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Swiss Federal Councillor Beat Jans is welcomed by refugee children from Gaza at our child-friendly centre in Cairo.

Ramadan\* is nine years old. He lost his sight in the war in Gaza. Today, he regularly attends our child-friendly centre in Cairo. When Federal Councillor Beat Jans visited our project in November, refugee children welcomed him with handmade roses and hats bearing the word "Hoi" ("hello" in Swiss German). It was a moving moment and a visible reminder of how vital it is to protect children in war.

Around 130,000 people have fled from Gaza to Egypt, including some 30,000 children. Many have experienced extreme violence or suffered serious injuries. One in three children in our centres has lost one or both parents. Many families have no reliable income and little access to education or medical care.

Our centres offer children a place of safety. They receive psychosocial support, learn, play and gradually regain a sense of trust. For many, it is the first place where they have felt safe since the war began.

The child-friendly space in Cairo is representative of many other projects. Last year, Save the Children Switzerland and its partners helped hundreds of thousands of children around the world.

We secured access to education and medical care, supported particularly vulnerable families with cash assistance and provided psychosocial support for

# FEDERAL COUNCILLOR JANS VISITS OUR PROJECT IN CAIRO

children affected by war and displacement. At the same time, we are working to combat exploitation, child labour and child marriage over the long term.

In Switzerland, too, we advocate for refugee children and for children whose rights carry too little weight in everyday political decision-making. We bring their perspectives into the conversation and keep reminding decision-makers that children's rights are non-negotiable. Children should simply be allowed to be children. Over the following pages, you can read about what we achieved with your support last year. Thank you for making this possible.



**Erik Slingerland**  
President of the board  
Save the Children Switzerland



**Adrian Förster**  
CEO  
Save the Children Switzerland

# Our vision: A world for children



**The leading independent children's rights organisation**

Save the Children has been helping children since 1919. With her conviction that all children have rights, our founder Eglantyne Jebb laid the cornerstone for the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. What began as a bold idea has since become the world's leading independent child rights organisation in over 100 countries, as well as in Switzerland since 2006.

Children are delighted by the clean drinking water flowing from a newly installed tap on the Indonesian island of Sumba.

## What we want to achieve by 2030:



### Survive

No child under five should die from preventable disease.



### Learn

Every child should receive a good basic education.



### Be protected

Violence against children is no longer tolerated around the world.



### Empower

Children should know their rights and exercise them with confidence.

**34.1 million**

francs in donations received.

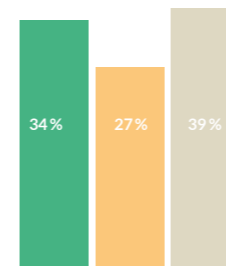
**31.5 million**

francs in total spent by us.

Out of every franc spent, **78 centimes** went towards our projects for children.

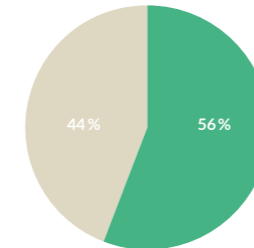
### Use of funds

by key pillar



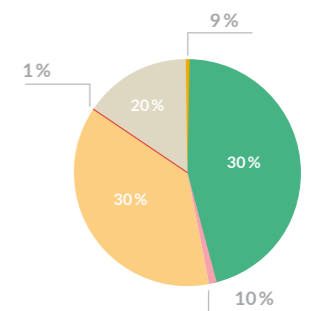
34% Survive  
27% Learn  
39% Be protected

by context



56% Emergency aid  
44% Sustainable development

by region



30% Africa  
10% Asia  
30% Europe  
1% Latin America  
20% Middle East  
9% Cross-regional projects

We worked together with **43 partner organisations**.

We supported **647,422 people**, including 358,281 children.



We were active globally with **74 projects**.



We were present in **31 countries**.




We supported **59 asylum shelters** in Switzerland.

# Our work for children globally

**16,281**   
children and young people know their rights.

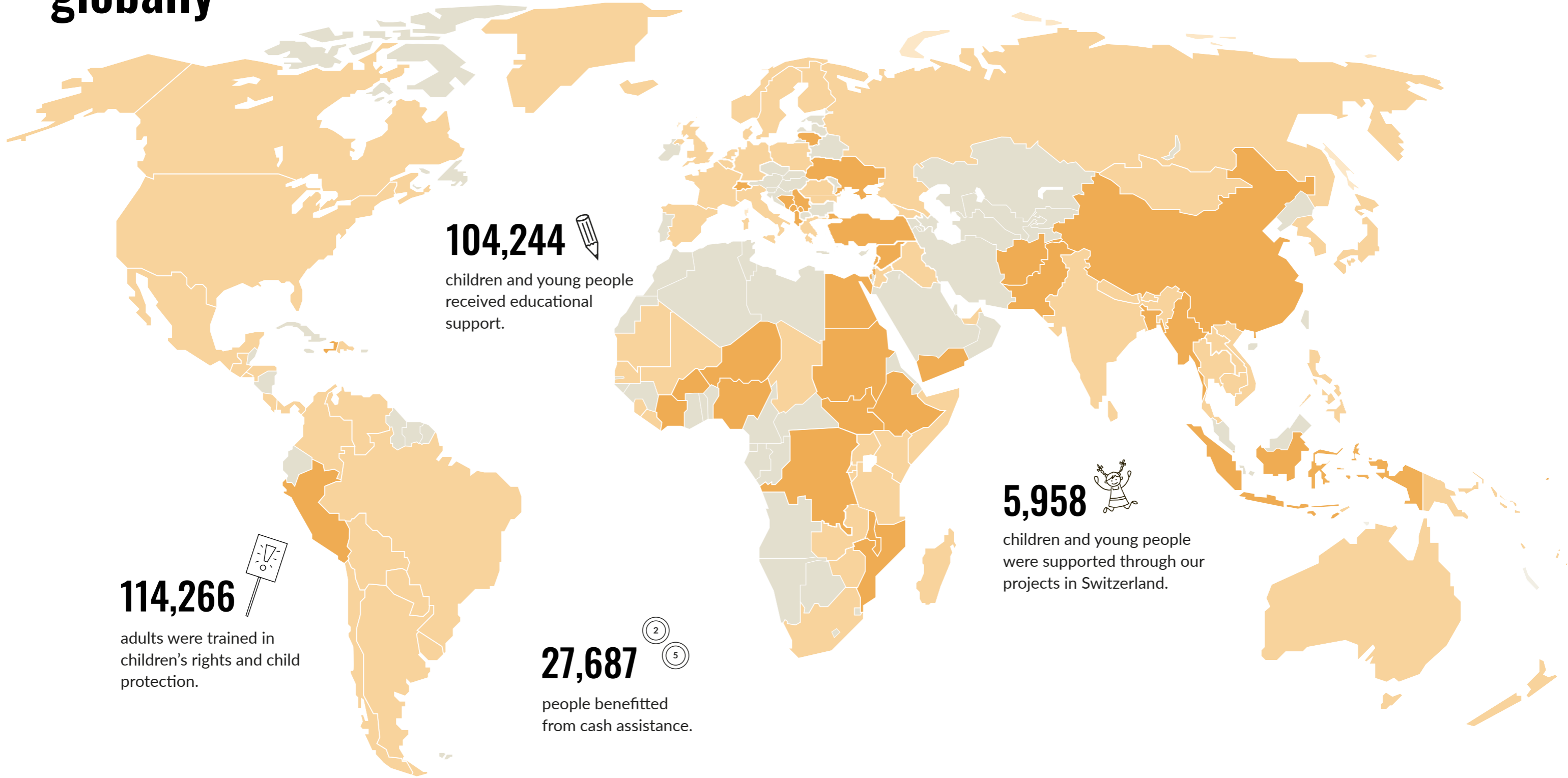
With 74 projects, Save the Children Switzerland was active in 31 countries as well as transnationally, and was thereby able to improve the lives of around 650,000 people, including over 358,000 children. Save the Children International was active in 107 countries around the world.



**104,244**   
children and young people received educational support.

**114,266**   
adults were trained in children's rights and child protection.

**27,687**   
people benefitted from cash assistance.

**5,958**   
children and young people were supported through our projects in Switzerland.



 Save the Children Switzerland  
 Save the Children International

Over the following pages, you will gain an insight into our work around the world.

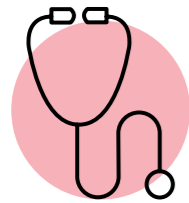


Save the Children staff member Ali\* and six-month-old Sameer\* during the distribution of baby kits in one of our mother-and-child areas in Gaza.

	<b>SURVIVE</b>	<b>LEARN</b>	<b>BE PROTECTED</b>
<b>Africa</b>			
Burkina Faso		✓	✓
Côte d'Ivoire	✓	✓	✓
Democratic Republic of Congo	✓	✓	✓
Egypt	✓	✓	✓
Ethiopia	✓		✓
Malawi		✓	
Mozambique	✓		
Niger		✓	✓
Nigeria	✓		✓
Sudan	✓		✓
South Sudan	✓		✓
<b>Asia</b>			
Afghanistan	✓		
Bangladesh	✓	✓	✓
China	✓	✓	✓
Indonesia	✓		
Myanmar	✓	✓	✓
Pakistan	✓		✓
<b>Europe</b>			
Albania	✓	✓	✓
Bosnia and Herzegovina	✓		✓
Kosovo		✓	
Lithuania	✓		✓
Serbia	✓		✓
Switzerland			✓
Ukraine	✓	✓	✓
<b>Latin America</b>			
Haiti	✓	✓	✓
Peru	✓		
<b>Middle East</b>			
Lebanon	✓	✓	✓
Syria	✓	✓	✓
The occupied Palestinian territories	✓	✓	✓
Türkiye	✓	✓	✓
Yemen	✓		✓

# Survive

Where conflicts persist, humanitarian needs intensify – and in turn, humanitarian need undermines stability and peace. In both the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and South Sudan, children in particular are suffering from persistent food insecurity and limited access to medical care.



Nyandeng\* (36) with her two-year-old daughter Aluel\*, who is being treated for malnutrition at one of our stabilisation centres in Akobo West, South Sudan.

For many years, the DRC has been one of the countries with the highest numbers of internally displaced people worldwide.



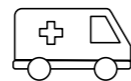
In August, our CEO, Adrian Förster, visited several of our projects in South Sudan. [You can read his first-hand account here.](#)

## South Sudan: Securing healthcare in Akobo

The aim of our project is to secure life-saving health and nutrition services in Akobo County. We operate a mobile clinic and strengthen an existing health centre in order to provide patients with medical care and treat acute malnutrition.

We train healthcare workers as well as community volunteers to identify malnutrition and disease early and refer at-risk children for treatment.

We also improve supply chains to ensure the provision of medicines, therapeutic food and infection prevention materials.



In total, we plan to provide outpatient care to around 21,500 patients, screen 10,500 children under five and pregnant or breastfeeding women for malnutrition, and treat them where needed.

*The project runs from June 2025 to May 2026 and is being implemented in collaboration with three local partner organisations.*

## DRC: Treating malnutrition effectively

Through our project in North Kivu Province in eastern DRC, we treat acutely malnourished children under five while also strengthening the local health system.

Our health teams screen children – including in hard-to-reach areas. Children with acute malnutrition receive ready-to-use therapeutic food, while particularly severe cases are referred to health centres for further treatment.



In addition, we train specialist staff and community volunteers to improve the quality of care and strengthen skills in the management of malnutrition.

In total, we reached 23,139 children as well as 555 community members, parents and volunteers.

*The project ran from June to December 2025. It was implemented together with two local partner organisations and in collaboration with the Ministry of Health and the national nutrition programme.*

# Learn



Education is the key to a better future. It gives children the opportunity to develop and protects them from poverty, violence and exploitation.

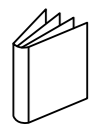
## 85 million

children and young people in crisis-affected areas are unable to go to school.

## Lebanon: Securing education in times of crisis

In Lebanon, economic collapse, political instability, conflict and displacement are putting access to education at risk. In the Bekaa Valley in particular, many refugee children from Syria are unable to attend public school, while Lebanese children from families affected by poverty are often at risk of dropping out.

Through our project, we support refugee children without access to school in acquiring basic numeracy and literacy skills. At the same time, we provide tutoring for pupils from low-income families in public schools in order to reduce the risk of dropout. Through child protection and psychosocial support services, we improve children's well-being and reduce risks such as child labour and child marriage.



So far, we have reached almost 2,000 children with non-formal education opportunities, supported around 1,400 children to remain in school and provided psychosocial support for more than 600 children.

The focus is on children aged three to 14, including children with disabilities. We promote teaching that responds to different learning needs, involve caregivers and strengthen school structures in order to reduce dropout and sustainably improve learning outcomes.



Children take part in a playful vocabulary exercise during an Arabic lesson.

The first project phase ran from October 2021 to December 2025 and was implemented with three local partner organisations. From 2026, the project will continue in a further phase.



Participants during a discussion as part of the Empower Summer School.

## Improving educational equity in Kosovo

In Kosovo, young people from Roma, Ashkali and Egyptian communities have faced structural disadvantages in education and the labour market for many years.

Through our project, we support young people in seven municipalities to complete their secondary education and transition into vocational education. We help prevent dropout, strengthen children's social and personal skills, and improve access to practical learning opportunities. Individual financial support, career guidance and improved school-level processes help support young people as they transition from school to the world of work.

By promoting equality, diversity and participation, we work to counter structural discrimination. Caregivers, teachers, schools, municipalities and local companies are actively involved in creating an inclusive environment for education and work. This enables young people to enter adulthood with greater self-determination.



Pupils exchange ideas during an interactive workshop on topics such as career guidance and future prospects.



A total of 12,850 young people benefit from the project, with 1,450 young adults receiving individual support. 2,200 caregivers, 500 teachers, 70 prevention team members and 40 companies are involved in the project.

The project is funded by the Austrian Development Agency (ADA) with funds from the Austrian Development Cooperation and is being implemented with two local partner organisations from October 2023 to September 2026.



Children aged between six and 12 during an interactive exercise in the West Bank.

# Be protected

In crises and conflicts, and during displacement, child protection is especially important. Many children lose their familiar surroundings and any certainty about their future. This makes it all the more important to create places of safety and security.



Cox's Bazar is home to the world's largest refugee camp. Around half of the people living there are children.

## Supporting children in the West Bank

Increasing violence by Israeli security forces and settlers, as well as restrictions on freedom of movement, shapes everyday life for many children in the West Bank. The ongoing insecurity is placing a significant strain on their mental health. Against this background, we are implementing targeted child protection and psychosocial support services.

Our project aims to better protect children and strengthen local structures. We train community members to provide psychosocial support, identify child protection concerns and refer them to the appropriate services. Children in need of protection and their

families receive counselling services and cash assistance. In child-friendly spaces, we organise play, leisure and learning activities and offer training for caregivers on positive parenting and stress management.



In total, we welcomed 1,890 children and 180 caregivers to our child-friendly spaces, supported 280 families with cash assistance and trained 54 community members in child protection.

The project ran from May 2025 to February 2026 and was implemented in collaboration with several local organisations.



Eighteen-year-old Amina\* (centre) and her friends talk about the rights, risks and empowerment of young women in Bangladesh.

## Bangladesh: Improving the protection of children in Cox's Bazar

More than one million Rohingya who fled persecution in Myanmar live in Cox's Bazar. In the densely populated camps, children are exposed to many risks, including violence, child marriage and child labour. Local communities are also under severe pressure due to scarce resources and social tensions.

The aim of our project is to create a safe and child-friendly environment and prevent abuse. Together with communities, we identify risks and develop solutions to better protect children. We support initiatives against child labour, promote sessions on positive caregiving and support activities in children's clubs. We also train volunteers to identify vulnerable children early and refer them to support services. In our community spaces, children can play, learn and express themselves creatively, including through theatre.

We accompany and support children who are experiencing violence or abuse, or who are at risk of this. We assist adolescents through training in social and personal skills, literacy and numeracy, and practical skills such as sewing and handicrafts.



Between June and December 2025, we reached more than 5,600 children and supported ten child protection activities organised by children and ten organised by communities. We also trained more than 100 community members.

The project runs from June 2025 to May 2027 and is being implemented with a local partner organisation.



Sisters Wafaa\* (5), Esraa\* (4) and Manal\* (2) outside their home in Yemen. Manal seriously injured her hand while playing when an unexploded ordnance detonated.

# Emergency relief in times of crisis

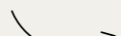
In an increasingly unstable world, the humanitarian situation continues to deteriorate. Conflicts, climate disasters and protracted crises are deepening the suffering of millions of people, especially children and their families.

Our Children's Emergency Fund is a vital lifeline in these dire times. Whether in conflict zones or climate-hit regions, our teams and partners were able to deliver life-saving aid, offering both immediate assistance and long-term support to help communities rebuild and prepare for future emergencies.

Around **8 million** babies were born into regions affected by conflict and climate crises in 2025.



In 2025, the Children's Emergency Fund allocated around 1.9 million Swiss francs to provide immediate relief in 11 countries. This funding helped us reach more than 61,000 people.

On the following page, we present two projects that we were able to implement in 2025 thanks to the Children's Emergency Fund. 

## When the earth quakes

Earthquakes usually strike without warning. Within seconds, families lose their homes, their safety and often loved ones too. Children are particularly affected by the consequences of destroyed infrastructure, disrupted education and lack of access to medical care. Rapid, flexible assistance is crucial in such moments.



Afghanistan: a family stands in front of their home, which was destroyed by the earthquake.

### Creating safe learning spaces in Myanmar

The devastating earthquake in March 2025 exacerbated the humanitarian situation in Myanmar, where people are already suffering from ongoing conflict and displacement. Millions of people are in urgent need of support, especially children and adolescents.

With support from our Children's Emergency Fund, we are creating safe learning spaces. We provide learning materials, set up child-friendly spaces, support teachers and help rebuild damaged school and community structures. In addition, we provide psychosocial support to help children process distressing experiences and improve their stability in everyday life.



In total, we plan to reach 13,328 people affected by the earthquake, including 9,642 children and young people.

*For this project, we are working with a local partner organisation. It started in November 2025 and is expected to run until September 2026.*

### Rapid cash assistance in Afghanistan

A severe 6,0-magnitude earthquake devastated several regions of Afghanistan in August 2025. In Kunar Province, entire villages were destroyed and thousands of homes lay in ruins. Many families lost loved ones, their homes and their livelihoods.

Thanks to funding from our Children's Emergency Fund, affected families received cash assistance just 48 hours after the earthquake. This allowed them to decide for themselves what they needed the money for most urgently – such as food, medicine or materials for temporary shelter. In this way, we helped families meet their basic needs and enabled children to continue attending school and access medical care.



With our project, we supported 7,860 people, including 4,716 children.

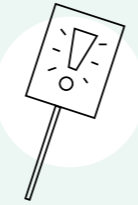
*The project ran from September to November 2025.*



Being a child means  
dreaming in every colour.

*Briana\* (5) in front of her home in Guatemala.*

# Taking action against child labour



Millions of children suffer the effects of global supply chains in their everyday lives – often far away from the markets where the products are consumed. Poverty, informal employment and a lack of social security mean that children’s rights are systematically violated along the supply chain.

## Improving supply chains and business practices

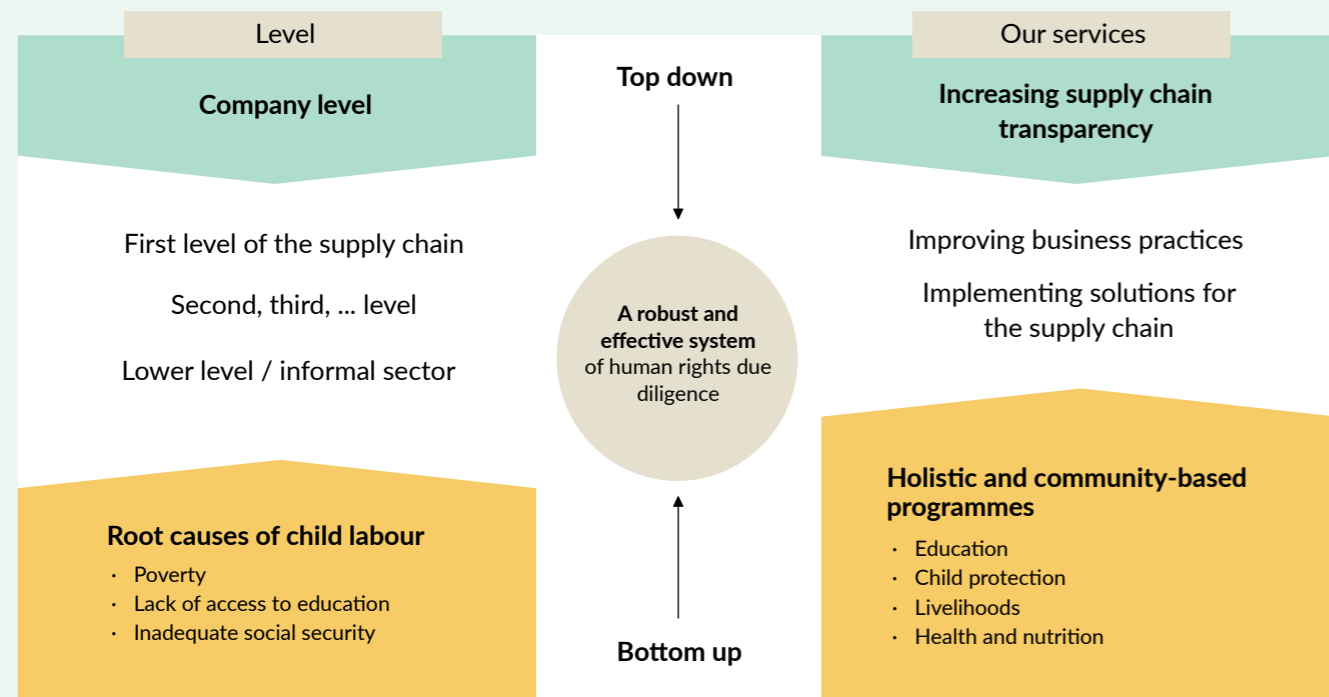
At the company level, we support partners in increasing transparency in their supply chains and improving their business practices in line with children’s rights. Together, we implement specific solutions to prevent, identify and remediate violations of children’s rights – from the first level of the supply chain through to informal production settings.

## Implementing community-based projects

At the same time, our approach addresses the root causes of child labour, such as poverty, lack of access to education and inadequate social security. To tackle these structural challenges, we implement community-based programmes on the ground. In doing so, we focus in particular on education, child protection, livelihoods, and health and nutrition.

## From supply chain analysis to project implementation

To protect children effectively, companies must take responsibility, ensure living wages and consistently implement children’s rights along their supply chains. We support them in this with a holistic approach – from risk analysis through to specific projects for children on the ground.



**i** More information about children’s rights and business: Children’s rights in the supply chain

## Together against child labour in the DRC

Since 2024, we have been supporting the *Child Rights Action Hub* in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), which is run by our partner organisation *The Centre for Child Rights and Business*. Together with local partners, the *Child Rights Action Hub* works to prevent child labour in cobalt mines in the city of Kolwezi. Through personalised remediation plans and individual support, children are withdrawn from child labour, provided with medical and psychological care, and reintegrated into school or vocational training. Families also receive financial relief, and siblings are supported in their education.

Our support for the *Child Rights Action Hub* is provided through a partnership with a group of nine telecommunications companies, including *Swisscom AG*, which are members of the *Joint Alliance for Corporate Social Responsibility (JAC)*. The association aims to improve the supply chain of digital devices over the long term. A key priority is the sustainable sourcing of cobalt, which is used in the production of electronic devices such as smartphones and tablets.



Thanks to the support of the *Child Rights Action Hub*, *Kylian\** can be a child again and enjoy his free time instead of working in the cobalt mine.

“Children should have pens in their hands, not tools.”

*Kailash Satyarthi*, Indian children’s rights activist and Nobel Peace Prize laureate

### *Kylian\** can go to school again

After losing his parents, *Kylian\** began working in a cobalt mine at the age of 11 to support his siblings. Thanks to the *Child Rights Action Hub*, the children received financial support. This enabled *Kylian* to leave the dangerous work and return to school. There, he thrived and made very good progress. At the same time, his 15-year-old sister *Joyce\** received vocational training as a seamstress.

## Embedding children’s rights in multi-stakeholder initiatives

As part of our work, we advocate for children’s rights in multi-stakeholder initiatives such as the *Swiss Sustainable Coffee Platform (SSCP)* and the *Swiss Platform for Sustainable Cocoa (SWISSCO)*. Our dialogue with companies, authorities and civil society stakeholders enables us to share experience and best-practice examples, and to encourage those involved to go beyond minimum requirements. In this way, we help advance sector-wide standards, objectives and effective measures to combat child labour.



Visit to a coffee plantation during a project trip.



In 2025, 40 per cent of asylum applications in Switzerland were submitted by children.

# Strengthening children's rights in Switzerland



Every child has the right to protection, support and participation – including in Switzerland. Yet refugee children in collective accommodation, as well as children with a parent in prison, often experience pressures that affect their development and well-being. We work to ensure that their rights are upheld in full.

In Switzerland, refugee children with their families, as well as unaccompanied minor asylum seekers, often live in collective accommodation for extended periods. Cramped living conditions, a lack of places to withdraw to, and limited opportunities for play, participation and age-appropriate support shape their everyday lives. As a result, children who have already experienced displacement and insecurity often lack stabilising structures.

## Supporting children, young people and parents

In 2025, we addressed these challenges through three projects. With "Space, Skills & Sports", we improved the mental health of unaccompanied minor asylum seekers through participatory space design, creative activities and stress management methods. The "Child-friendly collective accommodation" project created child-friendly spaces, established regular activities and raised awareness of child protection for staff. In addition, the "Parent-friendly centres" project supported mothers and fathers in managing stress and assisted staff in their work with families under strain.



In 2025, 5,442 children, 516 young people, 2,403 parents and 356 staff members in 59 asylum shelters benefitted from our asylum-related projects.

## More than a playroom

Child-friendly spaces are more than a place to play. They protect children in stressful life situations, strengthen their mental stability and support their development, thereby tangibly contributing to putting children's rights into practice.

With child-friendly spaces, we respond directly to the lived reality of refugee children in Swiss collective shelters. We create protected places that allow children to withdraw and which specifically support their development.



"Play is more than just a pastime – it is essential for a child's physical, mental and emotional development."

Lara Künzler, Swiss Programme Expert, Save the Children Switzerland



Play, structure and trusted caregivers give children stability. In a protected environment, they can find calm, build relationships and regain their confidence. In this way, they find safety and space for healthy development.



When setting up these spaces, we consciously involve children and ask them about their wishes and needs, because they are the experts on their own lives. This turns empty or sparse rooms into places that have a lasting positive impact on children.



This child-friendly space in a collective shelter in Bern is based on the children's wishes.

## Strengthening children's rights at a structural level

Our work in asylum shelters does not end with direct support for children and families. What we learn from conversations with those affected and with staff feeds directly into our advocacy work with public authorities. In 2025, we were able to strengthen this link between practical experience and structural change particularly effectively.

### Guidance for staff in collective accommodation

One important result was the practical guide *"When children witness violence"*. Children in collective accommodation face an increased risk of witnessing violence, sometimes with serious consequences for their mental health. Yet in many places, staff lack clear procedures for dealing with such situations. The guide addresses this gap by giving staff practical steps for prevention, intervention and follow-up, strengthening day-to-day protection against violence in collective accommodation.

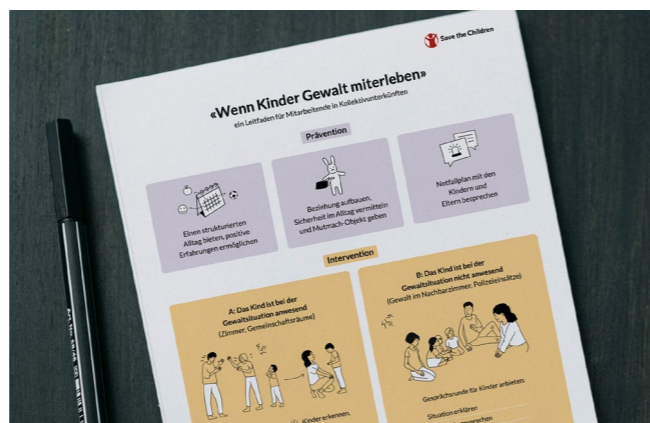
### Joint recommendations on accommodation

Together with UNICEF, UNHCR and the Swiss Refugee Council, we also published *"Children seeking protection in collective accommodation. Recommendations for the asylum sector"*. The publication sets out how child protection can be embedded structurally and implemented in a binding way.



At our specialist event, Nina Hössli, Director of Swiss Programmes, explains the key elements of protecting refugee children against violence, and where gaps remain.

Both publications were presented to a broad expert audience at our specialist event in November 2025 and are available to download from [our website](#).



Through 49 discussions with decision-makers, two publications, a specialist event and 67 media mentions, we brought key concerns of refugee children into public and political debate with evidence and expertise.

## Implementing children's rights in the prison system

Another focus of our work is children with a parent in prison. For these children, a parent's imprisonment often means the sudden loss of a trusted caregiver, emotional strain and deep uncertainty. We work to ensure that they can maintain safe, child-friendly and supportive contact with their imprisoned parent. Through child- and family-friendly visiting rooms, information services and materials, and staff awareness-raising, we help make visits to an imprisoned parent more appropriate for children.



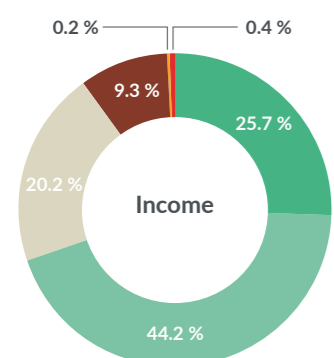
We implemented projects for children with a parent in prison in seven prisons and advised 25 staff members on child-friendly prison visits.



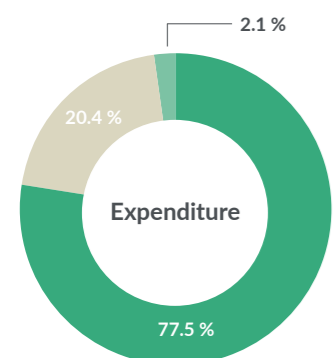
Collective accommodation often lacks places that children can withdraw to. In child-friendly spaces, children have room to play, do crafts and simply be children.

# Standing strong for children in uncertain times

In 2025, budgets for development cooperation and humanitarian aid were cut significantly worldwide. Thanks to the support of institutional partners and many private donors in Switzerland, we were nevertheless able to increase our total income and even expand our work for children.



25.7% Private donations and legacies  
44.2% Public sector contributions  
20.2% Foundations  
9.3% Corporates  
0.2% Services  
0.4% Other



77.5% Project costs  
20.4% Fundraising and marketing costs  
2.1% Administrative costs

Balance sheet	2025	2024
<i>(in Swiss francs)</i>		
<b>Active</b>		
<b>Current assets</b>		
Liquid assets	20,555,211	17,535,574
Receivables from deliveries and services	409,882	371,503
Other short-term receivables	2,613,290	2,615,267
Active accruals	1,960,904	1,735,854
<b>Total operating revenue</b>	<b>25,539,287</b>	<b>22,258,198</b>
<b>Fixed assets</b>		
Tangible assets	27,434	19,611
Intangible assets	33,603	26,860
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>61,037</b>	<b>46,471</b>
<b>Total active</b>	<b>25,600,324</b>	<b>22,304,669</b>
<b>Passive</b>		
<b>Current liabilities</b>		
Liabilities from deliveries and services	1,594,528	854,834
Other current liabilities	109,643	201,533
Current liabilities to government authorities	18,491	0
Current provisions	10,000	73,035
Passive accruals	531,398	387,778
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>2,264,060</b>	<b>1,517,180</b>
<b>Fund capital</b>		
Restricted funds	14,686,377	12,488,043
<b>Total fund capital</b>	<b>14,686,377</b>	<b>12,488,043</b>
<b>Organisation capital</b>		
Share capital	18,751	18,751
Fixed capital	0	87,457
Free capital	8,631,136	8,193,238
<i>Profit-loss carried forward</i>	8,280,695	6,629,782
<i>Annual result</i>	350,441	1,563,456
<b>Total organisation capital</b>	<b>8,649,887</b>	<b>8,299,446</b>
<b>Total passive</b>	<b>25,600,324</b>	<b>22,304,669</b>

**Higher public sector contributions**  
The public sector contributions awarded to us rose significantly, particularly towards the end of the reporting year. Additional funds – above all from the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) – enabled us to launch numerous new and important projects for children and to strengthen existing programmes in a targeted way.

**More funding for our projects**  
Our project activities in 2025 were clearly above the previous year's level. International project expenditure increased by 27% compared with 2024. Our programmes in Switzerland also continued to develop as planned and were expanded in a targeted way in several areas.

**Efficient growth**  
We managed the increased project volume without increasing personnel expenses, thereby improving our efficiency. Operating expenses rose because we deliberately invested more in fundraising in order to boost our long-term unrestricted income. Overall, this resulted in a surplus of unrestricted funds of 350,000 francs. This boosts our reserves and helps ensure that we can continue to respond to current and future challenges with stability and room for manoeuvre.

### Audit of our annual financial statement

The 2025 annual financial statement meets the regulations of Swiss GAAP FER and is presented in summary form on the following pages. The annual financial statement was audited by BDO in Zurich and received an unqualified audit report.



Read the full annual financial statement [savethechildren.ch/financialstatement](https://savethechildren.ch/financialstatement)

Statement of income and expenditure	2025	2024
<i>(in Swiss francs)</i>		
<b>Revenue</b>		
Unrestricted donations	9,512,150	9,374,663
<i>Of which government grants</i>	12,256	2,253
Restricted contributions and donations	24,489,418	19,374,303
<i>Of which government grants</i>	15,063,176	9,087,045
Revenue from deliveries and services	81,122	378,970
<b>Operating revenue</b>	<b>34,082,690</b>	<b>29,127,936</b>
<b>Operating costs</b>		
Project costs	-20,689,673	-16,317,638
<i>Of which contributions and grants abroad</i>	-20,620,704	-16,276,287
<i>Of which project costs for Swiss projects</i>	-68,969	-41,351
Payroll	-5,882,254	-6,044,213
<i>Of which for Swiss projects</i>	-943,025	-720,709
Material expenses	-4,708,985	-3,304,741
Amortisation	-29,726	-69,122
<b>Operating costs</b>	<b>-3,310,638</b>	<b>-25,735,714</b>
<b>Operating results</b>	<b>2,772,052</b>	<b>3,392,222</b>
<b>Financial result</b>	<b>-223,277</b>	<b>244,956</b>
<b>Result before change in fund capital</b>	<b>2,548,775</b>	<b>3,637,178</b>
<b>Change in fund capital</b>	<b>-2,198,334</b>	<b>-2,072,523</b>
<b>Annual result before change in organisation capital</b>	<b>350,441</b>	<b>1,564,655</b>
<b>Allocation / Usage</b>		
Revolving fund for project pre-financing	0	-1,199
Free capital	-350,441	-1,563,456
<b>Balance after change in organisation capital</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

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 indefatigable in our work on behalf of the most disadvantaged children – in Switzerland and worldwide.

Marie\* (12) outside her school in Kasai, DRC.

### 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.

Our particular thanks go to:

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| <b>B</b> Beisheim Foundation<br>Bruker Switzerland AG<br>Bulgari SA   | <b>J</b> Johnson & Johnson AG   |
| <b>C</b> Candriam Institute for Sustainable Development<br>Canton of Aargau<br>Canton of Appenzell Ausserrhoden<br>Canton of Lucerne<br>Canton of Zurich<br>City of Lucerne | <b>M</b> Max Kohler Foundation<br>Medicor Foundation Liechtenstein<br>Migros Aid Fund   |
| <b>D</b> Däster-Schild Foundation<br>dieci AG<br>dormakaba<br>Dtm Sportscars AG   | <b>P</b> Post CH AG   |
| <b>E</b> Erika and Conrad Schnyder Foundation   | <b>R</b> Royal Plaza Montreux   |
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|   | <b>V</b> Volkart Foundation   |
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|   | <b>Z</b> Z Zurich Foundation  |

\*In 2025, the SDC supported the financing of three projects in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, South Sudan, and Syria through its program contribution.

Who we are

### The executive committee

Save the Children Switzerland's executive committee is responsible for implementing strategy and managing operations.



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



**Alex Brans**  
Director of Global Programmes  
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**Nina Hössli**  
Director Swiss Programmes  
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**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

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

### 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 2025, 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



**Abigaël 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 Huldi**  
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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*Two-and-a-half-year-old Burhan\* with his mother in his family's new home,  
after they were affected by the devastating earthquake in Türkiye.*