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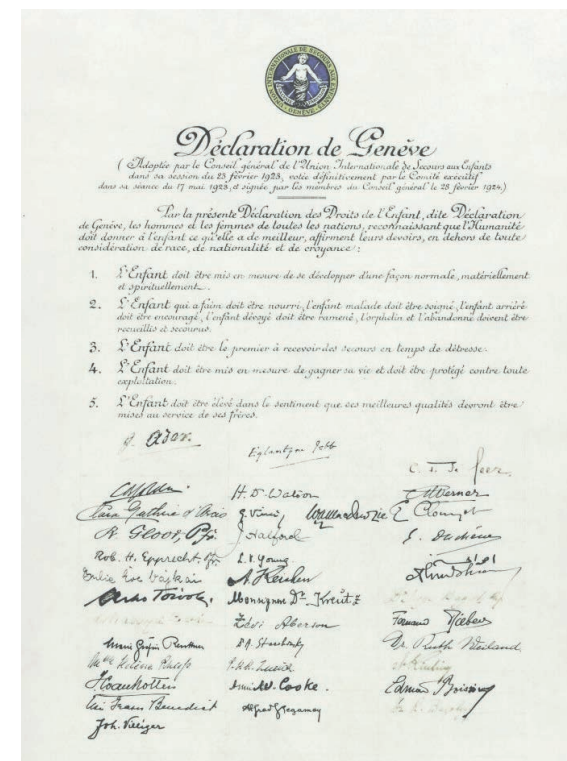
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# 100 YEARS OF CHILDREN'S RIGHTS

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The Geneva Declaration of the Rights of the Child, drafted by Eglantyne Jebb and adopted by the League of Nations in 1924.



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It was a historic day: one hundred years ago, on 26 September 1924, the League of Nations adopted the Geneva Declaration of the Rights of the Child. This was the very first official commitment to uphold children's rights. The declaration laid the foundation for today's Convention on the Rights of the Child – the world's most widely recognised UN treaty.

The fact that our founder Eglantyne Jebb drafted this pioneering document during her time living in Switzerland and was instrumental in its adoption fills us with the utmost respect for her dedication. When she founded our organisation in 1919, she had a vision that defines our work to this day: protecting children and asserting their rights. This is what we work tirelessly towards – day by day, as well as in times of crisis.

We can look back on an eventful century of children's rights. Much progress has been achieved. Child mortality has been drastically reduced and the number of children attending primary school has risen considerably. Important laws have been passed to protect children against labour, child marriage and violence. Yet despite these successes, substantial challenges remain: millions of children are growing up amidst conflict, are displaced or are living in poverty.

This is why we are supporting children in Gaza with life-saving humanitarian work, protecting children in Sudan fleeing from war or creating child-friendly spaces, and creating child-friendly spaces in Swiss asylum centres, where children can simply play and recuperate. In the following pages, you can find out more about these projects, which we have been able to implement in the past year with the generous support of our donors.

Children's rights are our history, present and future. Thank you for accompanying us on our journey.



# We want to create a world where children are allowed to simply be children.



## The leading children's rights organisation

Save the Children Switzerland is part of the world's oldest and leading independent children's rights organisation. The rights of children, today enshrined in the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, are the foundation of all our activities. The cornerstone was laid by our founder Eglantyne Jebb, who was the first person to protect children's rights in writing in Geneva.

## What we want to achieve by 2030:



### SURVIVE

No child will die from preventable causes before their fifth birthday.



### LEARN

All children will learn from a good-quality basic education.



### BE PROTECTED

Violence against children will no longer be tolerated around the world.

## 29.1m

francs in donations received.

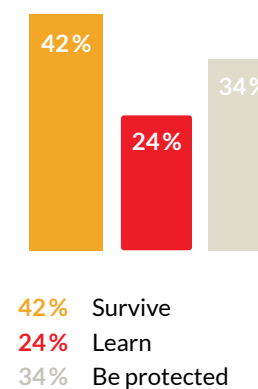
## 25.7m

francs in total spent by us.

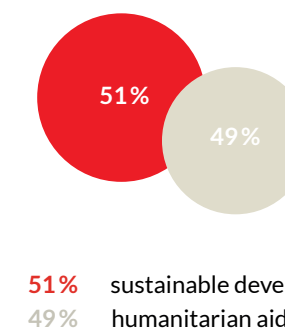
Out of every franc spent, **77 centimes** went towards our children's projects.

## Use of funds

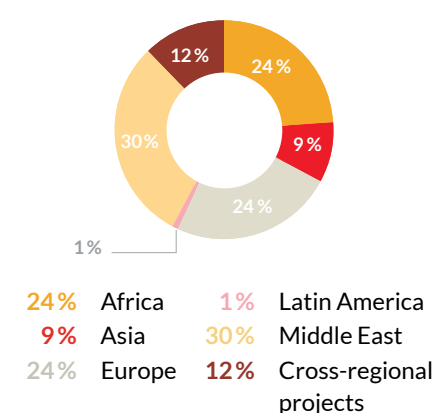
by key area



by context



by region



We collaborated with **36 partner organisations**.

We supported **1,086,605 people**, including 316,451 children.



We were active globally with **64 projects**.



We were present in **33 countries**.



We supported **61 asylum shelters**.

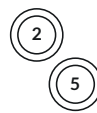
# Our work for children globally

**6,183**   
children and young people  
know their rights



With 64 projects, Save the Children Switzerland was active in 33 countries as well as transnational, and was thereby able to improve the lives of around 1.1 million people, including over 316,000 children. Save the Children International was active in 113 countries around the world.

**65,721**   
children and young  
people accessing  
learning opportunities

**129,449**   
children supported with  
our health and nutrition  
programmes

**19,929**   
children and families  
received cash assistance

**8,350**   
children and young people  
reached with our Swiss projects

 Save the Children Switzerland  
 Save the Children International

Below you will find an overview of the countries in which  
Save the Children Switzerland had active projects in 2024.





Afsa\* is nine years old and lives with her family in Bangladesh.

	SURVIVE	LEARN	CHILD PROTECTION
Africa			
Egypt	✓		✓
Ethiopia	✓		✓
Burkina Faso		✓	✓
Côte d'Ivoire	✓	✓	✓
Eswatini	✓		
Kenya	✓		
Madagascar	✓		✓
Mozambique	✓		
Nigeria	✓		
Somalia	✓	✓	✓
Sudan	✓	✓	✓
South Sudan	✓		✓
Asia			
Afghanistan	✓	✓	✓
Bangladesh	✓	✓	✓
Indonesia		✓	
Mongolia	✓		
Myanmar	✓		
Pakistan	✓		✓
Sri Lanka			✓
Europe			
Albania	✓	✓	✓
Bosnia-Herzegovina	✓		✓
Kosovo		✓	
Switzerland			✓
Serbia	✓		✓
Ukraine	✓	✓	✓
Latin America			
Bolivia	✓		✓
Mexico	✓	✓	✓
Peru	✓		
Middle East			
Occupied Palestinian Territory	✓	✓	✓
Yemen	✓		✓
Lebanon	✓	✓	✓
Syria	✓	✓	✓
Türkiye	✓	✓	✓



# Childhood during war

Save the Children was founded more than 100 years ago to protect children in conflicts. Last year we continued to stand by the side of children in conflict zones around the world. Our work aims not only to offer children safety and protection, but also to create spaces in which children can simply be children.

## Ukraine: learning in safety

Since the outbreak of war in February 2022, more than 3,500 schools and kindergartens in Ukraine have been damaged or destroyed. Around a million students are only able to participate in lessons online because it is too dangerous to be in school. In those places where children can attend lessons, these are constantly interrupted by warning sirens. With our project, we are supporting children in Eastern Ukraine who have been particularly affected by the fighting.

We are working to ensure that children in the eastern part of the country can once more learn in safety. For this purpose, we are equipping schools and kindergartens with shelters and setting up temporary classrooms. Children with disabilities receive special support through teaching and play materials tailored towards their needs.



7,900 children can continue learning.  
135 educators are being trained.

# 473m

children live in a conflict zone. That is nearly every fifth child on Earth.



Seven-year-old Olha\* paints a house in art therapy.

We are also training educators in how to provide teaching in emergency situations, and we are promoting creative teaching methods such as painting and music. These approaches help children to process their emotions and reduce stress. In regions where attending school or learning remotely from home is not possible, we are setting up digital learning centres offering daily education and support services in line with the official curriculum.

\*The project is set to continue until March 2025.



Eight-year-old twins Shadi\* and Basil\* play football beside their tent in a displacement camp in Gaza.

## 15 children

were injured daily by explosive weapons in Gaza in 2024

## Improving well-being in Gaza

Children are paying the highest price for the war in Gaza. Thousands have been killed or injured, and many are missing. The conflict is taking away their homes, their families and their safety. Their daily lives are shaped by fear, stress and trauma, which impacts their mental health.

We support children and their families who have found sanctuary in shelters with services to promote their well-being. Creative activities such as painting and playing, or relaxation exercises, help children to express their emotions and learn basic coping strategies for dealing with stress.

We have also distributed recreational kits with drawing books, coloured pencils and picture books, which help children to process their emotions and give them some normality amidst the crisis.

For parents, we have provided informational materials to help them better support their children's mental health. We have also given immediate psychological support to children in severe distress.



2,976 children and 2,946 parents received our support.

\*This project was implemented with our partner organisation Teachers Creativity Center and completed in late May 2024.



# Education: The key to the future

Every child has the right to education, because learning changes lives. However, an estimated 387 million primary school-aged children are unable to read or write – whether due to poverty, discrimination or crises. Our objective: to provide safe schools, high-quality teaching and real future prospects.

An estimated

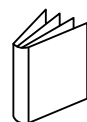
# 387m

primary school-aged children are unable to read or write.

## Burkina Faso: a safe haven amidst the crisis

In Burkina Faso, many children are still suffering the effects of the ongoing security crisis, which is having a highly detrimental effect on their education. In the northern province of Yatenga, there are not enough teachers, and children – especially girls and children with disabilities – have no access to education.

That's where our education project begins, not only providing access to education but also helping to provide social stability. We place great emphasis on meeting the needs of displaced children and children from the host community equally. We foster dialogue and activities to promote peace, reduce tension and improve social cohesion among communities.



4,543 children, 314 teachers and 1,250 community members have benefited from our project in 2024.

Moreover, we provide children with a safe and inclusive learning environment in which they can thrive. When rehabilitating schools, the special needs of children with disabilities are taken into account. We provide educational and teaching materials, and train teachers so they can engage with the individual needs of students.



Samira\* in the classroom in Yatenga. The 15-year-old fled the violence in her village and wants to start a new life here.

\*The project is set to continue until January 2026.



Students pot up fresh flowers as part of the project.

## Albania: the environmentalists of tomorrow

Children and young people have a voice – and they are using it to protect the climate. In our project, they are helping to bring about a greener future. Through creative activities and the involvement of their schools, they are increasing their environmental awareness and inspiring those around them to act sustainably.

In nine schools, the children are measuring the air pollution in and around their school building and developing ideas to reduce this. They are passing on their knowledge to their families and the local population – and bringing it all the way to Geneva. Two young people presented their report in front of the United Nations, thereby advocating powerfully for climate protection.

In the “Eco Clubs”, the children and young people produce a school newspaper with the support of teachers, in which they report on local environmental issues and provide practical sustainability tips. This communal task fosters a collaborative spirit, inspires and makes it clear that every person can make a difference.

In collaboration with the University of Gjirokastra, we integrate disciplines of environmental and sustainability education into the training of primary school teachers. Using a digital platform, we provide interactive resources for the teachers so they can incorporate climate protection and environmental protection into lessons in an engaging way.

\*The project is set to continue until July 2025.



Nikola (15) and Vesa (14) outside the UN in Geneva.



With our project, we are supporting over 19,000 students and 761 teachers in standing up for climate protection and environmental protection.





Save the Children employee Tina\* speaks to children attending a winter school in Sarajevo.

# Displaced children

There are currently an estimated 43 million displaced children globally. For children who are unaccompanied or have been separated from their families, the risk of abuse, violence and exploitation along migration routes is particularly great.

43m

children are currently estimated to be displaced globally.

## Northwest Balkans: protecting unaccompanied children and families

**When fleeing within Europe, many children and families do not have access to accommodation, medical care or education.**

Our “Safenet” programme in Serbia and Bosnia-Herzegovina provides support for displaced children and families. Our mobile teams identify highly vulnerable children and families, inform them of existing aid programmes and make it easier for them to access safe accommodation, basic services and psychological first aid. In addition, we distribute emergency kits and offer assistance with registration and legal issues.

We also work to protect children and families at reception centres. We advise unaccompanied children and parents on legal processes, aid programmes and educational opportunities in a child-friendly and culturally appropriate way.

Our Balkans Migration and Displacement Hub works closely with local partner organisations to analyse data on migration routes. This allows us to tailor our projects accordingly and work effectively on behalf of displaced children and families.



In 2024, we supported 159 children and 1,641 adults with our programme.

\*This project is implemented in collaboration with our partner organisation Centre for Youth Integration and is set to last until July 2025.



Salma\* with her children Hassan\* and Fikira\* in a refugee camp in Renk. The family fled here to escape the civil war in Sudan.

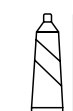
## South Sudan: aid for refugees at the border

**Due to the ongoing conflict in Sudan, over a million people have fled to South Sudan – around half of whom are children. Many have experienced or witnessed violence; every fifth child suffers from malnutrition.**

Our child protection teams are working at the Joda border station in Renk. They identify affected children and find appropriate aid programmes for them.

In two transit centres and four surrounding communities, we offer safe spaces for children where trained case workers deliver recreational and psychosocial activities. We also distribute hygiene kits with toothbrushes, menstrual products, water purifiers and solar lamps. Highly vulnerable unaccompanied children are given a

safe temporary home with foster-care families while we search for their relatives or alternative solutions. We support these families with training, financial assistance and basic items such as mattresses, hygiene products and food.



We plan to support around 26,000 children and 2,000 adults with our aid.

\*The project is set to continue until July 2025.





# Emergency aid for children in crisis

The number of humanitarian crises is growing globally, and they are lasting ever longer. As a result, it is becoming increasingly difficult for families to recover from one disaster before the next one begins.

## 1 in 11

children worldwide relies on humanitarian aid.

*For seven years, siblings Danyal\* and Maya\* have been living in a displacement camp in northeast Syria because their family had to flee violence.*

### Flexible, fast and life-saving

In disaster situations every minute counts. Thanks to our Children's Emergency Fund, we can react immediately. This flexible funding model allows our teams and partners globally to act quickly, adapt to changed situations and support children and families in recovering and preparing for future emergency situations.

In 2024, the Children's Emergency Fund provided over 1.6 million Swiss francs so we could react to emergencies in 11 countries and support 256,000 affected people, including 165,000 children. This included deployments in the Gaza war, in the wake of flooding in Pakistan, following the cyclone in Malawi and during the extremely harsh winter in Mongolia.

## Fire and floods in the Amazon

The climate crisis is one of the greatest threats to children world-wide. Extreme weather events such as storms, droughts and floods endanger their health, safety and future, while the loss of livelihoods is driving millions of families into poverty. Children in the poorest regions are particularly affected by the consequences such as hunger, illness and a lack of education.



### Flooding in Bolivia

Severe flooding in the Bolivian Amazon region has devastated the lives of many families and children. The community of Cobija in the north of the country has been particularly impacted, with many people losing their homes, livelihood and safety.

We have supported families and children with access to clean water and provided cash assistance so they can decide for themselves which important goods they are most urgently in need of – whether that be food, medication or hygiene products.



We helped 7,208 people with our project, including 4,373 children.

An estimated  
**1 billion**

children live in countries heavily affected by climate change.

### Devastating wildfires and drought in Peru

In 2024, several areas in Peru's Amazon region were devastated by severe wildfires and a long drought, which had serious consequences for more than 163,000 children and thousands of families. Parts of the San Martin region in the north were particularly badly affected.

Our work locally focuses on improving the living conditions of the affected families. We ensure access to clean water, help them rebuild their livelihoods and train local rescue services so they can react faster and more effectively to fires. Together with those affected, we develop solutions that centre around their needs and priorities. We actively involve the communities to ensure that highly vulnerable families – including those with a large number of children, single parents and people with disabilities – receive targeted support. One particular area of focus is women and girls, whose perspectives and voices influence the project's planning and implementation. In this way, we ensure that the aid meets their needs.



With our project, we supported 5,145 affected people, including 1,947 children.



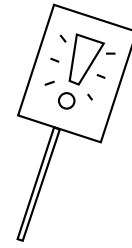
A photograph of two young girls, Atika and Dwi, laughing joyfully in a forest. The girl on the left is wearing a pink and white striped shirt, and the girl on the right is wearing a white shirt. They are both smiling broadly, showing their teeth. The background is a dense forest with sunlight filtering through the trees, creating a warm, golden glow. The text "Being a child means laughter. We let it be heard." is overlaid on the left side of the image.

**Being a child means laughter.  
We let it be heard.**

*Twelve-year-old cousins Atika\* and Dwi\* near their  
village on the island of Sumba in Indonesia.*



# Combatting child labour



Around 160 million children worldwide are affected by child labour. The reasons for this are many, though poverty and limited access to education play a key role. Many of these children are directly or indirectly involved in the production of goods that – due to global supply chains – are also sold in Switzerland.

## Effective partnerships for children

Save the Children supports businesses in identifying risks of children's rights violations in their supply chains, protecting children and combatting the causes of child labour.

Our focus is on three key areas:



Together with our partners, we are thereby able to contribute globally to better protecting children and young people and helping them thrive as they grow up.

## “Children’s rights are everybody’s business.”

Kofi Annan, UN Secretary General (1997–2006)

### Our partners

- Barry Callebaut's Cocoa Horizons Programme
- dormakaba
- Givaudan
- öbu – Swiss Business Council for Sustainable Development
- Swiss Platform for Sustainable Cocoa (SWISSCO)
- Swiss Platform for Sustainable Coffee (SSCP)
- State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO)
- Sucafina SA
- The Centre for Child Rights and Business
- UN Global Compact Network Switzerland & Liechtenstein



**More information:**  
Children's rights in the supply chain



## DRC: no child labour in cobalt mines

**Cobalt is found in many everyday objects such as e-bikes and smartphones. The city of Kolwezi in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) is the capital of cobalt. Here, this raw material provides many families with their livelihood, and children are often also involved in the dangerous mining work.**

With the support of dormakaba, we are protecting children from being exploited as part of the artisanal and small-scale mining sector in the DRC. Affected child-

ren receive immediate support and are reintegrated into school and vocational programmes. They receive monthly stipends for their living expenses, school fees, medical care and psychological support. This 10-year programme is being implemented and coordinated locally by Save the Children's partner organisation [The Centre for Child Rights and Business](#).

## Côte d'Ivoire: protecting children involved in cocoa production

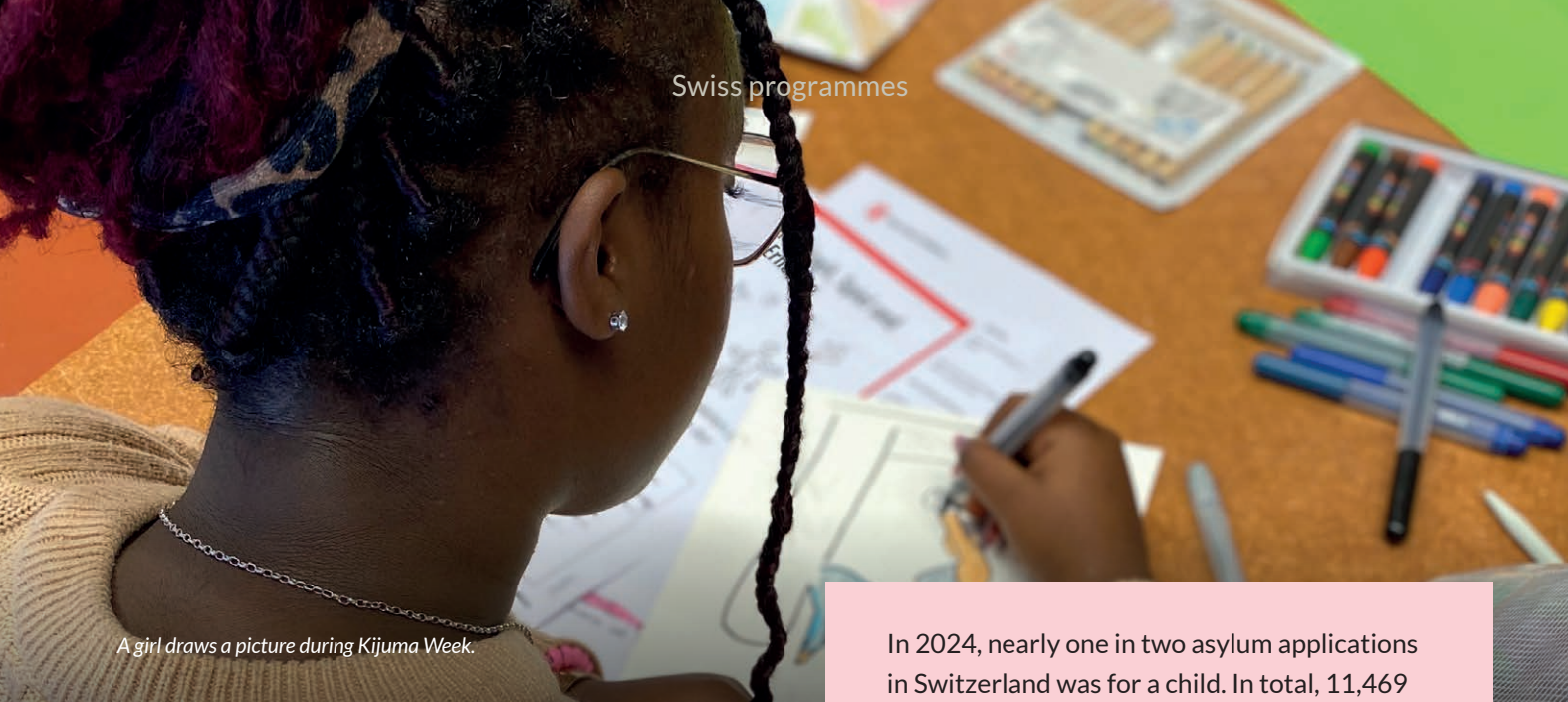
**Côte d'Ivoire is the world's largest producer of cocoa. Cocoa farming is an important source of income for many smallholder families, but it is often associated with illegal child labour. It is estimated that nearly 800,000 children in the West African country are affected.**

Our project strengthens cocoa-producing communities in order to protect children in the long term. The multi-year programme protects children affected by child labour and establishes a safe learning environment. This includes bridging services to reintegrate children into the school system and training opportunities for young people.

The project also aims to strengthen the economic resilience of cocoa-producing families and create additional sources of income.

The aim is to empower local communities to develop their own sustainable, long-term solutions to ensure respect for human rights and promote general well-being. In total, the project will reach around 115,000 people in 30 communities. The project is supported by Barry Callebaut's Cocoa Horizons programme.

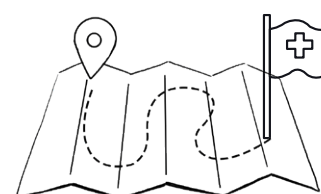




A girl draws a picture during Kijuma Week.

In 2024, nearly one in two asylum applications in Switzerland was for a child. In total, 11,469 applications were made by minors.

# Our work on behalf of displaced children in Switzerland



We are also dedicated to supporting children in Switzerland. Our focus is on displaced children living in asylum shelters. To strengthen the protection and rights of these children, we implement projects throughout Switzerland for children, young people and parents in asylum shelters.

## Child-friendly centres

A safe space and age-appropriate activities allow children who have experienced displacement to find peace, recuperate – and simply be children.

### Child-friendly playrooms and classrooms

Working together with the employees at the asylum shelters, we create child-friendly spaces. These not only provide children with a safe space but also allow them to play and learn in a way that is tailored to their needs. Our mobile play and learning trolley brings entertainment and joy to their daily lives.

## Training for employees

Training the employees of asylum centres is a key pillar of our work. Through targeted professional development activities, we support them in creating regular recreational and educational services for children. We also advise asylum shelters on improving child protection in daily practice.

## Success

In the past year, we supported 230 employees in 52 asylum shelters with training, advice and coaching. Over 8,000 children were able to benefit from the new spaces and services.

## Youth-friendly centres

Around two-thirds of under-age asylum seekers in Switzerland are aged 14 to 17. Two of our projects focus on the very area in which young people and unaccompanied minors in asylum shelters particularly require support.

## Space-Skills-Sports

With this pilot project, we promote the well-being of unaccompanied young people through workshops on interior design and stress management. The employees at these centres also receive practical tools to support the young people in their daily lives and facilitate leisure activities for them away from the centre.

## Success

We have supported 41 unaccompanied minors and 50 employees in seven different shelters. Thanks to improved living spaces and through the use of workshops, an additional 300 young people indirectly benefited.

## The Kijuma magazine for children and young people

Across seven editions, 104 displaced children and young people from different shelters bravely and creatively shared their concerns and experiences. After more than two years, we are now successfully concluding the Kijuma project.

*We have developed comprehensive educational materials for mainstream schools and made these available on the kiknet school platform so the participatory project can continue. The aim is for school classes to engage with children's rights and consider these in a personal context as well as from the perspective of displaced children.*



**More information**  
[savethechildren.ch/kijuma](https://savethechildren.ch/kijuma)



Children craft anti-stress balls.

## Parent-friendly centres

Parents are the most important caregivers to their children – they provide safety in an unfamiliar environment. However, displaced parents are often under a lot of stress themselves. Our participatory approach boosts their opportunities to take action, and opens pathways for getting involved. In this way, we were able to improve the collaboration between employees and parents at a particularly precarious asylum shelter – including communal activities such as seasonal festivities and childcare.

**“Play is more than just a pastime – it is crucial for children’s physical, mental and emotional development.”**

Lara Künzler, Expert Asylum and Migration  
Save the Children Switzerland



## Improving child protection in the asylum sector

The asylum system presents a major challenge in terms of child welfare: too many people, many of whom suffer from poor mental health, are living in unsafe and cramped conditions. At the same time, there aren't enough staff members.

In order to better protect children in this environment and draw attention to their needs, we are working closely with the relevant authorities and organisations, and making available our expertise as part of the Child Rights Network Switzerland. In addition, we also brought together around 100 experts in 2024 during our specialist child protection event, to jointly develop sustainable solutions for structural improvements.



Nina Hössli, director of the Swiss programmes at the specialist event on child protection in the asylum system.



## Children of imprisoned parents

Children have a right to see their parents and maintain a relationship with them. However, prison visits can be very stressful for children of imprisoned parents. We therefore support prisons and specialists with training, workshops, consultations and redesigning spaces so that visits are more child-friendly and the well-being of children is improved.



In 2024, we advised six prisons and trained 88 specialists.

**i** More about our Swiss programmes  
[savethechildren.ch/schweiz](https://savethechildren.ch/schweiz)

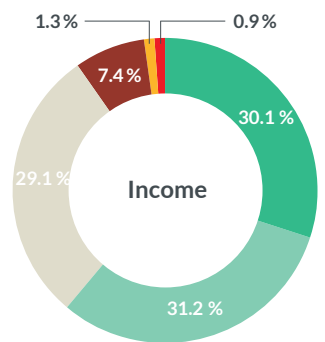


Lina\* and Sarah\* present their drawings, which they created at the Empowerment Centre for girls in the Zataari refugee camp in Jordan.

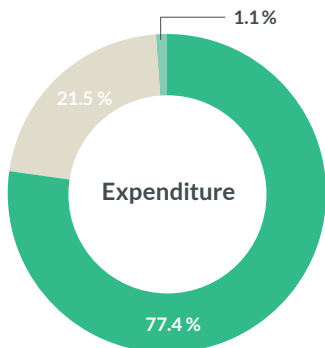


# A powerful sign of trust

Thanks to the generous support of our loyal regular donors and a large number of single donations from individuals, companies and institutions, we were pleased to record an increase in unrestricted donations in 2024. In total, we received 9.4 million francs in unrestricted donations, a new record.



30.1% Private donations and legacies  
31.2% Government grants  
29.1% Foundations  
7.4% Corporates  
1.3% Services  
0.9% Other



77.4% Project costs  
21.5% Fundraising and marketing costs  
1.1% Administrative costs

## Balance sheet

(in Swiss francs)

20242023

### Active

#### Current assets

Liquid assets	17,535,574	13,917,706
Receivables from deliveries and services	371,503	180,020
Other short-term receivables	2,615,267	2,596,593
Active accruals	1,735,854	1,136,859
Total operating revenue	22,258,198	17,831,178

#### Fixed assets

Tangible assets	19,611	27,431
Intangible assets	26,860	62,387
Total assets	46,471	89,818

Total active	22,304,669	17,920,996
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### Passive

#### Current liabilities

Liabilities from deliveries and services	854,834	332,602
Other current liabilities	201,533	151,794
Current provisions	73,035	0
Passive accruals	387,778	286,289
Total current liabilities	1,517,180	770,685

#### Fund capital

Restricted funds	12,488,043	10,415,520
Total fund capital	12,488,043	10,415,520

#### Organisation capital

Share capital	18,751	18,751
Fixed capital	87,457	86,258
Free capital	8,193,238	6,629,782
Profit-loss carried forward	6,629,782	5,492,597
Annual result	1,563,456	1,137,185
Total organisation capital	8,299,446	6,734,791

Total passive	22,304,669	17,920,996
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## Profit and loss account

(in Swiss francs)

20242023

### Revenue

Unrestricted donations	9,374,663	9,083,921
Of which government grants	2,253	1,467
Restricted contributions and donations	19,374,303	16,478,218
Of which government grants	9,087,045	8,333,880
Revenue from deliveries and services	378,970	214,655
Operating revenue	29,127,936	25,776,794

### Operating costs

Project costs	-16,317,638	-17,893,626
Of which contributions and grants abroad	-16,276,287	-17,824,135
Of which project costs for Swiss projects	-41,351	-69,491
Payroll	-6,044,213	-5,706,992
Of which for Swiss projects	-720,709	-633,996
Material expenses	-3,304,741	-3,448,608
Amortisation	-69,122	-63,218
Operating costs	-25,735,714	-27,112,444
Operating results	3,392,222	-1,335,650

Financial result	244,956	-111,277
Result before change in fund capital	3,637,178	-1,446,927

Change in fund capital	-2,072,523	2,521,606
Annual result before change in organisation capital	1,564,655	1,074,679

### Allocation / Usage

Revolving fund for project pre-financing	-1,199	62,506
Free capital	-1,563,456	-1,137,185
Balance after change in organisation capital	0	0

### Success with restricted donations

Despite the difficult economic environment and tight public-sector budgets, we managed to increase restricted donations by 2.9 million francs to a total of 19.4 million francs. Unlike previous years, this increase was not driven by headline-grabbing crises but by the enduring commitment of our supporters.

### Deferral in international project costs

International project costs declined by 1.6 million francs. This reduction is due to the fact that a considerable proportion of restricted donations were only received in the fourth quarter and will therefore only be fully utilised in projects from 2025 onwards. As in the preceding year, we have further expanded our programmes for children in Switzerland.

### Stability in uncertain times

Thanks to the 1.6 million francs in surplus capital, we were able to further consolidate our organisation capital. This safeguards our ability to act and allows us to continue to react to emergency situations in a speedy, targeted and sustainable manner.

### Audit of our annual financial statement

The 2024 annual financial statement meets the regulations of Swiss GAAP FER and is presented here in condensed form. The annual financial statement was audited by BDO in Zurich and received an unqualified audit report.



Read the full annual financial statement  
savethechildren.ch/finanzbericht





Thank you

Part of a strong movement

Founded in 1919, Save the Children is the world’s leading independent children’s rights organisation. The Save the Children Switzerland association was set up in 2006 and has been part of this global network ever since. Non-denominational and politically and ideologically independent, we are uncompromising and tireless in our work on behalf of the most disadvantaged children – in Switzerland and worldwide.

A big thank you!

Our work on behalf of children would be impossible without the generous support of our donors. They make a crucial difference to children in Switzerland and worldwide. Our particular thanks go to:

<b>A</b> A.T. Kearney (International) AG Austrian Development Agency (ADA) / Austrian Development Cooperation	<b>G</b> GSK Switzerland
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<b>G</b> Gaden Phodrang Foundation of the Dalai Lama Gedeon Richter (Suisse) SA Givaudan Suisse SA	<b>P</b> Peace of Mind Foundation
	<b>R</b> Royal Plaza Montreux
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	<b>U</b> UEFA Foundation for Children
	<b>V</b> Volkart Foundation
	<b>W</b> Wander AG
	<b>Z</b> Z Zurich Foundation

Who we are

The executive team

Save the Children Switzerland’s executive committee is responsible for implementing strategy and team operations. It includes our CEO and three directors, who oversee our Global Programmes, Fundraising and Philanthropy, and Finance and Controlling teams.



**Adrian Förster**  
CEO  
*Human Resources, Communication,  
Quality and Compliance*



**Alex Brans**  
Director of Global Programmes  
*International Programmes,  
Swiss Programmes*



**Maria Steinbauer**  
Director of Fundraising and Philanthropy  
*Foundations, Major Donors and Legacies,  
Individual Giving, Corporate Partnerships,  
Brand and Digital*



**Andreas Brühle**  
Director of Finance and Controlling  
*Finances, Project Controlling,  
IT Service*

Institutional partnerships  
and memberships:

- Cinfo
- Global Alliance – Cities 4 Children
- Swiss Solidarity
- Child Rights Network Switzerland
- öbu – Swiss Business Council for Sustainable Development
- proFonds
- RECI Swiss Network for Education & International Cooperation
- Swiss Platform for Sustainable Cocoa
- Swiss Platform for Sustainable Coffee
- Swissfundraising
- Swiss NGO Disaster Risk Reduction Platform

The board

Save the Children Switzerland’s honorary board is the organisation’s governing body and consists of experts from a wide range of disciplines. As of 31 December 2024, the board consisted of the following individuals:



**Dr Erik Slingerland**  
President of the board  
Management consultant  
*Member of the board since 2016*



**Dr Wolfgang Wünsche**  
Vice-president of the board  
Consultant  
*Member of the board since 2006*



**Abigael de Buys Roessingh**  
Consultant  
*Member of the board since 2018*



**Victor Graf Dijon von Monteton**  
Management consultant  
*Member of the board since 2016*



**Sven Hoffmann**  
Barrister  
*Member of the board since 2006*



**Dr Christian Huld**  
Management consultant  
*Member of the board since 2006*



**Solveig Rufenacht**  
Managing Director  
*Member of the board since 2018*

The vested interests of the board members relevant to Save the Children are provided in the [financial report](#).



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*Siblings Ramez\*, Abbas\*, Basem\*, Arij\* and Nagham\* play together  
outside a tent in an informal refugee settlement in Raqqa, Syria.*