



Child Poverty

Our Vision

A world in which every child attains the right to survival, protection, development and participation.

Our Mission

To inspire breakthroughs in the way the world treats children and to achieve immediate and lasting change in their lives.

Our Breakthroughs

Save the Children works to ensure that all children:

1. **Survive** - No child dies from preventable causes before their fifth birthday.
2. **Learn** - All children learn from a quality basic education.
3. **Are Protected** - Violence against children is no longer tolerated.

Who We Are

Save the Children has been operating in Uganda since 1959. The organisation's work is guided by the National Development Plan II and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

Save the Children works with key stakeholders that include children, civil society organisations, communities, donors, the media and the Government in contributing to the realisation of children's rights.

Save the Children strives to create impact for children by delivering programmes through partnerships, being innovative, acting as the voice for and of children and by achieving results at scale. In Uganda, we implement programmes in both development and humanitarian contexts.

Child Poverty Programming

We help children and their families meet their basic needs and escape the intergenerational cycle of poverty.

Sub-themes

i) Child sensitive social protection

We work to ensure that both female and male care-givers have sufficient

income at all times to meet the essential needs of their children for survival, learning and protection.

ii) Child-sensitive livelihoods -

Families who are poor are resilient against disasters and shocks and continue to invest in their children's survival, learning and protection.

iii) Adolescent skills for successful transitions -

Our programmes are aimed at ensuring that adolescent girls and boys who are deprived have the opportunity to build the skills, networks and self-esteem they need to make the transition to safe and decent livelihoods.

Child Poverty Interventions

- **Soft/Life skills and Social Asset development for youth:** Save the Children provides literacy/numeracy, life skills/employability and financial literacy training for deprived youth. Using *Learning for Life* modules, Save the Children empowers youth aged between 10 and 25 years to explore opportunities and potential for livelihoods within themselves, their families and communities.

- Market-relevant vocational and

work readiness skills: Save the Children has established partnerships with community-based agribusiness training centers, extension workers, agriculture-focused vocational institutes and model farmers to offer flexible, short vocational and agribusiness training (3-6 months) for young people. Youth are supported to specialize in context-relevant vocational skills.

- **Entrepreneurship support:** We work with youth groups (10-25 members) that are a key platform for youth to gain leadership and entrepreneurship skills for agriculture. Youth groups are offered business and entrepreneurship skills and supported to develop bankable business plans. Start-up kits/small grants are provided to groups with viable business plans. Youth groups are also linked to other existing opportunities such as government youth livelihood programmes, banking institutions for saving and borrowing for business growth.

- **Save the Children utilises youth groups as a core unit for offering life skills training, counselling, career guidance, business (entrepreneurship/self-employment, income-generation activities) and agriculture training, youth-led community assessments and labour market surveys.** Young people are empowered to engage and lead social dialogues and youth groups as well as act as peer mentors.

- **Agribusiness for youth:** Save the Children is working with young farmer groups to select commercially-viable agricultural enterprises that have a high profit margin. Young farmers are directly involved in value chain processes. Save the Children uses the Farmer Field Schools/Agro-pastoral Field Schools and Junior Farmer Field School approach to improve agricultural practices for better livelihoods in marginalized communities.

Post-harvest handling and marketing is also being supported through the establishment of centralized stores for organized farmer groups and provision of basic crop processing equipment.

- **Livestock production:** We work with Community Animal Health Workers (CAHWs) to improve livestock health and production. The work with CAHWs is improving milk production and animal health as well as enabling the pastoralist communities to engage in low-scale commercial livestock practices.

- **Promoting access to financial services:** Save the Children forms and develops Village Savings and Loans Associations (with over 70% female representation). Through VSLAs, vulnerable youth have been able to access micro credits to diversify their livelihood options. Young people are able to set up multiple farm enterprises such as produce trading, livestock restocking and trade, enabling them to meet their needs.

- **Capacity building for youth-focused institutions:** Save the Children has expertise in building tutors, local artisans and institutional competencies to provide marketable vocational training that can help vulnerable youth build their social assets and livelihood possibilities.

The Country Programme

The overall country programme is delivered through five thematic areas, which include Child Poverty:

1. Child Protection
2. Child Rights Governance
3. Child Poverty
4. Education
5. Health and Nutrition



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