasing number of girls play football. Sometimes, girls play a different game called netball. In South Sudan, they play a game called Boruboru, which has many variations in other African countries.

Children also learn social skills, such as how to cooperate and work together. This is important in a team sport, but consider Gladys's story from **Uganda** (see page 41), where she learned to open up in the children's club.

In the What's Up children's groups in **South Sudan**, children play all kinds of games to learn about emotional skills. Sometimes you can be very sad, sometimes very happy, and sometimes very angry. How do you realize that? And what do you do? Maybe you feel

like beating up somebody, but are there better ways to deal with anger? Instead of talking about this, children learn about this through games.

In **Kenya** teenagers talk about sensitive topics like sexual reproductive health through a board game with questions. And a quiz also stimulates them to think and talk about it.

Adults learn through play, too. In Mwansambo, **Malawi**, a drama

group performed an interesting form of theatre in which the actors role-played common situations, such as a quarrel between a husband and wife. Then the narrator stops the play and the actors freeze. The narrator then asks the audience what they see and what advice they would give. Several audience members share their views until a consensus is reached. Then the play continues, with the actors following the audience's advice.





Help a Child **India** developed dedicated, child-friendly learning spaces to support holistic early learning and improve school readiness in both Early Childhood Development (ECD) centres and primary schools. They promoted playful learning by expanding kinaesthetic and physical development opportunities, including installing play equipment such as swings and slides and creating safe play areas that strengthen children's gross and fine motor skills. They also created stimulating learning environments by setting up libraries in ECD centres with age-appropriate picture books and adding colourful wall paintings to make the spaces welcoming and cognitively engaging. Classroom readiness was further strengthened through essential learning materials, including blackboards, floor mats, child-sized chairs, and audio-visual learning aids, to encourage participation, curiosity, and sustained engagement.

### Laughing again

Playing is also very relaxing. It relieves stress, if only temporarily. This is particularly important for children in DRC, South Sudan and Somalia. The ongoing conflicts make the environment very stressful. Children feel this stress in their bodies, and it is evident in their behaviour. But when they have time to play as children should, it eases the stress, relaxes their bodies and minds, enables them to laugh and gives them hope.



### SOUTH SUDAN IMPACT STORY:

## Become an architect of change with **Boruboru**

**In many parts of South Sudan, conflict has replaced playgrounds with fear and silence. Children withdrew. Trust eroded. Communities fractured.**

Then, in 2025, Boruboru, a traditional girls' dodgeball game, was revived across Aweil, Wau, Pibor and Tonj North by Help a Child South Sudan. It returned not merely as a sport, but as a movement for healing, leadership and social transformation.

A total of 770 children, aged 10-18, took to the field. They left as leaders. Through structured play and guided reflection, they developed leadership, teamwork, communication, non-violence and advocacy skills. Organised and empowered, they led seven child-driven campaigns lasting between 12 and 21 days, reaching over 30,000 people with messages about education, child protection, peaceful coexistence and an end to child marriage.

Boruboru helped to rebuild trust in fragile communities. Children from divided backgrounds played together. Parents returned to the fields. Chiefs and local leaders gathered. Suspicion was replaced by laughter. Dialogue was reopened.

Boruboru is rooted in culture, is low-cost and is community-owned. It strengthens girls' participation while fostering social cohesion and psychosocial healing. As it spreads organically, Boruboru stands as a powerful testament to the fact that when children are given a safe space and trust, they can become architects of hope and change, rather than remaining victims of conflict.



We contribute to:



# Community empowerment

Community empowerment is an important theme for Help a Child. But what do we actually mean by it? Community empowerment is about people taking control (again) of what happens in their own communities and lives. Instead of waiting for governments or organisations to fix problems, empowered communities step up, speak out, and work together to create change. It's about shifting from being passive observers to becoming active participants.

At its heart, community empowerment means that everyone's voice matters. When people feel heard and respected, they are more likely to get involved and support one another. This can lead to stronger relationships, better communication, and creative solutions to local challenges. Whether it's organising a neighborhood clean-up, starting a local business, or advocating for better services, empowerment begins when people believe they can make a difference.

It also involves learning new skills, sharing knowledge, and building trust within the community. When individuals feel confident and connected, they are more willing to collaborate and take initiative. Over time, this creates a sense of ownership and pride.

Community empowerment isn't just about solving problems, it's about building resilience and helping people realize their collective strength. Read along with these inspiring stories about how community empowerment becomes visible in the programmes of Help a Child.



Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls



Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels

## Key statistics:



**1,527**

Self-Help Groups supported

**27,704**

members supported in Self-help groups  
26% male | 74% female



**76**

Cluster Level Associations supported

**143 reflection meetings held with community members**

about actions to tackle challenges in the community

**Results** of communities taking initiatives:

**Clean water supply**

**Access to medical care**

Increased sense of control

**Nutritious food in ECD's**

**A repaired road**

Leadership

**Planting** development

**of trees**

**Social cohesion**



**In Zilakoma, Malawi, years of marginalization left the community without adequate education, healthcare, or infrastructure. To address this, the Livingstonia Synod Action Programme (LISAP), supported by Help a Child Malawi, strengthened local leadership through the Child-Centred Community Development programme.**

The Area Development Committee (ADC) received training to effectively advocate for their community's needs. For two years, committee members persistently engaged district authorities and their efforts paid off in the 2024/2025 financial year when district authorities allocated a new secondary school, clean water supply, and health clinic to Zilakoma. This progress highlights how empowered communities can drive sustainable development.





## INDIA IMPACT STORY:

# The power of community change



**Makaltala and Kankuria became the first communities to be included in the Kolkata Rurban Child Development project. When the Help a Child India team first visited the villages, they witnessed more than just poverty; they felt its weight.**

Most families struggled to meet basic needs such as nutritious food, medical care and proper education. Financial stress had quietly robbed their homes of peace. Parents, overwhelmed and anxious, often became irritable. Children grew up amid tension, some carrying emotional wounds they could not express. Learning English seemed frightening. Computers were a distant dream. Confidence was rare. That was the beginning.

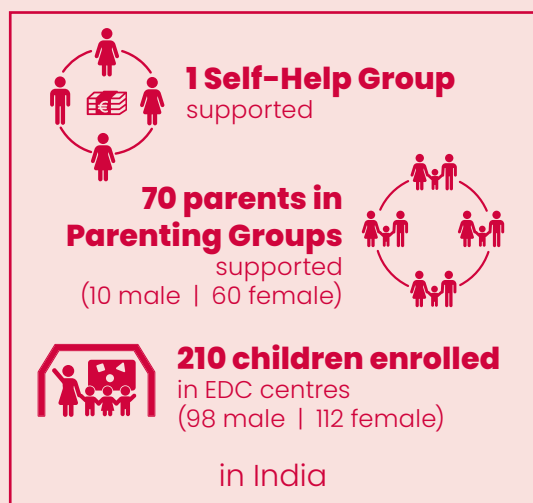
We started with parenting sessions at the Child Opportunity Centre (COC). Parents learned about their children's physical, cognitive, emotional, social and spiritual development. Gradually, homes began to change. Sundays became days of shared laughter and activities. Harsh words were replaced with conversations.

At the COC, children learnt through play. They started to speak respectfully, stopped using abusive language and began to play together regardless of gender. Boys and girls now play football together. Children who once feared English can now introduce themselves with confidence. Teenagers who had never used a computer before are now

learning software and developing skills for the future.

Women formed a Self-Help Group and started a piggery business. They opened bank accounts, broke through social barriers and started earning money in a dignified way. Inspired by this change, one pregnant woman opened a small phuchka stall to support her family.

Today, the same community is stronger, more united and more hopeful. Where there was fear, there is confidence. Where there was silence, there is laughter. Hope has returned, bringing with it the courage to dream again.





**UGANDA IMPACT STORY:**

# A permanent home through Self-Help Group support

**At 42, Paskulina’s life was transformed through her involvement in the Self-Help Group (SHG). Before joining in 2016, she depended on subsistence farming and small-scale alcohol brewing, earning barely enough to provide food, clothing, medical care, and school fees for her family.**

When AEE, partner organisation of Help a Child, organised women into SHGs under the Arivu Child Centered Community Development programme, Paskulina eagerly joined. Through consistent weekly savings and access to small loans, she started trading cassava residues. As her confidence and profits grew, she expanded to



buying fresh cassava directly from farmers and later diversified into selling beans and silver fish. She continually reinvested her earnings while maintaining her savings.

Beyond trading, Paskulina used loans to support agricultural activities such as land preparation and planting. Together with her husband, she cultivated cassava and tobacco. A successful harvest finally provided the means to begin building their long-awaited permanent home, starting with the foundation and walls.

As her borrowing capacity increased, she further invested in livestock. The growth and sale of goats enabled her to purchase iron sheets for roofing. By 2019, Paskulina and her family moved into their completed permanent house, leaving behind the exhausting annual task of repairing a leaking grass-thatched roof. She proudly reflects that she can now listen to the rain without worrying.

Through the SHG, Paskulina has strengthened her family’s stability, paid school fees, and met essential household needs. Today, she and her husband manage several agricultural activities and a small trading business, ensuring steady income and food security for her children. Grateful for the support of AEE and her group, Paskulina remains committed to helping other women achieve similar progress and build brighter futures.



**138** Self-Help Groups supported

**2,857 members** in Self-Help Groups supported (632 male | 2,225 female)

in Uganda



# The Community Challenge

**Did you know that community members actively design their own projects? At Help a Child, we believe that it is crucial for projects to be created by the community, not for them. After all, community members know better than anyone what challenges they face and what solutions are needed. A project will only be successful in the long term if it is intrinsically supported by the community and people feel a sense of ownership.**



Before a project begins, ample time is taken to talk to the communities, get to know them and hear their views. This period, which we call 'The Community Challenge', involves numerous group discussions. Village elders, parents and young people are all invited to share their ideas.

The Community Challenge begins with an extensive introductory session to help us get to know one another. After that, the focus shifts to the community itself. What did the community look like in the past, and how has it changed? What threats and opportunities are there? People are then invited to share the problems they experience in their daily lives, as well as their ideas for resolving them.

### Foundation of CCD programmes

All of these responses and ideas are compiled into the Community Action Plan, which forms the foundation of our Child-Centred Community Development programmes. We also believe it is important that community members can provide feedback or submit complaints to Help a Child. At the end of the Community Challenge, we therefore ask the community how this can best be facilitated. Suggestions often arise, such as organising open consultation hours or placing a suggestion box within the community.

This results in a project designed by the community and widely supported: a strong example of community empowerment.



Boat being utilised by villagers.

## Communities in Bihar, India, prepared themselves for disaster

In Purnia, the community has organised a disaster management plan in cooperation with the local government. Seventy-five community members from twenty villages have received training in disaster risk reduction, preparedness, early warning systems and emergency response, in order to strengthen local capacities and form disaster task force teams.

These task forces have lobbied relevant stakeholders to promote disaster mitigation measures, including check dams, enhanced catchment areas and flood prevention initiatives. Rescue and evacuation support was operationalised in the five flood-prone villages of Pipar Tola, Jhandatola, Banstola, Kurwa Tola and Bandoga through the procurement and deployment of rescue boats.

This involved licensing boat operators and training community members in the safe management of boats, evacuation procedures and emergency rescue operations. Community task force teams were formed to oversee boat operations during floods and other emergencies. All boats were verified and approved by the Additional District Magistrate (ADM) to ensure they were durable, safe, and fit for purpose.

We contribute to:



## Food Security & Livelihoods

2025 was the first year, we fully focused on Food Security & Livelihoods (FSL), and did not give attention to Youth & Work anymore, a previous focus area.

Early in 2025, Help a Child finalised the Food Security & Livelihoods (FSL) policy, so that partner organisations and Help a Child staff would understand the choices we make within the framework of FSL to optimise child wellbeing within communities and families.

Our FSL interventions emphasise our commitment to nurturing children and helping parents care for and protect their offspring. The FSL components of our programmes will support parents by increasing production, diversifying income, encouraging savings for the future, and ensuring their children are well nourished so they can thrive and reach their full potential.

We chose to standardise our approaches and selected Participatory Integrated Planning (PIP) for food security and the Self-Help Group approach for economic resilience. In 2025, we explored an innovative idea to combine the parenting approach and PIP. We call this PIPPA. This innovative idea has evolved in a project pilot, which will be rolled out in 2026.



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



Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all

### Key statistics:



**327**

Farmer Groups supported

**7,232**

farmers supported  
44% male | 56% female

**1,527**

Self-Help Groups supported



**46,285** people reached with FSL interventions

in disaster response programmes



**KENYA IMPACT STORY:**

## Men-only SHGs to improve child wellbeing

**In Kenya, a quiet transformation is taking place, led by a determined team of men. Inspired by the success of women's Self-Help Groups (SHGs), these men came together to form 16 men-only SHGs, a place where fathers could unite, save, learn, and start businesses.**

Through training on positive parenting, these men have learned to share childcare responsibilities, which was a cultural taboo before. As one member proudly noted: "We no longer see parenting as a mother's role; we are now fully part of our children's lives."



The men-only SHGs mark a powerful shift in local gender dynamics and community development. What began as a simple act of imitation, has evolved into a movement of male champions for child well-being. For Help a Child, involvement of men in child wellbeing is a huge challenge, and we are happy with these kind of stories from the field.

**SOUTH SUDAN IMPACT STORY:**

## Growing food, growing hope

**Agieth is a mother of five children and a PIP participant who previously struggled to provide enough food for her family. With limited income, her children sometimes missed school due to unpaid fees and a lack of necessities.**

After receiving training and start-up support for backyard gardening, Agieth established a small vegetable garden behind her home. She began growing kale, tomatoes, and onions using simple, climate-smart techniques learned during the programme.

Within a few months, the garden significantly improved her family's food security status. The family now consumes fresh vegetables regularly, and Agieth sells surplus produce at the local market. The income has allowed her to pay school fees on time, buy school uniforms, and cover basic medical expenses.

"I no longer worry about what my children will eat. The garden gave me food, but it also gave me dignity and hope," Agieth explains.





## MALAWI IMPACT STORY:

# From low yields to lasting livelihoods: how PIP transformed Faidas household

**Before joining the PIP programme in 2022, Faidas faced significant livelihood challenges. As head of her household, she struggled to pay school fees for her two children because of low agricultural yields and few livestock. These challenges limited her ability to meet basic needs.**

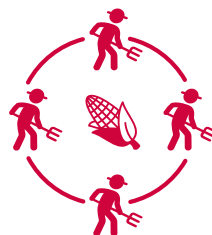
Through the PIP training programme, Faidas developed expertise in household visioning, integrated farm planning and sustainable land management. She then implemented these skills alongside her two children. She adopted a variety of climate-smart practices, such as constructing swales and contour ridges, planting vetiver grass, diversifying crops, and practising agroforestry. As a result, her farm now includes fruit trees, indigenous trees and a pine woodlot, which contribute to improved soil health and environmental conservation.

As a result, Faidas has experienced a significant improvement in farm productivity. She now produces enough food to sustain her household throughout the year, and sells surplus produce to generate income. This improved income has directly translated into better opportunities for her children. She is now able to pay her daughter's school fees of MWK 300,000 (€150) per term. In 2025, she further invested in her family's future by using the proceeds from the sale of her farm produce to help her son start his own business.

She has also purchased another plot of land on which to build houses to let.

Today, Faidas household is food secure, economically stable and resilient to climate and economic shocks. Her story demonstrates how PIP can empower female-headed households, transforming improved land management into lasting livelihoods and educational opportunities, particularly for girls, as well as providing intergenerational economic security.

**129**  
PIP groups  
supported

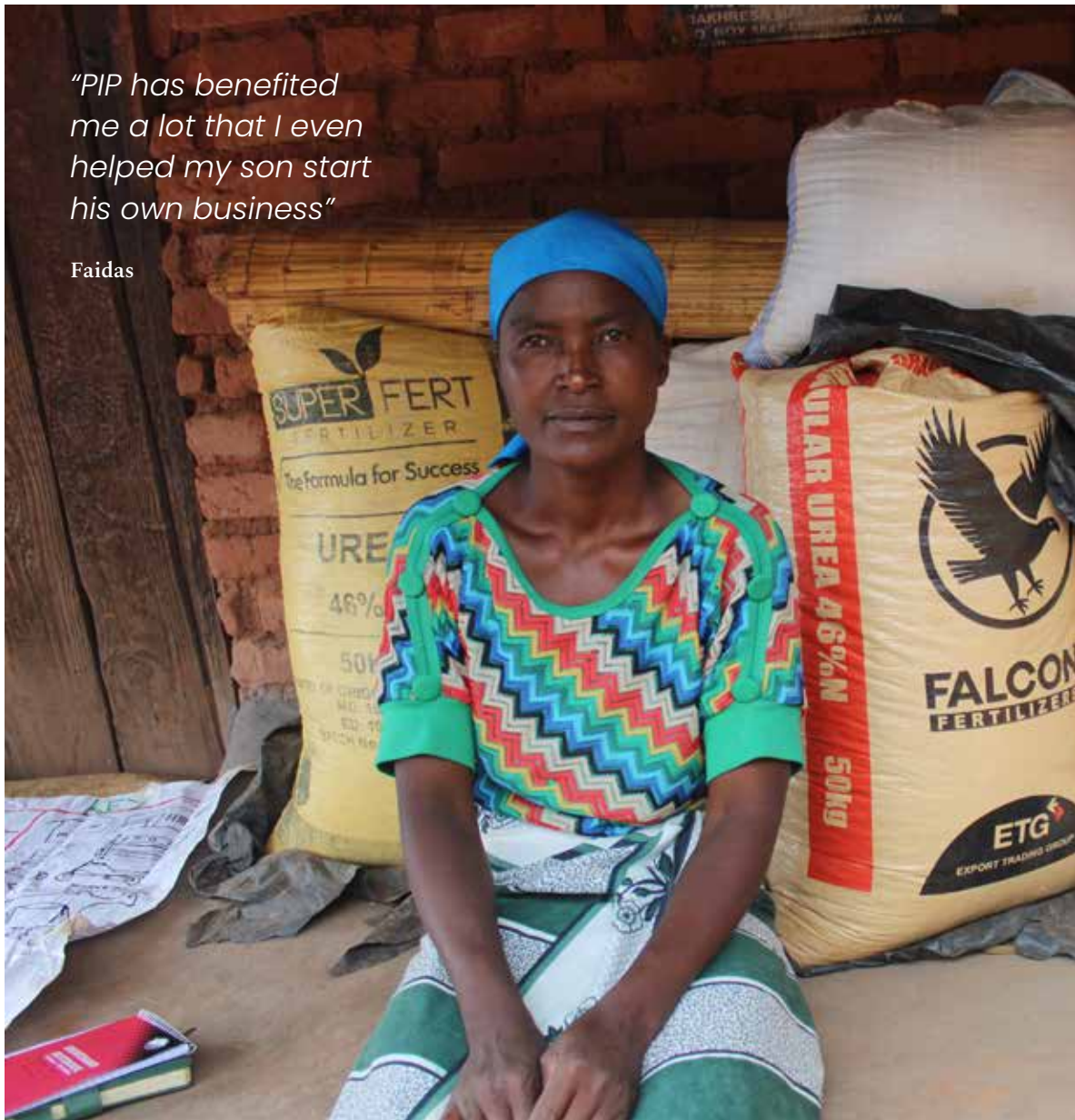


**1,318**  
PIP farmers  
trained/supported  
(386 male | 932 female)

In Malawi

*"PIP has benefited me a lot that I even helped my son start his own business"*

Faidas





## Self-Help Groups in Rwanda:

# Empowering parents to become self-reliant

**Within the Turakura programme in Rwanda, the Self-Help Group (SHG) approach provides a sustainable transition from the Positive Parenting Group (PPG) model by strengthening parents' economic capacity to meet the basic needs of their children and families.**

While Positive Parenting strengthens caregivers' knowledge, skills, and confidence to provide nurturing care, SHGs address the underlying economic barriers that often constrain the consistent adoption of positive parenting practices. By facilitating structured savings, improving access to financial services, and fostering peer support, alongside thematic learning on nutrition, early childhood development, child

protection, and disability inclusion, the SHG approach supports more resilient livelihoods and improved household food security. In doing so, it contributes to enhanced child well-being while promoting long-term self-reliance and stronger community resilience.

At the national level, the approach has shown strong impact within one year of implementation, with 8,415 parents transitioning

into 451 Self-Help Groups across Rwamagana, Bugesera, and Rusizi districts to save and invest in childcare and household well-being.

### **Overcoming initial fears**

The Tubarerezeza Gitwa Self-Help Group in Rusizi district illustrates this transformation, as members overcame initial fears related to saving, financial engagement, and public participation, particularly



among women, and established linkages with financial institutions to access loans for income-generating activities. Households diversified livelihoods through small businesses, farming, poultry, and piggery, leading to improved income and better nutrition for children.

### Catalyst for community support

As one member, Anathalie, shared: "The Self-Help Group changed my life. I am no longer afraid to save, borrow, or speak in public. My children now eat better, and I feel proud that I can meet their needs." Beyond household impact, SHGs are increasingly engaging in community initiatives such as supporting porridge provision at ECD centres, reflecting growing social responsibility and commitment to child-centered development.



## Smart dairy farming in Kenya

Stella is a dedicated member of the Arise Self-Help Group whose life has been transformed through community empowerment and practical learning. Through the group, she joined a farmers' group where she received training on diversified farming and SMART agriculture.

In 2025, the programme organised a learning exposure visit to Bomet County, focusing on dairy farming. This visit became a turning point for Stella. Before then, she owned only one traditional cow, which she grazed freely. The work was tiring, time-consuming, and yielded very little milk, barely enough for household use, with none left to sell.

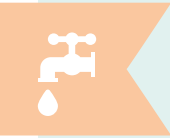
During the learning tour, Stella gained practical skills on improving local breeds, constructing a proper cow shed, and adopting organised feeding using balanced feeds. She learned

that good dairy management does not depend on herd size but on proper care and feeding.

Today, Stella no longer struggles as before. Her improved dairy practices have increased milk production, allowing her to sell surplus milk while ensuring her children have enough for home consumption. The cow dung is her main source of organic compost that helps her vegetables grow well. Stella's journey highlights how exposure, skills training, and community support can sustainably improve household livelihoods.



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.

**MEDAIR**

*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 URT1 (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,



Rukundo

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.



*A group of women fetching water from an improvised tap in South Sudan.*

# CHAP. 3



# Organisation

In order to develop and implement quality programmes, we need a strong organisation. This chapter illustrates how we have structured ourselves to deliver impactful programme outcomes.

## Governance

### Management

In 2025, the Board of Directors of Help a Child consisted solely of the CEO, Andries Schuttinga. He manages the organisation in accordance with a set of regulations covering matters such as avoiding conflicts of interest and the adequate separation of duties. The Board of Directors is responsible for the organisation's policy and its implementation. The policy is formulated and monitored by the Board of Directors in conjunction with the departmental managers. They jointly make up the Management Team (MT), which, in principle, meets once every two weeks. Input from Country Directors is provided at strategic consultation meetings with the MT, held four times a year. The Board of Directors ensures that the Supervisory Board is furnished promptly with all necessary information for the effective fulfilment of its stewardship role.

### Supervisory Board

The Supervisory Board consisted of five members in 2025. They also work in compliance with a set of regulations. These outline their relationship with the Board of Directors, whilst also containing

provisions to avoid conflicts of interest and ensure the separation of duties. The Supervisory Board meets with the Board of Directors four times a year and has one study day a year during which a self-evaluation is carried out.

Various advisory committees provide the Supervisory Board with information on specific policy areas, such as fundraising, programmes, and finance. In 2025, the research into a strategic merger was the most important agenda item. Unfortunately, we had to decide to stop this process.

## Human Resources

In 2025, we continued to strengthen our organisation's future-oriented approach, which is based on connection, development and integrity. A key focus was fostering a learning culture. Through a participatory process, we identified interventions to support continuous learning, selecting three initiatives to be implemented in 2026.

We launched a leadership development programme for the Management Team and

Country Directors, embedding 'personal leadership' as an organisation-wide competency. Personal development is actively encouraged and monitored as a key performance indicator (KPI) within the Management Team.

We also invested in intercultural communication training. In 2025, this training was provided to all colleagues in the Netherlands and the Country Directors. In 2026, it will be rolled out to staff in the country offices.

Employee engagement and well-being remain priorities. Insights from the Everybody Frank employee survey provide ongoing monitoring and direction. In 2025, each team organised an activity focused on work happiness and team connection.

In terms of structure and processes, we further standardised and updated job descriptions and the function framework across all countries. HR processes were further digitised, including the pre-boarding phase (from signing the employment agreement to the first day of work), improving consistency and efficiency.

## Security

The world is becoming increasingly fragile due to fragmented power structures and violence against aid workers. Fortunately, there were no casualties or extreme incidents in 2025. However, the situation for our team in DRC was tense at the start of the year due to the siege of Goma by the M23 rebel group. Help a Child DRC staff had to hibernate or relocate due to the siege. The citizens of Goma suffered greatly, as did our staff. As an organisation, we evaluated our role towards the team and incorporated lessons learned into our policies. Staff have undergone regular safety and security training throughout the year, and policies need to be updated.

## Quality Management

### Quality Management System

Help a Child has a Quality Management System (QMS) that describes the procedures, responsibilities, and templates used in the entire Help a Child organisation. Help a Child has a quality policy that outlines the purpose and scope of our QMS. We have a database of points for improvement that we identify in, for example, external and internal audits, or in internal consultations. This database is regularly updated and provides reports on outstanding points for improvement, with progress being discussed with the Management Team on a quarterly basis. Our QMS is compliant with both ISO9001:2015 and Partos 9001. Help a Child performed internal audits in the second half of 2025, and the Management Team conducted an annual review of the QMS in December 2025 to evaluate

the design and execution of this system. An external auditor also assessed our QMS without any major findings in January 2026.

### Commitment to the Core Humanitarian Standard (CHS)

Help a Child is committed to upholding the Core Humanitarian Standard (CHS) to ensure accountability, quality, and effectiveness in our humanitarian and development programming. In 2023, an external audit by the Humanitarian Quality Assurance Initiative (HQAI) yielded positive results, and in January 2024, Help a Child was officially certified as a CHS-compliant organisation.

As part of our ongoing commitment to quality and accountability, a maintenance audit was conducted by HQAI in 2024 and in 2025. The findings confirm that we are making steady progress in implementing our 2024–2026 CHS improvement plan, which was developed on the basis of the outcomes of the 2023 audit.

In 2026, HQAI will conduct a re-certification audit based on the updated CHS 2024 standard.



### Integrity & Prevention of Sexual Exploitation, Abuse, and Harassment (PSEAH)

Integrity means doing the right thing, even when no one is watching. Working with people in vulnerable situations requires us to ensure that our actions never cause additional harm.

Help a Child has a comprehensive Integrity & PSEAH policy, including the Code of Conduct, Reporting Procedure, Whistleblowing policy,

and Confidential Counselling information, outlining expected standards of behaviour. The policy was revised in 2024 to comply with the latest requirements of the United Nations, Partos and the CHS. Particular attention is given to the Prevention of Sexual Exploitation, Abuse and Harassment (PSEAH), both within the workplace and in the projects where we operate.

In 2026, the Child Safeguarding and Fraud & Corruption components of the policy will be revised. The full Integrity Policy will be evaluated and, if necessary, updated in 2027.

All new staff in the Netherlands and in our country offices are screened through reference checks and, where applicable, through a Certificate of Conduct. In all countries, staff and volunteers receive mandatory training through e-learning modules and in-person sessions, in which ethical dilemmas are being discussed. These interactive trainings ensure that integrity principles are embedded in daily practice.

By the end of 2025, 82% of our staff have completed the PSEAH e-course, and 76% of our staff have completed the Code of Conduct e-course.

Project participants are informed about which behaviour they can expect from us and our partners and how to report concerns. Posters with accessible WhatsApp contact numbers are displayed in project areas.



## Child Safeguarding

At Help a Child, we are committed to protecting children from harm and abuse. Our Child Safeguarding Policy forms part of our Integrity Policy and describes the procedures we have in place to minimise risks and respond to child protection concerns within our organisation. At our global office, we actively promote integrity awareness. All new employees participate in Child Safeguarding training in an interactive format that encourages discussion of practical dilemmas. Teams regularly discuss ethical dilemmas related to work and collaboration, and clear reporting guidance is clearly communicated. In 2025, three child safeguarding training sessions were held, with 16 participants, 12 of whom were new staff and 4 of whom were interns. Each training session included games and quizzes to make them interactive.

Child safeguarding is something that should be internalised. It is beneficial to discuss how to interact with children and how to prevent situations that could be perceived as abuse.

Since 2021, Help a Child has been a full member of the Keeping Children Safe (KCS) network and we adhere to its internationally recognized child safeguarding standards.

## Community-Based Complaints and Feedback Mechanism

In 2021, Help a Child set up a global feedback and complaints database (CBCFM). We maintain a database for all complaints and feedback for learning purposes and analyses at global, country, and project level. In 2025, feedback was collected in all of our nine countries.



In 2025, eight project locations across four countries participated in The Listening Project to understand how communities perceive Help a Child's communications on Integrity & PSEAH and our feedback and complaints systems. The initiative has given us insights and recommendations to enhance community communication and strengthen our complaints and feedback mechanisms, which we intend to follow up on in 2026.

The database is an important source of information for the continuous improvement of our programmes and processes. In 2025, we received 2,960 feedback and complaint cases, ranging from positive feedback and information requests to major programmatic concerns. We discuss these cases with our partner organisations. Twice a year, the data is discussed by the Management Team.

## Lobbying and advocacy

In the Netherlands, Help a Child invests in maintaining strong relationships with Dutch politicians and government officials. We share our expertise with the aim of ensuring that Dutch development and humanitarian policies are

as effective and child-friendly as possible.

2025 was a challenging year for children in development and humanitarian aid. The political support within the government for development cooperation dropped dramatically. Despite these difficulties, we tried to achieve as much as possible and aimed to turn the tide, which was rewarded during the elections.

We closely collaborate with Prisma, for example by organising inspirational sessions with other NGOs and hosting a debate with Christian political parties in the run-up to the elections. We also expanded our network and visibility by participating in events and media, such as 'Prinsjesdagontbijt' and the Christian television channel Family7.

Furthermore, we visited the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and several political parties. We raised awareness about issues related to children through online media and as part of broader networks. Continuously, we seek collaboration. We brought together eleven child rights organisations and collectively spoke out against the policy and budget cuts that affect children. Several parties in Parliament expressed concern about our statement.



## Innovation

In 2025, we embedded innovation sustainably across the organisation. Including the introduction of Thematic Portfolio Teams (TPTs): groups of experts responsible for the quality, development, and innovation of our core products. Parallel to this, all departments and offices in the countries that we work in, identified their most pressing needs for innovation, resulting in nearly twenty concrete innovation questions that align field realities with expert vision and organisational strategy.

A new innovation dashboard and portfolio give the Management Team clear insight and direction, enabling sharper decisions on where to focus time and resources for the greatest impact. Innovation has thus become a driver of effectiveness, helping us improve the lives of children in a more targeted and sustainable way.

Key innovations include:

- Implementation of Turakura Kids Rwanda. Combining a new programme type with a new funding method, in which we replace child sponsorship with a national programme, co-financed with institutional funds;
- PIPPA, a combined Parenting and climate-resilient farming approach that strengthens child-focus and increases effectiveness;
- Responsible use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) to reduce administrative workload and free up more time for work that makes a difference in children's lives;
- Our first outcomes-based financed project with the Education Outcome Fund in Rwanda, positioning us at the forefront of innovative financing in the sector and reinforcing our commitment to measurable outcomes.

## Co-creation

Help a Child continued the journey of co-creation with donors and international NGOs in 2025. In Rwanda, we implemented the Turakura programme, a new long-term development programme focusing on Early Childhood Development. Also in Rwanda, we worked with one of our partners and a social outcomes fund from the UK on developing our first outcomes-based financed project with the Education Outcome Fund to rehabilitate 140 ECD centres and improve their educational quality.

In Uganda, together with our partners, we worked on an adapted programme for the coming seven years. Since the countries' development programmes are at different stages of their long-term duration, we will embrace co-creation when opportunities arise. So far, it has helped us to reflect on our added value and our willingness to achieve impact together.

## Knowledge management and learning

By 2025, the e-learning modules were maintained and made available to the relevant groups. We are committed to tailoring our knowledge products to the learning needs of our target groups.

2025 was also marked by a change in staff. The new knowledge management coordinator started in mid-October. Other departments within Help a Child also recognise the need to work on knowledge management. We work closely with them to achieve this. In 2026, we will take a closer look at our How To Portal. We started exploring

it in 2025 and expect to be able to improve the site during 2026. This will ensure that our working methods and manuals are made available to our partners in different countries easily and in a timely manner.

## Environmental, Social and Governance

### Environmental

We began the year 2025 with an analysis of an impact report concerning our carbon footprint, based on 2023 data. This was the first time we had conducted such an analysis. The aim was to gain insight into the areas of our business operations with the greatest impact. As expected, expenditure accounted for the largest share of the carbon footprint in 2023. Second place went to our international flights to project countries, which also contributed to the carbon footprint. In 2025, we started monitoring our staff's air travel to programme areas more closely, enabling us to reduce flight mileage by 50% compared to 2024. While we recognise that it is not possible to completely avoid air travel, we are committed to being mindful and prudent in our travel planning.

For the period 2025-2028, our target is to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by 10% per full-time equivalent (FTE) of staff in our global office. Furthermore, we have decided to offset our annual carbon footprint for 2025 through Climate Stewards. We have also decided to measure our carbon footprint again in 2025 (mid-term) and 2027 (end-term). The mid-term review shows a 15.6% reduction compared to the 2023 baseline report. Converted to our KPI of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions per FTE, this equates to a 24.4% decrease. .



### Climate Stewards

In 2023 and 2025, we commissioned Climate Stewards to calculate the carbon footprint of our global office in the Netherlands. The 2023 measurement serves as a baseline. The 2025 measurement represents an interim assessment. During our strategic period, we aim to reduce the CO<sub>2</sub> emissions per full-time equivalent (FTE) by 10% compared to the 2023 baseline.

Climate Stewards calculated our 2025 carbon footprint, which was found to be 259 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> for our global office in the Netherlands. The mid-term review shows that we are on track, with a 15.6% reduction in total CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. When these figures are converted to emissions per full-time equivalent (FTE), this results in a 24.4% reduction in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions per FTE for 2025 compared to the 2023 baseline.

**15.6% reduction**  
 in total  
 CO<sub>2</sub> emissions

Our policy on sustainable travel in the Netherlands has contributed significantly to this. Staff are using the train more often to travel from home to the office. Although international flights are necessary for our work, we aim to minimise our CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from flights in the coming years. We critically assess our flying behaviour and monitor our flight movements. We intend to carry out a further measurement as a final survey in 2027.

At programme level, we are continuing to implement climate adaptation measures, such as reforestation, the use of drought-resistant crops, and water harvesting methods. Alternative energy solutions, such as solar panels and energy-efficient stoves, are also becoming more common in the areas where we operate.

### Social

In late 2025, we underwent a second maintenance audit by HQAI, a certified audit organisation for the Core Humanitarian Standard. The issues identified in the previous audit were successfully addressed. At Help a Child, we believe that adhering to the Core Humanitarian Standard helps create a positive social environment for all stakeholders.

With the opening of our new global office in the Netherlands, we made some modifications to foster a good working environment for our employees. In 2025, the HR department also continued to monitor employee stress, happiness at work, and vitality in

order to respond appropriately. A risk analysis was carried out for the Dutch office in 2024. The resulting measures were implemented.

### Governance

At Help a Child, providing a safe environment for everyone involved is of the utmost importance. In 2024, we updated the Integrity Policy and whistleblowing procedures. However, it became clear in practice that, although the Integrity Policy was in place, it was not fully understood by the communities. Furthermore, some communities were unsure how to report an issue or raise concerns. In 2025, we conducted a Listening Project to gain a better understanding of how project participants perceive Help a Child's communication and to ascertain whether they are aware of the process for reporting feedback and complaints. A total of 208 project participants, including eight children, from eight project locations in four countries were interviewed. In 2026, we will implement the recommendations.

Towards the end of 2024, it was decided that a Works Council would be established within Help a Child in the Netherlands. The Works Council was formed in February 2025. A Works Council was also established at Help a Child Rwanda in 2024.

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# Fundraising, Communication and Finance

Fundraising and communication are essential parts of our work at Help a Child. We highly value our donors and constituents, without whom our work would not be possible. In a sector facing hard times with decreasing funding and an unfavourable political climate, we are once again amazed by the support of our general donors and our strong funding diversification.

Their contributions have enabled us to continue our work and share our stories. We have been able to connect the worlds of humanitarian and development aid with churches, businesses, schools, foundations, institutional donors, and our private donors. Together, we have made an impact on the world's most vulnerable people.

## Institutional relations

The Institutional Fundraising (IF) portfolio continues to expand in scale and strategic depth, engaging partners such as ECHO, the United Nations, UNICEF, the Dutch Relief Alliance (DRA), and foundations including the Pharos Foundation and Wees een Kans. Managing diverse compliance

and reporting requirements requires strong coordination across fundraising, programmes, finance, and communications to ensure high-quality proposals and accountable implementation.

Following the 2024 merger of Institutional Relations with Fundraising & Awareness, institutional fundraising is now fully integrated within the broader fundraising team. This has strengthened cross-market collaboration across institutional donors, Dutch private markets, churches, businesses, and legacy giving, enabling more strategic positioning of programme concepts.

In 2025, 34 applications were submitted, with 19 approved and one pending, resulting in a 55.8% success rate. This reflects

improved pipeline management, stronger proposal quality, and close collaboration between the global office and country offices. Fundraising visits and proposal development trainings further strengthened country-level ownership and donor engagement.

We concluded a partnership with an impact fund and impact investor, reinforcing results-based management, measurable outcomes, and cost-efficiency. The DRA remains the largest donor, with Help a Child leading the South Sudan response, strengthening consortium leadership and institutional credibility.

# Dutch constituency

Help a Child has a large Dutch constituency, and we are thankful for their help, donations and prayer. We offer, next to the possibility to donate general funds, three private funding models:

## Sponsorship

In our Child-Centred Community Development (CCCD) programmes, sponsorship is our primary funding model. Sponsors are connected to one of our Child Ambassadors or an Ambassador Family. Sponsors receive individual updates and photos, as well as a yearly newsletter. Sponsors can also write back to the child or family. The monthly contribution made by the sponsor benefits the entire project. Children in the area can all join the programme, sponsorship is not a prerequisite.

As we value the safety of children, we have decided to stop publishing photos of children available for sponsorship on our website. Sponsors can no longer choose a specific child. The increasing digitalisation of our world makes it easier for children's photos to be misused, and we want to keep all the children in our projects safe.

## Turakura

2025 marked the first full year of our Turakura Model, a community-based funding model that provides an alternative to individual sponsorship. Supporters show their support for the whole community by making a monthly contribution to the project as a whole. In return, supporters receive updates from ten Turakura families in the form of videos, personal stories and a yearly newsletter.

These families were selected by their villages and enjoy the trust

	2025		2024	
	Number of donors	Average donation	Number of donors	Average donation
Individuals	19,218	316	20,287	307
Churches	508	1,019	535	1,102
Schools	63	839	85	669
Companies	244	2,654	249	3,124
Foundations*	61	22,632	56	36,727
Legators	21	32,543	29	14,712
	<b>20,115</b>	<b>466</b>	<b>21,241</b>	<b>457</b>

\* excl. Charity shops

of the local community. As we create these stories, we value the families' input. Key to successful co-creation is working with local media teams who understand cultural sensitivities and involving the families actively in our plans. The families involved decide together on the topics and stories to be shared. This gives the Dutch constituency a glimpse into the challenges and successes of everyday life.

## Emergency Fund

Help a Child operates an Emergency Fund for Disaster Response programmes, through which donors can make regular or one-off contributions to support children in DRC and South Sudan. We focus our interventions on Early Childhood Education, psychosocial support, birth registration, safe spaces and family reunification in areas affected by war, violence and hunger.

Following the escalation of conflict in eastern DRC, particularly in and around Goma where our DRC office is located, we launched a national campaign in early 2025. This campaign enabled us to raise additional funds and inform our supporters about the severe challenges faced by millions of displaced people.

## Awareness

Keeping our supporters and the wider Dutch public informed about developments in our sector is one of our key activities. We raise awareness of various issues, including the injustices we witness in the countries where we work, the devastating consequences of climate change, and the impact of violence, hunger and war.

As an organisation, we provide tools to help people make personal changes that will make the world a fairer, cleaner and more just place. We communicate with our supporters via our own channels and with a broader audience via newspapers, radio and television. As a child-centred organisation, we have made several videos in which Dutch children share their views on subjects such as climate change, helping others, changing the world, and offering advice to adults and leaders.

## Churches, schools and business

### Churches

In 2025, churches continued to be an essential pillar of support for Help a Child. A total of 508 churches contributed to our work, including 57 new participants. Their collective support generated €518,000 for our programmes.

While the cancellation of the 2024 Inspiration trip to Rwanda affected planned income, the overall result reflects the ongoing commitment of our church partners.

One tangible outcome of this support was the completion of six Early Childhood Development centres. The majority of the funding came from churches, and we are sincerely grateful for their commitment to investing in the futures of young children and their communities.

In September 2025, the deacons' trip to Rwanda took place as planned. This visit strengthened relationships, deepened mutual understanding and established important groundwork for closer cooperation with churches in 2026.

**Schools**

Primary schools supported Help a Child through various initiatives, such as sponsored runs, child sponsorship and collective savings campaigns. The partnership with sector association BCB has come to an end. In 2025, primary schools raised almost €53,000. In November, we launched the Children's Rights Festival to build on the success of the savings campaign. During this themed week, pupils across the Netherlands learnt about children's rights, both locally and globally, while school communities were encouraged to take action to help children in Africa and India. Schools organised fundraising activities,



such as second-hand book fairs and themed markets, as well as encouraging children to complete chores at home in return for money. The school that raised the most money received a fully catered sports day out for the whole school, reflecting the Right to Play theme of the festival.

**Business**

The year 2025 was characterised by uncertainty due to changes in the political landscape in the Netherlands and around the world. Despite these challenges, we are grateful for our loyal base of corporate supporters. In 2025, we raised €648,000. More entrepreneurs than usual ended their Grow Partner membership or sponsorship agreements. However, this decline was offset by several new major donors, which helped stabilise our overall income. Our 58 Grow Partners remained a strong and committed group. A networking event at 'Campenaer Koffie' strengthened existing relationships and resulted in two new partners joining the programme. Preparations have begun for a second Grow Partner programme in Uganda. Interest

has been high, with four new and two existing Grow Partners already signed up. The official launch is planned for September 2026. In 2025, we introduced a new, more sustainable corporate gift to replace the sound cards. This gift was a success, with one entrepreneur placing a large order that boosted customer engagement and brand visibility. Advertising in De Nieuwe Koers and Nederlands Dagblad generated some private donations, but did not lead to new corporate donors. Research into reaching millennials in the corporate market did not yield immediate results, so we collaborated with an external agency to further grow this segment.

**Legacies**

Legacies are of great importance to our work as they fund additional activities. Thanks to these gifts, we can make a real difference in countries facing mounting challenges. For this reason, we actively raise awareness of legacy giving as a meaningful way to contribute. In 2025, total income from legacies amounted to €683,000.

## Ambassadors

In 2025, Tim Schouten played a valuable role as an ambassador for Help a Child in the Netherlands. As a theatre maker and a familiar face from the EO programme Checkpoint, he inspired many children and young people, as well as schools, once again. He was visibly involved in several campaigns, including the Children's Rights Festival and the Strandheem event, where he led a creative workshop. He also made a significant contribution to our online child sponsorship campaign, helping us to reach new target audiences.

Also in 2025, we said goodbye to Reyer, a singer-songwriter who had served as an ambassador for Help a Child for many years. Through his music, performances and personal engagement, he made a valuable contribution to raising our profile and strengthening our connection with our supporters. We are grateful for his dedication and wish him all the best for the future.

With the arrival of Carla van Weelie, our team of ambassadors has been strengthened once again. Carla was involved with EO Metterdaad for many years, during which time her warm engagement and heartfelt



Carla van Weelie

storytelling touched the lives of countless people. She also served on the Supervisory Board of Help a Child for many years, giving her a deep understanding of our mission and way of working. Carla will help us increase awareness of Help a Child among the Dutch church community, which is a perfect match for her passion and network.

## Charity shops

The year 2025 was a successful year for our second-hand charity shops. Our shops performed above expectations. Sales increased in all shops, benefiting from a positive consumer sentiment around



Tim Schouten

second-hand shopping. We sold 828.490 products in our seven shops. In 2025, the second-hand charity shops contributed almost €800,000 to our programmes.

As a step to further professionalize our shops we worked on a new volunteer policy. This document is re-aligned with Dutch law on volunteers and provides more clarity and tools to support our volunteers in their work for the shops.

We started a partnership with 'de Nationale Kringloopbon', a Dutch gift card company that only collaborates with second-hand stores. This will help us in our goal to normalize second-hand gifting and shopping and reach even more potential customers.

Our goal was to open two new stores in 2025. Unfortunately, this goal was not achieved due to complicated permitting regulations. We are grateful we could end the year on a high note with obtaining permit approvals to open three new shops in 2026.





# Finance

At the end of 2025, we were granted a large subsidy from the Dutch Relief Alliance for an Acute Response programme in DRC and Burundi. The cash was received in the first quarter of 2026, which led to a high receivable amount in the balance sheet at the end of 2025. At the same time, the related partner commitments were not paid in 2025, resulting in a relatively high amount of payables in respect of programmes.

In 2025, we implemented a lot of activities in our CCCD programmes for which we still had funds available. As a result, our special purpose funds significantly decreased and also our cash decreased by more than €700,000.

Besides the decrease of designated funds, our continuity

reserve increased by more than €260,000.

Finally, we faced a significant increase of subsidies received in advance. In 2025, we received a number of subsidies of which implementation started late in the year. For some of these subsidies, we received a large amount in advance in 2025, which will be used to finance these programmes in 2026.

In 2025, our income increased with more than 10% from €23.7 million (2024) to €26.1 million (2025). The main reason for this increase is the income received from government subsidies. We managed to diversify our donor portfolio in 2025, resulting in an increase of subsidies. Related to our lead role in a number of Joint Response

programmes of the Dutch Relief Alliance (DRA), our income includes €8.2 million (2024: €7.2 million), which is directly distributed to our consortium members in South Sudan and in DRC.

Income from individuals remained stable compared to 2024, but were lower than budget. Our ambitions for 2025 were too optimistic, but at the same time, we also faced challenges in available capacity to execute our marketing campaigns for individual private donors.

Income from charity shops (income from related non-profit organisations) increased to nearly €800,000 in 2025, which exceeded budget.

## Balance sheet as at December 31, 2025

(amounts in €1,000)	December 31, 2025	December 31, 2024	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022	December 31, 2021
<b>ASSETS</b>					
Intangible fixed assets	375	407	109	103	75
Tangible fixed assets	353	370	723	656	651
Financial fixed assets	351	525	587	319	228
Receivables and accrued items	4,142	1,471	1,843	1,133	1,680
Cash and cash equivalents	2,264	2,988	2,460	3,439	3,715
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>7,485</b>	<b>5,761</b>	<b>5,722</b>	<b>5,650</b>	<b>6,349</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>					
Continuity reserve	2,393	2,131	2,025	1,787	1,991
Special purpose reserves	79	98	150	510	611
Special purpose funds	291	1,383	1,731	1,577	1,625
Total reserves and funds	2,763	3,612	3,906	3,875	4,227
Long-term liabilities	-	-	-	4	8
Short-term liabilities	4,722	2,149	1,816	1,771	2,114
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>7,485</b>	<b>5,761</b>	<b>5,722</b>	<b>5,650</b>	<b>6,349</b>

Our total income exceeded budget with more than €2 million. As a result, we were also able to spend almost the same additional amount on objectives.

The expenditure on objectives as a percentage of our total income was 93.4% in 2025 (2025 budget: 90.3%; 2024 actuals: 91.6%); as a percentage of our total expenses, the expenditure on objectives was 90.3% in 2025 (2025 budget: 89.7%; 2024 actuals: 89.9%).

The costs of raising income as a percentage of raised income were 6.5% in 2025 (2025 budget: 7.2%; 2024 actuals: 6.9%).

Our expenses for management

and administration were almost €90,000 higher than budget in 2025, due to out-of-pocket expenses made for the research of a possible merger with Dorcas.

Costs of management and administration as a percentage of total expenditure were 3.4% in 2025 (2025 budget: 3.4%; 2024 actuals: 3.2%).

In 2026, we expect to budget for a relatively stable income compared to 2025. Most of our government subsidies will be more or less continued in 2026. For private donations, we expect to budget

for a moderate increase in income from individuals and businesses.

**Statement of income and expenditures 2025**

(amounts in €1,000)	2025	budget 2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
<b>INCOME</b>						
Income from individuals	6,825	7,371	6,742	6,904	6,736	6,557
Income from businesses	648	647	733	591	719	605
Income from government subsidies	15,847	13,310	13,506	5,341	5,205	5,821
Income from related non-profit organisations	795	725	576	229	248	251
Income from other non-profit organisations	1,898	2,030	1,835	1,743	1,898	1,391
Other income	100	5	290	26	35	-3
<b>Total income</b>	<b>26,113</b>	<b>24,088</b>	<b>23,682</b>	<b>14,834</b>	<b>14,841</b>	<b>14,622</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>						
Expenditure on objectives	24,388	22,228	21,693	12,558	13,034	12,511
Costs raising income	1,682	1,728	1,643	1,515	1,346	1,319
Management and administration costs	926	837	781	740	745	638
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>26,997</b>	<b>24,793</b>	<b>24,117</b>	<b>14,813</b>	<b>15,125</b>	<b>14,468</b>
<b>Balance</b>	<b>-884</b>	<b>-705</b>	<b>-435</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>-284</b>	<b>154</b>
Net financial income and expenditure	69	40	110	47	-9	9
<b>Net income and expenses</b>	<b>-815</b>	<b>-665</b>	<b>-325</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>-293</b>	<b>163</b>

# ANNEXES



# Our Theory of Change

## How Help a Child makes a difference



### Step 1: overall objective

Central to our Theory of Change is our overall objective: to improve the well-being of children in need so that they can live their lives in dignity and to the fullest.



### Step 2: holistic child development

Holistic child development is the core principle in our Theory of Change. It means that we consider all four dimensions of a child's wellbeing: physical, mental, emotional and spiritual.



### Step 3: intended results

Specific results in four areas contribute towards holistic child development: children themselves, youth, parents and the wider community.

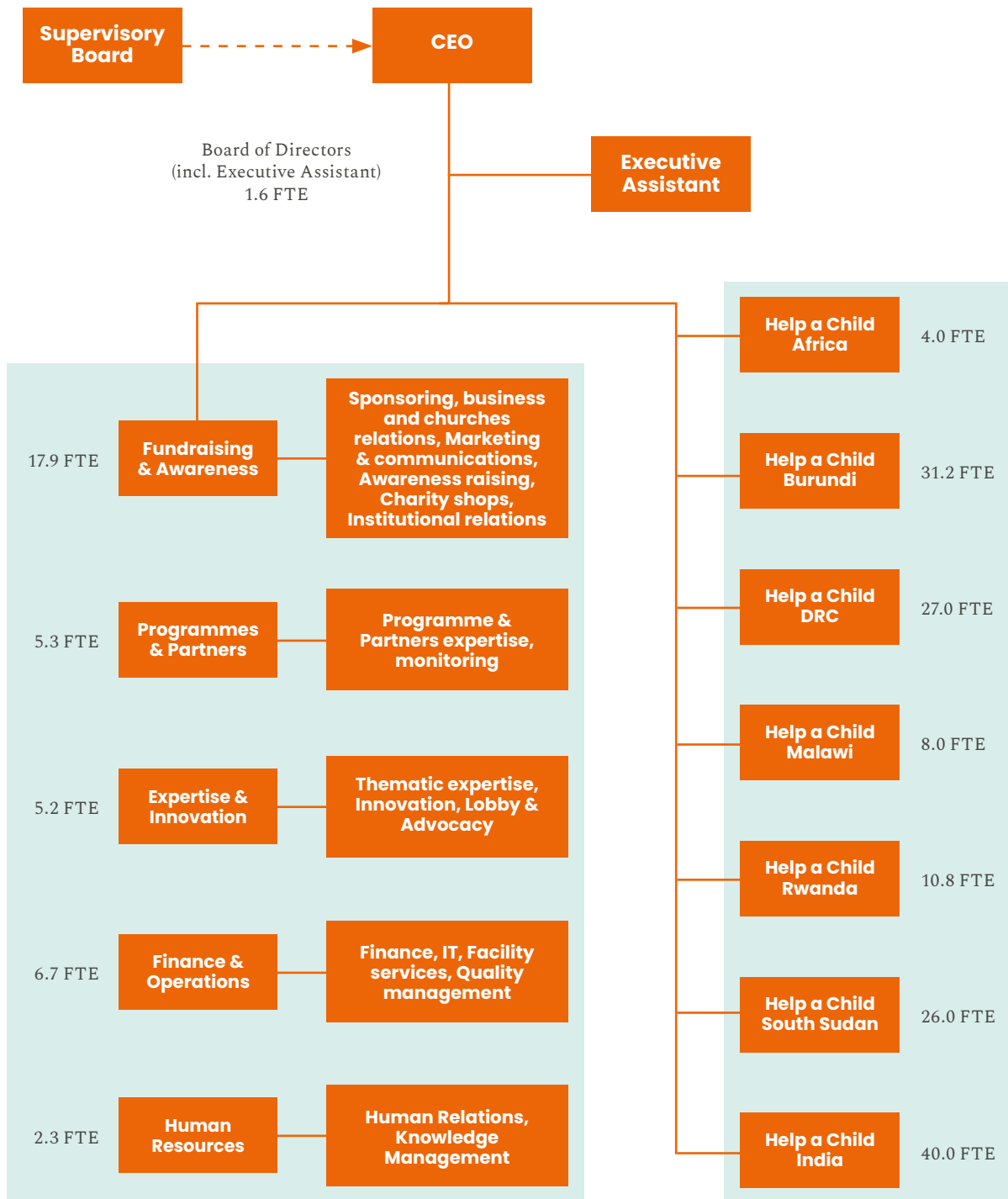
### Step 4: our main strategies

Help a Child uses three main strategies to achieve the impact we envision: we set up and facilitate groups, we arrange access to basic needs together with the transfer of knowledge and skills and we partner with external actors as much as possible.



# Organisational chart

(average fte in 2025)



# Our partners and donors

## BURUNDI

### Implementing partners:

- FECABU (Fraternité Évangélique du Christ en Afrique au Burundi)
- Help Channel Burundi
- RCBIF (Réseau des Confessions Religieuses pour la Promotion de la Santé et le Bien Etre Intégral de la Famille)
- SAD (Social Action for Development)

### Donors:

- Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs – Dutch Relief Alliance
- EU
- UNICEF
- World Food Programme (WFP)
- EO Metterdaad
- Stichting Rehoboth

## DRC

### Implementing partners:

- ADED (Appui au Développement de l'Enfant en Détresse)
- CAU (Collectif Alpha Ujuvi)
- Help Channel Congo
- FECONDE (Femme Congolaise pour le Développement)

### Donors:

- Dutch ministry of Foreign Affairs – Dutch Relief Alliance
- ECHO with Medair
- UNICEF
- USAID-BHA with Medair
- World Bank with COOPI (Cooperazione Internazionale)
- EO Metterdaad
- Other foundations and businesses

## INDIA

### Implementing partners:

- Gramodaya
- Help a Child and Woman of India
- RPC NEI (Reformed Presbyterian Church North East India)

### Donors:

- Enza zaden
- Vista Hermosa
- Other foundations and businesses

## KENYA

### Implementing partners:

- ADS (Anglican Development Services)
- AICCAD (Africa Inland Church Child and Community Development)
- NCCCK (National Council of Churches of Kenya)

### Revolving fund partner:

- Neema Talent Sacco

### Donors:

- Growth Partners
- KYOS
- Rijk Zwaan/Holland Green Tech
- Stichting Jarola
- Stichting Universitas
- Other foundation and businesses

## LEBANON

### Implementing partner:

- Dorcas Aid International

## MALAWI

### Implementing partners:

- LISAP (Livingstonia Synod Aids Programme; Church of Central Africa Presbyterian)
- WACRAD (World Alive Commission for Relief and Development)

### Revolving fund partner:

- Rising Finance Limited

### Donors:

- EU with Nkhata Bay District Council
- EU with Rumphu District Council
- EO Metterdaad
- Stichting Cascade
- Koopman Logistics Group BV
- Restaurant De Oude Tol, Oud-Beijerland
- Other foundations and businesses

## RWANDA

### Implementing partners:

- AEE (African Evangelistic Enterprise)
- EPR (Église Presbytérienne au Rwanda)

### Revolving fund partner:

- Sangwa Sacco

### Donors:

- LEGO Foundation & Government of Rwanda through Education Outcome Fund
- UNICEF
- Stichting Pharus
- Other foundations and businesses

## SOMALIA

### Implementing partner:

- Medair

### Donors:

- Dutch ministry of Foreign Affairs – Dutch Relief Alliance

## SOUTH SUDAN

### DRA Consortium partners:

- CARE
- Dorcas Aid International
- Plan International
- Save the Children
- Tearfund
- War Child

### Implementing partners:

- Across

### Donors:

- Dutch ministry of Foreign Affairs – Dutch Relief Alliance
- EO Metterdaad
- Stichting Pharus
- UNICEF

## UGANDA

### Implementing partners:

- AEE (African Evangelistic Enterprise)
- SAO (Share an Opportunity)

### Revolving fund partners:

- Local Village Banks

### Donor:

- Growth Partners
- Kruitbosch Zwolle BV
- Rijk Zwaan/Holland Green Tech
- Stichting Wees een Kans
- Other foundations and businesses

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- CARE Nederland
- Cordaid
- Core Humanitarian Standard (CHS) Alliance
- Dorcas Aid International
- Dutch Relief Alliance
- EO Metterdaad
- EU Cord
- Humanitarian Quality Assurance Initiative (HQA)
- Forth Global
- Global Campaign for Education Nederland
- Global initiative to support parents: call to action (ECDAN)
- Invi
- Keeping Children Safe
- Light for the World
- Medair
- Micha Nederland
- Oxfam Novib
- Partos
- Plan International
- Prisma
- Save the Children
- SOS Kinderdorpen
- Stichting Kringloop voor Red een Kind
- Stichting Vluchteling
- Tearfund
- Terre des Hommes
- UNHCR
- University of Utrecht (UU)
- Wageningen University & Research (WUR)
- War Child
- Woord en Daad
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