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Save the Children

“Save the Children is often told that its aims are impossible – that there has always been child suffering and there always will be. We know. It’s impossible only if we make it so. It’s impossible only if we refuse to attempt it.”

Eglantyne Jebb

Founder

Save the Children

Save the Children believes every child deserves a future. In Nepal and around the world, we work every day to give children a healthy start in life, the opportunity to learn and protection from harm. When crisis strikes and children are most vulnerable, we are always among the first to respond and the last to leave. We ensure children's unique needs are met, and their voices are heard. We deliver lasting results for millions of children, including those hardest to reach.

We do whatever it takes for children – every day and in times of crisis – transforming their lives and the future we share.

1919

Save the Children was founded in London, UK.

1976

Save the Children started operating in Nepal.

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We run programs in all districts of the country, across the 7 provinces.

1.5m

In 2017, we reached over 1.5 million people through our programs.



Our vision

A world in which every child attains the right to survival, protection, development and participation.

Our mission

To inspire breakthroughs in the way the world treats children and to achieve immediate and lasting change in their lives.

RESULTS FOR CHILDREN IN 2017

6%

Instances of child marriage reduced by 6% in Save the Children working areas

717

Children living with disability have individual education plans to help them continue their education

90,000

Children and their families were reached through health, nutrition and WASH programs in earthquake affected districts

374

Youth participated in vocational and micro enterprise development trainings

63,000

Children and their families received life-saving support immediately after the flood in 2017

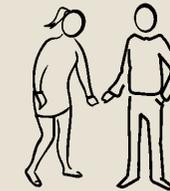




OUR REACH IN 2017



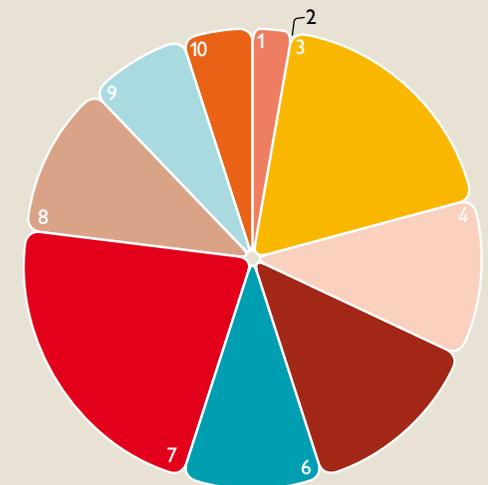
754,510
Children Reached



807,775
Adults Reached

FINANCIAL EXPENDITURE IN 2017

Theme	Thematic Expense	Thematic %
1 Child Protection	2,059,669	3%
2 Child Rights Governance	207,776	0%
3 Cross-Thematic	12,826,966	18%
4 Education	8,225,964	11%
5 Emergencies	9,650,744	13%
6 Health	7,517,777	10%
7 HIV / AIDS	15,845,164	22%
8 Livelihoods	8,171,492	11%
9 Non-Thematic	4,869,285	7%
10 Nutrition	3,338,036	5%
Total	72,712,874	



CHILD RIGHTS GOVERNANCE

Child Rights Governance (CRG) is about building societies that fulfill children's rights by establishing and strengthening the governance system necessary for States to effectively implement the UNCRC. It is about supporting a vibrant civil society pushing children up the political agenda, and holding States to account for what they have or have not done to enable children to realize their rights.

Save the Children collaborated with civil society networks and the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) to follow up the government on the implementation of Universal Period Review (UPR) recommendations related to children and the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) Concluding Observations. The NHRC implemented the UPR recommendations and is using it as a tool to support the Government of Nepal for the timely implementation of the recommendations. We consider this as good practice to improve government's accountability to children.

Save the Children worked with the government to outlaw physical and humiliating punishment in all settings and has been able to secure such provisions in the draft version of the bill, which is waiting to be passed by the upcoming parliament.



Every Last Child

On 3rd July, 29 young girls from Banke, Bajura, Achham, Kalikot and Dailekh came to Nepalgunj to be part of Spoken Word Poetry Workshop. Among the participants, 12 girls living with various disabilities had never stepped outside of their villages.

Popular Nepali slam poets Yukta Bajracharya, Pramod KC and Ujwala Maharjan worked with the girls on how to express their feelings through poetry and not worry about rhyming sentences. The girls worked on body language and their voice.

On the last day of the slam poetry training session, girls stood on stage, and read out loud their poems about their daily lives, their mothers, family and friends.

16-year-old Satkala from Bajura said, "I think poetry is all about storytelling, not about rhyming sentences."

The Spoken Word Poetry workshop was part of the Every Last Child campaign's ambition to give girls a creative outlet.



CHILD PROTECTION

Save the Children has been campaigning in communities to reduce child marriage and physical and humiliating punishment of children. Our programs have yielded significant results in 2017, contributing to enhancing children's protection and reducing violence against children.

Instances of child marriage in Save the Children working area got reduced by six percent (from 33% in 2016 to 27% in 2017). Working with children, communities and law enforcement agencies, 102 likely incidences of child marriages were stopped in our working areas.

11 wards of rural municipalities in Pyuthan, Kapilvastu and Saptari districts were declared 'child marriage' free and three newly formed municipalities have developed and passed their own 'Strategy to Reduce Child Marriage', which is a good practice likely to be emulated by many others in the coming year.

Collaborating with school authorities, teachers and students, Save the Children has been able to raise awareness about physical and harmful punishment and change teachers' attitude and practice. Encouraging results were noted: 91% of teachers in the project area have reported that they do not accept physical and harmful punishment any longer.

We worked closely on Occupational, Safety and Health Standards with the Ministry of Labour and Employment for a number of years and very intensively in 2017. The Occupational, Safety and Health Standard was passed in early 2018.





Gita* is 15 years old and first came to the brick kilns when she was just five. From then on, she and her family migrated every brickmaking season, before settling permanently in the area a few years ago. She lives with her parents and five siblings in a small, one-room hut near the kiln. Every day, Gita gets up around 1 in the morning. She works making bricks until eight, when she goes to school for the rest of the day. She often falls asleep in class. But she enjoys school and knows it's her best route into her dream job as a nurse. She is also part of the child club.

(Name has been changed to protect the child's privacy.)

EDUCATION

In 2017, Save the Children engaged with the newly formed local government in Kapilvastu, Saptari, Rolpa, Kalikot, Achham, Bajura and Dailekh districts to enhance institutional strength to respond to children's education.

Save the Children helped catchment areas of 516 schools in Dailekh, 153 in Pyuthan, 20 in Saptari, 21 in Kalikot, nine in Bajura, six in Achham, and a municipality and five wards achieve 100% enrolment.

717 children living with disability now have individual education plans to help them continue learning.

After the conclusion of Early Literacy and Math (ELM) pilot, Dhulikhel Municipality and Roshi Rural Municipality

of Kavre allocated NPR, 34,500,000 (approximately USD 33,495) to scale up the ELM practices.

A framework of Early Childhood Care and Development curriculum has also been submitted to the government to inform the national curriculum revision process which is currently underway.

Under Marvel Hero Acts Supporting Education program, 72 different titles of inclusive and level appropriate reading materials were developed in Nepali, Maithili, Tharu and Awadhi languages.

We worked with the Department of Education to develop national contingency plan and contributed to the

development of 10 district contingency plan. 946 schools have Disaster Risk Reduction as part of their School Improvement Plan.

Out of 23 school buildings being built in earthquake affected areas, four were completed. In addition, two school buildings and eight Early Childhood Care and Development centers were built in Rolpa.

Sustained effort through civil society networks and government in advocating for Children and Schools as Zones of Peace (SZOP) saw visible reduction in misuse of children during recent elections and in school closures. As a result, 332 schools are practicing School as Zone of Peace.





Life in school was very hard for Bimal. Born with congenital defects, he was bullied relentlessly and had very few friends in school. This is often the case with children with disabilities – they face bullying from peers in the classroom and playground and often drop out of school. In Bimal's case, the school intervened and his classmates were counselled and the bullying stopped gradually – he was encouraged to attend school regularly by his parasocial worker and he continued with school.

Timely intervention from Village Child Protection Committee worked for Bimal – His father was called back from India, given income generation opportunity, and money was raised to support his education. This attention and safety helped the boy gain confidence and he is happier now with his family, school teachers and friends.

HEALTH AND NUTRITION

Our Health and Nutrition team worked intensively on the National Strategy of Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health (ARSH), which is awaiting endorsement by August 2018 and is expected to guide the program for adolescent health and nutrition.

Our Fertility Awareness for Community Transformation (FACT) team developed eight games to raise awareness about family planning and fertility. The games have been endorsed by the National Health Education Information & Communication Center (NHEICC) and have already been adopted by projects like Suahara II and FPAN (NGO) in their activities.

A nationally representative survey on drug shops looking into quality service delivery for newborns and children was conducted and reports prepared which will help policy makers to identify avenues to improve private sector services quality.

The health, nutrition and WASH related earthquake response was concluded in 2017, reaching more than 90,000 adults and 70,000 children. Health and Nutrition contingency plans have been prepared for three earthquake affected districts Gorkha, Nuwakot and Rasuwa.

24 Skilled Birth Attendants were trained in Dailekh district so that more babies are born under the care of trained health workers.

The Global Fund Program to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria in Nepal rolled out Community Based Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission (CBPMTCT) program to all districts of the country.

HIV testing among pregnant women has reached 94% and 185 pregnant women initiated ART (Antiretroviral Therapy) in 2017. Among the enrolled children living with HIV, 91 % are on antiretroviral drugs.





At Shree Mahikar Secondary School in Saptari, girl students were at the risk of lagging behind as many of them missed school during menstruation. So the school decided to bring together students, both boys and girls, from grades six to 12 to learn about periods. Students learnt about making pads, managing period pain and menstrual hygiene in general. For 600 students of the school, it provided an environment to discuss why period is not a shame and not a taboo.

Grade 10 student Niraj says, "Orientation on menstrual hygiene was provided to both boys and girls. This helped even us (boys) understand about menstruation as a natural process. We are more open about it. Now, none of the girls are teased. In fact, boys contribute to the menstruation hygiene and sanitation management fund at school."

Even the School's Management has taken the issue seriously. "They have already managed a proper pad disposal system, water and toilets in school," says Ashika, a ninth grader.

CHILD POVERTY

Children are more likely to be safe, have access to education and stay healthy when their families have economic resources. Therefore, Save the Children's Child Poverty programs help families with their financial security through income and employment generating activities.

Udayapur, Sindhupalchok, Kavrepalanchok and Dolakha districts endorsed the child endowment fund (CEF) guideline that will benefit a large number of orphans and other vulnerable children. These districts have established 154 CEFs benefiting 926 orphan children.

7,610 adolescents attended the life-skill sessions, acquiring skills on emotion management, problem solving and decision-making.

374 youth participated in vocational skills and micro-enterprises development trainings. As a result, 235 youth have found jobs or are self-employed.

In Udayapur, Banke, Dailekh, Kalikot, Achham, Bajura, Jajarkot, Salyan and Rukum, the child poverty projects supported 35 cooperatives. NPR 10,325,000.00 (equivalent to 103,250 USD) was provided as a revolving fund, from which a total of 342 youth have taken loan for diversifying their livelihoods and/or scaling up their businesses.

Collaborating with the Department of Civil Registration and local governments, 53 people were trained on vital events registration data management, which is expected to enhance transparency and accountability in delivering social protection services.





At 19 years Sitara just like her name suggests has become a tailoring star in her small Muslim community. She was in grade seven when she dropped out of school. Education was not a priority for a large family with eight children and a meagre income. Sitara stayed home for four years helping her mother with household chores.

A five-day micro-enterprise training stoked her desire to realize her dream to start a tailoring shop. She said, "During the training I learned how one could start their own business with minimum investment. I learnt about making profit and handling loss." On top of that, she also completed tailoring training. With a loan of 30,000 from a cooperative she started a shop.

Slowly her business is picking up. She is stitching up to 20 dresses every day and sometimes stays up at night to complete orders. With a stable income, she is also paying off her loan. She says, "I am an independent woman now and no one can take away my skill."

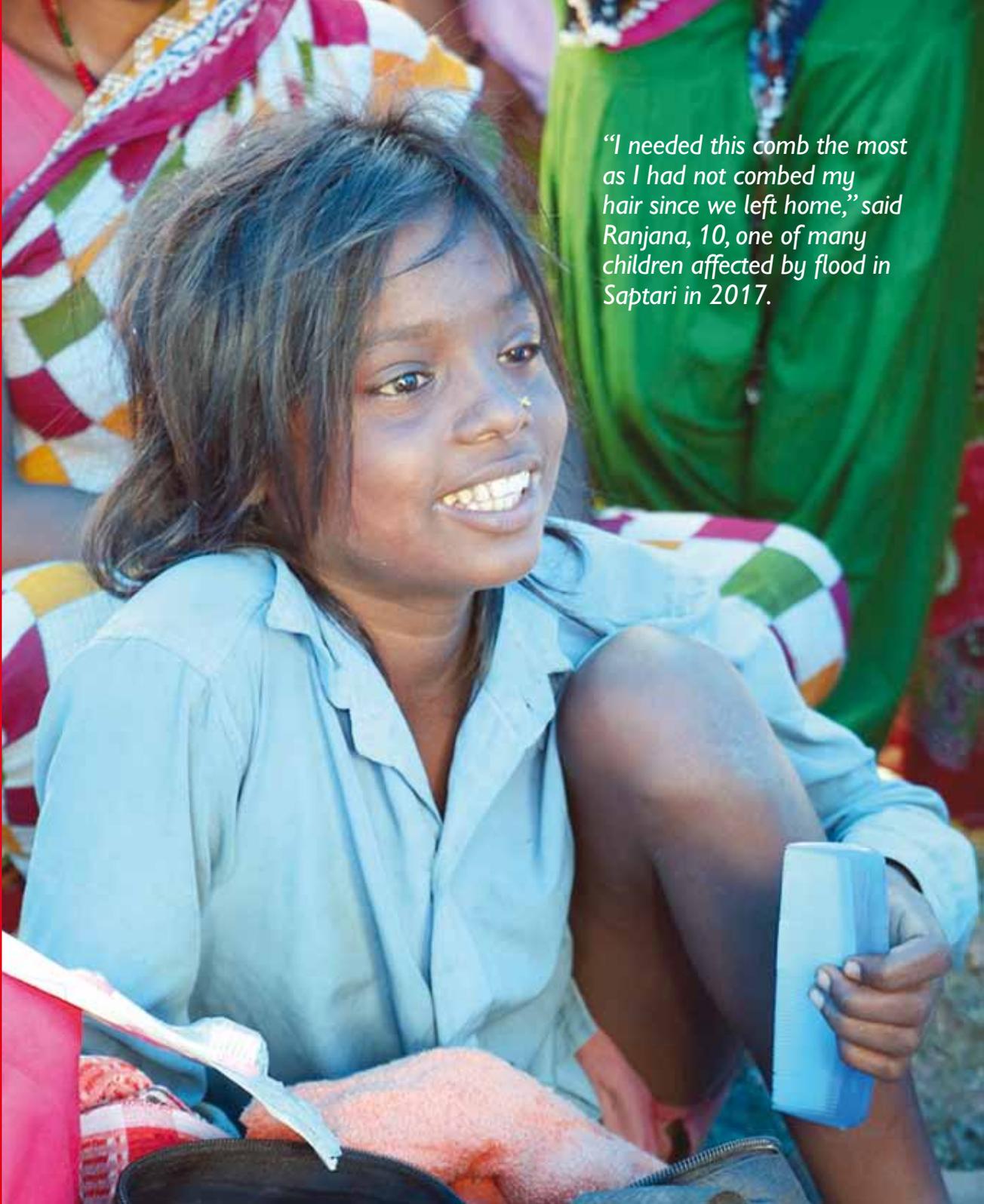
HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE AND PREPAREDNESS

Save the Children responds to disasters and recovery as well as preparedness. In doing so, Save the Children keeps children's immediate needs as priority to help them regain a sense of normalcy.

In order to support the Government's effort in case of a mega disaster, Save the Children is prepared to assist 50,000 adults and children with lifesaving kits which are prepositioned in seven different strategically located warehouses across the country. They are worth USD 2.0 million. In addition, Save the Children have 120 trained emergency responders as staff.

This year, 1,797 earthquake affected families are continuing to build their homes with our support. Furthermore, 2,500 men and women underwent mason training.

In 2017, Save the Children responded to massive floods in Tarai region that affected more than 1.7 million people. More than 63,000 disaster affected children and adults were supported with immediate lifesaving interventions ensuring their access to education, protection, NFI, shelter, food, health and nutrition, and WASH.



"I needed this comb the most as I had not combed my hair since we left home," said Ranjana, 10, one of many children affected by flood in Saptari in 2017.



In September 2017, the Parliament endorsed the Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (DRRM) Act which was in the making for over a decade. The Act provides legal protections for the whole spectrum of disaster management cycle.

Save the Children was one of the key members of the alliance that worked with key policy makers, the government parliamentary committees and other actors to see the Act through its endorsement.

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- Centre for Community Development Nepal (CCDN), Makawanpur
- Centre for Molecular Dynamics Nepal (CMDN), Kathmandu, Kaski and Sunsari
- Change Team, Banke and Bardiya
- Child Development Society (CDS), Udayapur
- Chitwan Sakriya Women's Foundation, Chitwan

- Community Development Center, Nepal (CDC), Nuwakot
- Community Development Forum (CDF), Doti
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- Human Rights and Environment Development Center (HURENDEC), Udayapur
- Human Rights Awareness and Development Centre (HURADEC), Dolakha
- Human Rights Awareness Center (HURAC), Rolpa
- Integrated Village Development Service (IVDS), Makawanpur
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- Kapilvastu Integrated Development Services (KIDS), Pyuthan
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- Rukmeli Social Development Center (RSDC), Rukum
- Rural Development Tuki Association (RDTA), Dolakha
- Rural Women Upliftment Association (RWUA), Sarlahi
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