

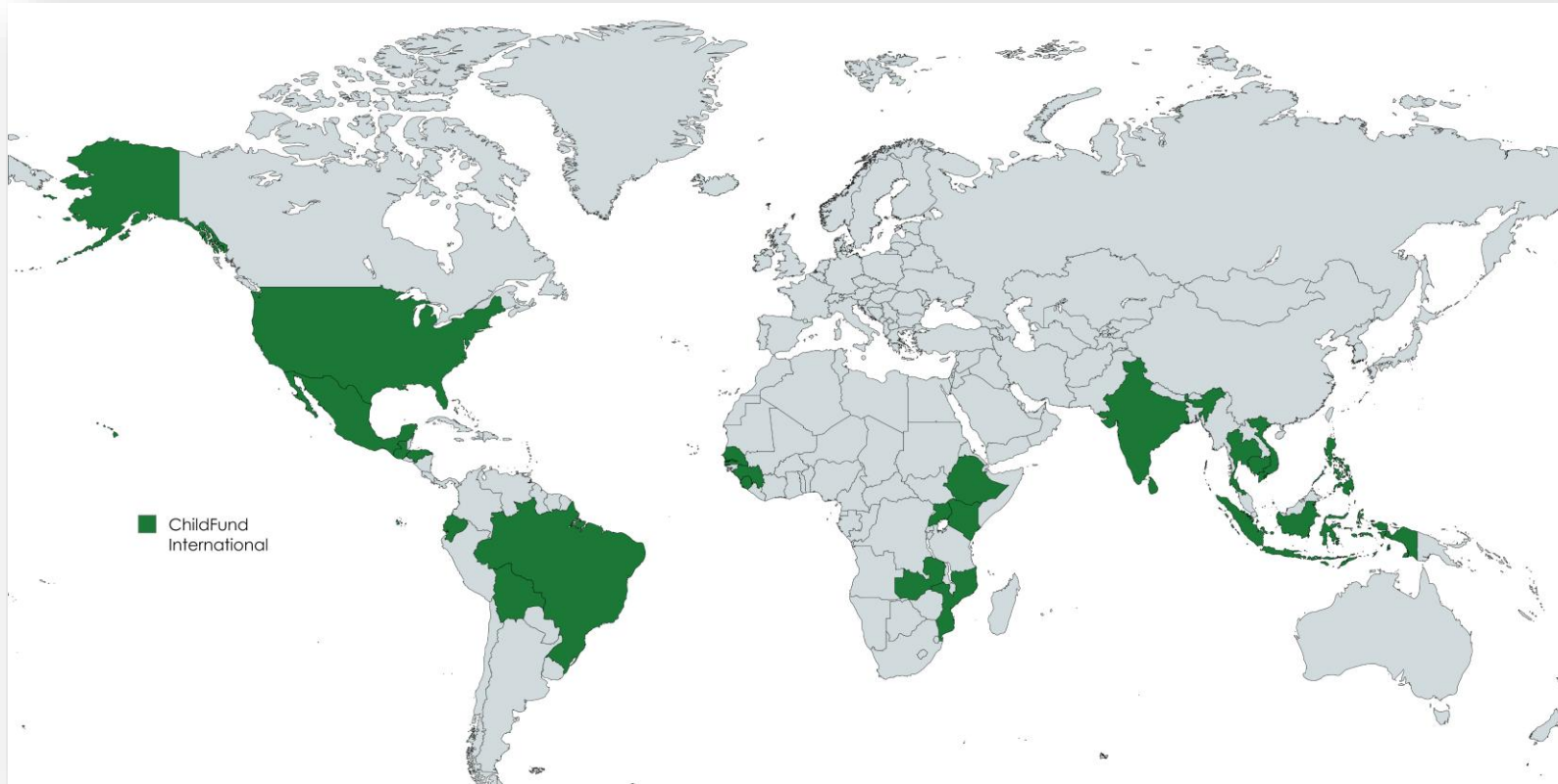
ChildFund International

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Background on ChildFund International



- Child-centered and locally driven since 1938
- Work through local partners in 24 countries with continued partnerships 20+ years
- Individual sponsorship, donations, and grant funding.
- Transforming systems together

GROWING CONNECTIONS STRATEGY

BOLD GOAL: BY 2030, CHILDFUND WILL REACH 100 MILLION VULNERABLE CHILDREN AND FAMILY MEMBERS ANNUALLY TO HELP CHILDREN GROW UP HEALTHY, EDUCATED, SKILLED AND SAFE.



SCALE CHILD-CENTERED PROGRAMS

Support child health, education, skills, and safety

Expand program delivery methods

Measure impact on children



INFLUENCE CHILD DEVELOPMENT ECOSYSTEM

Influence government programs & policy

Advance local ownership

Work closely with ChildFund Alliance and partners



GROW CAPABILITIES TO SCALE IMPACT

Grow diversified financial resources

Enhance culture of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

Improve digital capabilities

ChildFund® Partnerships

01

Localization

Empowers grassroots organization & community to lead sustainable demand-driven programs

02

Thought Leadership

Chairs END OSEAC Coalition in the US & a trusted partners of African Union Commission to develop the Model Law on Child Online Safety.

03

Policy Influence

\$120 million from a portfolio of diverse donors: corporate, foundation, multilateral & bilateral donors over the past four years.

04

Ecosystem Engagement

A member of ChildFund Alliance & one of the convenors for Joining Forces Alliance



The LEGO Foundation



CONRAD N. HILTON FOUNDATION



USAID
FROM THE AMERICAN PEOPLE



Nourish Life



British Embassy
Manila



mastercard foundation



Korea International
Cooperation Agency



Procter & Gamble



THE WORLD BANK

Partners:



End Childhood Sexual Violence



COALITION TO PROTECT KIDS ONLINE



WeProtect
GLOBAL ALLIANCE



Strathmore
UNIVERSITY



ACPF



Uniendo fuerzas por y con la niñez



AfriChild
Research. Policy. Impact.
The Centre for the study of the African Child



The World Conservation Union



ChildFund International is a member of ChildFund Alliance

ChildFund Alliance is a global network of **11 child-focused development organizations** helping nearly 23 million children and their families in 70 countries around the world.

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Member of ChildFund Alliance

Headquarters: Sweden
Active in 25 countries

ChildFund
Australia

Headquarters: Australia
Active in 32 countries

ChildFund
Deutschland

Headquarters: Germany
Active in 32 countries

ChildFund
International

Headquarters: United States
Active in 25 countries

ChildFund
Japan

Headquarters: Japan
Active in 3 countries

ChildFund
Korea

Headquarters: Korea
Active in 6 countries

ChildFund
New Zealand

Headquarters: New Zealand
Active in 6 countries

Children Believe

Headquarters: Canada
Active in 12 countries

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Headquarters: Spain
Active in 13 countries

Un Enfant par la Main
Membre de ChildFund Alliance
Ensemble, construisons leur avenir !

Headquarters: France
Active in 17 countries

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Member of ChildFund Alliance

Headquarters: Italy
Active in 27 countries

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Climate Action Disclaimer

As we are faced with the emerging challenges of climate change, it's important to note that when we speak about climate action and the number of actions required to take place, there is an injustice in this world where populations who are contributing the least to climate change are at already vulnerable states and at higher risk of its' effects.

This means that mitigation and adaptation efforts will be different depending on the context but should be grounded in ways that create equal distribution of opportunities and benefits with a future for all children, youth, and their families.

- Not everyone is contributing to climate change the same way and the burden of action shouldn't only be placed on marginalized communities.
- Solutions must ensure just transitions and center children and youth's future and *their environment*, so no one is left behind.
- Everyone's thoughtful voices and meaningful actions will support society norms and behavior change to overcome climate challenges across the planet. **Because we need each other.**

Climate justice

Child-centered just transitions

Climate action equity

Climate Action

let's protect what we love for children... now and for
the next generations.



What do you love about
nature?

General Comment No. 26

on

**Children's rights and the environment
with a special focus on climate change**



Version for Children

2023

It is a child's right!

- Children have a right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment
- It is the obligation of States to address environmental harm and climate change
- Duty bearers and adults must do their part to ensure the world is clean, healthy and safe for children.

Children will experience more extreme events in their lifetime

In a **1.5 °C** world, I, as a **4-year-old** from **Sub-Saharan Africa**, will experience

- 🔥 wildfires 1.3×,
- 🌊 river floods 4.6×,
- 🌾 crop failures 4.3×,
- 🌀 tropical cyclones 1.8×,
- 🌵 droughts 6.3× and
- ☀️ heatwaves 38.2×

more than without climate change.

#myclimatefuture

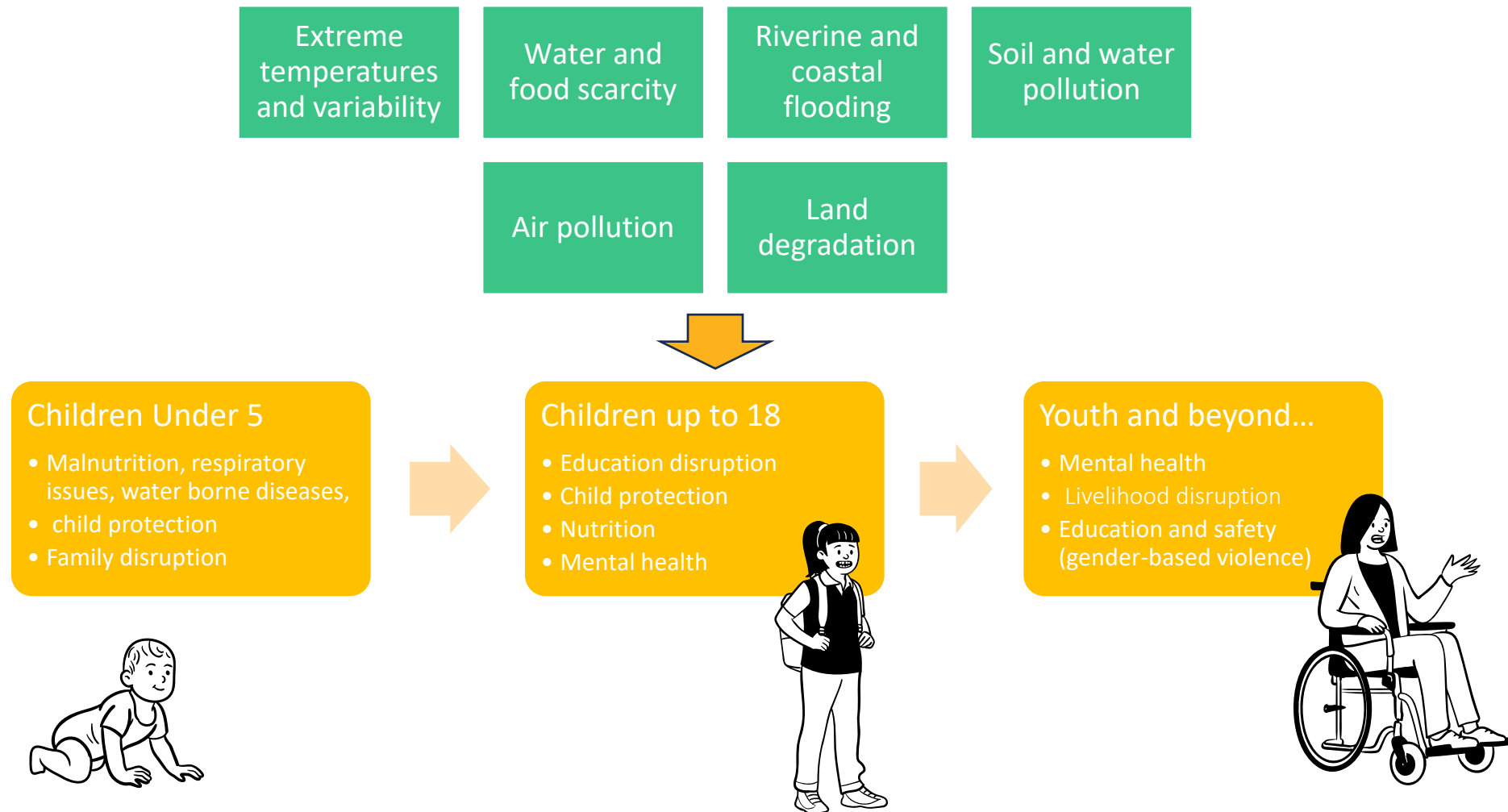
Do the test 👉 myclimatefuture.info



But we mustn't forget the SLOW-ONSET events...

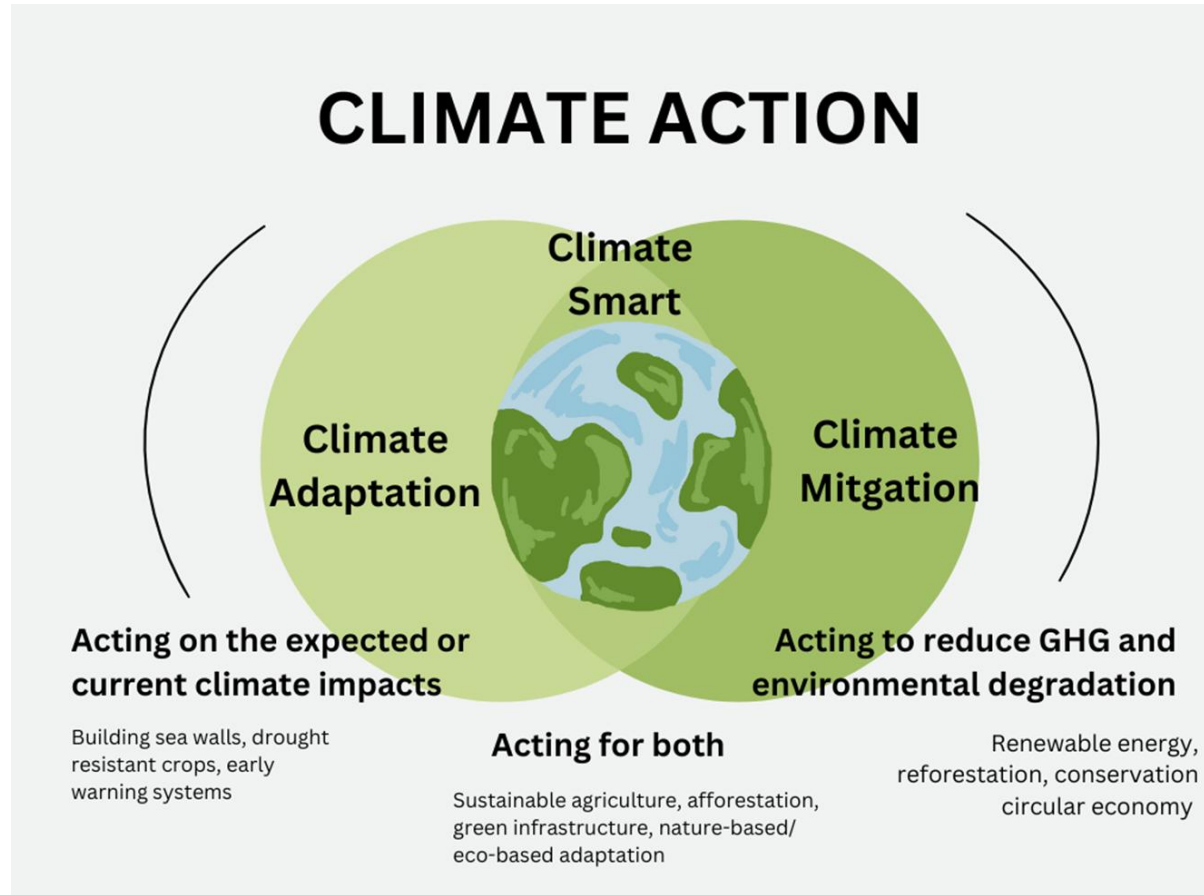


Child-specific vulnerabilities to climate and environmental hazards, shocks, and stresses. Vulnerabilities across time....



Children and the Climate Crises

Climate Action to Protect the Future... for Children



Aim to support communities in building their resilience to withstand the shocks and stressors of climate change impacts but also ensure their adaptive actions can contribute to a cleaner and safer environment for children and young people.

Climate Action is an opportunity to create a better world... for children

Protecting children and the planet so children can enjoy clean air, freshwater, and healthier environments

Some actions are:

- ✓ Future-proofing and protecting what we love so our world is enjoyable for future generations. **(environmental care)**
- ✓ Building resilience to the current and future climate impacts so children and their families can bounce back from severe stressors on their livelihoods, education, and health. **(climate change adaptation)**
- ✓ Ensure we are not creating more of a problem for future generations **(Verde and our internal Environmental Standards)...** in short, **doing our part as well!**



It's a child's right to a healthy environment [\(CRC/GC/26\)](#)

Examples of what this means at ChildFund...

Environmental Care

- ✓ Nature-based solutions for adapting such as reforestation and afforestation to protect erosion, improve water quality or provide shade.
- ✓ Transitioning to renewable energy such as solar, biochar, energy saving stoves, and water and waste management with aims to improve environment.
- ✓ Promoting reducing food waste and sustainable agriculture/livelihoods production that is good for the land and water use.
- ✓ World Environment Day and other campaigns

Climate Adaptation

- ✓ Climate smart agriculture such as drought resilient crops and planting techniques, water management like drip irrigation, water conservation methods and rainwater harvesting, and diversifying livelihoods to reduce reliance on climate sensitive income.
- ✓ DRR and early warning for climate disasters, and building climate resilient infrastructure (flood defenses) at schools .
- ✓ Building resilient water and food supplies
- ✓ Circular economy: turning waste into a product

Climate action across the ecosystem of a child



Everyone.. Even the environment has a role in climate action.... Because we need each other.

Did you know? Around one-third of the solutions* needed to stop climate change are best implemented at the household or family level!

**for high-income countries and areas with access to alternatives*



**Everything
is
connected**

We are not mutually exclusive from our land
and the environment.

Youth Voices on Climate Action



ChildFund Youth Speak Out on Climate Action

Key ideas, challenges, and demands from over 400 youth across 7 countries

In advance of the 2024 UNICEF-NGO consultation "Partnering for children in the climate crisis", ChildFund invited young climate advocates across our operating countries to participate by sharing their ideas on four thematic areas: Climate-Resilient Education and Green Skills; Youth-Led Initiatives and Accountability; Community Empowerment and Local Partnerships; and Child Protection in Climate Resilience.

From February to March 2024, over 400 youth between ages 18-24 (230 females, 155 males, and 25 gender undeclared) from seven countries (the Philippines, The Gambia, Ethiopia, Sierra Leone, Bolivia, Mexico, Brazil) provided small-group and individual responses to questions covering the four thematic areas. The following sections highlight key summaries from the youth's responses.

Climate-Resilient Education and Green Skills

In today's rapidly changing world, the urgency of addressing climate change is echoed by youth voices from diverse backgrounds advocating for a sustainable future. Young people stressed the need for relevant knowledge and skills to address environmental challenges effectively. This includes understanding "what [climate change] is" and how to "fight it" as well as "early awareness of the future problems caused by climate change, in addition to presenting solutions for the short, medium and long term" as noted by Mexican youth. There is also the need for "An understanding of renewable energy and critical thinking [that] would be useful in dealing with climate challenges," as one Brazilian youth mentioned.

"Every movement or action we make as humans affects the environment including the climate. We better be careful about our actions and movements. Negative human activities will always have consequences, it depends on us. Don't wait for nature to have a big effect on our lives because of our bad practices." ~21-year-old female, the Philippines

This knowledge and these skills must be able to cascade into the community. These youth recognize that to make real change, action is required, and this will require communities to change activities such as deforestation that contribute to climate change effects.

Comprehensive Education

Young people called for comprehensive environmental education in schools and communities to equip them with the knowledge and skills needed to tackle pressing environmental issues. They want climate change integrated across all subjects and easily accessible beyond the traditional science subjects. Curricula should include learning basic actions such as recycling, how to reduce and reuse, and projects on how to take care of plants and the land around them.

Young people also want programs that give them a space to talk about climate issues and to collaborate

Submissions from over 400 youth: [Childfund learning brief](#)

"Because they (Children and youth) are the ones who will inherit the planet. It is done by creating space where their opinion and ideas are valued example; youth representation."— youth respondent from Sierra Leone when asked why is it important to include youth in climate action initiatives and dialogues.



3 key priorities within ChildFund Alliance; What we can tackle together.

Priority 1: Addressing Children's Right to **Information**

Priority 2: Advancing Children's Right to **Take Action**

Priority 3: Supporting Children's Right to **Be Prepared**

Climate
now



Climate
soon



Climate
future

Climate and
Environmental Action



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