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PARTNERING FOR PROGRESS: FROM ESG TO COMMUNITY IMPACT ACROSS AFRICA

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Overview

No single organization can solve Africa's development challenges alone. The scale and complexity of need, alongside tightening and uncertain financing, make collaboration essential.

ChildFund works with various corporate partners in Africa to turn environmental, social, and governance (ESG) investments into measurable, lasting impact for children and families. Beyond addressing immediate needs, our approach strengthens local systems and structures that communities can sustain, adapt, and grow over time.

This publication highlights how these partnerships have delivered practical solutions, strengthened local systems, and supported progress in clean water, education, health, livelihoods, and climate resilience across Africa.

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Our Partnership Model

We co-create integrated solutions that merge private sector innovation with community resources and government infrastructure to drive lasting impact.

Core Elements

Targeted Interventions

Co-designed ESG and SDG-aligned programs.

Smarter Infrastructure

Seamless integration of innovation, technology, hardware, and community governance.

Institutional Strength

Building local capacity for independent, long-term delivery.

Market Integration

Linking community solutions directly to commercial markets.

Impact Measurement

Tracking progress across outputs, outcomes, and structural changes.



Inclusive Education for Learners, Including Children with Disabilities

Focus Areas

- Education
- Disability Inclusion
- WASH
- Digital Learning

Countries



ESG Alignment, Contributing to SDGs:

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6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION

10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES

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The Intervention

In Baringo, Wajir, and Garissa counties, learners, including those with disabilities such as with visual and hearing impairments, face barriers to inclusive education, driven by inaccessible classrooms, lack of adaptive learning tools, and WASH facilities that do not accommodate disability needs. This contributes to low enrollment and high dropout rates among children with disabilities. This initiative is addressing these gaps by upgrading school infrastructure, establishing inclusive ICT centres, and installing accessible water systems. The intervention transforms traditional schools into inclusive learning environments where all learners can access quality education and participate fully.

The Results

2,767 children and approximately **7,000** adults will benefit across Wajir, Garissa, and Baringo counties.

Improved inclusive learning environments in Marigat Integrated Day and Boarding Primary School, Marigat Special School for the Visually Impaired, Garissa School for the Deaf, and Catholic Integrated Primary and Junior School.

Construction and rehabilitation of classrooms and dormitory facilities to improve learning conditions.

Upgraded sanitation infrastructure, handwashing stations, and expanded access to clean water systems.

Establishment of ICT centres equipped with digital learning devices to support inclusive education.

Targeted disability-inclusive interventions including accessible sanitation and improved boarding facilities.

Improved learner wellbeing, attendance, and participation through safer and more supportive school environments



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Strengthening School and Community Water Systems

Focus Areas

Water Security

Education

Community Governance

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Many rural schools lack basic water access, which harms pupils' health and keeps girls out of school. This partnership moves beyond basic water drops to construct a shared school-community water governance model. By linking school boreholes with the broader surrounding neighborhood, we build integrated water delivery systems that share maintenance costs and maximize long-term asset utility.

The Results

500+ community members reached

through extended borehole. distribution networks supporting surrounding households.

Schools served

with safe, consistent water supply for students and faculty.

Operational borehole infrastructure

delivered with a high-yield, fully functional community water source brought online.

Sustainability Framework

Shared governance models

Structured joint water committees consisting of school staff and village leaders to oversee maintenance.

Financed infrastructure

Created a local tariff system to collect small water user fees, guaranteeing long-term repair funds.

Replication frameworks

Finalized an adaptable, low-cost rural WASH playbook ready to be duplicated across other underserved school districts.

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Climate-Resilient Water Security for Schools and Communities

Focus Areas

Water Security

Climate Resilience

Education

Countries



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The Intervention

In arid and semi-arid Kenya, water scarcity continues to affect health, schooling, and livelihoods. Britam Foundation, with ChildFund, is supporting climate-resilient water systems in Kajiado, Machakos, and Kitui counties to improve reliable access to safe water. The project strengthens water infrastructure and local management systems through solar-powered boreholes, storage and distribution upgrades, and community-based governance structures

The Results

Over 4,900 children and 5,500 community members will gain access to safe water across Kitui, Machakos, and Kajiado counties.

Solarized boreholes and expanded storage and distribution systems improving reliable water supply for schools and communities.

Water management committees trained to operate and maintain systems locally.

Hygiene promotion and community sensitization supporting safe water use.

Improved access to safe water reducing time spent fetching water, improving health and school attendance, and lowering energy and operating costs.

Sustainability Framework

Climate-Smart Infrastructure

Solar-powered systems reduce reliance on fuel and lower long-term operational costs.

Localized Institutional Capacity

Upskilling community committees and Water User Associations to assume complete operational, financial, and governance ownership of water infrastructure assets.



Circular Economies and Green Jobs for Youth

Focus Areas

Circular Economy

Youth Livelihoods

Green Jobs

Countries



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High youth unemployment and poor municipal waste management present a dual challenge in growing African economies. This partnership creates structured circular economy frameworks that turn local environmental liabilities into formal youth employment pathways. By linking youth to commercial recycling value chains, we clean up environments while securing sustainable, green livelihoods.

The Results

2,268

metric tons of waste diverted from community ecosystems, reducing plastic and solid waste pollution.

800

youth trained in climate smart agriculture, micro enterprise development, and technical waste recycling skills.

20

green enterprises formalized into legally recognized, revenue-generating youth-led recycling businesses.

Increased incomes

In Uganda, average annual income rose from **$18** to **$590** among teen mothers, **$42** to **$376** among youth, and **$50** to **$387** among women. In Kenya, average daily income increased from **$0.78** to **$1.50**.

Sustainability Framework

Market integration

Linked community collection hubs directly to commercial recycling buyers and manufacturers.

Enterprise incubators

Structured self-sustaining business frameworks that operate independently of ongoing donor funding.

Recovery networks

Standardized localized waste recovery systems to create regular supply streams for the recycling sector.



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Climate-Resilient WASH Infrastructure for Rural Communities

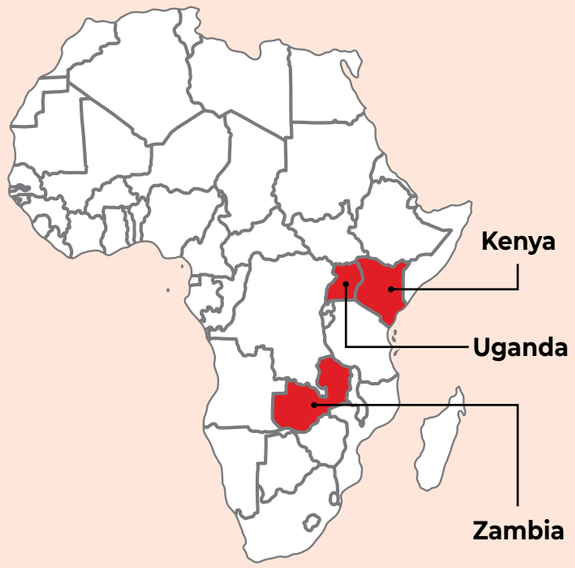
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Water Security

Renewable Energy

Climate Resilience

Countries



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Traditional rural water infrastructure is often high-cost and prone to failure, directly disrupting children's health and education. This partnership responds by replacing fragile rural water setups with solar-powered, reliable water systems designed to keep schools and communities consistently supplied.

This work blends ChildFund's community-led systems approach and D&S engineering innovation in solar pumping and water solutions. Diesel dependence is phased out. Local management capacity is strengthened. And water delivery shifts from unpredictable infrastructure to a service model that communities can operate and sustain.

The Results

48,000+

households secured reliable, long-term access to safe, clean water.

1,800+

students access clean water through upgraded school water infrastructure, boosting classroom attendance.

Time & Health

Reduced daily water collection hours for women and children while lowering waterborne illness rates.

Sustainability Framework

Green Infrastructure

Solar-powered rural water grids engineered to withstand climate shocks.

Local Governance

Accountable community water committees trained to manage finances and maintenance independently.



Youth Skilling, Resilient Livelihoods, Education and Health Services

Focus Areas

- Climate Resilience
- Youth Livelihoods
- Circular Economy
- Disability Inclusion

Countries



ESG Alignment, Contributing to SDGs:



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The Intervention

Youth unemployment, environmental degradation, and exclusion of persons with disabilities remain persistent challenges in many communities. This partnership delivers an integrated model linking environmental recovery, economic participation, social inclusion, and education.

The model converts local challenges into practical entry points for livelihoods and skills development. Youth, women, and persons with disabilities gain access to training, tools, alongside clear pathways into income-generating opportunities within local value chains. In addition, persons with disabilities have improved access to assistive devices, supporting mobility, learning, and fuller participation in everyday life.

The Results

600,000+
people reached through integrated education, health, environmental, and livelihood solutions

31,150+
youth and women engaged in green livelihoods

500,000+
trees planted and 1,000+ acres restored

762
farmers adopting climate-smart agriculture practices

6,900+
learners and 655 teachers supported with WASH services

4,200+
persons with disabilities supported with assistive devices and rehabilitation

Sustainability Framework

Institutional alignment

Strengthens linkages between community enterprises and government systems, including urban and infrastructure authorities, to support regulation and scale.

Decentralized asset ownership

Places production tools and equipment directly in the hands of local groups to strengthen ownership, income retention, and long-term viability.

Regenerative value chains

Connects waste recovery, agriculture, and local manufacturing into integrated systems that generate continuous economic and environmental benefits.



Advanced Water Purification Technologies for Communities in Contaminated Settings

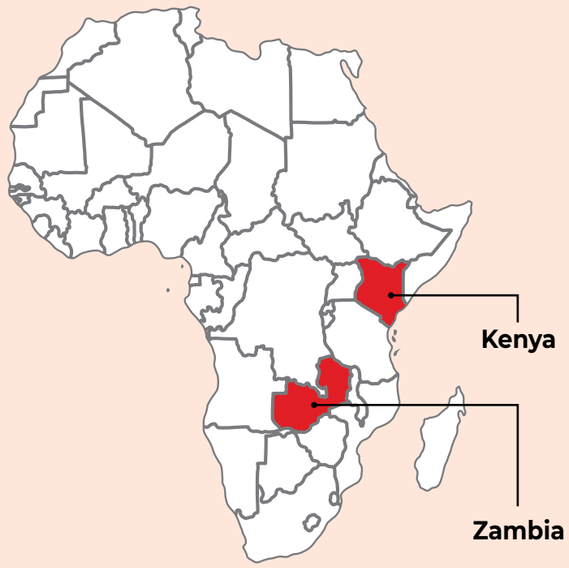
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Climate Resilience

Water Quality

Safe Water Systems

Countries



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Chronic water contamination and chemical pollutants like fluoride and high iron levels pose severe developmental risks to children. This partnership addresses water quality at the source by embedding DuPont's advanced purification technologies into community-managed systems. We shift vulnerable households from contaminated, unsafe water sources to consistent, treated water supplies through commercially viable, localized infrastructure.

The Results

50,000+

people gained direct access to safely treated, high-quality drinking water.

670+

students and teachers now have reliable access to clean water in schools, improving hygiene and daily health conditions.

Reduced exposure to contaminants

Significantly lowered community exposure to harmful fluorides, excess iron, and other heavy contaminants.

Sustainability Framework

Quality management

Standardized community-based water testing and quality control protocols.

Decentralized treatment

Built localized water treatment nodes that operate independently of centralized municipal grids.

Eco-friendly operations

Integrated solar-supported purification units to ensure low operating costs and zero carbon footprint.



Digital Safety and Literacy for Children and Youth

Focus Areas

Child Protection

Digital Literacy

Systems Strengthening

Countries



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Children and youth in Kenya face increasing online risks, including cyberbullying, exposure to harmful content, and online sexual exploitation and abuse. ChildFund and Google implemented the Tuchanuke (Let's Wise Up) Online Child Protection Project in Nairobi and Kiambu counties to strengthen digital safety and protection systems.

The initiative built digital literacy and self-protection skills among children while strengthening the capacity of parents, educators, and community-based protection structures. Working with government and multi-sector partners, the project combined community awareness, life skills development, and policy advocacy to reinforce safeguards against digital harm.

The Results

Digital safety skills for children and caregivers

Over **400** children, **800** youth, **3,000** caregivers, and **40** community resource persons were equipped with critical digital safety skills.

Measurable knowledge gain

Achieved a **17%** higher score on digital risk knowledge assessments among trained learners compared to untrained peers.

Behavioral shifts

Increased parental awareness of child browsing habits, reducing the proportion of parents unaware of where their children accessed online content from **46%** to **8%**.

Institutional scale

Integrated online safety prevention protocols, life skills mentoring, and localized lesson planning in 9 schools.

Cross-sector commitment

Secured operational feedback from internet service providers, including Safaricom, and embedded digital safety priorities into local area advisory councils.

National policy milestones

Supported advocacy efforts contributing to the passing of the Children's Bill, establishment of a dedicated National Online Sexual Exloitation and Abuse (OSEAC) unit within the Directorate of Children Services (DCS) and launch of the National Plan of Action.

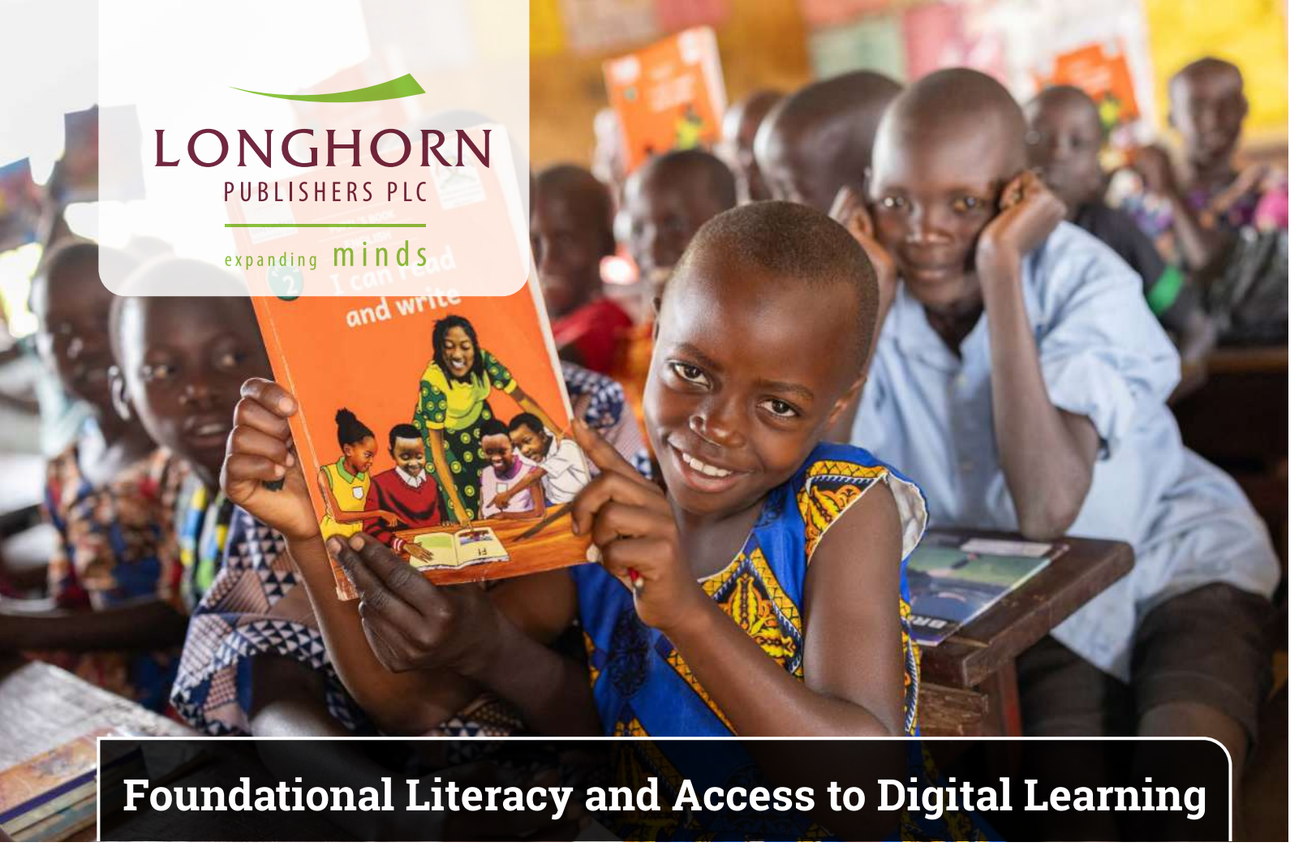
Sustainability Framework

Community ownership

Built lasting community ownership by placing trained community resource persons and teacher champions at the center of ongoing child online protection work.

Government ownership

Secured long-term government leadership by embedding key project components within national systems through the National OSEAC unit.



Foundational Literacy and Access to Digital Learning

Focus Areas

- Foundational Literacy
- Teacher Systems
- Digital Learning

Countries



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Resource scarcity and outdated learning materials continue to limit foundational literacy outcomes for millions of children.

Our collaboration supports the distribution of curriculum-aligned textbooks, reading books, and learning materials, alongside digital tools that equip teachers to deliver more effective and engaging instruction. This approach helps modernize learning in rural and underserved schools while strengthening teacher capacity and classroom consistency

The Results

78,500+

learners reached with access to improved learning environments and age-appropriate materials.

1,284

teachers trained to strengthen instructional skills in foundational literacy and modern teaching approaches.

27,000+

textbooks distributed to under-resourced schools to support structured learning and classroom delivery.

Measurable literacy gains

with verified improvements in reading and comprehension outcomes among early-grade students protecting children during humanitarian shocks.

Sustainability Framework

Professional development

Instituted continuous, peer-led teacher training networks within local school clusters.

Curriculum alignment

Integrated delivery frameworks that adapt smoothly to national educational reforms.

Blended classrooms

Deployed hybrid print-and-digital learning models designed to function in low-connectivity environments.



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Financial Inclusion for Women in Rural Communities

Focus Areas

Women's Empowerment

Financial Inclusion

Community Education

Countries



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The Intervention

Financial exclusion prevents rural women from investing in their children's education and absorbing economic shocks. The ChildFund and Orange Foundation partnership connects women's financial inclusion systems with local education structures. We help mothers transition from economic isolation to organized, community-led savings groups, ensuring households can sustainably fund schooling and build climate resilience.

The Results

770

VSLA members supported through the formation and strengthening of Village Savings and Loan Associations.

USD 250,000

(over 2.2 billion GNF) mobilized through community savings and micro-credit systems, equivalent to

730+

women trained in financial literacy, business management, and leadership skills.

6

classrooms constructed through reinvestment of community savings into safe, permanent school infrastructure for children.

Sustainability Framework

Self-capitalizing systems

Established VSLAs that run on internal community capital without relying on external bank lines.

Enterprise networks

Created resilient, women-led business networks that secure diversified household income streams.

Child protection linkages

Embedded child protection and school fee financing priorities directly into community governance systems.



Nutrition Security and School Feeding Programs

Focus Areas

Nutrition

School Feeding

Primary Education

Countries



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Malnutrition and food insecurity are primary drivers of chronic school absenteeism and early dropouts. This partnership addresses the root cause by embedding structured school feeding programs into broader community resilience frameworks. By linking nutritional support directly to education delivery, we protect children from hunger while sustaining high school enrollment and engagement.

The Results

Daily nutritional security

strengthened by providing consistent healthy meals for vulnerable children, supporting growth and cognitive development.

280

community members engaged including parents and local suppliers involved in school feeding delivery and coordination.

Improved educational participation

reflected in increased attendance, stronger classroom focus, and higher student retention.

Sustainability Framework

Institutional delivery

Built formalized preparation and delivery systems managed directly by schools and parent committees.

Behavioral alignments

Coupled food drops with localized nutrition education to permanently improve household feeding habits.

Resilience scaffolding

Connected school kitchens to local agricultural systems to buffer families against food price shocks.





Household Water Safety and Emergency WASH Systems

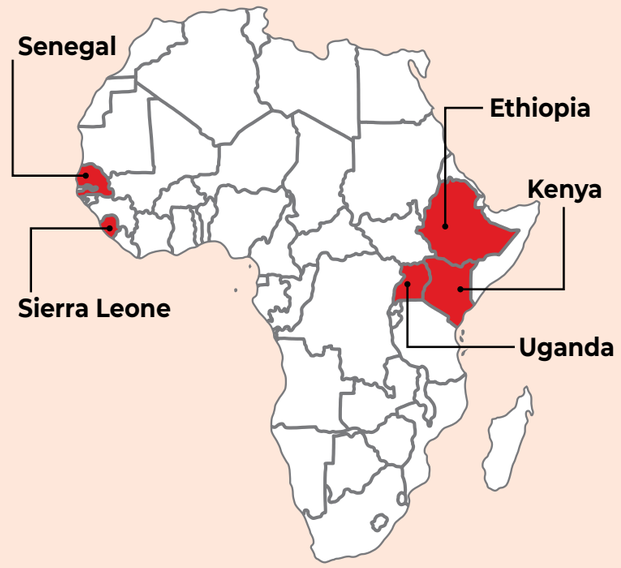
Focus Areas

Safe Water

Emergency Response

Hygiene Behavior Systems

Countries



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In crisis contexts and remote areas, water safety is frequently compromised by inconsistent, reactive purification practices. ChildFund and P&G transform household water safety by embedding structured, behavior-based hygiene systems into daily life and emergency responses. The intervention pairs P&G's product innovation with ChildFund's localized distribution channels to drive the sustained adoption of safe water practices.

The Results

310,000+

people reached through household water treatment solutions.

20 Million+

water purification sachets distributed to communities in high-risk areas.

114

schools, supporting 8,000+ students, and 36 public markets reached with safe water systems.

Rapid crisis response

strengthened through expanded emergency WASH infrastructure protecting children during humanitarian shocks.

Sustainability Framework

Behavioral adoption

Cultivated long-term household habits around clean water treatment.

Institutional hygiene

Ingrained standardized handwashing and sanitation compliance models into schools and local marketplaces.

Last-mile logistics

Built resilient supply and distribution networks capable of delivering relief items in complex crisis environments.



Public Health Emergency Response

Focus Areas

Public Health

Emergency Response

WASH

Countries



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Public health crises and disease outbreaks can shut down economies and schools instantly if public spaces lack rapid containment options. Supported by a targeted investment from Standard Chartered Bank, ChildFund deployed structured hygiene and screening interventions in high-traffic public institutions to fight COVID-19. This partnership builds rapid containment capabilities to protect children and traders during emergencies.

The Results

89,632

people protected through deployment of life-saving public health and safety protocols in crisis-affected areas.

150+

screening devices deployed to support health monitoring in critical public hubs.

150

institutional sites sanitized across 114 schools and 36 public markets, improving hygiene and public health conditions.

Sustainability Framework

Compliance frameworks:

Established strict, ongoing sanitation and health monitoring guidelines within school administrations and market boards.

Institutional readiness:

Developed local capacity to turn normal facilities into frontline health defense hubs within hours of a crisis.







Strengthening Rural Finance Systems and Combating Child Labor in Agriculture

Focus Areas

Rural Finance

Livelihoods

Child Protection

Countries



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In agricultural supply chains, deep systemic poverty and predatory lending often force rural families into negative coping mechanisms, including child labor. ChildFund and Tradin Organic mitigate these economic risks by strengthening local financial systems. We provide fair, community-led savings and credit structures to stabilize smallholder households, protect children, and eliminate reliance on exploitative labor.

The Results

7,215

farmers reached integrated into structured economic and market-linked community networks.

€125,000+

circulated through localized savings systems, increasing available capital for rural households.

Reduced reliance

on predatory debt with significant decline in dependence on high-interest informal lenders.

Strengthened household resilience

by improving savings capacity to manage shocks without disrupting children's education.

Sustainability Framework

Microfinance architecture

Institutionalized reliable Village Savings and Loan Associations (VSLAs) run by farmers themselves.

Agri-Finance integration

Structured smallholder credit windows tailored specifically to farming timelines and harvest seasons.

Child protection safety nets

Linked agricultural finance directly with community child protection committees to monitor and prevent child labor.

WHY PARTNER WITH CHILDFUND?

ChildFund is a systems-focused implementation partner that helps convert corporate investment into scalable, measurable outcomes. We support corporates to move beyond one-off projects into long-term value creation that aligns with business and sustainability priorities.

We combine delivery at scale with deep, trusted community infrastructure working with over 54 local partners across Africa, ensuring solutions are locally owned, practical, and designed to last beyond funding cycles.

What sets us apart is our ability to connect corporate capital to functioning systems at the community level, government structures and frontline delivery platforms, so impact is embedded, not temporary.

We offer:

- ESG-aligned design and measurement systems that translate investment into clear, reportable impact
- Multi-country delivery capability across diverse and complex operating environments
- Strong safeguarding, accountability, and compliance frameworks aligned to corporate risk and reporting standards
- Embedded community governance structures through 54 local partner organizations trusted within their contexts.
- Deep, long-term community relationships that strengthen reach, legitimacy, and continuity of outcomes.
- Cross-sector expertise spanning WASH, education, livelihoods, protection, and climate resilience
- Proven models for scaling community-based systems that shift from project delivery to sustained local ownership

> Alone, we go fast. Together, we go further
>
> ~ African proverb



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