

ChildFund Alliance Overview

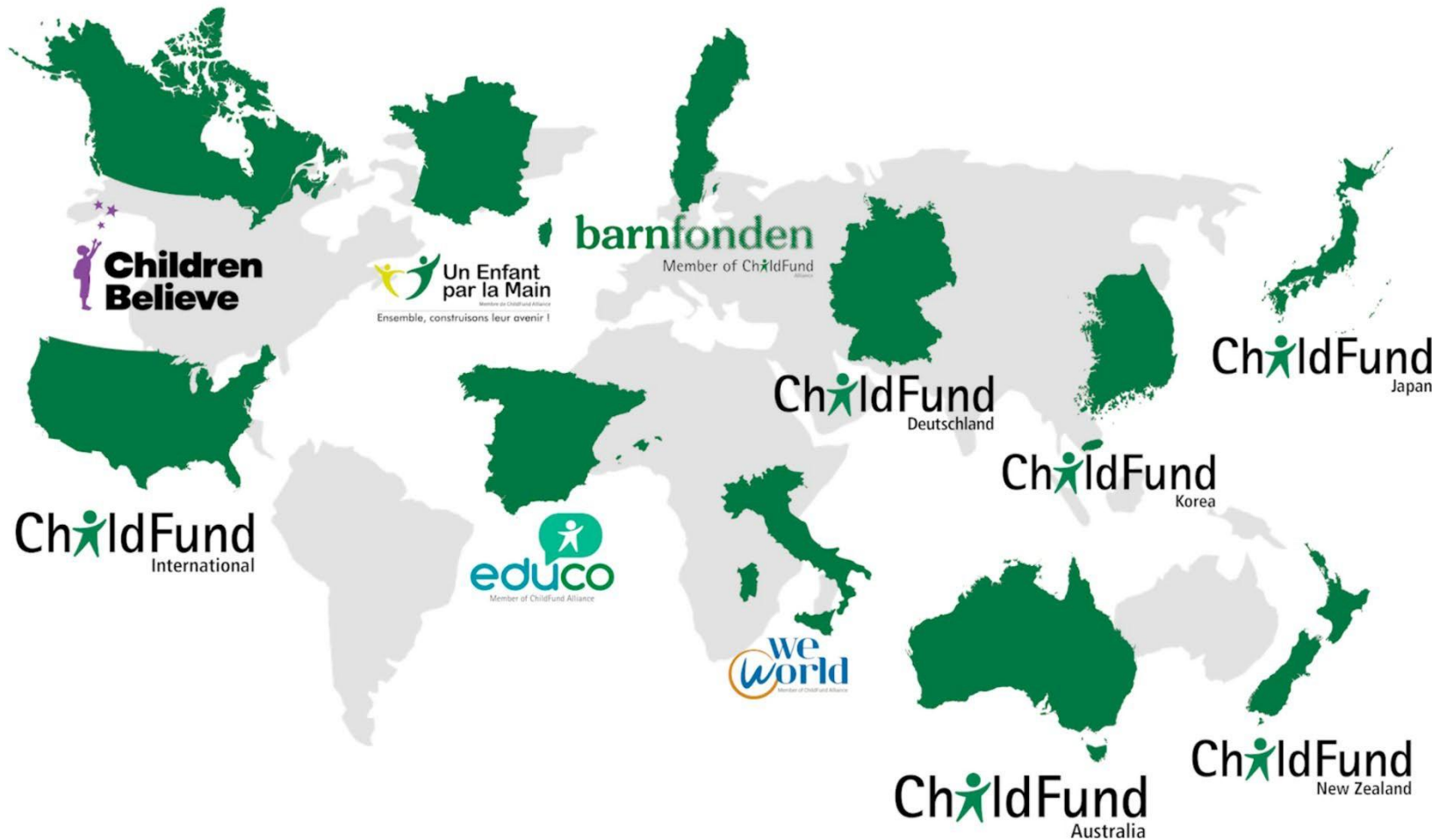


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free from violence and exploitation



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ChildFund Alliance is a global network of 11 child-focused development and humanitarian organizations working in 70 countries around the world.

We provide nutrition, health care, education and life skills to nearly 30 million children and families.

Established in 2002 as a **global force for children**, the Alliance builds on 80 years of member experiences to improve the lives of children, families and communities.



ChildFund's Vision & Mission

Vision



A world in which all children enjoy their rights and achieve their full potential.

Mission



Together with children, we create sustainable solutions that protect and advance their rights and well-being.





Our Commitment

We are committed to doing all we can to **prevent** violence at all levels, **protect** children from violence and exploitation, and enable children to meaningfully **participate** in decisions related to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.





Framework of the UNCRC

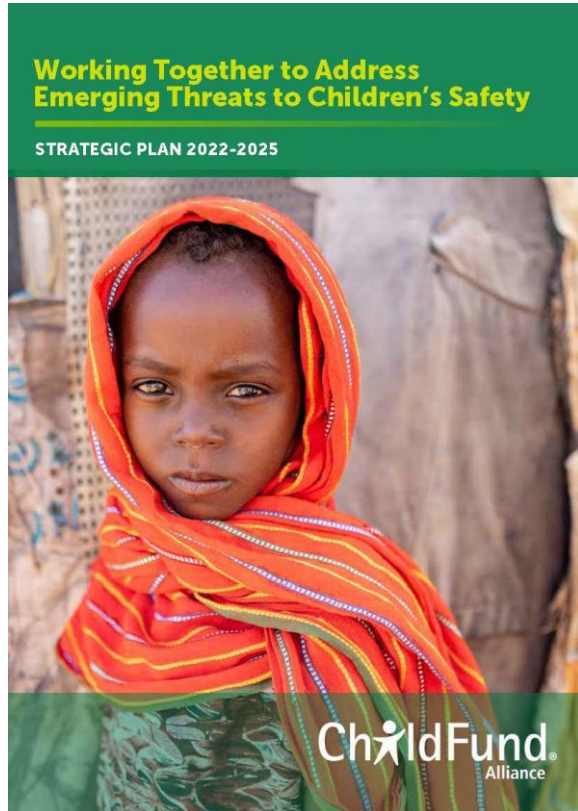
ChildFund's work is carried out within the framework of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child and in support of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), as identified in *Transforming Our World: The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development*. The Alliance played a key role in securing SDG target 16.2 to “end abuse, exploitation, trafficking and all forms of violence against and torture of children.”

This work continues to play a key role in our latest strategic plan, *Working Together to Address Emerging Threats to Children's Safety*, in which we reassert our longstanding commitment to ending violence against children as called for in target 16.2.



Strategic Plan

Strategic Plan FY22-25



In June 2021, ChildFund CEOs and Board members approved a four-year strategic plan for 2022-2025, *Working Together to Address Emerging Threats to Children's Safety*. The Plan identifies three strategic priorities.

Working Together to Address Emerging Threats to Children's Safety

Strategic Priorities

STRATEGIC PRIORITY 1: Protecting Children from Emerging Threats

Strengthen our long-standing commitment to end violence against children and positively impact their lives by tackling threats that are projected to significantly impact them in the future.

STRATEGIC PRIORITY 2: Working Together as One

Operate according to eight principles that inspire us, keep us aligned, and guide our collective decision making to better tackle the challenges facing children and young people today.

STRATEGIC PRIORITY 3: Building Partnerships for Sustainable Impact & Growth

Develop increased cooperative efforts across the Alliance to create new, long-term partnerships with those who share our determination to create a safer future for children.



Governance & Members



Board of Directors & CEO Forum gathering May 2023



Meg Gardinier serves as the Secretary General of ChildFund Alliance, which is overseen by a Board of Directors. The Secretary General works closely with the CEO Forum, which comprises leadership from all 11 member organizations.



The Secretariat–New York

The Office of the Secretariat manages the day-to-day operations of the Alliance. The Secretariat has headquarters in New York City, in close proximity to the United Nations, and a Europe Office located in Brussels.

Secretary General

Meg Gardinier

Director of Strategy and Engagement

Lisa MacSpadden

Senior Advisor, Advocacy and Policy

Ryan De Souza

United Nations Representative

Martin Svatek

Senior Advisor, Humanitarian Affairs

Faith Nimineh

Program Administrative Assistant

Dennis Aveta



The Secretariat–Brussels

Europe Office



Established in Brussels in 2014, the Europe Office (EO) works to strengthen cooperation with European Union institutions. The office advocates with key EU institutions on policies, programs and funding opportunities to promote children rights.

The EU team provides strategic guidance on the development and implementation of the EO strategy.

The Europe Office (EO) Director

Catherine Lalonde

EU Partnership Advisor

Cristina Guevara

Global Partnerships Advisor

Joohee Haleem



ChildFund Alliance & Climate Change



Goal: Children and young people are transformation champions in addressing climate change and environmental issues as it affects their rights (local, national, and global levels).

ChildFund Alliance members work on climate change through direct programs actions and advocacy at the global, regional and national levels.

Our combined strength, expertise and commitments to deliver direct programs to children their families who lives have been impacted by climate change and our advocacy efforts with children are at the core of our approach to tackling the climate crisis.

We have adopted a child rights perspective in alignment with our approach to our overall work.



ChildFund Alliance's View of the Climate Problem

"The climate and environmental crisis is a child rights problem, because it not only constitutes a great threat to their future, but also a threat to their right to live their life to their fullest."

Policy Brief

The linkages between climate changes and environmental degradation on the levels of violence and abuse of children and young people.

The safety and security throughout increased disasters and extreme weather events, as well as the knock-on impact of increased conflicts, forced migration, and diminished livelihoods generated by environmental changes.





ChildFund Alliance's Priorities

Priority 1: Addressing Children's Rights to Information:

We recognized that the most important way to have impact on the climate and environmental crisis is to support children and young people with skills and capacity to become champions with us.

ChildFund members have been investing in young people's environmental education: e.g., ***In Haiti, Bangladesh, India,*** all these programs address the needs of providing information to children and young people to address climate change. ***[Details are in our policy brief.](#)***





ChildFund Alliance's Priorities

Priority 2: Advancing Children's Rights to take action.

Children and young people are aware of the climate crisis; they also need to know that they have a role in improving the world and have agency over their future.

Examples of some of our programs:

- **Youth Voice Now – Indonesia**
- **#ClimateofChange consortium project**
- **Child-friendly Accountability**





ChildFund Alliance's Priorities

Priority 3: Supporting Children's Rights to be Prepared

ChildFund Alliance members are aware of the immediate and current impacts of climate change and ongoing environmental degradation

Examples of some of our programs:

- *Involved in disaster risk reduction and preparedness for many years and it is an important entry point for engaging communities.*
- *Participatory Resilience with children, co-creating and leading locally-led initiatives.*
- *Youth Led-climate action pilot program in India.* Children Believe





Partnerships and Joint Actions

Partnerships: we advocate for children's rights in climate discussions and processes as a member of different networks:

- **Children's Environmental Rights Initiative:** working to place children's Rights at the center of climate change decision making and action. *Joint advocacy: Policy Brief: [Centering Children's Rights at COP28.](#)*
- [Children in a changing climate coalition:](#) Supporting children in raising their voices on climate action and engaging with decision makers and policy processes; providing links with governments at national, regional and global level. E.g. [Child-friendly version of the Sendia Framework for DRR.](#)
- **The Sendia Engagement Mechanism(SEM):** The Sendai Stakeholder Engagement Mechanism (SEM) is a group of non-state stakeholders advocating for the recognition and implementation of disaster risk reduction (DRR) in intergovernmental policies, including in climate action. *Climate Finance; intersection of DRR & humanitarian Action.*



Stakeholder Engagement Mechanism

SENDAI FRAMEWORK
FOR DISASTER RISK REDUCTION 2015-2030

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Symphony of Future: Children's Vision of Climate Action *A COP28 Side Event*

Among the most impacted by climate change induced disasters are children. As the future of our planet, they will have to bear a disproportionate share of the burden of climate related crises, yet they are largely left out of the discussion. **The need for children to be meaningfully engaged during COP28 is urgent.** We hope you will join us to hear their perspectives and expectations for a resilient future during our hybrid attended by children and youth from around the world.

9 December 2023

13:00 – 15:00 hours

[ZOOM REGISTRATION](#)



Future Plan: Strategic Priority

The Alliance Strategic Plan for 2026-2030 has Climate Change as a strategic objective and we will continue to work with children and young people and engage policy makers on collective agency, decision making and planning.

“If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together.” – *African Proverb*





Thank You

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