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Children play under a water tap during a recess at a UNICEF supported primary school inside Bukasi Internally Displaced People's camp, in Maiduguri, Borno State, Nigeria, Tuesday 28 February 2017.
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Four-year-old Febiana attends an early childhood education centre supported by UNICEF in Timor-Leste. ©UNICEF / Antti Helen

CHAIR'S REPORT



I'm delighted to be writing my first annual report message as the UNICEF Australia Board Chair. It is an honour to represent the Australian National Committee of the United Nations Children's Fund; a leading global humanitarian and development agency that aims to help all children – especially the most disadvantaged and marginalised – to lead safe, healthy lives and to realise their full potential.

I was drawn to UNICEF Australia for many reasons, none more important than helping to build a world where the welfare and rights of all children are valued.

Early in my career, I worked in the United Kingdom prison system which provided great insights into human nature and instilled in me a passion for social justice and equality. Upon returning to Australia, I worked for a trade union which gave me my first taste of participating in political debate, before entering the Victorian Public Service and delivering children's services programs; child care, after-school care and integration and support for children with disabilities.

I have always been particularly passionate about supporting women to access opportunity. In the early 90s, I was fortunate to play a key role advising the Prime Minister on women's rights, while heading up the Office of the Status of Women. During this time, I represented the Australian Government at the United Nations on women's rights and human rights. The opportunity to be part of influencing programs where young girls are given the chance to not only survive, but to thrive in both health and education, really resonated with me.

Philanthropy has always been something I am deeply committed to. In 2017, I joined the board of Philanthropy Australia to help champion the cause for philanthropy in Australia. In my role as Chair of UNICEF Australia, I plan to support the implementation of the National Committee's

four-year strategy, by working with our corporate partners to help raise the necessary support to continue the great work being done by UNICEF Australia, giving kids in Australia, and globally, a fair chance.



I hope to be able to help influence and advocate for the support needed for all children on our own soil, so they can receive education, protection, safety, nutrition and access to health and well-being services.

As an Ambassador of the Australian Indigenous Education Foundation and a Director of Cape York Partnerships, I believe children in Australia who live in marginalised and disadvantaged communities, desperately need our help to have their voices heard. With this in mind, I hope to be able to help influence and advocate for the support needed for all children on our own soil, so they can receive education, protection, safety, nutrition and access to health and well-being services.

The work of UNICEF is life-changing for children in our region and I am proud to be part of the committed team leading this work.

Ann Sherry AO
Chair

CEO'S REPORT

In 2017, for the first time, UNICEF globally celebrated World Children's Day on November 20, in the form of a "kids' takeover". In Australia, we highlighted Article 12 of the UN Convention of the Rights of the Child which focuses on every child's right to be heard. Our team launched a highly-successful public awareness campaign which included a fundraising gala dinner involving several high-profile ambassadors.

Our vision is that every child deserves a fair chance. Our new four-year strategy developed in 2017, is a necessary response to the tremendous needs of children around the world. Sadly, 385 million children still live in extreme poverty; 264 million children and young people are out of school and 5.6 million children under the age of five died last year from preventable diseases. Even in Australia, one in six children are still living under the poverty line. So we know that we can do better.

UNICEF Australia continued to respond to the tragic circumstances affecting children in conflicts in Syria, Yemen and Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). New and emerging crises such as the South Sudan food crisis, and the Rohingya refugee crisis in Bangladesh have kept our teams busy coordinating fundraising appeals, raising awareness and advocating for greater responses from individual donors, governments and regional powers.

Guided by the Sustainable Development Goals, in the priority areas of child survival, child protection, early childhood development (ECD) and water and sanitation, last year we expanded our ongoing support to 14 prioritised programs in Papua New Guinea (PNG), Laos, Indonesia, Myanmar, Fiji, Kiribati, Solomon Islands, Timor Leste and Zimbabwe.

We are able to make a difference with our Directly Supported Programs, thanks to Australian government accreditation, funding and generous donations received from the Australian public – our Global Parents, Global Guardians and dedicated fundraisers – and our corporate partners. We are truly grateful for the ongoing support.

UNICEF Australia also plays a key role defending children's rights in Australia. We have expanded the impact of our Policy and Advocacy team by championing the best interests of children for decision-makers during policy-making, and we are conducting an extensive child-consultation project, with a report to be produced in late 2018.



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UNICEF has undergone major changes in early 2018. In January, we saw the departure of Executive Director Tony Lake and a new global Executive Director, Henrietta Fore was appointed. At UNICEF Australia our past very dedicated Chair, John Stewart, retired in January 2018 and I was delighted to welcome new Chair, Ann Sherry. With a career that has spanned government, banking and cruise tourism, Ann is one of Australia's most respected business executives and a champion for women and gender equality.

Finally, I would like to thank all of our staff, including our senior management team, which has gone through a major rebuilding phase this year. Thank you to our volunteers for their tireless contributions and efforts. Because of them and the support they generate from the Australian community, a fair chance is being developed for every child.

Tony Stuart
Chief Executive



ABOUT UNICEF

UNICEF is the United Nations Children's Fund, the world's leading children's organisation, fighting for every child's rights, everywhere. Established in 1946 in the aftermath of World War II, we operate in more than 190 countries and territories.





OPPOSITE PAGE

A woman carries her child through the debris of buildings and vehicles destroyed during intense fighting as they flee the Old City for safe areas in Mosul, Iraq, Thursday 6 July 2017. Partially visible at left is the destroyed Great Mosque of al-Nuri. ©UNICEF/UN073067/Romenzi



As a global humanitarian and development agency, we work to help children lead safe and healthy lives, so they have the opportunity to realise their full potential.

We are there for the world’s most vulnerable and marginalised children. Our work takes us to war and conflict zones, vast refugee camps and hard to reach communities in developing countries.

We believe every child in all of these places, and the world-over, has the right to survive and thrive. Every child has the right to education, health care, shelter, good nutrition, safe water and protection from harm. These universal rights are enshrined in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, which has been ratified by Australia and almost every country in the world.

But sometimes these rights are threatened by poverty, violence and discrimination.

That’s why UNICEF exists. We are the children’s champion, ensuring that every child gets a fair chance to live the best life they possibly can.

The scope of our work is expansive. With our vast networks across continents we are on the spot with life-saving assistance for children, in the event of emergencies such

as conflict or natural disasters.

We also protect and support millions of children around the world with our development programs. We prioritise making sure these children have access to safe drinking water. We vaccinate them against potentially deadly but easily preventable diseases such as cholera, rotavirus and measles. Crucially, we work with governments and community partners to make sure that children are able to go to schools where the teachers are well-trained. And before children are old enough for school, our Early Childhood Development programs strive to provide all new mothers with access to the services they need to give their newborn babies the very best start in life.

Here in Australia, we are actively advocating in the political arena for the rights of every child to be met. We talk to and listen to children – and make sure that others listen to them too – and respect their views. We give them a voice.

UNICEF is trusted globally. We have a long history of taking action and getting things done and have made a positive difference for more than 70 years. And we will continue doing this way into the future, until the rights of every child, everywhere, are guaranteed.



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Samuel Omond, plays on the playground with his son Fabian Ochieng at an Early Childhood Development Centre in Nairobi, Kenya. ©UNICEF/UN066565/Ohanesian

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A boy holds up his and his sibling’s yellow vaccination cards after receiving a course of vaccinations in an urban poor community in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. ©UNICEF/UN060019/Laurado

OUR VISION AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



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Happiness Mbewe and her baby Davis Christopher benefit from the services offered by Mothers2Mothers at a health facility in Malawi. ©UNICEF/UN063423/Schermbrucker

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Maria (Mentor Mother) and Joyous are amused as Eliza tries her hand at cooking, Thyolo, Malawi. ©UNICEF/UN063428/Schermbrucker



This means that, together with UNICEF Global, UNICEF Australia is accountable to the Sustainable Development Goals, which must be met by 2030.

Sustainable Development Goals

A sustainable future for humanity hinges on how, as a global community, we meet the needs of today's children. The 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), derived by 150 world leaders at the United Nations Sustainable Development Summit in 2015, include 44 child-related indicators which help guide how to best support children facing myriad crises and hardship across the globe. The SDGs serve to improve the lives of people everywhere, find a pathway to end poverty, promote prosperity, protect the environment and take action on climate change.

UNICEF Australia is committed to these goals, and is working closely with UNICEF Global and international, national and regional partners to collect data about the lives of children and young people. This data is used to identify those who are being left behind and to monitor our efforts to reach them. Using the research, the collective aim is to improve quality of life for children and youth throughout the first 20 years of their life, to better understand the specific challenges faced as they transition into adulthood.

Our Vision

UNICEF Australia's vision is "for every child, a fair chance". Providing children with a fair chance to survive and thrive from conception onwards ensures a solid foundation for children to have the best chance of living a healthy and opportunistic life. With this grassroots approach in providing children with access to the best possible formative years, it is hoped positive flow on effects can be felt in the wider community and society at large.

This fair chance means every child – in Australia and around the world - should have equal access to health, nutrition, protection, clean water, sanitation, hygiene, inclusion, education and emergency assistance. With this vision in mind, our mission is "to be the children's champion" and inspire Australians to connect with UNICEF by raising funds and protecting and promoting children's rights.

ADVOCACY AND WORK IN AUSTRALIA

UNICEF Australia's Policy and Advocacy work is guided by the mandate provided by the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC). We aim to ensure the policies, laws and practices of Australian Governments and other institutions are developed and implemented with the key elements of respecting, promoting and protecting the rights of children contained within them. We advocate for the best interests of children to be a priority for decision-makers at all times during policy-making, to help ensure every child has a fair chance.

This is achieved by listening to children, gathering and building evidence and data, conducting research, consulting and advocating to governments and the private sector, as well as by liaising with the media and communicating with the public.

Our advocacy work is undertaken for children in Australia, in our region and around the globe.

Raising the voice of Australia's children

We began our international reporting process to the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child in late 2017, commencing planning for what will be extensive consultation with children across Australia, with a view to submitting an official report in November 2018.

Together with the National Children's and Youth Law Centre, UNICEF Australia co-convenes the Australian Child Rights Taskforce (ACRT), a group of over 50 child-focused organisations and experts. The Taskforce reports to the Committee in a five-year cycle to ensure it has a clear understanding of how well children's rights are upheld in Australia. This enables the UN to make the most practical and timely recommendations to the Australian Government about how it must improve the lives of children and young people in Australia.

Upholding children's rights within government

At an event at Parliament House in Canberra in October 2017, UNICEF Australia re-launched the Australian Parliamentary



Association for UNICEF Australia, co-chaired by Senator Lisa Singh and Mr Andrew Broad, MP. The Association currently has more than 70 members representing all major Australian political parties. Members support and promote the UN Convention

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World Children's Day consultation at a NSW public school. ©UNICEF Australia / MaJa Baska.



on the Rights of the Child. They promote UNICEF's work for women and children, both in Parliament and in the community, and encourage the Australian government to prioritise support for children, particularly Australia's most vulnerable. They also encourage the Australian Government to prioritise child rights in Australia's overseas development programs. In 2017, UNICEF Australia convened a number of high-level parliamentary briefings about the Rohingya crisis, the International Safe Schools Declaration, the Global Refugee Compacts and modern slavery. These activities reinforce that upholding the rights of children goes beyond politics.

Policy influence and technical advice

In 2017, UNICEF Australia submitted over 34 quality policy submissions on important issues relating to social and economic policy in Australia including; child budgeting, modern slavery, youth unemployment, welfare reform, juvenile justice and citizenship.

Justice for Children

In October 2017, the Policy and Advocacy team facilitated a 'Justice for Children' study tour for a high-level Chinese delegation. The tour's purpose was to facilitate learning and exchange ideas about programs and approaches to aid rehabilitation of children and young people in conflict with the law, and about restorative justice. The delegation included senior members of the Criminal Law Department, the Legislative Affairs Commission of the Standing Committee of National People's Congress, two judicial officers and a prosecutor. The delegates learned about the programs administered by the NSW Department of Justice and met with the National Children's Commissioner, Megan Mitchell. They were welcomed by Judge Peter Johnstone, President of the NSW Children's Court, who explained the Court's innovative approaches.

Children in a Digital World

In December 2017, UNICEF released the 2017 instalment of its global State of the World's Children report. Entitled 'Children in a Digital World', it was based on research conducted by a team from Western Sydney University (WSU). The research investigated the relationship, impacts, opportunities and threats that internet and digital technology



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World Children's Day consultation at a NSW public school. ©UNICEF Australia / Maja Baska.

create for children. The report calls on public and private sectors to amplify efforts to protect children online and harness the opportunities for their development. It makes 29 recommendations under six priority actions that will help minimise harm to the most vulnerable children everywhere. The report argues that governments and the private sector have not kept up with the pace of change, exposing children to new risks and harms and leaving millions of the most disadvantaged children behind. UNICEF Australia launched the report - and its companion WSU report about Australian children and young people, *Young and Online: Children's Perspectives on Life in the Digital Age* - at a partnership event with WSU. Australia's Children's Commissioner and the Office of the e-Safety Commissioner spoke, with other key stakeholders in attendance. Public interest was strong with Principal Researcher from the University's Institute for Culture and Society, Amanda Third, promoting the reports via national, regional and local media forums.

Advocacy outcomes

During 2017, UNICEF Australia played often pivotal strategic roles in ongoing sector-wide advocacy efforts, which resulted in a number of high-profile outcomes. These included:

- The appointment of an Assistant Minister for Children and Families
- The Australian government's decision to ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention Against Torture (OPCAT). This international agreement has resulted in the creation of a prevention and monitoring body for improving conditions in detention, including youth detention
- Modern Slavery Act: UNICEF Australia produced an influential submission and appeared at the inquiry hearing for Committee recommendations, which is likely to result in a requirement for transparency in supply chain reporting for certain businesses
- The Commonwealth Procurement Framework and Human Rights: the Committee on Government Procurement implemented a recommendation we made in our submission about strengthening guidance for procurement officers surrounding human rights, including the rights of children
- Royal Commission into the Protection and Detention of Children in the Northern

Territory: UNICEF Australia's submission shaped multiple recommendations of the Royal Commission regarding a human rights - based approach to youth detention.

Public consultation about children's rights

In 2017, Policy and Advocacy staff members consulted with children and young people



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across the general public, as well as with students from primary and secondary schools and university, on a range of issues including education, the environment and the justice system. These took the form of informal conversations and question and answer sessions, in association with lectures and workshops conducted offsite.

In addition, the team completed approximately 14 television interviews on the Rohingya crisis, the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse and other public policy matters. We further did a combined 47 radio and print media interviews on a cross-section of topics.

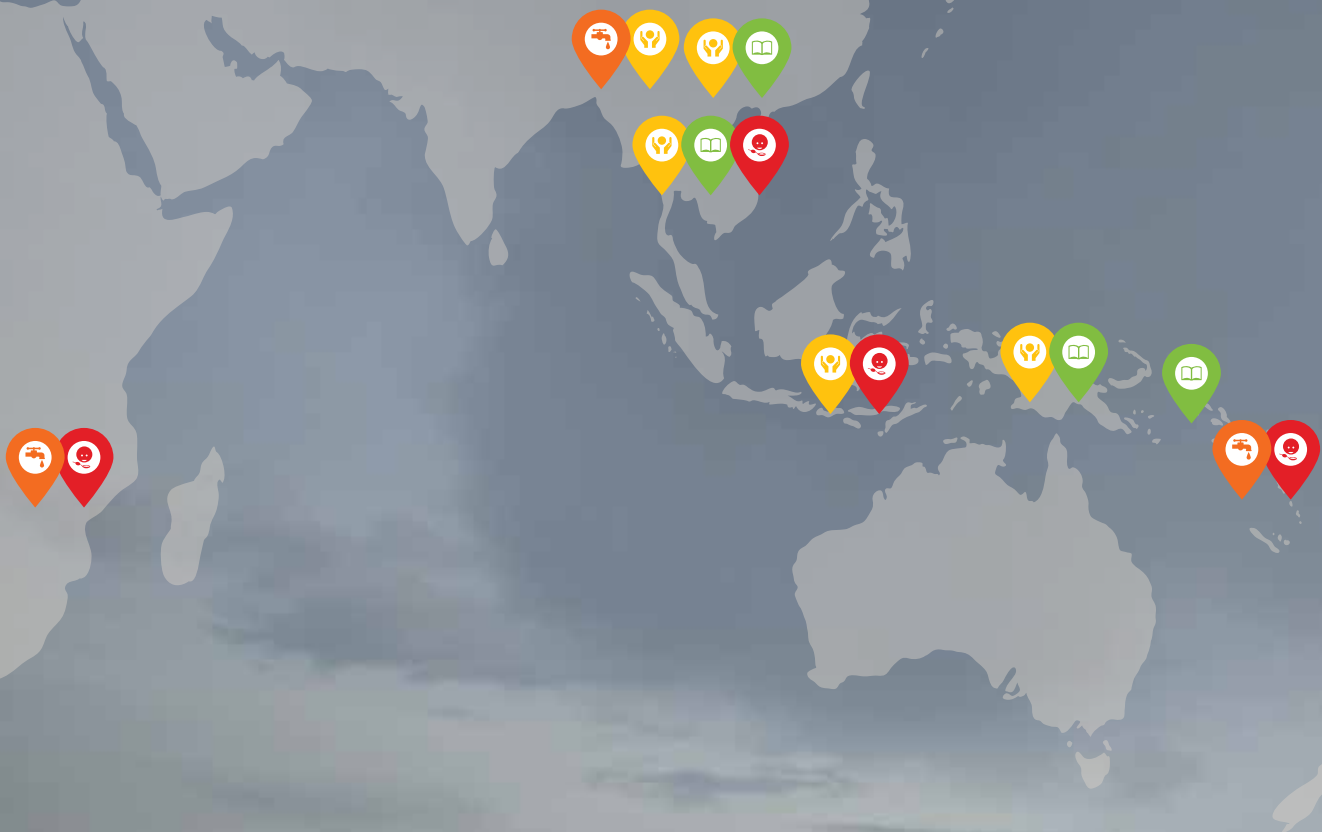
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From left to right: Principle Research Fellow Western Sydney University Institute for Culture and Society Amanda Third, federal Children's Commissioner Megan Mitchell, Chancellor of Western Sydney University Professor Peter Shergold - facilitated by UNICEF Australia Director of Policy & Advocacy Amy Lamoin.

OUR GLOBAL IMPACT

Every year our largest contribution to improving children's lives comes through UNICEF Australia's 30,625 Global Parents whose regular donations go towards our global core funding - this funding is for children with the greatest needs and those who are at the greatest risk. These regular resources support our Emergency Programme Fund to address the needs of children facing the growing number of humanitarian

emergencies around the world. It also helps reduce the impact of disasters by building resilience in communities. We also invest in innovations and in 2017 these flexible funds sustained our work in the most critical circumstances around the world, including protracted crises such as South Sudan, Democratic Republic of Congo and Central African Republic. See page 26 for more information.





UNICEF Australia Child Protection (CP) Programs in 2017

- Supporting accelerated implementation of CP Act and National CP policy in PNG
- Protecting children from violence, abuse, exploitation, and unnecessary family separation in Cambodia*
- Strengthening community based CP services for vulnerable children in Laos*
- Strengthening the Justice System for Children in Contact with the Law in Laos*
- An integrated CP system for the prevention and response to violence against children in Myanmar*
- Universal Birth Registration in Indonesia



UNICEF Australia Early Childhood Development (ECD) Programs in 2017

- Integrated approach to ECD in PNG
- Improving Early Learning and Child Development in Laos*
- Targeted Support to Basic Education in Solomon Islands*
- Strengthening the Quality of ECD Services in Cambodia
- Early Childhood Development in Cambodia (commenced 2017)*
- Primary Education in Cambodia



UNICEF Australia Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) programs in 2017

- Thant Shin Star (WASH in Schools), Myanmar*
- Reach for the Stars (WASH in Schools), Fiji*
- WASH in Satellite Schools, Zimbabwe*



UNICEF Australia Child Survival programs in 2017

- 1,000 Days Project Phase two in Laos
- Combating Infant and Young Child Malnutrition in Laos
- Improving Child Survival in Zimbabwe
- Community Based Management of Acute Malnutrition in Indonesia
- Comprehensive Rotavirus Introduction and Improving Child Survival in Kiribati[^]

*Supported by the Australian Government through the Australian NGO Cooperation Program (ANCP).

[^] Evaluated/reviewed in 2017




Girls and a woman draw water at a newly-built well in a camp for people displaced by conflict, on the outskirts of the northern village of Kabo in Ouham Prefecture, Central African Republic.

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DIRECTLY SUPPORTED PROGRAMS

In 2017, UNICEF Australia contributed a total of \$4,010,284 to a range of international Directly Supported Programs (DSPs), continuing the organisation's commitment to give every child a fair chance. The money was distributed across life-saving initiatives in the areas of Child Protection, Early Childhood Development, Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) and Child Survival.

Some top-level achievements included; the delivery of four programs with significant focus on girls and women in Indonesia, Zimbabwe, Fiji and Myanmar, three programs with principle focus on rights of children with disabilities in Cambodia, Papua New Guinea (PNG) and Laos, and two programs with significant focus on this group in Laos and Fiji, and one program with principle focus on rights of children from ethnic minorities in Cambodia.



These two girls now have access to a healthier learning environment thanks to a WASH program supported by UNICEF and the Australian Government.
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Child Protection

Every child has the right to be safe from physical, sexual and emotional abuse and exploitation. This is enshrined in the United Nations Convention of the Rights of the Child (CRC), which constitutes the foundation of UNICEF's vision and work.

Each year, millions of children around the world suffer all forms of abuse and exploitation, including in the Asia-Pacific Region. For example, in PNG, around 75 per cent of children regularly experience physical abuse and 55 per cent have suffered some form of sexual abuse.

In 2017, UNICEF Australia supported programs in PNG, Cambodia, Laos, Indonesia and Myanmar, which aimed to foster holistic protective environments for children and strengthen national and community child protection systems. This involved working with all active participants supporting the protection of children including government, civil society, community members, religious leaders, parents and children themselves. The intention was to improve the quality and enforcement of child protection legislation, build the capacity and coordination of service providers across sectors including health, social welfare, law, justice and police to prevent and respond to abuse. The programs also served to enhance awareness among children, parents and community members about risks for children and available services, as well as providing training on positive parenting and positive discipline, to help change harmful norms and behaviour.

Results of UNICEF Australia's Child Protection Programs

- Developed capacity of 374 government and civil service providers in targeted countries, across health, law enforcement, social welfare and justice, to prevent and respond to child abuse and exploitation
- 410 adults and 200 children were trained on child protection risks, mitigation strategies, available services, positive parenting and positive discipline
- 140,000 additional children were issued with a birth registration in Indonesia
- 184 people trained on preventing child abuse and improving response for survivors, including children with a disability

- 10 pilot Legal and Social Defence Teams were set up in 10 villages in Laos to support survivors of child abuse and exploitation
- Contextually relevant training curricula were developed for the training of government officials, police, service providers, health professionals, law and justice actors and social workers across all targeted countries (to be used in 2018-2020)
- A child protection community-based strategy was developed with Buddhist pagodas in Cambodia (to be rolled out in 2018 through Buddhist monks and community leaders) and user-friendly booklets were produced on child protection
- Initiated development of a national child protection data collection system with the PNG Government
- Launched an Asia-Pacific regional study on the intersection between violence against children and violence against women, with field research planned for 2018 in Cambodia, Vietnam, PNG and Myanmar.



Program highlights

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Children chant and play in class at the newly-established ECD centre in Madang Province, PNG.
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Program highlights

19,603

children received nutritional supplements to reduce malnutrition and stunting

92,000

children under five were immunised against vaccine-preventable diseases

Child Survival

With a focus on Child Survival, UNICEF Australia supports programs which centre on maternal, neonatal and child health and nutrition, to help ensure children and mothers are healthy and well. In 2017, UNICEF Australia supported programs in Laos, Zimbabwe, Indonesia and Kiribati. Working with the health system, including hospitals, health centres and community health workers, these programs improve access to critical health services and information addressing some of the biggest children's health challenges.

UNICEF works to ensure that parents and children have access to the information they need to keep their children healthy. This includes information about antenatal and postnatal care, access to skilled birth attendants, immunisation, nutrition or any of the many important aspects of maternal and child health. UNICEF Australia's programs also support the ongoing training and mentoring of health workers, in hospitals, health centres and community settings, to help ensure that they have the skills and resources needed to provide the best possible care, even in remote settings.

A poor diet lacking in nutrition can stunt a child and hinder brain development. It can trap children in a lifetime cycle of illness, poverty and inequity. Poor nutrition also contributes to around three million child deaths globally. The first 1,000 days from

the start of a woman's pregnancy to a child's second birthday, offer an extraordinary window of opportunity for preventing malnutrition and its consequences.

UNICEF Australia supports nutrition programs which deliver the health care, education and supplementary vitamins and minerals to ensure children are safe from malnutrition and its long-term effects. Also fundamental to these programs is ensuring that children are screened and treated for acute malnutrition in a timely and effective way.

Results of Child Survival programs

- 4,840 health workers and community members received training in delivering health and nutrition services and key messages
- 19,603 children received nutritional supplements to reduce malnutrition and stunting
- 92,000 children under five were immunised against vaccine-preventable diseases
- 73,865 children benefited from integrated community approaches to health and wellbeing
- In Zimbabwe, community-based screening tools were developed to support village health workers to identify adults and children who have a disability to ensure they access appropriate support and referral.



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UNICEF Australia team members, Alice Hall and Mary Waite, talking with Lamvong in Vilabouly district about her experience of the 1000 Days Project Phase two nutrition program in Laos ©UNICEFLaoPDR/2017/Sanoubane

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Laos: Nine month old Bounmy enjoys eating a nutritious meal supplemented with micronutrients using SuperKid ©UNICEFLaoPDR/2017/Sanoubane



Early Childhood Development (ECD)

Early Childhood Development (ECD) is the indispensable foundation for human, social, and economic sustainable development.

The brain develops at its most rapid pace in the first few years of life. To support this development it is critical that children have timely access to early stimulation and learning, health, nutrition and protection. In the first years of life, neurons in our brain form new connections at the astounding rate of 700–1,000 per second – a pace never repeated again.

If a child is poorly nourished and nurtured, if they are not stimulated properly and protected from violence, then their development is seriously affected, sometimes irreversibly.

Research shows that investing in ECD is one of the most cost-effective ways to improve the lives of children, and as they move into adulthood. For an investment in ECD to be most effective, it must consider all factors affecting development. For example, nutritional deficiencies in infants can significantly impact the development of neural connections, inhibiting that child's engagement in education as they get older.

To help ensure children are holistically supported, UNICEF Australia, through its ECD program, is adopting an integrated model. It supports early learning, health and nutrition, protection and parenting practices in priority countries, with specific focus on streamlining services and creating linkages across multiple stakeholders. To this effect UNICEF Australia has partnered with UNICEF offices in Cambodia, Laos,



the Pacific (focusing on Solomon Islands, PNG and Timor-Leste). These offices are seeking to integrate learning from previous programs focused on single issues and apply these to all areas of child development in the early years.

Particular importance is placed on strategies to promote the inclusion of marginalised groups, namely, children from ethnic minorities, children with a disability, and the impact of gender on children.

Results of Early Childhood Development programs:

- 5 programs integrating multiple sectors (Education, WASH, Nutrition, Child Protection) for holistic ECD
- 225 teachers and community facilitators trained in delivering early childhood education
- 173 teachers trained on including children with a disability in early learning and primary settings
- 1,950 parents received parenting education: 85% of parents involved in the Solomon Islands education program reported reading to their children after receiving parenting support and distribution of early learning story books
- 28 community pre-schools established.



Program highlights

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Program manager, Alice Hall, present for the delivery of a UNICEF Australia supported Early Childhood Development toolkit to a preschool in Saravan District, Laos. ©UNICEFLaoPDR/2017/Sanoubane

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UNICEF Australia CEO Tony Stuart visiting a UNICEF supported early learning centre in Cambodia. ©UNICEFAustralia/2017/Hall

¹ Building Better Brains: <https://www.unicef.org/thailand/Building-better-brains-EN.PDF>

² UNICEF Early Moments Matter Campaign: <https://www.unicef.org/earlymoments/>



Program highlights

42

government officials and 198 Parent Teacher Associations trained in improving WASH in Schools using the 3 star approach in Myanmar

7

new boreholes drilled and six new latrines constructed to improve facilities across seven schools for approximately 2,600 children in Zimbabwe



Water Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)

During 2017, UNICEF Australia supported Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) programs in Myanmar, Fiji and Zimbabwe. In line with UNICEF Australia's approach to strengthen the rights of children, each of these programs targeted improving children's access to WASH in Schools (WinS).

Children spend long hours in school and the cleanliness of education facilities significantly impacts on their health and well-being. Access to safe water and sanitation facilities can contribute to increased school attendance, particularly for girls who need support managing their menstrual hygiene and children with a disability. Investing in WASH in Schools benefits not only children within the school environment but also the wider communities as children take key behavioural changes to their parents, caregivers and siblings.

In Myanmar and Fiji, UNICEF Australia's WinS programs utilise the "Three Star Approach". This is a simple, scalable and sustainable approach. It supports schools and communities to make low-cost improvements incrementally to reach basic level of water, sanitation and hygiene access and services, and to become healthy learning environments for children. The approach is two-fold; ensuring improvement and construction of facilities, and encouraging behaviour change around handwashing and use of toilets. The objective is to improve attendance and performance in school by reducing barriers to going to and staying in school.



The approach is designed to be highly participatory for school communities. This includes; helping students assess their current WASH situation, determine their needs for meeting the designated standard and implementing appropriate actions. WASH Clubs are created in schools to lead planning, assessment, construction, as well as hygiene promotion and community mobilisation. School communities are trained to monitor and maintain facilities, supporting the program's sustainability.

Results of UNICEF Australia WASH programs in 2017

- Three WASH in Schools programs supported with the aim of improving access to clean water, safe toilets and good hygiene for a combined total of 48,149 children in 317 schools
- Progress on the WASH SDG's are now being monitored in 212 new schools in Fiji
- 42 government officials and 198 Parent Teacher Associations trained in improving WASH in Schools using the 3 star approach in Myanmar
- Seven new boreholes drilled and six new latrines constructed to improve facilities across seven schools for approximately 2,600 children in Zimbabwe

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Primary school girls, Mwenezi district, Zimbabwe. ©UNICEF Zimbabwe/2017/Nyamanhindi

INSET

Primary school teacher Housing facility, Binga, Zimbabwe. ©UNICEF Zimbabwe/2017/Chanakira

STORIES FROM THE FIELD

Child Protection

UNICEF PNG visit October 2017

Ruth* is a mother of five and participated in the Parenting for Child Development (P4CD) Program in Madang Province, Papua New Guinea.

“Before I received the Parenting for Child Development training, I used to try my best to look after and discipline my children so that they would listen to me. I would hit them when they made me angry and when they didn’t listen to me. I used to hit them all the time. I thought that was the right thing to do at the time.

“At the training, I realised that children have their rights too. When our children start learning how to talk, it is important that we don’t discipline by hitting them. My responsibility is to guide them to do the right things and discourage them from doing bad things.

“I tried using some of the techniques I learned at the training and I can see some changes in my house. I see that my children listen to me more now and they do what I ask them to do.

“When I raise concerns about our children to my husband, he tries to help me address these concerns, something he rarely did in the past. That’s a big change for me,” Ruth said.

Early Childhood Development

UNICEF Cambodia

Four year old Tida, who has Downs Syndrome, is one of nine students with a disability at her preschool in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. To help identify disability, preschool Director, Sor Sinary and her teaching staff, use a toolkit provided through a training conducted by the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport and UNICEF, with



funding from the IKEA Foundation.

This initiative offers a week of learning about inclusive education for children with disabilities, equipping them with knowledge of disability typology and skills to identify and support these children, including referral options.

“Before we had the training, we did not identify or record disability. Understanding disability and knowing what disabilities children have, helped us adapt to their needs,” Sor Sinary said.

“We had one girl who started preschool with no speech. We saw she enjoyed storytelling so we’ve spent extra time reading with her,” explained teacher, Sor Sun Nang. “Through reading, we focused on helping her repeat sounds and words. Now she’s more confident and she speaks many more words.”

Teacher, Chheun Sophan added, “Tida loves to draw, so we make sure she has plenty of pens and paper. We pay more attention now to what these children need, to help them learn and develop.”



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Sor Sinary

MAIN

Ruth and her five-month-old daughter Roselyn*. Ruth’s just finished the Parenting for Child Development program. ©UNICEF/2017/Suriyaarachchi

ABOVE

Tida with her fellow classmates at her preschool, Phnom Penh ©UNICEF Cambodia/2018/Rachel McCarthy

*Names have been changed for identity protection.



Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH in Schools)

UNICEF Zimbabwe

This primary school in Binga District, Zimbabwe is one of the 27 schools targeted under the Child Friendly Schools program supported by the Australian Government and 3P Learning. The school received 13 latrines, a hand washing facility and will also receive a borehole.

Established in 2013, the school comprises 113 pupils and three teachers and serves a highly-marginalized community. There are no standard classroom blocks, no nutrition garden for either practical agriculture lessons or additional nourishment for the pupils, no standard teacher houses, and the only access to the village is via a dilapidated road.

The school Health Coordinator, Memory Sawunyama, embraced the project wholeheartedly and said after being trained, she established a school health club. The club had a total membership of 20 pupils soon after being established. School health clubs are the national preferred vehicle for the delivery of positive peer to peer influence on good health and hygiene behaviour.

Memory said the club meets weekly for activities and has gone through a series of trainings; discussing the germ theory, hand washing at critical times, personal hygiene, menstrual health management and wash-related diseases, among other topics.

ABOVE

School pupils in Binga district and their teachers near their newly-built latrines. ©UNICEF Zimbabwe/2017/Moyo

RIGHT

Lamvong and her son Sambom (14 months), Vilabouly District. ©UNICEF/LaoPDR/2017/Sanoubane

Child Survival: First 1,000 Days

UNICEF Laos visit November 2017

Mother, Lamvong, attends a health outreach site in Vilabouly District in Laos with her 14-month-old son, Sambom. She attends the clinic every three months to access regular health services for her son, for the critical first 1,000 days of his life.

In the province of Savannakhet, where Lamvong lives, 30 per cent of children have stunting which is caused by chronic undernutrition - a significant challenge in Laos. The 1,000 Days program - a collaboration between UNICEF Laos and the Ministry of Health and Lao Women's Union, supported by MMG - aims to address stunting and micronutrient deficiencies by promoting good health practices.

Little Sambom is regularly weighed and measured to monitor his growth, and Lamvong collects a three month supply of Super Kid - a micronutrient powder especially designed to supplement the diet of children aged between six months and two years. This supports their physical and cognitive development during this crucial life stage.

Lamvong seeks information about what to do when children have a poor appetite, so she can share this with her peers. "I like to help others", she says, knowing that by demonstrating successful health outcomes for her children, she can help to inspire those around her.



EMERGENCIES

UNICEF has a long history of rapidly responding to and working in emergencies, both natural and man-made. Originally set up as the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund, the organisation was created in 1946 to provide urgent humanitarian assistance to children living in a world shattered by World War II, in Europe, the Middle East and China. By 1953, our mandate was extended, and now we work to save and improve the lives of children in more than 190 countries.

Globally, the international community is faced with increasingly complex humanitarian crises, placing children and women at significant risk. On average, UNICEF responds to more than 300 humanitarian situations every year, because our mandate reinforces that every child deserves a fair chance.

With permanent offices in more than 190 countries, we help communities plan ahead before disaster strikes and are well-placed to act fast, should violent conflict or natural disaster occur. We are prepositioned in strategic locations all over the world with emergency water, nutrition and micronutrients when food is scarce. We have medical supplies and vaccines on hand to treat vulnerable children and prevent the spread of disease.

When schools are destroyed, we set up tented classrooms. When students lose everything to floods, earthquakes or violence, we give them new backpacks filled with learning supplies. And when children struggle with the profound stress of living in a war zone or rebuilding from disaster, we give them the psychosocial support they need to recover.

Today, children need us more than ever. In 2017, UNICEF Australia was able to make direct contributions to a number of crises by helping to raise much-needed funds, and where appropriate, lending humanitarian support in the field.

Three emergencies were at the forefront of our efforts contributing to the UNICEF global effort:

- **The South Sudan food crisis**

In early 2017, a famine was declared



in South Sudan which saw more than 250,000 children suffering severe, acute malnutrition - the first famine declaration anywhere in the world in six years. Although localised famine had subsided by the middle of the year due to a strong, well-coordinated response by UNICEF and other humanitarian agencies to provide much-needed emergency food and water supplies, by the end of 2017 some 4.8 million people remained severely food insecure. Our efforts to improve this situation are continuing.

ABOVE

A child looks out onto Balukhali makeshift settlement, Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh, Saturday 4 November 2017. ©UNICEF/UN0143063/LeMoynne



Clean drinking water was provided to more than 230,000 children and their families, and we worked to protect children from violence in the camps by setting up safe spaces for them to play in.



ABOVE

On 7 September 2017, newly-arrived Rohingya refugees walk ashore after traveling by boat from Myanmar on the Bay of Bengal to Teknaf in Cox's Bazar district, Chittagong Division in Bangladesh. ©UNICEF/UN0119963/Brown

- **The Rohingya refugee crisis in Myanmar**

In August 2017, more than 700,000 children were caught in the centre of a major humanitarian crisis, when hundreds of thousands of Rohingya refugees began fleeing extreme violence in Myanmar for the vast refugee camps of Cox's Bazar in Bangladesh. We were on the spot treating thousands of children suffering from severe, acute malnutrition and

performing mass vaccinations of children and their families. This included one of the world's largest cholera immunisation programs – with more than 900,000 people vaccinated against the deadly disease. Clean drinking water was provided to more than 230,000 children and their families, and we worked to protect children from violence in the camps by setting up safe spaces for them to play in. Here, they were able to receive counselling and psychosocial support to help them recover from the trauma suffered in Myanmar.

- **The Syrian civil war**

Since civil war broke out in March 2011, the lives of millions of Syrian children have been ripped apart with danger faced at every turn and violence a constant threat. Donations raised by UNICEF Australia went directly towards UNICEF's emergency response effort

aimed at helping more than five million Syrian children access basic health, education services and food. UNICEF also worked hard to deliver essential supplies to children in the most difficult to reach parts of Syria, like the besieged neighbourhood of eastern Ghouta.

In addition to these three major emergencies, UNICEF's widespread global efforts in 2017 have brought life-saving assistance to children and their families whose lives are under ongoing threat in several conflict and disaster-ravaged countries in the Middle East and Africa.

- In war-torn Yemen, UNICEF helped over four million people access life-saving, clean drinking water – more than two million of them, children. We also vaccinated millions of children against deadly diseases including cholera and polio - and treated 385,000 children aged under five for severe and acute malnutrition. Our efforts continue with Yemen - now considered one of the worst places in the world to be a child as a result of the fierce conflict which began in 2015.
- In Somalia and South Sudan, children are being recruited into armed forces. UNICEF is rehabilitating children who escape – and educating them with knowledge, skills and hope for the future.
- In Nigeria, we provided psychosocial support to more than 42,000 traumatised children and their families, helping them cope with the distressing effects of the religious-based conflict, which often targeted schools. We also ensured 900,000 Nigerian children affected by the violence had access to education in a protected and safe learning environment.
- In Iraq, we set up temporary learning spaces, ensuring more than 200,000 children who were out of school as a result of religious-based violence, continued to receive an education and remain safe. Country-wide, over 840,000 children benefitted from UNICEF learning materials.
- We also ensured the reopening of 576 schools in Iraq, including 241 schools within 100 days, after Mosul City returned to government control. As a result, 200,000 students (82,461 females) in Mosul regained access to school.
- Providing children and their families with clean drinking water in Iraq is also

a priority. During a peak in June, we trucked around four million litres of safe water daily to 570,000 people in East and West Mosul.

- In Afghanistan, following conflict, we provided children and women with nutrition and safe water, and cared for children who had been separated from their families.
- In emergencies all over the world, we are helping new mothers to give birth safely and protect their newborns.

UNICEF Australia supports Rohingya humanitarian emergency in Bangladesh

As the full scale of the forced migration in the Rohingya humanitarian emergency in Bangladesh became clear in late August 2017, UNICEF Australia swung into action. We sought permission for two of our staff to go into the field at Cox's Bazar in Bangladesh enabling them to gather information, photographs and video that would assist in UNICEF Australia's fundraising efforts, as well as our policy and advocacy work.

The visit conducted by Senior Policy Advisor, Oliver White, and External Communication Manager, Charlotte Glennie, began to reap awareness dividends almost immediately. Prior, during and after the visit, Oliver, Charlotte and UNICEF Australia appeared on national television news including; Sky News, SBS News, ABC News and Al Jazeera; on national SBS and ABC radio news and some local programs; in print/online in capital city and syndicated Fairfax newspaper outlets, ABC and SBS Online, Yahoo7, MSN, Huffington Post Australia and New Zealand national outlet, Stuff.

Upon return, UNICEF Australia was able to draw on this visit to advocate to the Australian government to make diplomatic representations to the Myanmar government and provide humanitarian assistance to Bangladesh. Oliver was invited to brief federal politicians on the extent and implications of the crisis.

Additionally, this content, as well as video shot by Oliver and Charlotte in Bangladesh, was leveraged through social channels. Twenty Facebook posts reached a total of 765,730 people and engaged 44,127. A fundraising letter from Oliver was issued and blogs, video and image posts, supported by paid content distribution, saw our online fundraising team raise \$338,646 by year's-



ABOVE

On 16 October 2017, Rohingya refugees including women and children cross into Bangladesh at Palong Khali in Cox's Bazar district. ©UNICEF/UN0137007/LeMoynes

LEFT

UNICEF Australia staff, Oliver White and Charlotte Glennie in Cox's Bazar camps helping distribute UNICEF hygiene and sanitation supplies to recently arrived Rohingya refugees from Myanmar. ©UNICEF Australia/Matthew Smeal

end and attract 829 new supporters (42 per cent of all online donors).

What UNICEF Australia's work for Rohingya children achieved:

- Australian media looked to UNICEF Australia for information about the Rohingya emergency, thereby raising awareness across the country, which may not have otherwise happened
- The Australian Government recognised UNICEF Australia as being in an authoritative position to advocate about the crisis, and
- Donors were engaged and activated by the 'on the ground' work that UNICEF Australia was visibly assisting with.



Chefs Clayton Wells (Automata) and Mitch Orr (Acme & Bar Brose) create Syrian-inspired dishes at Three Blue Ducks. Photo: Nikki To.

COMMUNITY FUNDRAISING

#CookForSYRIA



Guests at the CookforSyria banquet at Three Blue Ducks. Photo: Nikki To.

#CookForSyria was a fundraising initiative curated by celebrity Instagrammer Clerkenwell Boy, SUITCASE Magazine and NEXTGen London. The month-long campaign in March focused around Syrian cuisine and raised \$137,884 for UNICEF Australia's Syria Crisis appeal.

The campaign launched with two dinners, cooked by top Australian chefs and raised \$68,234 through tickets sales and raffles. The Sydney dinner was held at Three Blue Ducks in Rosebery for 122 guests, and was hosted by Cru Media and Pat Nourse,

Australian critic and food writer for Australian Gourmet Traveller. The Melbourne dinner was hosted by Fairfax Media and Reymond Communication at The Point for 68 guests.

Thirty nine official restaurant partners added a Syrian twist to a signature dish and donated \$3-\$5 per dish sold, raising \$27,818.

Over 74 people also registered to host #CookForSyria events, donating \$41,832. Our top event fundraisers were Marketing Eating House, Mara McDonald, Felicity Bowman, Ceci Tankey and Nicole Winkler.

With thanks:

NSW

- Carol and Sharon Salloum *Almond Bar*
- Clayton Wells *Automata*
- Corey Costelloe and Neil Perry *The Rockpool Group*
- Dan Pepperell *Hubert*
- Danielle Alvarez *Fred's and Charlie Parkers*
- Darren Robertson, Mark LaBrooy and Andy Allen *Three Blue Ducks*
- David Thompson *Long Chim*
- Julian Cincotta *Thievery*
- Kylie Kwong *Billy Kwong*
- Lennox Hastie *Firedoor*
- Luke Powell *LP's Quality Meats*
- Mat Lindsay *Ester*
- Mitch Orr *Acme & Bar Brose*
- Palisa Anderson *Chat Thai*
- Patrick Haney *Cruise Bar*
- Paul Carmichael *Momofuku Seibo*
- Peter Gilmore *Bennelong and Quay*
- Ross Lusted *The Bridge Room*
- Russ Berry and Bret Cameron *Harvest Café*
- Vince Hanna *Love Chargrill*

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- Andrew Fisk *Bomba Bar*
- Andrew McConnell *Marion*
- Andy Harmer *The Point*
- Benjamin Cooper *Chin Chin*
- Charlie Carrington *Atlas Dining*
- Coskun Uysal *Tulum Turkish Restaurant*
- Darren Purchase, Cath Claringbold and Simon Docherty *Burch and Purchase*
- Dave Verheul *Embla*
- David Mackintosh and Victor Liong *Lee Ho Fook*
- David Moyle *Franklin and Longsong*
- Frank Camorra *Movida*
- Garen Maskal *The Black Toro, Sezar and Shuka*
- Jacques Reymond
- Karen Martini *mr.wolf*
- Luke Skidmore and Alberto Fava *Tipo 00*
- Matt McConnell *Bar Lourinha*
- Paul 'Dougie' Douglas *The General Food Store*
- Peter Sheldon and Ian Curley *The European*
- Shane Delia *Maha*
- Shaun Quade *Lume*
- Simon Stewart *Bespoke Harvest*
- Thi Le *Anchovy*
- Todd Moses and Ian Curley *French Saloon*

WA

- Phil Watkins *The Hummus Club*



Simultaneous Scrabble event

For the fifth year running, Anand Bharadwaj (pictured) held his annual Simultaneous Scrabble event at Balwyn Community Centre in Surrey Hills, Victoria to celebrate his 17th birthday. Together with his friends, he raised \$425 to help purchase a UNICEF School-in-a-Box.

“My work with UNICEF has inculcated in me the capacity of education to break the cycle of poverty and disadvantage. I am proud to be contributing in a small way to UNICEF’s vision of a world where every child has an opportunity to strive for their full potential,” said Anand.

Inspired Adventures – Kilimanjaro Trek for Kids

In August 2017, a group of 13 passionate supporters and a UNICEF Australia representative took on Mt. Kilimanjaro. They pushed their limits, climbing through five different climatic zones and witnessing the incredible view of the East African plains stretching out ahead.

The team highlights included walking with children at the start of the trip and reaching the summit, knowing they made a difference in the lives of thousands of children with the \$70,790 raised.



Frocks ‘n Fashion for Famine

A group of residents from Karratha in Western Australia and businesses joined forces to put on the Frocks ‘n Fashion for Famine event in June 2017, raising \$9,437.16 for UNICEF’s South Sudan Famine appeal.

Chief organiser, Candace Leech, said she was motivated to raise money for the cause after reading a link posted on Facebook by a friend working in Africa which struck a chord. “Because I’m a mum and babies weren’t even getting any food, even from their mums, it affected me a lot,” she said.

Inspired Adventures – Cycle for Kids, Vietnam

In October 2017, this 12 day adventure started off in Hanoi before cycling in Hue, taking participants over the challenging Hai Van Pass, through local markets, rice fields and across paved roads.

The seven cyclists raised \$35,396 for UNICEF Australia’s supported programs, which provide health support, clean water, education facilities and vaccinations for children who need it most.

MIDDLE

Passionate supporters climb Mt Kilimanjaro raising money for children in need. Photo: Rebecca Roberts.

BOTTOM RIGHT

Seven cyclists ride through Vietnam raising money for Directly Supported Programs. Photo: Georgina Murray.

AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT FUNDING



Australian NGO Cooperation Program

In 2017, UNICEF Australia was awarded full accreditation with the Australian Government and received funding through the Australian NGO Cooperation Program (ANCP). The ANCP is an annual grants program that provides funding to accredited Australian NGOs working with communities overseas to deliver development projects.

UNICEF Australia allocates this funding, alongside donations from the Australian public and the private sector, to support our Directly Supported Programs. In 2017 this included \$427,847 to projects in Cambodia, Fiji, Laos, Myanmar, and Solomon Islands.

Australian NGOs funded under the ANCP must pass a rigorous accreditation process that assesses an NGO's governance, program management capacity, partner management, links with and support from the Australian public, and risk management. Accreditation is carried out by a team of independent assessors and may take up to nine months to complete. To maintain accreditation, NGOs must be re-accredited every five years, and be available for spot checks and a rolling program of audits in the intervening period.

Australian Government Funding to UNICEF for emergencies

In addition to funds received directly by UNICEF Australia, the Australian Government provides significant funding to UNICEF for both ongoing development programs and emergency response. In 2017 this included AU\$21 million in core funding, and AU\$541,000 was committed to the UNICEF Country Program in Kenya and the Pacific.

In 2017, a total of AU\$53.83 million was committed by the Australian Government to support UNICEF's emergency response in:

- **Afghanistan** - \$3 million to help support child protection, health and nutrition
- **Lebanon** - \$30 million to support education programs in response to Syrian refugee children
- **Jordan** - \$13 million to support education programs in response to Syrian refugee children
- **Sri Lanka** - \$150,000 in response to flooding and landslides
- **Kenya** - \$2,480,000 to support emergency preparedness and drought response
- **Yemen** - \$5 million to support the humanitarian response
- **Sierra Leone** - \$200,000 in response to mudslides.



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ABOVE

Kalamare Pacharasri Benjamat, a celebrity and news anchor, travels to Lebanon with UNICEF to learn about the real lives of Syrian refugee children in Lebanon. ©UNICEF/UN0161284/Thuentap

GLOBAL PARENTS



ABOVE

A UNICEF Nutrition Officer, assesses a baby for malnutrition at a UNICEF supported health clinic in Borno State, northeast Nigeria. ©UNICEF/UN041140/Vittozzi

Our Global Parents

Global Parents belong to a community of generous Australians who believe in a fair chance for every child, especially those most vulnerable in their first 1,000 days of life. UNICEF Australia is honoured to have the support of 30,625 Global Parents and in 2017 we welcomed 13,857 new supporters to the Global Parent family.

Through monthly donations, Global Parents form the backbone of UNICEF's work around the world. The arrival of a tiny baby should be a time of joy. But with every blink of an eye, a child dies. That's around 10 children every minute. Almost all of these deaths are preventable. UNICEF Global Parents are helping reduce this statistic through simple solutions like vaccinations, which are pushing diseases like polio to the brink of eradication, or providing children affected by conflict, safe spaces where they can play and learn. Every dollar spent on improving early childhood development returns four to five times the amount invested.

Global Parents focus on child survival in the first 1,000 days of life because no child should go hungry or suffer from a preventable illness. We focus on fulfilling the right of every child to receive a free education, to be protected from violence, to have proper nutrition and clean water, and to enjoy a safe childhood.

Together with regular donors all around the world, Australian Global Parents helped UNICEF teams in 2016 to urgently immunise 24.2 million children against measles, treat 2.5 million children for severe acute malnutrition, helped 11.7 million children access education and a further three million children receive psychological support.

UNICEF Australia thanks our community of Global Parents for their ongoing support of children.

Our Global Guardians

UNICEF Australia is deeply grateful to the supporters and families of supporters who left a legacy for the world's most disadvantaged and vulnerable children through gifts in their Wills in 2017. These legacies accounted for seven per cent of the overall money raised for children. UNICEF Australia also thanks individuals who have committed to leaving a legacy to UNICEF's work for future generations. Your commitment to improving the lives of children means you are their champion, and you are helping to safeguard their futures.

WORLD CHILDREN'S DAY

NOVEMBER 20 #kidstakeover

Around the world, November 20 is a key date on UNICEF's calendar. Universally known as World Children's Day, it also marks the anniversary of the UN General Assembly adopting the Convention on the Rights of the Child in 1989.

In 2017, for the first time, UNICEF globally decided to celebrate this significant milestone by starting a #kidstakeover movement – where each year on this date, children from around the world take over key roles in media, politics, business, sport and entertainment - to voice their support for many millions of children who are unschooled, unprotected and uprooted.

On this day of action for children by children, they came together hand in hand with UNICEF to fight for their rights and ensure that every child, has a fair chance.

In Australia, #kidstakeover revolved around Article 12 of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, namely, children's right to be heard. On this fun day, with a serious message, Australian children took over;

- Sydney City Council Chambers and office of Lord Mayor, Clover Moore (Bourke Street Public)
- The studio of iconic artist and long-standing UNICEF Australia Ambassador Ken Done AM (Plunkett Street Public)
- The roles of Qantas cabin crew and Counting House volunteers (Sylvania Heights Public)
- The kitchen from celebrity chef and UNICEF Australia Nutrition Ambassador, Adam Liaw (Bondi Public).

UNICEF Australia also held its inaugural Children's Gala Dinner at the Museum of Contemporary Art overlooking the magnificent Sydney Harbour and Opera House. With The Project's Lehmo as the event's Master of Ceremonies, guests included corporate partners, loyal donors and UNICEF Australia board members.

Most importantly many were accompanied by their children. These children of all ages were each able to create a bespoke artwork with Ken Done AM, which were then sold at the dinner, with proceeds going towards



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helping less fortunate children around the world. Children also designed the dinner menu alongside Adam Liaw.

Two Sydney teenagers Ella Kennedy and Sarah Fitzgerald captivated the dinner crowd with their first-hand account of a recent trip they had taken to see UNICEF's work in Zimbabwe, supported by one of UNICEF Australia's corporate partners, 3P Learning.

World Children's Day in Australia generated significant media attention, with prominent coverage featured on Channel 9 TV News, SBS TV News, ABC Radio, Daily Telegraph, and the Guardian Australia. UNICEF and the Guardian also co-created content with young people at Plunkett Street Public which was published on the Guardian's website.

Combined with a prominent UNICEF run digital campaign, a total audience of 14 million was reached, placing UNICEF Australia's brand purpose top of mind.

TOP

Artist Ken Done AM helping kids create artworks at the World Children's Day Gala Dinner at the Museum of Contemporary Art. Photo: Tom Greenwood

MIDDLE

Artist Ken Done AM with The Project's, Lehmo, as the World Children's Day Gala Dinner Master of Ceremonies. Photo: Tom Greenwood

OUR PARTNERS



Qantas

The *Change for Good* program, which enables passengers to donate foreign and local currency, has raised a phenomenal \$33 million over 27 years. In 2017, Qantas staff continued to play a vital role in championing our partnership through the Ambassador program.



3P Learning

For the seventh year, 3P Learning continued to help vulnerable children access quality education, focusing on improved water and sanitation facilities in schools in Zimbabwe.



IKEA

IKEA's soft toy campaign generates funds to support early childhood development. Through the iCare workplace giving program, IKEA staff continued their incredible support for kids.



Marriott

The *Check Out for Children* program, which encourages guests to donate \$1 as they check out of their hotel visit, continued to support education, health, and emergency programs across Asia Pacific. Hotel staff helped raise additional funds through local fundraising initiatives.



To mark World Children's Day on November 20, kids took over the Change for Good program, including a special on-board announcement to greet passengers.



MMG Limited

The 1,000 Day Project provides life-saving nutrients to vulnerable children in Laos and educates communities on the importance of key health and nutrition practices during the first 1,000 days of a child's life. Since 2012, this partnership between MMG, UNICEF, and the Lao Government has delivered critical assistance to hundreds of thousands of families.



Commonwealth Bank of Australia

The *Coins for Kids* program continues to operate across Commonwealth Bank branches, encouraging customers to donate foreign currency to help the world's most vulnerable children.



Domestos

As part of their global focus on improving access to water and sanitation, Domestos donated a percentage of sales from select bottles of Domestos to UNICEF.

Pro Bono Support

UNICEF Australia is grateful for the pro bono support offered by Advanced Mailing Solutions; Australian Radio Network; Commonwealth Bank of Australia; Clayton Utz; DLA Piper; Fairfax; Mamamia; MCN MultiChannelNetwork, Microsoft Philanthropies; News.com.au; Qantas; Qantium; Real Estate.com; The Monkeys; Val Morgan & Co; VML and Yahoo.



DLA Piper

Improving child protection in Bangladesh is a global goal for the law firm. In Australia, DLA Piper staff held fundraising events across their offices and continued to provide significant pro-bono support to UNICEF.



Thankyou Group

With a percentage of sales donated from products sold, Thankyou Group and their customers are helping children in rural Zimbabwe to survive and thrive.



Bankwest

Bankwest inspired customers to donate foreign currency through the Coins for Kids program.



Les Mills

Instructors and fitness fanatics participating in Les Mills fitness programs across the country pumped and jumped to raise vital funds. Every bead of sweat helped promote access to clean and safe water.



Travel Money Oz

A nationwide campaign across stores encouraged people to donate currency to UNICEF. Whether rupees, rand or rubles, every little bit helped.



Louis Vuitton

The sale of a specially designed silver locket pendant or bracelet helped bring life-saving humanitarian support to children in conflict-affected areas.

Champions for Children

Our Champions for Children are small to medium-size businesses committed to making a positive change in the lives of children.

They include:

Firecorp Australia Pty Ltd, Interactive Freight Systems, RCR International Pty Ltd, Elk, GHD, Vax4Vax, Bio Dental Care, Iae Edu Net Brisbane, Obi Holdings PTE Ltd, Beddingco, Enrich Property Group Pty Ltd, Le Quynh Anh, Molonglo Group, Australian All Star Cheerleading Federation, Cleanaway Environmental Services Pty Ltd, Itchyfoot Pty Ltd, Well-Being Pharmacy, Unity Asian Supermarket, Thomas Adam Solicitors, Academia International, Crimson Education and Heineman.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to everyone who supports us through workplace giving, making a regular donation to UNICEF every payday.

UNICEF Australia would like to thank every company that has supported us in 2017. Particular thanks go to our strategic partners, who provide innovative support on a multi-year basis. Along with their staff, customers and other stakeholders, these companies share our vision of facilitating a fair chance for every child.

OUR PEOPLE AND AMBASSADORS

UNICEF Australia's team is made up of 64 full-time, nine part-time and 32 casual employees. Head office is in Sydney's CBD and we have a small office in South Melbourne. UNICEF Australia and our executive management team would like to acknowledge and thank all our employees for their tireless efforts contributing towards providing a fair chance for every child.

Staff Engagement

In September, UNICEF Australia conducted its annual employee engagement survey with a 95 per cent response rate. Areas surveyed included employee motivation, career development, performance assessment, leadership and employee benefits. The results were positive and employees continue to view UNICEF Australia as an enjoyable place to work. The survey revealed that 96 per cent of staff are proud to work for UNICEF Australia and 93 per cent feel their role plays an important part in achieving UNICEF Australia's goals. Employees also feel everybody is treated fairly and they are empowered to do their jobs. Ninety one per cent of employees expressed satisfaction with the overall workplace flexibility offered in the organisation – a record high. Areas for improvement include; aspects of career development and progression and finding more effective means of communicating change to the whole organisation.

Staff turnover in 2017 was 17 per cent – significantly less than previous years. The longest serving staff member has provided more than 10 years of service; 18 per cent of staff have more than three years tenure, and

14 per cent have worked at UNICEF Australia for more than five years.

UNICEF Australia recruited and filled 32 positions in 2017, utilising our two leading recruitment sources; our own network and job boards such as Linked In. The majority (75 per cent) of roles were recruited directly without agency assistance, ensuring costs were controlled.

UNICEF Australia takes seriously its commitment to Equal Employment Opportunity, attracting a diverse team with great strengths, expertise and new ideas to help us build on earlier achievements. UNICEF Australia's policy ensures employment priorities are free from any kind of bias including race, gender, nationality, mental state, sexual preference, age, disability, pregnancy, family responsibilities and religious or political connection.

UNICEF Australia offers 14 weeks paid parental leave for primary carers with six months or more continuous employment. This policy fully recognises and respects a variety of family structures.

In early 2017, the Sydney team relocated to a larger office space. It has improved functionality and more natural light to enhance the employee experience and allows for continued growth. This has resulted in an increase in overall happiness and wellbeing of employees and visitors to the new office, with more practical areas to host employee and supporter-led events.

In 2017, UNICEF Australia became one of the first organisations in Australia to revise its Leave policy which has been amended to offer support to employees experiencing domestic violence. Given the statistics of domestic violence (1 in

3 women in Australia), UNICEF Australia and our executive management team saw a leave intervention as imperative. It was therefore easy to implement. We recognise that some of our employees may experience situations of violence or abuse in their domestic life that may negatively affect their attendance or work performance. This change includes, where appropriate, access to additional paid leave (up to 10 days) to attend medical appointments, legal proceedings, seek safe housing or to attend any other activities related to dealing with domestic violence. UNICEF Australia also offers additional flexible working arrangements, including amended hours and location of work to help ensure the health and safety of staff, plus the option to change phone number or email address.

We also held our first organisation-wide workplace behaviours training, to help ensure employee awareness of internal policies including, reporting mechanisms and understand what constitutes discrimination, harassment and unacceptable behaviour.

Performance Development

UNICEF Australia's performance management system measures employee achievement and sets key performance indicators for all staff members through to the Chief Executive, whose performance is evaluated by the UNICEF Australia Board President. The formal process requires biannual reviews and the gathering of stakeholder feedback on individual employees via 360 degree feedback. The process also identifies individual career development goals and development actions to achieve career goals.

Work, Health and Safety

UNICEF Australia is committed to the provision of a safe and healthy workplace for its staff, volunteers and contractors and complies with current work, health and safety regulations. Two work cover claims were submitted by staff in 2017 and practices were re-evaluated with those in mind.

As part of the ongoing commitment to the well-being of our staff, we continue to offer health and well-being programs to help staff manage stress and workload. In 2017, there was an increase in take-up of these initiatives and positive feedback was received.

Code of Conduct

UNICEF Australia's code of conduct requires all employees and board members to maintain the highest standards of integrity and conduct consistent with UNICEF Australia's core values. These are:

- Respect for the rights of all children and the tenets of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child
- Respect and care for our supporters and beneficiaries
- Respect for others
- Collaboration first
- Being transparent and honest in all our communication
- Making our vision a reality.

UNICEF Australia is also a member of the Australian Direct Marketing Association and is compliant with its self-regulatory Code governing all aspects of direct and data driven marketing.

Volunteers

In 2017, 11 people volunteered their time for UNICEF Australia. Of those, six people provided assistance to the administration, supporter relations, communications and fundraising teams in roles ranging from general administrative work and customer service, to research and analysis in support of our work. The remaining five volunteers formed a key part of the Change for Good partnership with Qantas, giving their time to count foreign currency at the offices of the Change for Good program. We acknowledge the contribution of all our volunteers who continue to generously donate their time and skills to support the work of UNICEF.

Our Ambassadors

Ken Done AM, artist

UNICEF Australia National Ambassador

Carrie Bickmore, television and radio presenter

UNICEF Australia National Ambassador for Maternal Health

Adam Liaw, cook

UNICEF Australia National Ambassador for Nutrition

Tara Moss, author

UNICEF Australia National Ambassador for Child Survival

Our other ambassadors:

- Erica Packer
- Tim Cahill
- The Wiggles
- Callan McAuliffe
- Jimmy Barnes
- Dr Susan Carland

Special thanks to our high-profile Ambassadors Ken Done AM, Adam Liaw, Carrie Bickmore, Tim Cahill and The Wiggles for their meaningful involvement in World Children's Day on November 20, 2017. Together, they helped raise the profile of the day; Ken Done AM worked with kids to create a bespoke artwork, Adam Liaw (pictured) designed the dinner menu in collaboration with children, Carrie Bickmore and Tim Cahill handed over their social media platforms to their kids, while The Wiggles wrote a special song to celebrate the day which was widely shared on social media.



OUR BOARD



Ms Ann Sherry AO

Chairman of Carnival Australia

- Elected Chair November 2017
- Attendance at Board meetings: Nil



Ms Suzanne Dvorak

Executive General Manager, residential communities at Australian Unity

- Elected March 2017
- Attendance at Board meetings: 4/5



Ms Nadika Garber

Managing Director and part owner of Hinkler Pty Ltd

- Elected May 2013
- Attendance at Board meetings: 4/6



Ms Elizabeth Ann Macgregor OBE

Director, Sydney's Museum of Contemporary Art

- Elected August 2017
- Attendance at Board meetings: 3/3



Mr Colin Storrie

Group Portfolio Director, Woolworths Group

- Elected August 2015
- Attendance at Board meetings: 6/6



Mr John Stewart (outgoing President)

Chartered Accountant and Managing Director of SEMA Holdings

- Elected April 2005
- Resigned December 2017
- Attendance at Board meetings: 6/6



Mr Paul Fisher

CEO of the UnLtd Foundation

- Elected October 2014
- Resigned 31 October 2017
- Attendance at Board meetings: 4/5



Ms Deeta Colvin (McGeoch)

Consultant to Consolidated Press Holdings and Director of Colvin Communications Pty Ltd.

- Elected May 2009
- Attendance at Board meetings: 5/6



Mr Matt Comyn

Chief Executive Officer of the Commonwealth Bank of Australia

- Elected April 2016
- Attendance at Board meetings: 5/6



Mr Toby Hall

Group Chief Executive Officer, Saint Vincent's Health Australia.

- Elected August 2017
- Attendance at Board meetings: 2/3



Ms Megan Quinn

Managing Director, Q&CO. Consulting and non-executive director of Specialty Fashion Group

- Elected May 2013
- Attendance at Board meetings: 6/6



Ms Olivia Wirth

Chief Executive Officer of Qantas Loyalty

- Elected August 2015
- Attendance at Board meetings: 5/6



Mr Robin Davies

Associate Director Australian National University's Crawford School of Public Policy

- Elected September 2013
- Resigned 28 June 2017
- Attendance at Board meetings: 2/3

GOVERNANCE

The Australian Committee for UNICEF Limited is committed to achieving best practise in its management of program funding and corporate governance for not-for-profit organisations.



ACFID

The company is a member of the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID) and has applied the principles of the ACFID Code of Conduct for Non-Government Development Organisations, which sets minimum standards of governance, management and accountability for member agencies. Adherence to the code is monitored by an independent Code of Conduct Committee.

Accreditation

UNICEF Australia has accreditation with the Australian Government. Accreditation is a robust assessment of an organisation's practice, in governance, program and partner management, community engagement and financial accountability. Gaining accreditation recognises UNICEF Australia meets the criteria of and has the capacity and accountability to manage Australian Government funding. Accreditation makes us eligible for government funding, including the Australian NGO Cooperation Program (ANCP).

In 2017, ANCP funding received through the ANCP, supported the following programs: UNICEF's WASH in Satellite Schools in Zimbabwe, Thant Shin Star (WASH in Schools) in

Myanmar, Reach for the Stars (WASH in Schools) in Fiji, Early Childhood Development in Cambodia, Improving Early Learning and Child Development in Laos, Targeted Support to Basic Education in Solomon Islands, Integrated Child Protection System for Prevention Response to Violence in Myanmar, Protect Children from Violence, Abuse, and Unnecessary Family Separation in Cambodia, Strengthening Community-based Child Protection Services for Vulnerable Children in Laos, and Strengthening the Justice System for Children in Contact with the Law in Laos.

Evaluation

UNICEF Australia is committed to ensuring its Directly Supported Programs are effective in tackling child rights and there is continuous improvement in program implementation. It is our practice to ensure regular reviews and evaluations of programs are undertaken to demonstrate achievements and articulate lessons learned. In 2017, a retrospective review of acute gastroenteritis, severe acute malnutrition and intussusception pre- and post-rotavirus vaccine introduction in Kiribati, was undertaken.

Establishment and Operations

Australian Committee for UNICEF Limited is a public company limited by guarantee and established under the corporations Act 2001. The company has Deductible Gift Recipient and Income Tax Exempt charity status with the Australian Taxation Office and is registered in each State under applicable charitable collections legislation. The company

is also a registered charity with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC).

International Affiliation

The company is one of 34 UNICEF National Committees around the world. Each National Committee operates under a formal Cooperation Agreement and an individually agreed Joint Strategic Plan with UNICEF.

Governance

Although not a listed company, in developing and continuously improving its corporate governance policies and practices, the company has applied, where relevant, the best practice corporate governance principles laid down by the ASX for limited companies. The company's Audit and Risk Committee and its Board regularly review the corporate governance framework to ensure continued best practice.

The company's directors are committed to adding value to the organisation by bringing to the Board their broad range of skills and experience. Brief details on each of the directors are included on Page 32 of this report.

The company operates under a Constitution. The current Constitution was formally adopted by the Members at a Special General Meeting held on December 15, 2001.

The Constitution provides for a voluntary and independent Board of Directors to be responsible for the company's overall management and specifies, inter alia, the Board's powers and responsibilities and how directors are elected and re-elected by the members.

The Board has adopted a formal Board charter, which articulates the role of the Board; the matters the Board has reserved to itself; Board composition; how Board meetings are conducted; and directors' ethical standards and leadership. The Board has established risk identification and management and corporate compliance protocols which are incorporated into the Policies and Procedures Manual.

Except for those matters which the Board has reserved to itself, it has delegated to the Chief Executive responsibility and authority for managing day-to-day operations, subject to the Board's overall direction and control and full reporting to each Board meeting, which takes place every two months.

The Board regularly reviews the company's financial performance and ensures the risk management and corporate compliance protocols it has approved are being followed. The Audit and Risk Committee and the Board receive detailed budget and financial performance reports at each of their meetings.

The Board conducts a board and director performance self-assessment on a regular basis.

The company's audited financial statements are forwarded to its members each year for consideration at the Annual General Meeting and are reported to ASIC, ACFID, ACNC and State Government departments responsible for State charitable collections legislation.

An abridged version, which complies with ACFID code of conduct requirements, is included in this published Annual Report. Copies of the full audited financial statements are available upon request.

Risk Management

UNICEF Australia considers risk management an integral part of its organisational culture and an essential component of its strategic planning and decision-making. Its risk management policy identifies those risks facing the organisation, assigns responsibility to managing these risks and how these should be monitored and reported on an ongoing basis.

Effective risk management may only occur through involvement of all members of the organisation. Whilst management maintain the responsibility for responding to risks, all staff are required to assist in identifying risks in the first instance. Consideration of risk is key whenever there is a significant change in circumstances, such as the introduction of new processes, or implementation of new programs.

An organic risk register is maintained which is updated on a regular basis by all departments within the organisation. Risks are categorised under the following headings and ranked based upon likelihood and severity:

- **Strategic** – Evaluation of risks relating to the organisation's mission and strategic objectives.
- **Regulatory** – Evaluation of risks relating to compliance obligations, considering laws and regulations, ethics and business conduct standards, contractual obligations and best practices to which the organisation has committed.
- **Operational** – Evaluation of the risks associated with failed internal processes, systems or external events.

- **Fraud** – Evaluation of the potential for fraud and its impact on the organisation's ethics, compliance standards and integrity.
- **Information technology** – Evaluation of risks relating to technology system failures and data security.
- **Financial statement** – Evaluation of risks relating to material misstatement of the financial statements.
- **Reputational** – Evaluation of risks relating to the organisation's wider reputation.

Higher ranked risks are summarised and shared with the audit and risk committee and board meetings twice a year.

Further Information

For further information about the company's corporate governance framework, please see our website at www.unicef.org.au

Feedback and Complaints

Anyone wishing to provide feedback or make a complaint can do so via email at unicef@unicef.org.au or via (02) 9261 2811. Complaints relating to a breach of the ACFID Code of Conduct by an ACFID code member can also be made to the ACFID Code of Conduct Committee – for information on how to make a complaint see www.acfid.asn.au

FINANCIALS

Statement of Comprehensive Income

For the year ended 31 December 2017

	2017 \$	2016 \$
REVENUE		
Donations and Gifts		
- Monetary	25,053,335	23,585,781
- Non Monetary	665,728	838,305
Bequests and Legacies	1,322,891	1,875,950
Grants		
- Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade	546,585	219,474
- Overseas UNICEF Private Fundraising & Partnerships	3,269,430	3,956,286
Investment Income	125,384	203,061
Other Income	3,055	6,973
TOTAL REVENUE	30,986,408	30,685,830
EXPENDITURE		
International Aid and Development Programs Expenditure		
International Programs		
Funds to international programs		
- UNICEF Australia Directly Supported Programs	4,010,284	4,203,505
- UNICEF global programs	11,236,271	12,803,576
	15,246,555	17,007,081
- Program support costs	513,794	416,724
	15,760,349	17,423,805
Community Education	1,542,610	1,128,385
Total Contribution to Children	17,302,959	18,552,190
Fundraising Costs		
- Public	7,347,227	5,421,711
- Funded by UNICEF Private Fundraising & Partnerships	3,269,430	3,956,286
	10,616,657	9,377,997
Accountability and Administration	2,593,632	1,816,748
Non-Monetary Expenditure	665,728	838,305
Total International Aid and Development Programs Expenditure	31,178,976	30,585,240
Domestic Programs Expenditure	-	60,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	31,178,976	30,645,240
(DEFICIENCY)/EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURE	(192,568)	40,590
Other Comprehensive Income/(Loss)	47,299	(13,343)
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR	(145,269)	27,247

Statement of Financial Position

As at 31 December 2017

	2017 \$	2016 \$
ASSETS		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	7,889,581	8,088,669
Trade and other receivables	562,529	538,364
Prepayments	628,715	100,066
Total current assets	9,080,825	8,727,099
Non-current assets		
Financial assets available for sale	367,931	320,632
Plant and equipment	339,166	147,371
Intangibles	439,584	351,032
Total non-current assets	1,146,681	819,035
TOTAL ASSETS	10,227,506	9,546,134
LIABILITIES		
Current liabilities		
Trade and other payables	5,783,112	5,066,787
Provisions	374,507	304,875
Total current liabilities	6,157,619	5,371,662
Non-current liabilities		
Provisions	104,359	63,675
Total non-current liabilities	104,359	63,675
TOTAL LIABILITIES	6,261,978	5,435,337
NET ASSETS	3,965,528	4,110,797
EQUITY		
Reserves	3,965,528	4,110,797
TOTAL EQUITY	3,965,528	4,110,797

Statement of Changes in Equity

As at 31 December 2017

	Reserves \$
Balance at 31 December 2016	4,110,797
Excess of revenue over expenditure	(192,568)
Other comprehensive loss	47,299
Balance at 31 December 2017	3,965,528

Notes:

1. The Summarised Financial Report has been prepared in accordance with the presentation and disclosure requirements set out in the ACFID Code of Conduct. For further information on the Code please refer to the ACFID website at www.acfid.asn.au The Summarised Financial Report comprising the Statement of Comprehensive Income, Statement of Financial Position and Statement of Changes in Equity for the year ended 31 December 2017 are an extract of the Annual Financial Report of Australian Committee for UNICEF Limited ("UNICEF Australia") for the year ended 31 December 2017. The Summarised Financial Report was extracted for the purpose of presenting the summarised financial position and performance of UNICEF Australia to its members in the 2017 Annual Report. UNICEF Australia is a company limited by guarantee. The liability of each member of the company is limited to \$1.00. UNICEF Australia is a not-for-profit entity for financial reporting purposes under Australian Accounting Standards. The Annual Financial Report of UNICEF Australia complies with Australian Accounting Standards – Reduced Disclosure Requirements adopted by the Australian Accounting Standards Board. The Summarised Financial Report has been prepared under the historical cost basis and are presented in Australian dollars, which is the company's functional and presentation currency.
2. For a copy of the full financial report for the year ending 31 December 2017 please contact us directly on telephone (02) 9261 2811; or email unicef@unicef.org.au.



Independent Auditor's Report

To the members of Australian Committee for UNICEF Limited

Opinion

We report on the **Summary Financial Statements** of Australian Committee for UNICEF Limited (the Company) as at and for the year ended 31 December 2017. The Summary Financial Statements are derived from the audited financial report of the Company (the Audited Financial Report).

In our opinion, the accompanying Summary Financial Statements of Australian Committee for UNICEF Limited are consistent, in all material respects, with the Audited Financial Report, in accordance with the basis of preparation described in Note 1 to the Summary Financial Statements.

The **Summary Financial Statements** comprise:

- Summary statement of financial position as at 31 December 2017
- Summary statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, Summary statement of changes in equity, and Summary statement of cash flows for the year then ended
- Related notes.

The Summary Financial Statements are contained in the Annual Report on pages 35 to 37.

Scope of the Summary Financial Statements

The Summary Financial Statements do not contain all the disclosures required by *Australian Accounting Standards – Reduced Disclosure Requirements* applied in the preparation of the Audited Financial Report. Reading the Summary Financial Statements and this Auditor's Report thereon, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the Audited Financial Report and our auditor's report thereon.

The Audited Financial Report and our auditor's report thereon

We expressed an unmodified audit opinion on the Audited Financial Report in our auditor's report dated 9 May 2018.

Emphasis of matter – basis of preparation and restriction on use and distribution

We draw attention to Note 1 to the Summary Financial Statements, which describes the basis of preparation.

The Summary Financial Statements have been prepared to assist the Directors of Australian Committee for UNICEF Limited for the purpose of complying with the presentation and disclosure requirements set out in the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID) Code of Conduct. As a result, the Summary Financial Statements and this Auditor's Report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

This Auditor's Report is intended solely for the Directors of Australian Committee for UNICEF Limited and should not be used by or distributed to parties other than the Directors of Australian Committee for UNICEF Limited. We disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this Auditor's



Report, or on the Summary Financial Statements to which it relates, to any person other than the Directors of Australian Committee for UNICEF Limited or for any other purpose than that for which it was prepared.

Other Information

Other Information is financial and non-financial information in Australian Committee for UNICEF Limited's Annual Report which is provided in addition to the Summary Financial Statements and this Auditor's Report. The Directors are responsible for the Other Information.

Our opinion on the Summary Financial Statements does not cover the Other Information and, accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion or any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the Summary Financial Statements, our responsibility is to read the Other Information. In doing so, we consider whether the Other Information is materially inconsistent with the Summary Financial Statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

We are required to report if we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this Other Information, and based on the work we have performed on the Other Information that we obtained prior to the date of this Auditor's Report we have nothing to report.

Responsibility of the Directors for the Summary Financial Statements

The Directors are responsible for the preparation of the Summary Financial Statements in accordance with the basis of preparation described in Note 1 to the Summary Financial Statements, including their derivation from the Audited Financial Report of the Company as at and for the year ended 31 December 2017.

Auditor's responsibility for the Summary Financial Statements

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on whether the Summary Financial Statements are consistent, in all material respects, with the Audited Financial Report based on our procedures, which were conducted in accordance with *Australian Auditing Standard ASA 810 Engagements to Report on Summary Financial Statements*.

A handwritten signature of the KPMG firm, written in a dark ink. The letters 'KPMG' are written in a stylized, cursive-like font.

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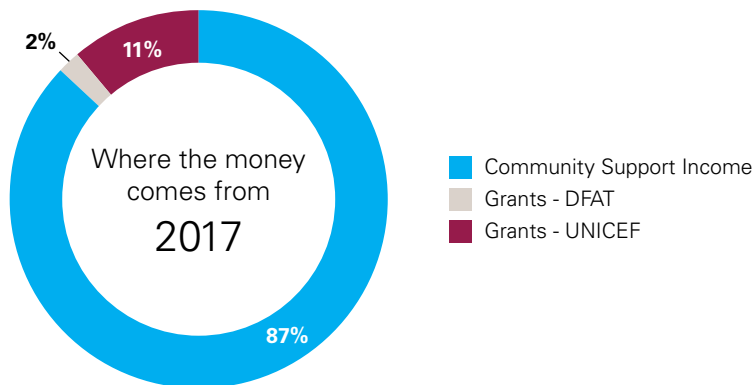
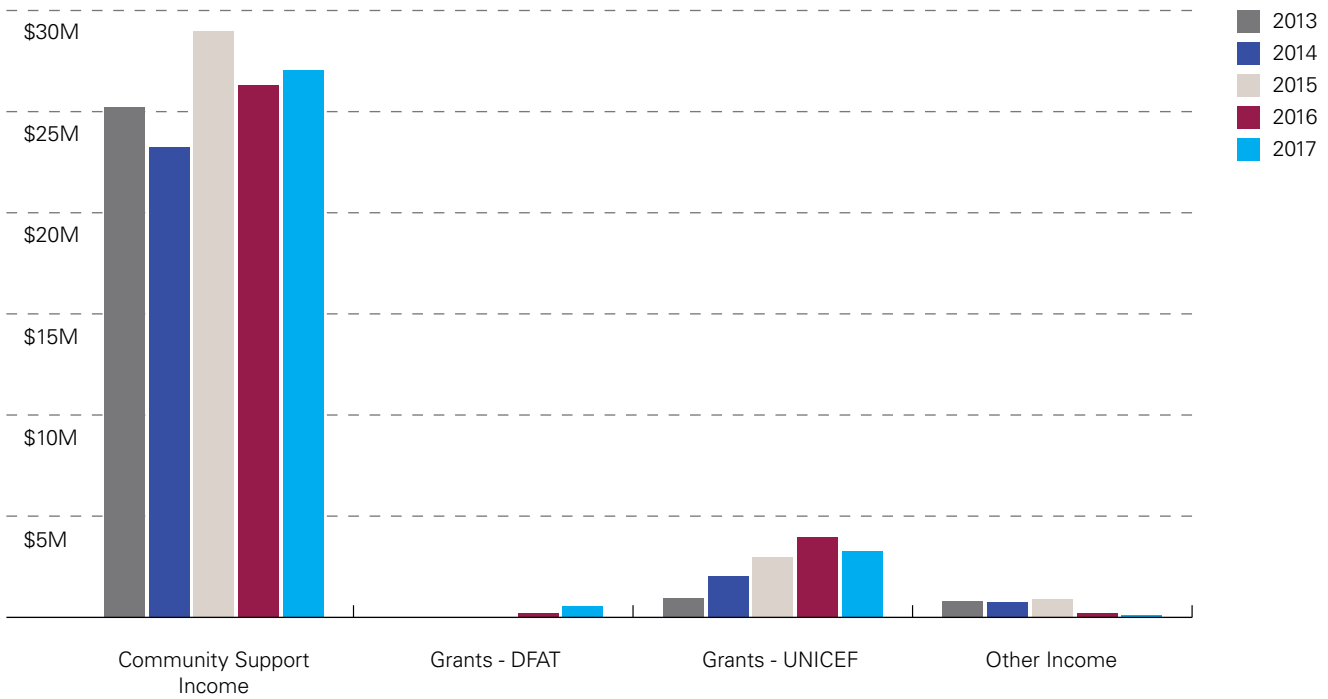
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9 May 2018

Where the Money Comes From

Community Support Income includes donations and gifts from the Australian public and corporations, both monetary and non-monetary, as well as income from legacies and bequests. Grants (DFAT) includes grants received from the Australian Government’s overseas aid program. Grants (Overseas UNICEF Private Fundraising & Partnerships) represents investment grants from UNICEF Private Fundraising & Partnerships to undertake new fundraising initiatives. Other income includes investment income and in previous years included card and product sales which are no

longer prioritised by the organisation. Total revenue in 2017 of \$31.0 million (2016: \$30.7 million) reflects the continued generosity and compassion of the Australian public. UNICEF Australia continues to invest in its Global Parent pledge program. This investment has been funded through utilisation of UNICEF Australia’s own resources as well as grants received from UNICEF Private Fundraising & Partnerships. The projected long-term benefits of this investment strategy continue to generate healthy returns which will increase our impact and ensure more children not only survive, but thrive.



Where the Money Goes

Expenditure includes humanitarian development and emergency response work across international and domestic programs, as well as activities to inform and educate Australians on development and humanitarian issues. As part of this, \$4.0 million was directly allocated and managed by UNICEF Australia in line with our international programs strategy and with contribution to program design, monitoring and technical support. Fundraising Costs (Public) develop and retain donors to fund programs for children and community education work. Costs are funded from UNICEF Australia’s own resources. Fundraising Costs (UNICEF Private Fundraising & Partnerships) are channelled

to developing the organisation’s Global Parent pledge program, which funds UNICEF’s global programs. There is a strict return on investment protocol for these investments. Accountability and administration costs are costs required to efficiently run the organisation. It includes such items as staff costs for finance, human resources and administration as well as audit fees, insurance and office maintenance costs. Reserves are maintained by UNICEF Australia to meet its commitments, obligations and other contingencies, and deliver on its objectives in the unanticipated event of significant financial difficulties. At the end of the financial year UNICEF Australia reserves were \$4.0 million.

