

Our Focus Areas

Our work advances the rights of children and youth across four focus areas and five regions. We have a deep commitment to courageous organizations that support young people facing poverty, injustice, and discrimination.

EDUCATION



We work to secure equal access to high-quality education for all children, no matter what obstacles stand in their way.

135
grassroots
partners

46
countries

Key initiatives

- Early childhood development
- Girls' education
- Inclusive education for children with disabilities
- Innovative models to reach child laborers, refugees, indigenous children, and other excluded populations
- Vocational, life skills, and entrepreneurship training for youth

YOUTH EMPOWERMENT



We prepare young people to shape their own futures, advance their rights, and lead healthy, productive lives.

81
grassroots
partners

37
countries

Key initiatives

- Leadership, entrepreneurship, and vocational skills training
- Life skills development
- Microcredit and microfinancing programs
- Human rights training
- Political and civic participation and civil rights
- Peer education and mobilization

GENDER EQUITY



We defend the right of all children and youth to enjoy equal resources and opportunities in society, and we support efforts to define new social and cultural norms that do not discriminate based on gender identity.

80
grassroots
partners

36
countries

Key initiatives

- Girls' education
- Leadership, entrepreneurship, and vocational skills training
- Sexual and reproductive health and rights
- Redefining masculinity
- Eradication of harmful traditional norms, including child marriage and female genital mutilation
- Rehabilitation and safe spaces for survivors of gender-based violence, sexual abuse, and exploitation
- Advocacy, counseling, safe spaces, and health information and services for LGBTQ youth
- Advocacy and community outreach on gender justice

FREEDOM FROM VIOLENCE & EXPLOITATION



We seek to prevent and end violence that keeps children and youth from reaching their full potential, and we work to heal those affected.

85
grassroots
partners

35
countries

Key initiatives

- Identification, rehabilitation, and reintegration services for trafficking victims
- Securing legal identities and birth certificates
- Child protection training
- Preventing sexual abuse and violence
- Ensuring access to education and healthcare
- Tailored programming to meet the unique needs of refugees, child laborers, trafficked children and youth, and other populations at risk of violence and abuse
- Additional prevention, training, and advocacy activities, including training public service providers

We partner to build a world
where *all* children and youth
are safe, strong, and valued.

Our Model

We create partnerships, not dependencies. We scout out grassroots organizations with bold ideas and dedicated leaders. Then we help them deepen their impact to transform children's lives, their communities, and the world.



We find.

We research, explore, and identify innovative, early-stage organizations working with young people around the world.



We fund.

We invest wisely, funding our partners' life-changing programs for children and youth and keeping a watchful eye on how those funds are put to use.



We build networks.

We connect our partners to each other and to national and regional networks. We bring together brilliant minds to share knowledge, fuel advocacy, and build movements of social change.



Together we strengthen.

We advise, mentor, and guide our partners. We build mutual trust, accountability, and enduring relationships. Through targeted capacity-building services, we help our partners grow stronger and more effective in their work.



And when our partners graduate, we stand proud.

Our greatest joy comes from knowing that we played a part in helping our partners grow strong enough to continue their important work for children and youth without our financial support. After graduation, they remain a vital part of our growing global network.

In the last 20 years, Global Fund for Children has transformed millions of children's lives by supporting meaningful change where it stands to do the most good: in the heart of the community.



3x budget growth

On average, our partners' budgets triple during their GFC partnership, enabling them to expand and improve their programs for greater impact on children's lives.

646

total grassroots
partners

10M

children served

\$39.9M

in cash grants

91%

success rate

Roughly 91% of our graduating partners meet or exceed our expectations for growth in the areas of visibility, organizational capacity, and budget.

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CNN Heroes
Awards

10

World's Children
Prizes

37

Ashoka
Fellowships

10

With and For
Girls Awards

Our partners become national leaders in children's rights, and influence government policy to defend and protect hundreds of thousands of children worldwide. They have received hundreds of national and international awards, including those listed above.

Where We Work

Global Fund for Children currently supports 171 grassroots organizations in 48 countries. Our network of graduated partners includes more than 600 organizations across the globe.

The Americas

NUMBER OF PARTNERS: 37

Bolivia	2
Brazil	3
Colombia	2
Dominican Republic	3
Ecuador	2
Guatemala	5
Haiti	3
Honduras	2
Mexico	6
Nicaragua	3
Peru	4
United States	3

Africa & the Middle East

NUMBER OF PARTNERS: 59

Burkina Faso	1
Burundi	2
Democratic Republic of the Congo	1
Egypt	2
Ethiopia	1
Ghana	5
Kenya	8
Lebanon	3
Liberia	1
Nigeria	4
Rwanda	4
Senegal	2
South Africa	2
Swaziland	2
Tanzania	4
Togo	5
Uganda	6
Zambia	6

Europe & Eurasia

NUMBER OF PARTNERS: 24

Kyrgyzstan	6
Moldova	1
Romania	1
Serbia	5
Tajikistan	2
Turkey	3
Ukraine	3
United Kingdom	3

South Asia

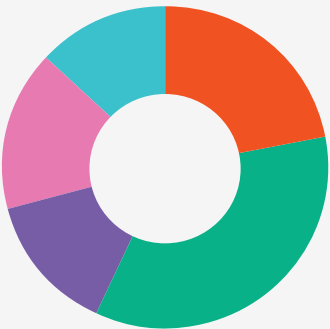
NUMBER OF PARTNERS: 28

Bangladesh	6
India	12
Nepal	5
Pakistan	3
Sri Lanka	2

East & Southeast Asia

NUMBER OF PARTNERS: 23

Cambodia	6
China	5
Indonesia	4
Mongolia	2
Thailand	6



Global Distribution of Current Partners

The Americas	22%
Africa & the Middle East	35%
Europe & Eurasia	14%
South Asia	16%
East & Southeast Asia	13%

From Bangladesh to Kyrgyzstan to Zambia, we go the extra mile to find promising, innovative programs that will thrive with our support.

Our Partners

Resilient. Dedicated. Homegrown. Our partners equip children and youth with the tools to lead lives of dignity and independence. They have the passion and local knowledge to transform their communities. We help them achieve that goal.



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Our grassroots partners are...

- Promising** We invest in high-potential, early-stage organizations.
- Local** Our partners are experts on their communities’ cultures, concerns, needs, and resources.
- Innovative** Our partners challenge assumptions and paradigms, bringing a fresh perspective and approach to deep-rooted cultural problems.
- Nimble** From natural disasters to political unrest, our partners adapt quickly to changing context.
- Growing** We seek out organizations with the potential to deepen and replicate their programs to achieve maximum impact.
- Courageous** Battling complex problems with limited resources, our partners do whatever it takes to improve children’s lives

CURRENT PARTNERS

The Americas

- Bolivia**
Fundación Centro Una Brisa de Esperanza
- Brazil**
Diaspora Solidaria
Onda Solidária
Viva a Vida
- Colombia**
Corporación Correcaminos
Fundación Dar Amor
- Dominican Republic**
180 Grados para la Cooperación y el Desarrollo
Fundación La Merced
Unión GTH Vegana
- Ecuador**
Asociación Comunitaria Hilarte
Fundación UBECI
- Guatemala**
Asociación AMA
Asociación Civil Defiende
Asociación Generando
Asociación PASOS
Asociación Pop No’j
- Haiti**
Association Zanmi Timoun
Organisation Haitienne pour le Développement Durable
Pax Christi Ayiti
- Honduras**
Cooperativa Mixta Juvenil Emprendedores Solidarios
Organización para el Empoderamiento de la Juventud
- Mexico**
Alianza para la Integración Comunitaria UTOPIA A.C.
Centro Integral de Atención a las Mujeres
Chantiik Taj Tajinkutik
Colectivo Seres
México y Caribe Jóvenes A.C.
Red + Posithiva de Quintana Roo
- Nicaragua**
Asociación de Sordociegos de Nicaragua
Asociación Movimiento de Mujeres por Nuestros Derechos Humanos
Fundación Fénix
- Peru**
Ashanti Perú – Red Peruana de Jóvenes Afrodescendientes
Asociación Civil Los Pioneros
Asociación Educativa Kusi Kawsay
Un Millón de Niños Lectores

- United States**
Courtney’s House
Fihankra Akoma Ntoaso
Project Create
- Africa & the Middle East**
- Burkina Faso**
Association Aide à la Scolarisation des Enfants de Familles Démunies
- Burundi**
Initiative pour la Promotion de la Santé Rurale et le Développement Intégré au Burundi
Observatoire Ineza des Droits de l’Enfant au Burundi
- Democratic Republic of the Congo**
Georges Malaika Foundation
- Egypt**
Alwan wa Awtar
Future Lights for Development Organization
- Ethiopia**
Fregenet Kidan Lehitsanat
- Ghana**
A Ban Against Neglect
Achievers Ghana Education
Center for Development Initiatives
Ghana Women’s Voices Foundation
Street Library Ghana
- Kenya**
Boy Child Initiative
Girls Leading Our World Initiatives
Heshima Kenya
Kito International
Little Rock ECD Centre
Nyanza Initiative for Girls’ Education and Empowerment
Samburu Girls Foundation
Springs of Hope Children’s Centre
- Lebanon**
Insan Association
Nawaya Network
Tahaddi
- Liberia**
Children Assistance Program
- Nigeria**
Bo Sita MADE
Centre for Children’s Health Education, Orientation and Protection
Child and Youth Protection Foundation
Linking the Youth of Nigeria through Exchange

- Rwanda**
Centre Marembo
Hope for Rwanda
Les Enfants de Dieu
Point d’Ecoute
- Senegal**
Association Jeunesse Espoir
Maison de la Gare
- South Africa**
Jelly Beans Inc.
Vumundzuku-bya Vana | Our Children’s Future
- Swaziland**
Compassionate Swaziland
Young Heroes Foundation
- Tanzania**
Action for Children
Faraja Young Women Development Organization
Shalom Centre for Street Children
Zanzibar Female Lawyers Association
- Togo**
Action pour le Développement Durable: Le Rônier
Fondation Secours Universel
Homeland Kids and Family
ONG Dedome Amis du Père Franck
Organisation pour la Femme et le Développement
- Uganda**
Children of the World Foundation
Foundation for Inclusive Community Help
Hope and Peace for Humanity
Life Concern
Rural Initiative for Community Empowerment – West Nile
Rwenzori Information Centres Network
- Zambia**
Chimwemwe Organisation for the Promotion of Childhood Rights, Education and Development
Dackana Home Based Care
Hope for the Needy Zambia
Kachere Development Programme
Youth First Development
Youth Support Initiative

Europe & Eurasia

- Kyrgyzstan**
Beypil
Bishkek Feminist Initiatives
Center of Economical Education

- Hand in Hand
Our Voice
Ravenstvo
- Moldova**
Youth Media Center
- Romania**
Asociatia pentru Libertatea si Egalitatea de Gen
- Serbia**
Asylum Protection Center
Danica
Exspecto
Know How Center
Stav +
- Tajikistan**
Iroda
Young Generation of Tajikistan
- Turkey**
Aile Danismanlari Dernegi
Mavi Kalem Social Assistance and Charity Association
Young Disabled Sports Club
- Ukraine**
NGO Parity
Orphan’s Future
Pravo Vibora
- United Kingdom**
asphaleia action
Leaders in Community
Mosaic Youth
- South Asia**
- Bangladesh**
Alor Pothe Nobojatray Foundation
Local Education and Economic Development Organization
Sanjog Bangladesh
Shobujer Ovijan Foundation
SOHAY
Voluntary Association for Family Welfare and Social Development
- India**
Aarohan
Arpan
Chehak Trust
Divya Down’s Development Trust
Equal Community Foundation
Foundation for Initiatives in Development and Education for All
LeapForWord
Masoom
Sahyog Care for You
Social and Development Research and Action Group
Society for Participatory

- Integrated Development
South Kolkata Hamari Muskan
- Nepal**
Asha Nepal
Center for Awareness Promotion
Gentle Heart Foundation
International Child Resource Institute – Nepal
Partnership for Sustainable Development Nepal
- Pakistan**
Grace Association
Roshni Research and Development Welfare Organization
Sanjog Pakistan
- Sri Lanka**
Educate, Advocate, Support, Empower Foundation
Rural Economic and Community Development Organization
- East & Southeast Asia**
- Cambodia**
Advanced Centre for Empowerment
Aziza’s Place
Jom Hean Anagod
Khemara
Self Help Community Center
Sports and Leadership Training Academy
- China**
Hong Kong Unison
Jiuqian Volunteer Center
Shanghai Ming De Charity Fund
Shanghai Qingai Health Center
Teen’s Key
- Indonesia**
Fokus Muda
Yayasan Mitra ImaDei
Yayasan Sahabat Kapas
Yayasan Satu Karsa Karya
- Mongolia**
Children’s Ger
Foundation for Empowerment of Rural Women
- Thailand**
Anti-Human Trafficking and Child Abuse Center
Baan Nana (Childlife)
Center for Girls
Child Rights Protection Centre
Friends Without Borders Foundation
Karenni Further Studies Program