



# Annual Report 2015-16

**ChildFund**  
New Zealand

## WHY CHILDFUND EXISTS

We work diligently, with passion every day on behalf of our New Zealand supporters to create better futures for the world's most vulnerable, deprived and excluded children.

## OUR VISION

A world free from child poverty.

## OUR PURPOSE

We connect New Zealanders with children in need to bring change for a better future for children, their families and their community.



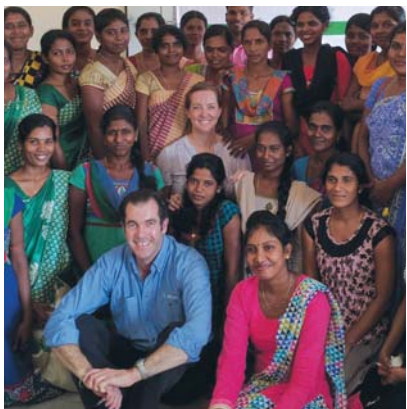
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## CHILDFUND NEW ZEALAND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

<b>Geoff Copstick</b> <i>Chairperson</i>	Director, Gallagher Group
<b>Rob Campbell</b>	General Manager, Dilworth Trust Board
<b>Alastair de Raadt</b>	Group Director, Marketing and Business Development, AsureQuality Business owner, Indoma
<b>Daniel Fielding</b> <i>Stepped down June</i>	Commercial and Public Law Solicitor, Minter Ellison Rudd Watts
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<b>Michael Prasad</b>	Specialist Chartered Accountant
<b>Ramari Slattery</b> <i>Appointed February</i>	Head of Strategic Portfolio & Programme Office, Auckland Council
<b>Sumi Subramaniam</b> <i>Stepped down June</i>	Principal Development Manager Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade
<b>Sean Triner</b>	Director, Better World Communications; Co-Founder Pareto Group
<b>Patrons</b>	Lord and Lady Farrow
<b>Members</b>	David and Jean Taylor, Ron and Denize Hooton





CEO Paul Brown meeting women from the KiwiFund micro-finance initiative in Sri Lanka



Chairperson Geoff Copstick sharing a moment with children in Zambia

## ACCELERATING CHANGE

The past year has reminded me more than ever before that the pace of change is quickening. It is no different whether you are living here in New Zealand, or in one of the 60 countries where ChildFund works. Globally, technology is having a profound effect on all aspects of our lives. ChildFund is embracing the technology shifts in our approach to community development, allowing us to share knowledge far more rapidly, and improve our connections with children and communities. Technology is assisting us all, including you our supporters, to become more sophisticated in assessing what's working well, and what isn't.

Keeping up with this accelerating change is no mean feat. With a committed team and the backing of loyal and engaged supporters, we have leveraged this change to strengthen our partnerships with communities in Kenya, Zambia, Timor-Leste, Sri Lanka, Vietnam and in Papua New Guinea.

During the last year we worked with our partners to develop a set of roadmaps – charting how each community plans to progressively graduate from our partnership. We hope you review these roadmaps on our website – they highlight how challenging the work ahead is, but more importantly, they illustrate each community's commitment to becoming sustainable and self-reliant.

The roadmaps are the basis of our changing conversation with the communities where we work. It's no longer a case of 'us telling their story' to elicit help. Through technology these communities, and critically, their children, are telling their own stories. Our role is to amplify their voices.

A great example of this was how you helped ChildFund ensure that there was focus on eliminating violence against children in the Sustainable Development Goals, which were ratified at the United Nations in September 2015 in New York. We asked children what they wanted for their future, and for their own children. As part of ChildFund's global Free from Violence campaign, children from across the world shared their vision and demands for a world where they remain safe and protected. And you helped promote their messages to world leaders. We thank you.

You will find further exciting examples of how you have helped to transform the lives of children and their families in this report. Through combining the resources of the

New Zealand Government, our corporate donors (notably Fonterra), and you – giving voice, funds and support to these communities – we are together creating a world free from child poverty.

Improvements in technology are rightly driving transparency, and we are proud to celebrate that ChildFund New Zealand was the first agency to be accredited by the Council for International Development's Code of Conduct.

*From the ChildFund family,  
we thank you for your  
continued support.*

  
Paul Brown  
CEO

  
Geoff Copstick  
Chairperson



# SUMMARISED STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS\*

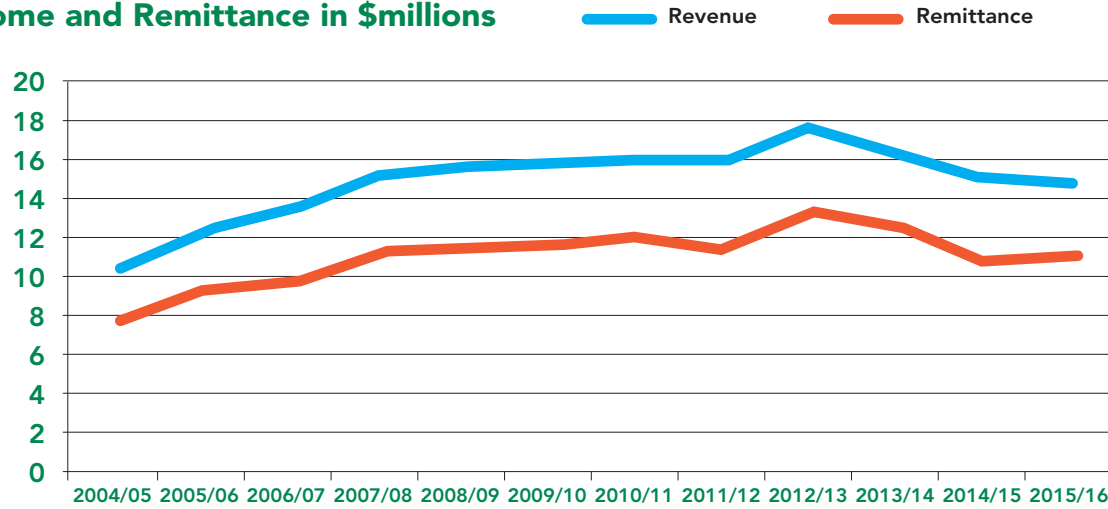
Year ending 30 June 2016

<b>Income in \$000s</b>	<b>This year</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>
<b>Income remitted overseas</b>				
Child Sponsorship	8,760	9,216	9,821	10,467
Gifts specifically received for children	650	712	742	802
Special appeals/bequests	1,471	1,598	1,406	1,057
Child Essentials and regular giving	742	563	502	506
Government/other grants	2,037	1,710	2,806	3,284
<b>Total</b>	<b>13,660</b>	<b>13,798</b>	<b>15,277</b>	<b>16,116</b>
Remitted overseas	11,130	11,077	12,550	13,350
<b>Other funding designated to be spent in New Zealand</b>				
Grants	30	0	0	268
Other donations	1,038	1,060	1,109	1,157
Investment and sundry	286	376	296	265
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,354</b>	<b>1,436</b>	<b>1,405</b>	<b>1,690</b>
<b>Total income</b>	<b>15,014</b>	<b>15,234</b>	<b>16,682</b>	<b>17,806</b>
<b>Net income available for expenditure in New Zealand</b>	<b>3,884</b>	<b>4,157</b>	<b>4,232</b>	<b>4,456</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>				
Administration	590	608	597	565
Operating expenses	277	278	270	388
ChildFund International	164	162	176	160
Supporter communications	81	93	81	84
Fundraising/Programme development	3,524	2,894	2,394	2,998
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,636</b>	<b>4,035</b>	<b>3,518</b>	<b>4,195</b>

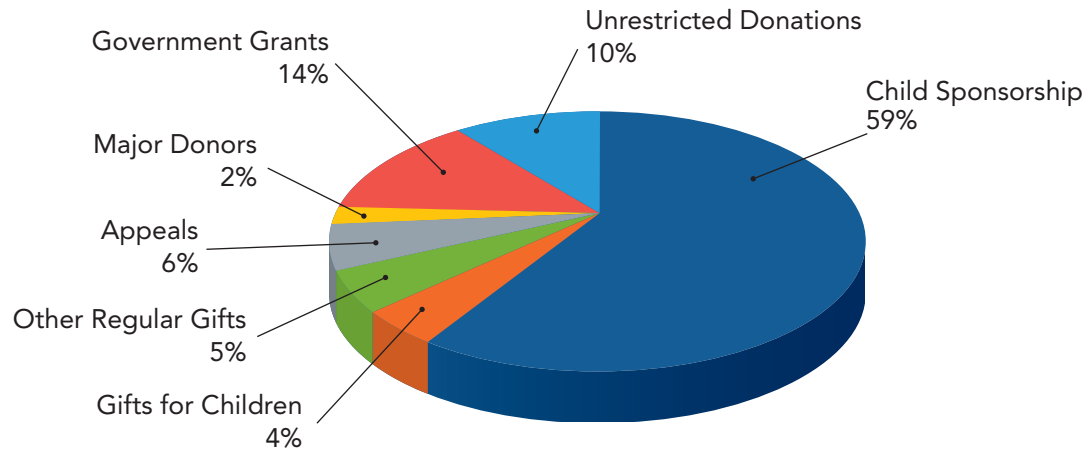




## Income and Remittance in \$millions



## Each Dollar earned was made up of



\*The above information has been extracted and summarised from the 2016 audited accounts of ChildFund New Zealand Limited, which has been audited by KPMG Chartered Accountants. A full set of accounts is available upon request from the Auckland Office of ChildFund New Zealand Limited

Mahinda Herath  
Chief Financial Officer





## WHAT YOU ACHIEVED IN 2015-16

Your support is nourishing young minds and bodies to give children a better future. Your care is helping keep children safer.

All the children in our communities deserve a quality education – they know the difference it can make to their lives and so do you. This year you helped construct and renovate classrooms, provide uniforms and educational materials, hold literacy competitions to encourage reading, pay school fees for the most vulnerable children, install water systems and toilets, train teachers in child-friendly teaching methods, and support youth to train as teachers.

You have contributed to children's health and wellbeing by helping ChildFund provide cooking demonstrations for 500 parents in Zambia, Sri Lanka and Timor-Leste, and nutritious meals to 1,600 pre-school aged children in Kenya. Your gifts meant we could renovate a health clinic in Zambia; distribute water filters and mosquito nets in Sri Lanka; and provide annual health check-ups for 2,300 children in Zambia and Vietnam. You can read more highlights in the following pages.

In 2015-16, your child sponsorship provided much needed support to 16,786 children across South America, Africa and Asia. Nearly 10,000 of these children were in our five main communities. The generous support of sponsors, donors, and the New Zealand Government ensured that critical improvements were made to education, water and sanitation, health, and child protection. Thank you.





## A BRIGHTER FUTURE

The goal for all of the communities that ChildFund works with is that ultimately they won't require our assistance. With your support, we work to make families strong and self-sufficient, and communities robust and resilient. Communities that can raise strong, healthy, educated children.

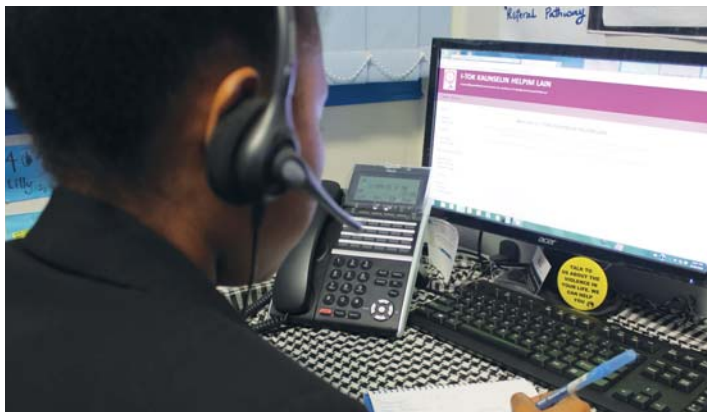
This year, ChildFund developed plans with each of our main communities about how to achieve their 'graduation' from the programmes you make possible. We took a look at how far we have come, and looked into the future to see their potential. Graduation will be a great source of pride for the communities and will be a testament to their own hard work and your wonderful support. It will also allow us to help other children in need.

There is no one-size-fits-all approach to development. While over 3,700 children in Kenya received solar-powered lights this year from ChildFund so they can study in the evening, 55 children in Vietnam were receiving blankets to keep them warm on snowy nights. ChildFund works with the whole community and local staff to ensure that our programmes meet their top priorities.

We are privileged to witness the steps that all of our communities and sponsored children make each year towards a world free from child poverty. Thank you for being there on every step of their journey.



# YOUR CARE REACHING OUT ACROSS THE WORLD IN



## PAPUA NEW GUINEA

With the support of the New Zealand Aid Programme and local partners, ChildFund launches the first nationwide free hotline for domestic violence with seven fully trained counsellors who can refer callers to one or more of 189 service providers. A total of 1,630 calls are received between August 2015 and March 2016.



## NEPAL

After the devastating 2015 earthquake, thousands of generous Kiwi supporters respond resulting in: 3,602 food packages delivered, 16 temporary classrooms built, 43 teachers trained in emergency response and counselling services for children provided.



## SRI LANKA

The Active Teaching and Learning Approaches in Schools developed by ChildFund New Zealand's Sally Angelson continues to inspire children and empower teachers, parents and entire communities. Thanks to generous Kiwis and dedicated teachers the ATLAS programme is rolling out across Sri Lanka.



## VIETNAM

A child health check campaign helps 1,200 children under 5 years in Cao Bang, with those needing further treatment referred to local health officers. The campaign exceeds expectations. Parents have greater awareness of their children's health needs, and children receive appropriate treatment.







## KENYA

In Emali 1,621 children at 36 pre-schools receive daily servings of maize and beans and enriched porridge. Now children grow vegetables and raise chickens for eggs in pre-school gardens to improve their nutrition intake. The supplementary feeding programme was designed after a University of Otago study found children deficient in vital nutrients.



## INDIA

ChildFund celebrates its 60th anniversary in India. From the age of 5, Rajeev worked all day in a bangle factory exposed to harmful toxins. Thanks to ChildFund's work on children's rights, the now 13-year-old Rajeev goes to school. To date, 1,500 children have been rescued from child labour.



## BRAZIL

Fourteen-year-old Maria from Brazil speaks in New York at a United Nations panel discussion on violence against children, and how to prevent it. Sponsored from the age of 6, Maria learnt about child rights, and chose to advocate for children in her community, where domestic violence is pervasive.



## ETHIOPIA

The El Niño driven drought emergency puts more than 10 million people, including nearly 6 million children, at risk. ChildFund provides continuous food relief and starts work on new water boreholes, sanitation and child protection.





## ZAMBIA

The two largest rivers in Zambia wind their way through Luangwa. However, a third of families do not have access to clean drinking water.

The rivers are home to crocodiles so must be avoided, and many people walk long distances to shallow wells that are contaminated by animals and often dry up during droughts.

The 2016 drought has dried up many water supplies, forcing people to walk even further. With your support, two primary schools now have solar-powered boreholes. Over 900 children have clean drinking water and don't have to cross busy roads to collect water or risk crocodile attacks at the river. The children are also less susceptible to waterborne diseases.

### Achievements included:

- A leaking village water tank was repaired and another replaced
- 10 boreholes were fenced and equipped with drainage to improve hygiene and prevent mosquitoes breeding

The devastating drought killed livestock and destroyed crops. Your donations are helping to tide families over with emergency food supplies, while we work on the means to ensure fields can be irrigated all year round. Over 1,000 farmers were supported by ChildFund with maize, goats, and fruit tree seedlings. Over 1,500 have also been trained in fish farming so they can supplement their protein and income through the use of large fish ponds.





## KENYA

Families in Emali mostly earn a living through growing crops and livestock.

This way of life has increasingly led to poverty and hunger as rain has become unreliable and erratic. As the climate in Kenya changes, traditional ways of farming must change too.

With your support ChildFund has been working with families to increase the amount of food they produce while protecting the local environment. Almost 500 farmers have been trained in 'conservation agriculture', which involves crop rotation and minimal soil disruption. Yields from maize and legumes have increased substantially and people have more to eat and sell.

### Achievements included:

- 2 boreholes and 3 water pans were constructed, benefiting over 1,000 families, many of whom are now growing vegetables on nearby land
- 500 farmers have been trained how to multiply and store their own seeds so they are more self-sufficient and resilient to drought
- Gardens and hen houses were established at 32 early childhood centres so children have access to fresh vegetables and eggs, ensuring they have a nutritious meal each day

Traditional craft producers supported over the last three years by ChildFund are on a roll! The 30 weavers, 60 bead artisans and 14 carvers have made over NZ\$16,000 worth of sales through domestic tourist outlets and international markets, such as Iko Iko stores in New Zealand. This initiative is ensuring that the Emali community is less reliant on agriculture amid a changing climate. Our craft producers are full of gratitude for your support in kick-starting this venture, and ensuring a better future for their children.





## SRI LANKA

Parents in Batticaloa want nothing more than to provide a decent life for their children.

Sadly, many have inadequate income to provide the food, shelter and education that their children deserve. Since 2013, with your help, ChildFund has been giving small, low-interest loans and training to families so they can establish businesses and increase their incomes.

Over the past year, 1,270 loans were given out, bringing the total to over 3,000. More than 90% of loan recipients have made a profit from their businesses and the Batticaloa economy is now more dynamic and diverse, benefiting everyone. Over 99% of people repaid their loans and many took out another loan to expand their business, experiencing an average increase in income of 164%.

### Achievements included:

- 60 people were trained in sewing and craft production, bringing the total trained to 650
- 94% of loan recipients and 92% of those trained were women, which leads to faster economic growth for a country and increased spending on children's needs

Meanwhile, you are ensuring that children in Batticaloa are receiving a good education. Learning materials were distributed to schools, benefitting 1,816 school children, and two classrooms were renovated. ChildFund is supporting volunteer teachers in six schools due to a shortage of qualified teachers.





## VIETNAM

Malnutrition means that almost a third of children in Cao Bang will never meet their full growth potential.

ChildFund is working with families to ensure that parents can grow plenty of food and provide a nutritious and balanced diet for their children.

We also support regular monitoring of children under five years so that severe cases of malnutrition can be referred to health authorities. Your sponsorship is helping to ensure children can meet their potential by providing practical assistance.

### Achievements included:

- An irrigation canal was constructed so 31 families can grow crops through the dry season
- 146 small loans enabled people to invest in agricultural assets
- Several hundred people were trained in chicken, pig or cow rearing; maize growing and storage; chilli production, and basic veterinary skills
- 50 families were given chickens, 37 provided with a cow, and 40 supported with storage facilities for their maize crop
- For youth interested in a trade, ChildFund provided access to training in mechanics, automotive repairs, carpentry and house painting

Twenty local mums were formed into a 'Nourishing Our Children Group' and learned how to ensure that children get nutritious meals. They have also been taught how to facilitate meetings with other mums so they can spread their new knowledge to others in the community.



## TIMOR-LESTE

Timor-Leste is a young country, both in terms of its short history of independence, and because the majority of citizens are youth.

The young, rapidly growing population faces high levels of unemployment, particularly in rural areas.

Your help means that ChildFund could work with parents to increase the skills and opportunities of youth over the past year. We were able to celebrate the success of 11 youth who finished their training and began working in the construction sector. Thanks to you each new young worker has a brighter future, makes their parents proud, is a role model to others in their community, and helps grow the whole Timor-Leste economy.

### Achievements included:

- 4 youth centres were established as training venues and youth-centred spaces
- 179 youth were supported with accommodation and travel so they could attend training courses in construction, agriculture, business, automotive repairs, or tourism and hospitality
- 173 youth received life skills training so they can deal effectively with challenges in their chosen career

Young people in Timor-Leste also face many social challenges so ChildFund has been helping them learn about conflict resolution, gender relations, prevention of HIV/AIDS and other diseases, and financial skills.



## NEWS HIGHLIGHTS

### Kiwi Support Making a Difference in Vietnam...

In March, New Zealand's Ambassador to Vietnam, H.E. Mr Haike Manning visited ChildFund-supported communities in Cao Bang province in northern Vietnam, where he saw first-hand the impact your support is having.

"Our support is very practical and my discussion with local authorities has highlighted this approach. Our investment in Cao Bang is an example of New Zealand's commitment to supporting vulnerable communities to strengthen their ability to decide their own future, and to live to their full potential."

– H.E. Haike Manning, New Zealand's Ambassador to Vietnam

### Creating Lasting Change...

Thank you to our wonderful Change Creators who last year helped families in Tra Linh, Vietnam to build strength and resilience by improving their income and food sources. This year, the Change Creators will be strengthening youth economic development and employment in rural Timor-Leste by ensuring young people have training and assistance to gain employment or the skills and resources to start businesses.

*Xuan (pictured) received training on planting ginger, a new livelihood for local people initiated by ChildFund. Ginger is in high demand and is suitable with the local soil and climate conditions. It is also a sustainable crop because farmers only have to buy seedlings for their first crop, then from their second crop onwards, they can use some of the harvested ginger as seedlings.*

For more information on Change Creators or if you'd like to make a significant gift, Contact Kirsty Scott, Head of Major Supporter giving on (09) 366 0333 or email [kirsty@childfund.org.nz](mailto:kirsty@childfund.org.nz) Families now have income security through the skills and resources gained from caring Kiwis! *Thank you, Change Creators.*



# LIVES CHANGED IN 2015-16 – THANKS TO YOU

## SRI LANKA



A micro-loan from the ChildFund-supported community-run scheme allowed mum Jeya to purchase 30 chickens. She bred the chickens selling the eggs and meat and used her profits to expand. She now has 440 chickens. She can now give her 3-year-old daughter the future she deserves.

Jeya wants to thank New Zealanders for making it possible.

## TIMOR-LESTE



In a nation where the vast majority of youth are unemployed, Benny has plans to open his own restaurant. With support from the New Zealand Aid Programme, ChildFund analysed market needs to provide vocational training for youth like Benny. The ten-month training programme focused on hospitality and tourism giving Benny practical skills and confidence.

"Our parents cannot afford to pay for university. Now we can contribute when we are independent."

## VIETNAM



Thanks to the nine irrigation channels you are helping to construct in rural Cao Bang, 1700 families like Ngan's will benefit from higher crop yields, increased income, and lower rates of child malnutrition.

Local youth, commune leaders and the district project team worked together on the construction helping build the channels and better relationships, too.

## KENYA



Farmer Joan is seeing first-hand the difference that access to a reliable water source can have. Thanks to a borehole that Kiwi supporters helped provide in her village, her farm is thriving and she now has enough vegetables to make a good living for her family.

She has also diversified her crops; successfully growing fruit like pawpaw, mangoes and bananas.

## ZAMBIA



Six-year-old Cynthia was afraid of being caught by crocodiles every time she collected water at the Zambesi River. Thanks to Kiwis like you who helped sink a borehole in her village Cynthia says "I enjoy collecting water now. It's easy."

Thank you for keeping children like Cynthia safe and giving them the gift of clean water!

ChildFund New Zealand measures the effectiveness of our work through ongoing monitoring, evaluation and reflection with our partners and our communities to ensure that your support makes the biggest impact possible.



ChildFund New Zealand is a proud member of The Council for International Development and is a signatory to its Code of Conduct.



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