



Annual Report 2025



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Abbreviations

CBCPM	Community-Based Child Protection
CFS	Child-Friendly Space
CPIE	Child Protection in Emergencies
CSO	Civil Society Organization
DAC	Day of African Child
ECD	Early Childhood Development
EiE	Education in Emergencies
ETB	Ethiopian Birr
FY	Fiscal Year
GFFO	German Federal Foreign Office
IGA	Income generating activities
INSA	Information Network Security Administration
IO	International Office
LTP	Learning Through Play
MHM	Menstrual Health Management
MHPSS	Mental Health and Psychosocial Support
MoWSA	Ministry of Women and Social Affairs
MinT	Ministry of Innovation and technology
MOE	Ministry of Education
MOJ	Ministry of Justice
NRM	Natural Resource Management
OCSEA	Online Child Sexual Exploitation and Abuse
PEER	Protection and Education in Emergency and Recovery Project
RRS	Refugees and Returnees Service of Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia
SHG	Self Help Group
RH	Reproductive Health
TVET	Technical and Vocational Education and Training
VSLA	Village Saving and Loan Association
UEPLM	Un Enfant par la Main
UNHCR	United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
UNICEF	United Nations Children’s Fund
WASH	Water, Sanitation and Hygiene

Our Vision

A world where every child realizes their rights and achieves their potential.

Our Mission

HELP children to have the capacity to improve their lives and opportunity to become young adults, parents and leaders who bring lasting and positive changes in their communities.

PROMOTE societies whose individuals and institutions participate in valuing, protecting, and advancing the worth and rights of children.

ENRICH supporters’ lives through their support of our cause.



From the Country Director

It is with great pride that I share the key achievements of ChildFund Ethiopia during fiscal year FY25 (July 2024 - June 2025). My appreciation goes to our staff, local partners, sponsors and donors, without whom these achievements would not have been possible.



Despite persistent challenges across the country, we successfully met almost all of our operational plan targets, aligned to the Country Strategic Plan, National government development plans and the SDGs.

This year, Ethiopia faced overlapping humanitarian crises, including armed conflict, natural disasters, and disease outbreaks. The situation in Amhara and Oromia regions deteriorated due to the insecurity and drought, resulting in growing food insecurity.

In response to the crisis and support of government efforts, ChildFund Ethiopia

implemented more than nine humanitarian responses and disaster risk reduction projects across the Tigray, Afar, Amhara, and Oromia regions, reaching over 219,613 children and community members. The organization also expanded its operational footprint into the Afar region and significantly scaled up activities in Tigray.

Additionally, we strengthened our partnership with UNHCR and Ethiopia's Refugees and Returnees Service (RRS) by launching a pilot initiative in Berhale Refugee Camp titled "Strengthening Early Childhood Development Activities and Child-Friendly Spaces."

Our nationwide commitment to child protection remained steadfast. In partnership with relevant government bodies, ChildFund continued to lead national efforts to protect children and combat online child sexual exploitation and abuse. These efforts were formally recognized by the Ministry of Women and Social Affairs for our substantial contributions towards strengthening Ethiopia's child protection systems.

Through our Early Childhood Development (ECD) flagship program, we reached 24,645 children (12,428 boys and 12,217 girls) who participated in structured learning activities across 193 centers in five regions. These programs supported children's physical health, cognitive and language development, and socio-emotional well-being. The centers also provided child-focused care, positive parenting education, and integrated health and nutrition services.

Through the World Bank Group funded project, ChildFund supported the government's Productive Safety Net Program (PNSP) pilot on ECD across 30 Centres in collaboration with the Ministry of Agriculture, and Ministry of Women and Social Affairs.

We hosted the team from The Gambia including Government officials, The World Bank Group, Civil Society and ChildFund Gambia on a learning tour of our ECD Programs.

In FY25, the humanitarian and development sector faced significant budget cuts, reflecting the growing unpredictability of traditional donor landscapes. Despite this, ChildFund successfully mobilized USD 3.02 million in grants and implemented USD 1.67 million. Combined with sponsorship programs, our total investment reached USD 7.2 million, directly benefiting more than 2 million children, families, and community members.

Looking ahead, our strategic priorities will focus on diversifying and expanding resource mobilization, strengthening humanitarian response, child protection programming, and amplifying the voices and agency of children, youth, and national partners. Through these efforts, we aim to remain resilient and responsive to Ethiopia's evolving context, while remaining steadfast in our mission to serve the country's most vulnerable children and families.

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ChildFund deepened its partnership with UNHCR and Ethiopia's Refugees and Returnees Service (RRS) by launching a pilot initiative in Berhale Refugee Camp, Afar Region, to promote holistic early childhood development and create safe, stimulating child-friendly spaces for young children."



About ChildFund

ChildFund is a child-focused international development and humanitarian organization that works throughout Asia, Africa, and the Americas to connect children with the people, resources, and institutions they need to grow up safe, healthy, educated, and skilled, wherever they are.

Our programs address the underlying conditions that prevent any child or youth from achieving their full potential. We place a special emphasis on child protection throughout our approach because violence, exploitation, abuse, and neglect can reverse developmental gains in an instant. In 2024, we reached 24 million children and family members in 23 countries.

ChildFund is uniquely positioned to make a meaningful difference everywhere we work, with:



85+

Years of service



23

Program countries



24M

Lives changed



200+

Local partner organizations



USD 700M

Invested in championing locally led development over the past decade

Our Program Priorities



Humanitarian Response



Child Protection



Education



Early Childhood Development



Health and Nutrition



Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)



Food Security



Livelihoods



Youth Development



Environmental Sustainability



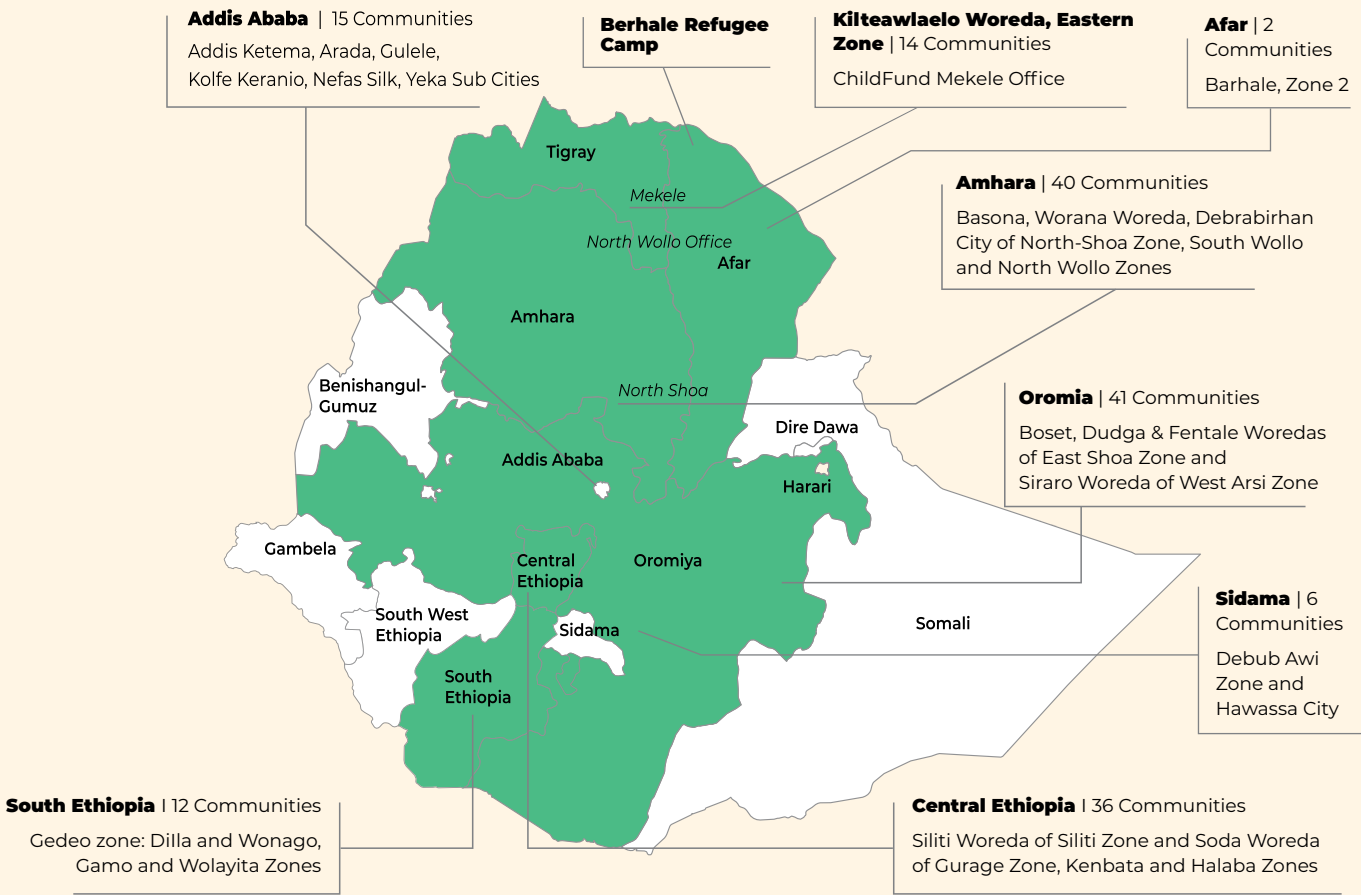
Advocacy

ChildFund Ethiopia

ChildFund began its operations in Ethiopia in 1971. We work with 13 community-based local partners and directly implement various grant-funded projects across 6 regions: Afar, Amhara, Central Ethiopia, Oromia, South Ethiopia, Tigray, and the Addis Ababa City Administration. Our programs focus on education, early childhood development, health, nutrition, WASH, livelihood improvement, food security, youth development, child protection, and emergency response, all aimed at improving the well-being and resilience of children, families, and communities.

Through our sponsorship programs ChildFund serves 193,520 people (38,220 enrolled children, 48,200 families, 107,100 siblings directly) and

reaches a total of 1,692,706 community members per year, supported by over 412 community-based volunteers and 52,228 home-based caregivers. ChildFund primarily focuses on long-term community development, ensuring access to healthcare, nutrition, education, and safety, throughout children’s lives. Funded by individual sponsors, governments, and bilateral & multilateral donors, ChildFund engages in both development and emergency relief and disaster mitigation programs, with a primary focus on children and their families. We have established strong relationships with international, national, and community-based organizations, academia, private sector partners, as well as central, regional and district local governments.



“ChildFund works with 13 community-based local partners and implements various grant-funded projects in 6 regions: Afar, Amhara, Central Ethiopia, Oromia, South Ethiopia, Tigray, and Addis Ababa.”

Geographic Coverage

ChildFund operates in Afar, Amhara, Central Ethiopia, South Ethiopia, Oromia and Tigray regional states and Addis Ababa City Administration covering 166 subdistricts (kebeles) as shown below.

A) Areas of Operation Through Local Partners

Region	ChildFund's Local Partners	Operational Areas	
		Name of Woreda/kebele	Number of kebele [communities]
Addis Ababa	Future Hope Integrated Development Organization	Arada Sub City: Woreda 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 10	6
	Love for Children and Family Development Charitable Organization	Nifas Silk Lafto: Woreda 02 Kolfe Keraneio: Woreda 01	2
	Addis Integrated Development Organization	Addis Ketema Sub City: Woreda 06 and 07	2
	Sheger Child and Family Development Charitable Society	Gulele Sub City: Woreda 4, 5 and Woreda 7	3
	EOC-CFAO Genete Eyesus Child and family Development Program Coordination Office	Yeka Sub City: Woreda 01 and 02	2
Amhara	Tesfa Berhan Child and Family Development Organization	North Shewa Zone; Bassona Worana woreda (9 kebeles) and Debre Berhan town (4 kebeles) South Wollo Zone: Tehuledere woreda (7 kebeles)	20
Central Ethiopia	Silti-Aynage Child and Family Development Organization	Siltie Zone: Silti woreda (12 kebeles: 2 kebeles in Kibet town and 10 rural kebeles)	12
	Care Children and Family for Ethiopia (CCFE)	East Guraghe Zone: Sodo woreda (12 kebeles) East Guraghe Zone: South Sodo woreda (2 kebeles), East Meskan woreda (2 kebeles), Mareko special woreda (2 kebeles), Kembata Zone: Kach Bira woreda (3 kebeles) Halaba Zone: Wera woreda (3 kebeles)	24

South Ethiopia	Reach The Needy (RTN)-Ethiopia	Gedeo Zone: Dilla Zuria woreda (3 kebeles), and Wonago woreda (3 kebeles) Gamo Zone: Mereb Abaya woreda (3 kebeles). Wolayita Zone: Soddo Zuria woreda (3 kebeles)	12
Sidama	Reach The Needy (RTN)-Ethiopia	Debubawi Zone: Aleta Wendo woreda (3 kebeles) Hawassa City: Tula (3 kebeles)	6
Oromia	Care for Children and Family Organization (CCFO)	East Shewa Zone: Boset woreda (4 kebeles) Adama City (2 kebele) East Arsi Zone: Sire woreda (3 kebeles)	9
	Dugda Children and Family Charitable Organization	East Shewa Zone: Dugda woreda (7 kebeles: 4 rural and 3 urban kebeles)	7
	Future Generation Organization	East Shewa Zone: Fentale woreda (13 kebeles)	13
	Siraro Child and Family Development Association	West Arsi Zone: Siraro woreda (12 kebeles)	12
Total			130

b) Areas of Operation - Direct Implementation

Region	Name of Woreda/kebele	Number of kebele [communities]
Amhara	North Wollo Zone: Raya Kobo	20
Tigray	Eastern Zone: Kiliteawlalo woreda, Wukro Town, and Enderta	14
Afar	Berhale Refugee Camp and surrounding host communities in Berhale Woreda	2
Total		36



Child Protection and Advocacy

In FY25, ChildFund strengthened child protection systems across schools and communities. Through Child Protection Community-Based Mechanisms (CBCPM), we equipped children with knowledge and skills to recognize and report cases of violence while supporting teachers and caregivers to create safe spaces for children to speak out.

We also expanded efforts to prevent online sexual exploitation and abuse of children by engaging parents, teachers, caregivers, and key stakeholders including government ministries (Ministry of Women and Social Affairs, Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Education, Information Network Security Administration (INSA), Ministry of Innovation and Technology (MinT), telecom providers (Ethio Telecom, Safaricom), police, and child parliaments.

ChildFund actively advocated for child protection at national levels, promoting child-centered reporting mechanisms, supporting law enforcement, and pushing for comprehensive survivor support services. In collaboration with the Federal Ministry of Women and Social Affairs, we strengthened child parliaments and contributed to the launch of two key national frameworks: the National Children's Policy Implementing Strategy and the Online Child Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (OCSEA) Prevention and Response Framework.

Key Achievements



287

children accessed online safety materials, equipping them with practical knowledge and skills to stay safe online.



At the global level, ChildFund amplified young voices by facilitating the participation of a girl representative in the Global Working Group on Girls and a youth delegate at COP16, where they addressed the urgent crises of land degradation, drought, and desertification.



7,833

children joined Day of the African Child (DAC) events, raising their voices to demand greater protection and participation in decisions that affect them.



6,607

children, 309 parents/caregivers, 33 teachers, and 742 government officials increased their understanding of Online Sexual Exploitation and Abuse of Children (OSEAC), strengthening community-wide protection systems.



At the national level, 45 children contributed to the Global Safer Internet Day commemoration, while 4,518 children engaged in related activities, building momentum for safer online spaces.



12,397

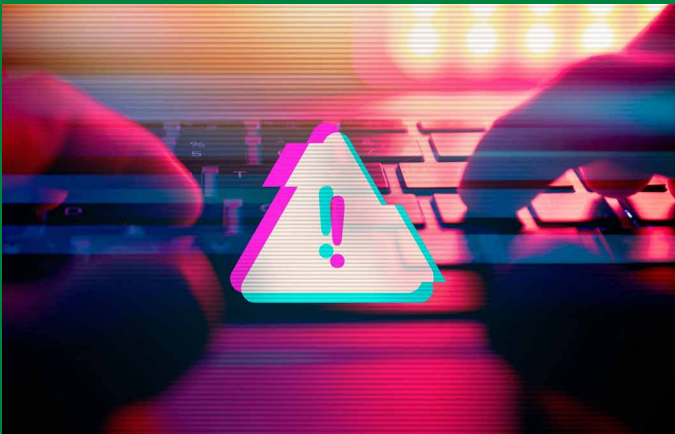
children were meaningfully engaged in child protection and advocacy initiatives at community, national, and global levels.

“The National Framework for Preventing and Responding to OCSEA was successfully rolled out by ChildFund and its local partners in collaboration with the Ministry of Women and Social Affairs and UNICEF in the presence of various federal and regional government officials, CSOs, and representatives from the Children’s Parliament.”

“Pretending to be someone else online is dishonest and harmful” - Mestawet

Seventeen-year-old Mestawet lives in Addis Ababa as the only child in her family. A bright student, she consistently ranked at the top of her class and actively participated in school clubs.

Her first mobile phone came as a reward from her family for ranking first in Grade 6, during the COVID-19 pandemic when schools shifted to digital learning. At first, she used it mainly for education and staying connected with relatives.



But as she advanced in school, her digital engagement began to expose her to new risks.

“In Grade 7, a friend rented out her phone to boys for 30 birr so they could watch pornography,” she recalls. “Sometimes, they invited girls to join.” By Grade 9, with textbooks unavailable, Mestawet relied on her phone and Telegram to share study materials. Soon after, peers encouraged her to create fake online identities to test the loyalty of their boyfriends. What started as a game quickly consumed her time, distracted her from learning, and affected her academic performance.

Her turning point came when ChildFund Ethiopia and the Yeka Sub-City Women, Children, and Social Affairs Office invited her to take part in a two-day child online safety training through the Child Parliament.

“The training made me realize that pretending to be someone else online was dishonest and harmful,” she says. “I felt guilty and decided to stop. Even when friends pressured me, I refused.”

The training gave her new tools to manage her time, limit screen use, and engage online more responsibly. Now in Grade 11, she focuses on her studies, uses her phone only for academic purposes, and has regained her top performance in school.

“I want to become a medical doctor and an advocate for children’s rights,” she says with determination.

Mestawet’s experience shows how quickly children can be exposed to harmful online behaviors, but also how the right guidance and protection can help them make safe, responsible choices.

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Early Childhood Development

ChildFund is committed to ensuring that children aged 0–5 years have access to quality early childhood development opportunities. In FY25, we supported ECD centers with age-appropriate furniture, indoor learning materials, and outdoor play equipment to foster holistic growth and development.

Through these interventions, **11,426 preschool children** (5,692 boys and 5,734 girls) benefited from improved early learning environments that nurture their well-being, play, and school readiness.

ChildFund establishes 30 community-based childcare centers to support families in Ethiopia

ChildFund has been implementing a World-Bank funded project to establish 30 community-based childcare centers across 10 selected Productive Safety Net Program (PSNP) woredas in Oromia, Central Ethiopia, Southern Ethiopia, Sidama, and Tigray. The initiative is implemented by the World Bank and carried out in collaboration with the Ministry of Women and Social Affairs (MoWSA), the Ministry of Agriculture (MoA) at zonal and district levels, and three local partners: Reach the Needy Ethiopia (RTN), Care for Child and Family For Ethiopia, and Siraro Child and Family Development Association.

The PSNP highlights the importance of childcare support at every work site or within villages, ensuring that parents can fully participate in public works without shifting childcare responsibilities to school-aged children. In response, ChildFund’s community-based childcare centers provide children aged 2 to 5 with safe, engaging spaces for play, early learning, and social interaction. These centers

not only meet childcare needs but also foster early stimulation and holistic development.

Recognizing that the quality of Early Childhood Development (ECD) services depends on the capacity of caregivers, ChildFund Ethiopia’s ECD team delivered comprehensive, hands-on training for field workers. The training covered holistic ECD practices and childcare center management, including how to make play materials from locally available resources. A model childcare center was also set up at the training site, where children from a nearby pre-primary school were invited to interact with the materials and trainees, providing valuable practical experience.

To strengthen community ownership and sustainability, the training also focused on empowering parents through the formation of Self-Help Groups (SHGs). Participants visited mother-led groups to learn from their experiences, reinforcing the role of parents and communities in supporting quality childcare and early development.



Building a Solid Foundation for Life-long Development (ECD)

ChildFund, in partnership with Tesfa Birhan Child and Family Development Organization, launched the project “Building a Solid Foundation for Life-long Development (ECD) – Empowering Parents of Vulnerable Young Children” with financial support from UNICEF. The project is being implemented in Tehuledere woreda of

South Wollo Zone, Amhara Region, and aims to equip 4,590 parents with the knowledge, skills, and resources needed to strengthen parenting practices, create nurturing home environments, and support the holistic development of 5,000 young children aged 0 to 6 years.



Key Achievements

 10,997

parents and caregivers (3,698 men and 7,299 women) strengthened their parenting skills through positive parenting sessions, enabling them to provide more nurturing care at home.

 1,755

young children gained access to improved early childhood development services through the construction, rehabilitation, and equipping of ECD centers. In addition, 78 ECD facilitators were trained in child-friendly, play-based teaching and childcare practices, improving the quality of services.

 30

Self-Help Groups (SHGs) with around 600 members were organized, helping parents start saving and invest in income-generating activities to improve household livelihoods. These efforts strengthened families’ ability to support the healthy physical, cognitive, social, emotional, and communication development of their young children.

Health and Nutrition

Community Awareness and Hygiene

ChildFund, in collaboration with local partners, implemented integrated maternal and child health interventions that reached 34,164 children and caregivers. Awareness initiatives engaged 3,900 caregivers with messages on health, nutrition, and hygiene. More than 6,400 caregivers participated in hygiene education sessions, and 872 children received hygiene kits.

Screenings and Preventive Care

Health and nutrition services included anthropometric assessments, Mid-Upper Arm Circumference (MUAC) screenings, deworming, and vitamin A supplementation for 5,472 children under five. Of these, 67 children were referred for further care and supplementary feeding. In addition, MUAC assessments were conducted for 4,073 children in pre-primary and ECD centers. These screenings carried out with local health institutions, enabled early detection of health issues and timely medical intervention.

Medical and Maternal Support

ChildFund supported 229 children with medical expenses and provided eyeglasses to 16 children with vision impairments. To promote healthier practices, 1,890 pregnant and lactating women were trained in breastfeeding and illness prevention, while 52 volunteers received training in Integrated Management of Childhood Illness (IMCI).

Campaigns and Outreach

A total of 711 individuals participated in Global Handwashing Day activities under the theme “It might be gloves. It’s always hand hygiene”. The campaign highlighted the importance of handwashing to prevent disease while reducing unnecessary glove use. Soap distribution reached 520 children, complemented by caregiver education sessions. Broader outreach through radio messages extended to more than 25,000 listeners, reinforcing vital health and hygiene information.

Addressing Malnutrition

To combat malnutrition, ChildFund established a feeding center at the Ediget Ber project site, providing nutritious meals four times a week to underweight children. Currently, 18 children are benefiting from this service at the Future Hope Integrated Development Organization (FHIDO) feeding center. The intervention has already led to significant improvements in child health and weight gain. All essential supplies, including food, utensils, and hygiene materials, were provided to ensure consistent and effective delivery service.



Mehret (centre) enjoying a meal of fortified rice with vegetables and fruits at the feeding center in Arada Sub City.

A new approach to fighting malnutrition - Feeding centers

For years, whenever ChildFund and its local implementing partners aimed to combat malnutrition, we provided food for parents to take home. But what happens when they return to households with many children and adults, all of whom are hungry? The intended child often receives only a small portion, if any at all. This resulted in the child suffering from malnutrition remaining malnourished.

ChildFund and its local partner Future Hopes Integrated Development Organization (FHIDO) observed this pattern repeatedly. Despite providing nutritious foods such as fortified flours and oils to families, the expected improvements in child nutrition were minimal.

That’s when we changed our strategy.

One of the children who benefited is three-year-old Mehret. Born into a low-income family in Addis Ababa, her mother sells traditional candles and her father works as a daily laborer. Mehret and her two older siblings suffered from severe malnutrition.

“When Mehret arrived, she was in critical condition,” recalls her aunt, Banchiamlak. “She was too weak to play. We feared we would lose her.” At the center in Arada Sub-City, run in partnership with FHIDO and funded by ChildFund Korea, Mehret and 18 other severely malnourished children received four enriched meals per week. The meals are carefully designed to support recovery and healthy growth, including fortified teff porridge, rice with vegetables, pasta with tuna, fruit, and milk.

“Every day we see children come in weak and tired, but after weeks of consistent nutrition, the transformation is amazing. We see children gaining weight, energy, and happy smiles,” says Fekadu, a health worker at the center.

To ensure sustainability, the program also includes nutrition education for parents. Caregivers attend regular sessions where they learn how to prepare balanced meals using locally available ingredients and how to maintain food hygiene.

“We began inviting families to bring children directly to the feeding center,” Eleni explains. “With close monitoring and regular feeding, we began seeing noticeable improvements in just two months.”

“Initially, we distributed nutritious food and hoped families would prioritize the children. But because the food was shared among all family members, we saw little weight gain in the children,” says Eleni Nigussie, Early Childhood Development Program Officer at FHIDO.



“Feeding a child is only part of the solution,” Eleni adds. “We want families to carry these lessons home, so children continue thriving long after they leave the center.”

In addition to daily meals, the program provides food assistance worth USD 230 per family for three months and covers the salaries of four health workers, each earning USD 50 per month.

Health workers also conduct quarterly surveys in four districts of Arada Sub-City using MUAC (Mid-Upper Arm Circumference) measurements to identify children suffering from severe and moderate malnutrition to refer them for treatment.

To further support families, the project has facilitated medical insurance access for 592 families ensuring that children like Mehret can receive healthcare when they need it.

Today, Mehret, and the other children enrolled in the program are thriving

“She laughs, plays, and runs around like other children now,” Banchiamlak says, smiling. “We’re so grateful. This feeding center has completely changed her.”

Education

Increasing Access to Quality Learning

To promote inclusive primary education for children aged 6–14, ChildFund and its local partners supported schools with reference and reading materials for libraries, classroom furniture, and laboratory equipment and chemicals. These efforts reached 195,214 primary school-aged children, including 24,628 newly enrolled students during the reporting year.



Improving Learning Environments

New classrooms were constructed and existing ones renovated, creating more engaging and functional spaces for 87,132 students. This investment has contributed to a safer and more stimulating environment where children can learn and thrive.



Supporting Girls' Education

To address barriers to attendance, 2,836 adolescent girls received sanitary pads, helping to reduce absenteeism and ensure that more girls can stay in school with dignity and confidence.



Key Achievements



Increased access to improved school infrastructure and facilities

17

primary school classrooms and 1 library rehabilitated and furnished.

29

WASH facilities rehabilitated, serving 87,132 schoolchildren.



Enhanced teacher competency

2,416

teachers trained in learner-friendly and interactive methodologies.



Improved access to learning aids

16,420

students received scholastic materials and reference books.

3,236

girls provided with dignity kits.



Promoting gender parity

51,435

students (25,361 boys and 26,074 girls) attended preschools, primary, and secondary schools in ChildFund-supported areas.



Inclusive education

602

children with disabilities supported to attend school.

How the I-Leader project helped Liya Excel in school

Liya, once unable to keep up with her academic classes, is now excelling. Today, she ranks first in Grade 11, thanks to the support she received from the I-Leader Project.

Her father works as a security guard at a bank, while her mother is unemployed. With limited income, the family struggled to cover even basic needs. Supplementary books aligned with the new curriculum were out of reach, making it difficult for Liya to complete assignments and affecting her performance.

“I felt inferior compared to other high-achieving classmates, especially when I was unable to complete my assignments or homework on time due to lack of reference books,” Liya recalls. “These challenges created major barriers to my academic success.”

That changed when her school was selected as one of the I-Leader Project sites. Liya was identified as an outstanding student in need of support and received supplementary books, worksheets, and tutorial programs. She also benefited from life skills and self-learning training designed to enhance her overall performance.

“I got the necessary supplementary books through the I-Leader Project. The support changed my academic life,” she says.

Now in Grade 11, Liya is thriving academically and socially. She participates actively in school clubs such as Aflatoun which promotes social and financial education initiatives. “The supplementary books and training significantly boosted my confidence and made me more competitive among my peers,” she explains.



With an average score of 96.29%, Liya is ranked first in her class and among all Grade 11 students in her school. She now dreams of becoming a medical doctor.

The support Liya received is part of a broader initiative at Liya’s secondary school, where 100 outstanding students (53 girls and 47 boys) have been provided with supplementary materials, tutorial classes, and training.

“The scholastic material support provided by the I-Leader Project has improved both academic performance and personal development,” says Gadise Deresse, the School Principal. “These interventions have transformed the learning environment, fostering a culture of excellence, confidence, and resilience among students and educators.”

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ChildFund Education Specialist and I-Leader Project Lead, highlights that the project aims to support 500 students with academic, social, emotional, and health interventions. Key results so far include:

- 100 percent improvement in access to educational support, including supplementary materials
- Noticeable improvements in student academic performance
- Increased university transition rates
- Greater inclusion of marginalized youth, particularly girls and students with disabilities

Since October 2022, ChildFund, with financial support from ChildFund Korea, has been implementing the I-Leader Project in partnership with the Future Hope Integrated Development Organization in five secondary schools in Arada Sub-city, Addis Ababa.

The I-Leader Project has strengthened student engagement in Aflateen clubs, as well as participation in science and innovation activities, while contributing to improved psychosocial well-being. Teachers’ motivation and professional growth have also been enhanced through innovative capacity-building initiatives.

To build the capacity of local partners, ChildFund trained 31 key staff, including 18 program officers and program directors. The sessions focused on Safe School Approaches, Learning Through Play methodology, and strategies for developing high-quality project proposals. These training courses significantly improved the knowledge and skills of local partner staff, who then cascaded the training to district education office staff and teachers in the target schools.

Through this approach, 2,416 teachers and woreda education experts were reached. As a result, trained teachers began applying Safe School Approaches and the Learning Through Play methodology across 143 schools, benefiting 87,132 children with more inclusive, engaging, and safer learning environments.

Youth Development and Engagement

Skills Development and Entrepreneurship

ChildFund’s Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) programs, implemented in collaboration with TVET institutions and the private sector, equipped young people with practical skills and market-relevant knowledge. Youth received hands-on training in diverse fields such as construction, information technology, hospitality, automotive repair, electronic and computer hardware maintenance, installation, office equipment servicing, hairdressing, tailoring, metalwork, and woodworking. These areas were carefully selected based on local labor market demand to increase employment opportunities.

To expand access and ensure sustainability, ChildFund invested in vocational training infrastructure. In partnership with Aynage Child and Family Development Organization, a new TVET center was constructed, providing a modern and accessible learning environment that will benefit both current and future generations of young people.



The newly constructed New TVET center in Silte Zone, Central Ethiopia Region.

Promoting Youth Employability

ChildFund is committed to preparing young people for meaningful employment by providing financial assistance, life skills training, and career guidance. These efforts help youth complete vocational education and transition smoothly into the workforce. During the reporting period, 105 graduates secured gainful employment in their respective fields, enabling them to support themselves and contribute to improved livelihoods for their families.

Youth Income Generation

ChildFund’s Youth Income Generation Program strengthens the economic capacity of young people by equipping them with the tools and opportunities to build sustainable livelihoods. The initiative supports youth in launching viable businesses and youth-led enterprises, directly tackling unemployment while contributing to broader community development.

Through targeted interventions, 397 youth received entrepreneurship training, financial literacy education, business management courses, and access to employment revolving funds. The program nurtures youth-led economic growth by equipping young people with the skills and resources needed to launch and sustain businesses. Local Partners work strategically with microfinance institutions and local government authorities to expand both reach and impact.

The initiative primarily supports unemployed and underemployed youth, including those engaged in rural livelihood activities such as animal husbandry and small-scale agriculture. By diversifying income sources and strengthening resilience, the program helps young people secure sustainable livelihoods and contribute to community development.



Equipped with new skills and capital, Hayat established a fast-food preparation and sales business that provides income for her and her family.



With training and support, Yonas established himself in welding work, improving his economic independence.

Youth Sexual and Reproductive Health

In FY25, ChildFund significantly enhanced youth wellbeing and health through a comprehensive approach that integrated practical support, education, and empowerment. Over 2,500 adolescent girls received menstrual hygiene management kits. Additionally, more than 6,000 adolescents participated in age-appropriate life skills and health education sessions focused on personal hygiene, reproductive health, emotional wellbeing, and communication.

These sessions, delivered through schools and youth clubs, aimed to boost confidence and resilience. As a result, young people, particularly girls, gained the knowledge, tools, and self-assurance needed to manage their health and wellbeing effectively. A total 18,840 young people accessed ChildFund-supported youth-friendly health centers, where they received reproductive health services.

Youth Engagement

In FY25, ChildFund actively promoted youth engagement by supporting young people to take on leadership roles through volunteerism, environmental stewardship, and humanitarian action. Youth participated in volunteer initiatives, contributing their time and skills to support vulnerable groups and advance local development.



After participating in a business training and receiving a modern stove, Worknesh successfully started a bread-baking business that is improving her household income and stability.



“More than 6,000 adolescents participated in age-appropriate life skills and health education sessions focused on personal hygiene, reproductive health, emotional wellbeing, and communication.”

Over 1,500 youth were involved in environmental initiatives such as tree planting, waste management, and community clean-up campaign, raising awareness about environmental protection and sustainability and promoting positive values and behaviors among young people. Youth also played a

pivotal role in renovating homes for the elderly.

These activities not only improved community wellbeing but also fostered leadership, teamwork, a deeper sense of ownership and purpose among young people, proving themselves as powerful agents of positive change in their communities.

Key Achievements



502

youth (258 males, 244 females) improved their livelihoods, with 397 starting self-employment and 105 entering the labor market, showing strong progress in creating sustainable income opportunities.



11,694

adolescent girls improved their menstrual health and hygiene. Of these, 2,500 girls received menstrual hygiene materials and 9,194 girls gained awareness and education, enabling confident menstrual hygiene management and uninterrupted education.



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latrines were constructed, enhancing school retention and participation by providing girls with safe, private, and hygienic spaces to manage menstruation.



18,840

young people accessed youth centers where they received reproductive health services, life skills orientation, mentorship, and peer engagement in safe, inclusive spaces that foster holistic development.

Food Security & Livelihoods

ChildFund supported the formation of 90 Village Savings and Loan Associations (VSLAs) with 1,800 members (20 per group). Since inception, members have built a strong savings culture, mobilizing ETB 3,824,349 in net savings and revolving ETB 7,294,296 in loans across 3,424 disbursements, enabling women to engage in diverse income-generating activities (IGAs).

In addition, members contributed ETB 618,010 to a social/insurance fund, with ETB 108,610 already

used to meet urgent needs such as funerals, livestock loss, and purchasing money boxes.

Following training on VSLA methodology and IGAs:

- **95% of members** accessed up to three loans.
- **80% engaged in IGAs** or operated group nurseries producing papaya, vegetables, and cereal crops.

- **35% of households** are now generating income through non-agricultural IGAs such as petty trade, grain trading, and traditional drink production.
- Members acquired livelihood assets including goats, sheep, oxen, chickens, and dairy heifers.

These results demonstrate how savings-led approaches build women's economic resilience, diversify household incomes, and strengthen community safety nets.

Water Line Extensions Sustain Tree Nurseries and Support Environmental Restoration

ChildFund completed water line extension works in Sodo woreda and Suten Zuria, installing functional distribution points at nursery sites to promote reliable access to safe water for tree sustenance and long-term environmental restoration. In five additional kebeles of the woreda (Anati, Adazer, Dugeda Gereye, Buee Zuria, and Ejersa) work is ongoing to address challenges related to submersible pumps and transformer connections in collaboration with relevant government water sector offices.

To further enhance water access, hand-dug wells and Afridev pump installations were carried out in three rural kebeles—Gogeti-2 (South Sodo), Bati-Futo (East Meskan), and Hobe Jare Demeka (Mareko Special Woreda)—specifically to support VSLA nursery sites. Fourteen water schemes were constructed in Sodo woreda benefiting about 12,500 people.

To promote avocado production, ChildFund procured 5,000 grafting scions from a certified farmers' cooperative union, producing high-yield seedlings that enable women and community members to expand fruit tree cultivation and increase household incomes upon sale.

Natural Resource Management (NRM) and School-Based Tree Nurseries

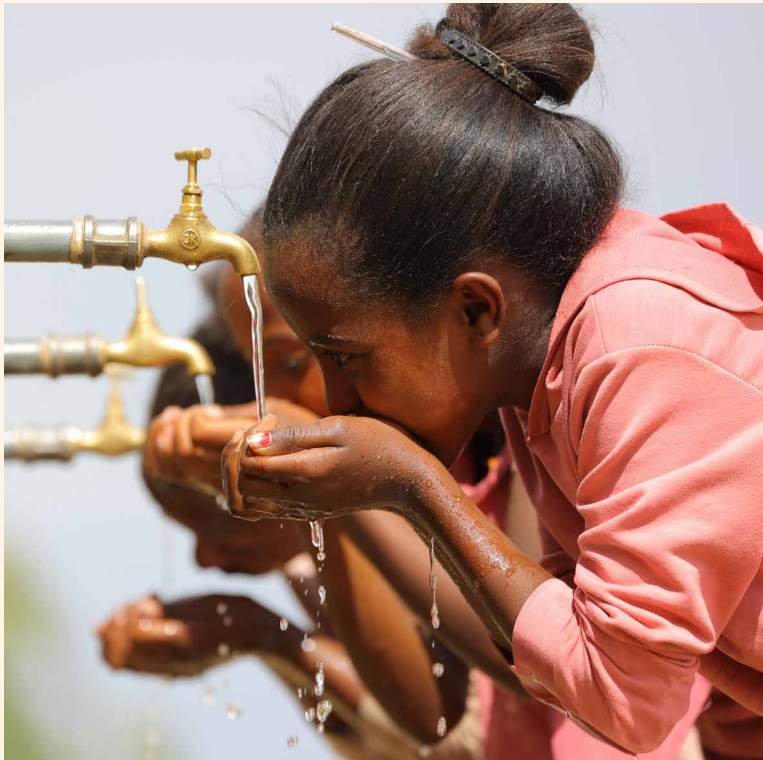
In FY25, 1,540 students from 18 primary schools were organized into environmental clubs and trained in Natural Resource Management (NRM).

Additionally, 90 teachers were trained and have since mobilized nearly 90% of their peers and communities in NRM activities. Fifteen schools received materials for establishing nursery sites with rainwater harvesting systems. These included forest, fruit, and vegetable seeds, farming tools, and sound amplifiers for awareness raising activities. The schools demonstrated notable progress and enthusiasm during follow-up technical visits by ChildFund and its local partner staff. The local partner is working on ensuring reliable water supply for the sustainability of school NRM efforts.

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)

In partnership with Tesfa Berhan Child and Family Development Organization, ChildFund provided thirteen rolls of high-density polyethylene pipe (one full quarter-inch pipe each) to the community. Using these materials, the community installed a water supply chamber and pipeline, creating reliable access to clean and safe water for 116 preschool children and 140 households (approximately 700 people).

In addition, ChildFund and its local partners reached over 12,800 people through sanitation and hygiene awareness-raising activities, promoting healthier practices and stronger community resilience.

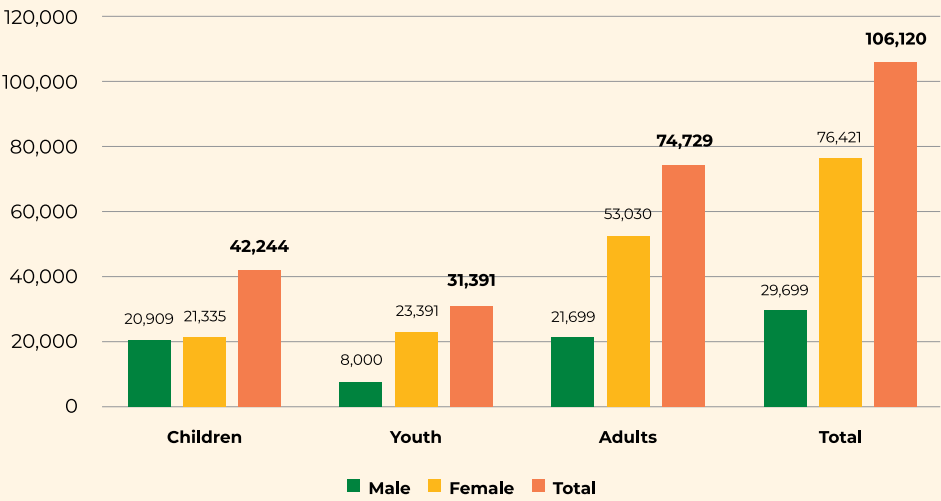


Humanitarian Response

In FY25, ChildFund stood alongside the Government of Ethiopia and local partners to address the urgent humanitarian and rehabilitation needs of children and families across **Tigray, Afar, Amhara, and Oromia regions**.

Through more than nine humanitarian response and resilience building projects, we directly supported over 106,120 children in crises and community members with life-saving assistance, protection, education, psychosocial support, and livelihood recovery. This fiscal year was particularly transformative as we expanded our operations into Afar Region and scaled up activities in Tigray, mobilizing more resources than in any previous year.

Total Population Reached Through ChildFund's Humanitarian Response Projects in FY25



Project Highlights

1. Joining Forces for Food Security & Child Protection in Emergencies - Phase II

ChildFund, as a member of the global Joining Forces consortium, partnered with ChildFund Deutschland and Tesfa Berhan Child and Family Development Organization to implement the second phase of the German Federal Foreign Office (GFFO) funded project in conflict affected Wukro and Adigrat districts of Tigray Region. The project targeted 16,710 internally displaced persons (IDPs) including 11,700 Children. Launched in July 2024, this project focuses on delivering lifesaving and child protection assistance to conflict-affected children and families, with a strong emphasis on food security and nutrition, gender equality, inclusion, and resilience.

Amidst the hardship of displacement and loss, children are finding safe spaces where they are protected, supported, and able to reclaim a

sense of normalcy. The Child Friendly Spaces (CFSs) provides a safe and supportive environment where children can play, learn, and access psychosocial support.

Families who once faced impossible choices such as withdrawing children from school or resorting to harmful coping strategies now have the means to meet their basic needs with dignity. Parents expressed relief that they can provide food and essentials without compromising the wellbeing of their children.

Support for children meant more than survival; it meant being seen, valued, and given the chance to learn and grow in an environment that nurtures their rights and potential. Multi-purpose cash transfer for families built their resilience, restoring their capacity to care for their children and rebuild their lives after the devastation of conflict.

Through these efforts, communities are regaining strength and unity, and a foundation is being laid for recovery where protection, dignity, and hope guide the path forward. Building on this progress, the project will continue to reinforce child protection systems and help families transition from crisis toward lasting resilience.

Key Achievements

 1,000 children received clothing, school uniforms, assistive devices, and educational materials, ensuring gender balance and inclusion of children with disabilities.	 ETB 17,899,679 (USD 308,000) in cash assistance was provided to 2,002 households, helping families meet essential needs such as food, strengthen their resilience, and avoid harmful coping strategies.	 6 Child-Friendly Spaces (CFSs) were equipped with new furniture, hygiene kits, and recreational items.	 25 community facilitators and staff were trained in child protection, psychosocial support, and safe space management.
 700 parents attended Positive Parenting sessions on child protection, adolescent development, gender equality, and caregiver self-care.	 1,280 individuals (including 1,130 children and adolescents) were reached through an awareness campaign that promoted positive behaviors, resilience, and safety.		

“I left my home with nothing but my children,” - Tsehay

Tsehay, a 32-year-old single mother of five, once lived a peaceful life in Western Tigray. Her days were filled with happiness, running her own restaurant in Dansha town, caring for her children, and dreaming of a brighter future for them. However, when the Tigray war erupted, everything changed.

One night, as violence reached her village, she was forced to flee with her children. With no time to gather her belongings, they walked for days in search

of safety. They eventually arrived at the Wukro Vision IDP camp, exhausted and empty-handed.

“I left my home with nothing but my children. I didn’t know if we would survive,” Tsehay recalls.

At the camp, Tsehay and her children faced harsh conditions. They lacked food, clean water, and sleeping materials. She struggled to feed her children, who were already weak from hunger and trauma.

Life in the camp brought new struggles. There was little food, no clean water, and no proper place to sleep. Each day was a fight to keep her children fed and comforted, as they

battled both hunger and the trauma of displacement.

“The support that this project has given us hope again,” Tsehay says with gratitude. “With the cash I was able to buy food and other essentials for my children. The clothes and school materials made them smile again, and the safe space has helped them heal from what they went through. I feel we are no longer forgotten.”

Today, while challenges remain, Tsehay feels stronger and more hopeful. Thanks to the project’s support, she and her children are rebuilding their lives holding onto the belief that a brighter future is still possible.

2. Strengthening Early Childhood Care and Development (ECD) and Child-Friendly Spaces in Berhale Refugee Camp (Afar)

In February 2025, ChildFund launched a pilot project in Berhale Refugee Camp to restore and strengthen Early Childhood Development (ECD) centers and Child-Friendly Spaces (CFS). The initiative provides safe, structured, and nurturing environments for children aged 3 to 6, focusing on play-based learning, psychosocial support, and overall well-being.

Since its launch, major rehabilitation works have been completed, including the installation of water storage tanks, repair of pipelines, fencing of facilities, and ongoing upgrades of classrooms, sanitation facilities, and playgrounds. Essential indoor and outdoor learning materials, scholastic supplies, and furniture have been procured and handed over, ensuring that ECD centers and CFS sites are fully equipped to operate effectively.

The project has reached approximately 4,914 community members, including 1,536 children aged 3–14, supporting their learning, development, and protection. By restoring and strengthening these critical spaces, the initiative has created safer, more nurturing environments for young children in the refugee camp.

3. Community-Based Child Protection in Emergencies (CPIE) Project – Berhale Woreda, Afar Region

Launched in February 2025 with a grant from Un Enfant Par La Main (UEPLM) and additional funding from ChildFund International, this pilot project aimed to support conflict-affected host communities in Berhale Woreda, Afar Region.

The project created a safer and more protective environment for children by mobilizing local structures, strengthening community resilience, and ensuring timely and coordinated responses to child protection concerns.

“Over 16,000 people in Tigray regained hope and resilience through lifesaving assistance that strengthened food security, wellbeing, and community recovery, made possible through support from MFAT and ChildFund New Zealand, to help conflict-affected families rebuild their lives.”

Through various interventions, the project reached approximately 2,587 children and community members, including the provision of energy biscuits for children attending four schools, livelihood support activities for women, positive parenting sessions, and multiple capacity-building initiatives.

4. Food Assistance Response Project – Wukro and Kilte-Awlaelo Woredas, Tigray Region

With financial support from the New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT) and ChildFund New Zealand, the project aimed to address critical food security needs among conflict-affected communities in Kilte Awlaelo Woreda and Wukro Town in the Tigray Region.

The initiative targeted five pre-primary and primary schools, two health facilities, and other public institutions across the two districts, providing direct assistance to vulnerable populations while strengthening institutional capacity for sustainable service delivery and community resilience.

Through a range of interventions, the project reached over 16,317 people, including the provision of energy biscuits, Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS), awareness-raising activities on protection, cash assistance to meet urgent needs, and various capacity-building initiatives. These efforts contributed to improved food security, psychosocial well-being, and overall community resilience.

5. Support for Children and Conflict Affected Persons with Special Needs – Eastern Tigray

Financed by Firstgreen Foundation, this 12-month project aimed to support vulnerable populations, particularly conflict affected persons, children with disabilities, and survivors

of child sexual violence and trafficking, through a comprehensive package of physical, economic, and psychosocial interventions.

Overall, the project reached 23,720 people through various targeted interventions:

- Assistive devices including crutches, wheelchairs, Braille materials, and white canes were provided to 1,090 persons with disabilities, improving mobility, independence, and participation.
- One-time multipurpose cash transfers (MPC) were provided to 428 conflict-affected individuals (223 female, 205 male), helping households meet immediate needs and enhance resilience.
- Capacity-building and mental health support strengthened psychosocial well-being and supported community reintegration for targeted groups.
- Awareness-raising interventions promoted inclusion, protection, and community understanding of the needs of vulnerable populations.

Through this holistic approach, the project enhanced access to essential services, empowered marginalized individuals, and promoted resilience and social inclusion.

6. Education in Emergencies (EiE) Project – Wukro Town and Kilte-Awlaelo, Tigray Region

Funded by Un Enfant Par La Main (UEPLM), the Education in Emergency Project in Tigray aims to restore and enhance educational access for children affected by the recent conflict. The project focuses on rebuilding and rehabilitating schools, providing essential educational materials, and ensuring safe and supportive learning environments for students.



Key Achievements:



Scholastic Materials Distribution: ChildFund provided exercise books, pens, pencils, sharpeners, and erasers to **3,559 students** (1,702 girls) in 5 schools in Wukro Town and Kilde Awlaelo District. Mini media equipment was also supplied to three schools to deliver mental health messages, promote coping skills, and encourage social engagement through school activities and sports.



Menstrual Hygiene Kits: 250 adolescent girls received kits containing reusable pads, underwear, soap, and storage bags, improving menstrual hygiene management and reducing menstruation-related absenteeism.



Sports Materials: Schools received footballs, volleyballs, nets, jump ropes, and sportswear, promoting physical activity, inclusion, peer interaction, and psychological well-being among students.



Menstrual Hygiene Management (MHM) Rooms Rehabilitation: MHM rooms in two schools were renovated and furnished, providing safe, private, and girl-friendly spaces that improve attendance and foster supportive learning environments.

7. Emergency Humanitarian Response in Earthquake-Affected Communities, Fentale Woreda, Oromia region

This rapid intervention in Fentale Woreda addressed the combined impacts of earthquake, volcanic activity, drought, and conflict. ChildFund provided a round of food assistance, including 30 quintals of wheat flour, 100 liters of oil, and 50 tins of milk powder, reaching 600 individuals. To improve sanitation, hygiene kits containing 200 bars of soap were distributed, while emergency shelter kits, comprising plastic sheets and sleeping mats, were provided to support 100 displaced households. Overall, the intervention reached 2,000 people, helping vulnerable communities meet their immediate needs and stabilize their living conditions.

8. PEER – Protection and Education in Emergency and Recovery Project – Raya Kobo, Amhara Region

Funded by Radiohjälpen through Barnfonden, the project focused on Education, WASH,

and Child Protection in ten primary schools, reaching a total of 20,000 people. It created safe and inclusive learning environments for 8,000 students, including 244 children with disabilities, and 919 adults (teachers, parents, and local officials). The project also strengthened community resilience to climate risks, benefiting 200 female-headed households and over 10,000 caregivers, ensuring broader support for children's well-being and development.

9. Procter & Gamble Emergency WASH response for earthquake, drought and conflict affected communities in Boset and Fentale, Oromia Region

The project improved access to safe drinking water for communities affected by an earthquake, drought, and conflict. Through the provision of water purification sachets and hygiene and sanitation awareness-raising activities, the initiative reached 45,903 affected people, helping to reduce waterborne diseases and promote healthier living conditions.

Child Sponsorship

A total of 38,220 children were enrolled in ChildFund Ethiopia’s sponsorship program in FY25. Of these, 26,497 children were directly connected with individual sponsors, helping to improve their access to education, health, and protection services across the country.

Child Sponsorship by Region

Regional States	Number of Children
Addis Ababa	13,344
Amhara	3,100
Oromia	12,183
Central and Southern Regions	9,593
Total	38,220

Enrolled Children by Life Stage

Life stage	Number of Children
0-5 years	4,220
6-14 years	25,176
15 –24 years	8,824
Total	38,220

Sponsors by Country

Country	Number of Sponsors
USA	10401
Korea	4988
Sweden	4405
Australia	2549
Taiwan	1706
Germany	1485
France	865
New Zealand	98
Total	26,497

Partnerships

In FY25, ChildFund strengthened strategic collaboration with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and Ethiopia's Refugees and Returnees Service (RRS) to enhance joint humanitarian responses.

ChildFund continued working closely with its 13 key local partners. This collaboration involves joint program design and planning, financial management and support, capacity building, supportive supervision, monitoring and evaluation, and overall management of multi-sector programs and projects.

Our local partners are:

1. Care for Children and Family for Ethiopia (CCFE)

2. Aynage Child and Family Development Organization (ACFDO)

3. Reach The Needy (RTN)
4. Care for Children and Family Organization (CCFO)

5. Dugda Children's and Family Charitable Organization (DCFCO)

6. Future Generation Organization (FGO)

7. Tesfa Berhan Child and Family Development Organization (TBCFDO)

8. Siraro Child and Family Development Association (SCFDA)

9. Future Hopes Integrated Development Organization (FHIDO)

10. Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahdo Church Child & Family Affairs Organization (EOTC-CFAO)

11. Geneteyesus, Love For Child and Family Development Organization (LCFDO)

12. Addis Integrated Development Organization (AIDO)

13. Chora Child and Family Development (CCFD).

During the Fiscal year, ChildFund signed Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) with three additional local organizations: Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahido Church - Development and Inter-Church Aid Commission (EOC-DICAC), Ethiopian Catholic Church Social and Development Commission (ECCSDCO), and Genesis Pollution Reduction and Talent Development Company. These partnerships aim to facilitate joint grant applications, program development, and innovative approaches to improve the lives of children and protect the environment for current and future generations.

In April 2025, ChildFund hosted a delegation from The Gambia to share experiences on implementing the Come Play With Me Early Childhood Development project. The delegation engaged with key partners, including UNICEF, the World Bank, and the ChildFund Ethiopia team, to explore opportunities for expanding and scaling up the project.

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Resource Mobilization

In FY25, ChildFund secured over USD 3 million in grants to support development interventions and humanitarian response efforts in Ethiopia.

Project Name	Total Award (USD)	Donor
Emergency Relief Project	160,000	ChildFund New Zealand
Child Care Centers Project	420,383.36	The World Bank Group
Conflict Affected Persons Project	140,000.00	ChildFund International
Child Protection in Emergency project	70,345.00	Un Enfant Par la Main
Family Parenting Project	166,000.00	UNICEF
Joining Force for Food Security and Child Protection in Emergency	1,073,000	ChildFund Deutschland & GFFO
Therapy measures and therapy equipment for children with disabilities	310,000	Sternstunden eV.
Multi Sectoral Micro Grant	65000	Un Enfant Par la Main
Food security and sustainable environmental protection	61,000	ChildFund Deutschland and BMZ
I-Leader Project	72,986	ChildFund Korea
Empowering Women & Girls through Inclusive WASH & Climate-Smart Agri	94,000	CAF America
Emergency WASH Response to Earthquakes	430,825	Procter & Gamble
Enabling water system project	31,311	ChildFund Deutschland and Postcode Lottery
Total	3,024,509	

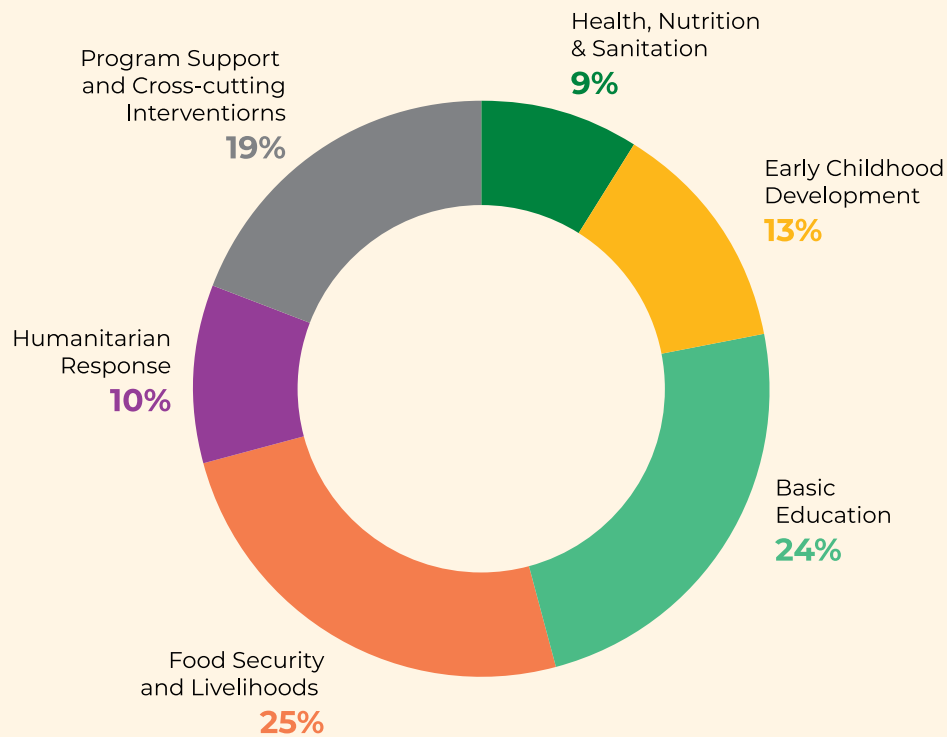
In FY25, ChildFund strengthened its role in the national humanitarian response landscape through strategic partnerships with UNOCHA, UNHCR, and the Refugees and Returnees Service (RRS). These engagements focused on joint planning, coordinated implementation, and enhanced reporting mechanisms to support vulnerable communities. Collaborative efforts also included periodic strategic meetings and sector assessments.

To optimize access to emergency and resilience funding, ChildFund actively participated in the Agriculture Cluster and the Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) Cluster, implementing targeted interventions to increase visibility for Ethiopian Humanitarian Fund (EHF) opportunities. Through technical inputs, response coordination, and regular contributions to situation analyses, the organization strengthened the profile of proposed projects and enhanced donor confidence.

Financials

Source of Funding	Expenditure (USD) in FY25
Grants	1,659,322
Non-Sponsorship Fund	387,222
Subsidy for core program implementation	3,438,718
Designated Funds for Children	520,205
Partnership Effective Fund	723,618
Working Fund	502,111
Total	7,231,196

Investment by Sector



Investment by Sector, by Local Partners

Local Partner	Health & Sanitation	Nutrition	Early Childhood Development	Education	Livelihoods	Emergencies	Direct Support to Children	Program Support & Cross-cutting Interventions	Total
Sodo CCFE	25,416	9,110	53,864	117,327	36,673	-	35,099	61,369	338,857
Aynage CFDO	33,979	9,074	79,643	130,996	67,754	4,430	76,740	198,620	601,236
Reach The Needy	6,049	12,760	140,793	53,922	69,161	-	46,233	81,708	410,625
CCFO	20,265	11,873	35,464	108,211	74,084	13,195	35,116	64,200	362,409
Dugda CFDO	42,434	22,386	94,448	108,943	141,676	-	79,418	154,989	644,294
FGO	69,900	14,657	14,052	103,448	458	1,446	29,653	91,605	325,220
Tesfa Berhan	16,169	3,235	75,543	114,028	66,995	-	29,305	90,131	395,405
Sirarto CFDA	12,431	3,364	72,767	23,183	12,101	32,660	23,572	79,160	259,239
FHIDO	84,560	32,593	47,237	105,608	102,121	-	52,230	163,522	587,871
EOC - CFDPDO	14,177	1,503	24,532	52,896	57,624	9,214	16,387	42,965	219,297
Love for Children	22,707	-	81,170	106,679	38,693	-	49,962	70,844	370,055
AIDO	33,117	356	30,576	132,295	25,441	8,417	23,333	51,754	305,289
Chora CCFD	45,558	64,094	46,312	41,657	73,028	-	23,157	89,141	382,947
Total	426,762	185,006	796,401	1,199,192	765,808	69,363	520,205	1,240,008	5,202,745

Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning

In FY25, the M&E team conducted supportive supervision and monitoring across operational areas in collaboration with stakeholders where ChildFund implements both development and humanitarian programs. The purpose was to promote a learning and feedback system among ChildFund and its partners to ensure timely delivery of quality services to children, families, and communities. The supervision also aimed to:

- Create a platform to address existing and anticipated challenges collaboratively.
- Ensure local partners comply with government regulations and ChildFund policies.
- Track progress of planned activities and Year-to-Date Budget Utilization.
- Strengthen trust and partnership between ChildFund Ethiopia and its partners.

- Enhance partner accountability and responsible use of secured resources.
- Provide actionable insights to inform management decisions at all levels.

As a result, significant progress has been made in guiding local partners from strategy to execution of programs and projects. Currently, thirteen local partners use the digital Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning (MEL) platform CAMEL-DHIS2 (Comprehensive Approach for Monitoring and Evaluation) to support the full program and project management cycle. Around 70 mobile and web users actively engage with the platform, which enhances knowledge management and learning. Data captured through CAMEL-DHIS2 also enables the organization to make informed, evidence-based decisions via a central data repository.



A monitoring visit to one of ChildFund's supported school libraries in Addis Ababa which highlighted improved access to learning materials, better organization of resources, and enhanced student engagement, contributing to a more supportive and inclusive learning environment.

Recognition

Recognition by Ministry of Women and Social Affairs

ChildFund Ethiopia received recognition and appreciation from the Ethiopian Ministry of Women and Social Affairs for its significant contribution to the protection and development of children in the country.

Oromia Regional State Recognition

The organization was awarded a plaque and certificate of appreciation by the Oromia Bureau of Finance for its support to the Sustainable Food Security and Environmental Protection Project implemented in Fentale and Siraro Districts.

Amhara Regional State Recognition

In addition, ChildFund was recognized by the Amhara Regional State Bureau of Finance and other local government offices for the successful implementation of the Protection and Education in Emergency and Recovery (PEER) Project in North Wollo Raya Kobo, North Wollo zone, which benefited more than 20,000 conflict-affected people.



Excellence in Financial Management, Grants, Operating Plan and Budget Execution, and Sponsorship

At the Africa Leadership Team meeting held in Senegal to mark the achievements of the year ending June 2025, ChildFund Ethiopia's Country Office was honored with three plaques and five certificates of recognition for outstanding performance in financial management, execution of the annual operating plan and budget, grant acquisition and management, and sponsorship management, ranking it among the top-performing Country Offices across Africa.



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Staff Engagement

ChildFund Ethiopia’s Senior Management Team and staff remain committed to the organization’s vision of ensuring that children realize their rights and reach their full potential.

The Human Resource Department organized a one-day team-building event in Bishoftu, approximately 60 kilometers from Addis Ababa. The event brought together all Country Office staff, including colleagues from the Mekelle

office, for an interactive and collaborative experience. Various games and exercises were conducted to strengthen problem-solving, teamwork, and strategic thinking, enhancing overall program implementation.

A 3-day retreat provided a platform for staff to renew their commitment, boost professional engagement, and focus on strategies for effective resource mobilization in the upcoming fiscal year.



Celebration of Women's Day



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