

ChildFund International is a global child-focused humanitarian and development organization, founded in 1938, that works to ensure children grow up healthy, educated, skilled, and safe. Operating in Kenya since the 1960s, ChildFund currently works in over two dozen counties on both humanitarian and development programs. ChildFund protects children experiencing conflict, disaster, and disease outbreaks via multi-sectoral prevention and response programs implemented through robust local partnerships.

## Humanitarian context

- The National Drought Management Authority (NDMA) projects that expected below-average short rains will leave 2.12 million people acutely food insecure (IPC Phase 3+) by January 2026.<sup>1</sup>
- Drastic effects on livelihoods, aid provision, and water access have left 741,883 children under five and 109,462 pregnant and lactating women acutely malnourished.<sup>2</sup>
- During drought, children are particularly vulnerable to child protection risks including child labor, school drop-out, child marriage, and family separation.<sup>3</sup>
- Resource-based conflict is expected to rise as natural resources become scarcer, increasing protection and education risks for children.<sup>4</sup>

## Innovation



Disseminating early warning information about disasters on local radio stations.



Providing digital cash transfers to caregivers in conflict-affected areas through the mobile platform M-PESA.



Engaging children and youth to prevent violence in drought-affected communities, through alternative livelihoods support, improved water access, workshops on peaceful messaging, and joint advocacy with government officials.



Forming and training school clubs on multi-sectoral emergency action plans, including for climate, health, and physical hazards to children, creating a cadre of first responders in schools.

278,958

People receiving monthly emergency cash transfers during crises in 2020-2023

250,000

People benefiting from improved water access points in drought prone areas

20,962

People provided with emergency food baskets in 2020-2023

17,232

Children supported with school materials to continue their education during crises.

3982

Children and youth engaged in peace and climate actions in their communities.

25,000

Children living in crises reached with hygiene and sanitation messages in 2020-2023.

<sup>1</sup> <https://ndma.go.ke/impact-of-2025-long-rains-season-on-food-and-nutrition-security/>

<sup>2</sup> <https://ndma.go.ke/impact-of-2025-long-rains-season-on-food-and-nutrition-security/>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.mdpi.com/2076-0760/13/7/375>

<sup>4</sup> <https://ndma.go.ke/drought-situation-update/>

## Humanitarian Programs in Kenya

**Child Protection:** Preventing and responding to increased risks of violence, abuse, exploitation, and neglect of children experiencing crises.

Through the Safe Community Linkages for Internet Child Safety, ChildFund advocates for children's rights and builds community capacity to respond to child protection issues through Community-Based Child Protection Mechanisms (CBCPM). ChildFund has supported the National Technical Working Group meetings on the Online Child Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (OCSEA) agenda, including capacity-building of the Children Advisory Council members and sensitizing partners on school-based violence prevention and positive discipline.

**Responsive and Protective Parenting (RPP):** Supporting strong family and community structures, essential for children's wellbeing, which are disrupted during crises.

With the support of the Strengthening Partnership for Nurturing Care Project, ChildFund improved overall caregiver well-being through holistic psychosocial support and training on income-generating activities. In total, 4,810 caregivers (232 male, 4,578 females) with 6,988 children under 5 (3,502 boys, 3,486 girls) participated in group parenting education sessions. Additionally, ChildFund provides capacity-development support to local implementing organizations and child protection agencies who play crucial roles in child safety and wellbeing.

**Conflict Resolution & Peacebuilding:** Bringing together children, youth, community leaders, and government officials to respond to climate-related conflict and displacement.

Kenya hosts one of the largest refugee populations in the world and is also affected by internal displacement due to ethnic, political, and land-related violence. ChildFund has been implementing conflict and peace-related interventions focused on addressing climate-triggered conflicts, particularly natural resource conflicts. ChildFund works with youth groups, children, community leaders, and government officials on peacebuilding and conflict resolution among the warring clans. In 2025, ChildFund conducted Peacebuilding initiatives in Marsabit County, engaging 2,233 youth and children through workshops, caravans, and sports tournaments in partnership with the National Drought Management Authority (NDMA).

**Livelihood and Nutrition:** Providing nutritional support and alternative livelihoods training in drought-affected and displaced communities.

Droughts have caused significant displacement and livelihood loss, affecting families' food security, health, growth, and children's development. ChildFund implements sustainable livelihood programs offering nutritional support for children under 5 and pregnant and lactating mothers, as well as school feeding programs.

**Education in Emergencies (EiE):** Restoring access to education that is disrupted by emergencies.

In response to educational disruptions in displacement, ChildFund works with early childhood development (ECD) centers, primary schools, and vocational training centers to ensure continuity of education. ChildFund provides nutritious school meals and scholastic materials, builds student's capacity school clubs on school safety fundamental first aid skills, and trains teachers in offering quality education.

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### Selected Humanitarian Awards

The examples below include selected emergency response in Kenya. ChildFund’s proactive and comprehensive approach to humanitarian response highlights its commitment to addressing the immediate and long-term needs of vulnerable populations in the country, in partnership with local actors.

RESPONSE	LOCATION	INTERVENTION DESCRIPTION	REACH
<p><b>Desert Locust Emergency Response</b> Jul 2022 – Sep 2022</p> <p><i>ChildFund Korea</i> \$100,000USD</p>	<p>ASAL Regions of Samburu, Turkana, Marsabit, Isiolo and Baringo</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provision of cash transfers for affected families</li> <li>• Distribution of farming supplies.</li> <li>• Delivery of solar-power radios and lights, allowing children to continue reading and studying after sundown</li> </ul>	<p><b>1420</b> households (~8,520 people)</p>
<p><b>Improved Government Disaster Preparedness and Response Coordination Systems Turkana County (IGDPRCS)</b> Feb 2021 – Aug 2021</p> <p><i>BMZ and ADRA</i> \$244,800 EURO</p>	<p>Turkana County (Loima and Turkana Central sub-counties)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Formation of community-based disaster risk reduction committees, including youth, women, and persons with disabilities, to support community-led disaster preparedness and response</li> <li>• Training of community groups on disaster types and early actions</li> <li>• Installation of early warning systems</li> </ul>	<p><b>1,500</b> people</p>
<p><b>Flood response in Salabani School construction</b> Jun 2021 – Jun 2022</p> <p><i>Anonymous donor</i> \$299,001 USD</p>	<p>Salabani Primary School, Baringo County</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School reconstruction after submersion in floodwater (including classrooms, administration blocks, and handwashing stations)</li> <li>• Delivery of school materials, including desks and chairs</li> <li>• Psychosocial support training for teachers and children</li> </ul>	<p><b>500</b> children</p>
<p><b>Drought Response in Turkana and Marsabit</b> Oct 2022 – May 2023</p> <p><i>ChildFund Australia</i> \$100,000 USD</p>	<p>Marsabit and Turkana Counties</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provision of general food support, as well as supplementary nutritional support for children under five, and pregnant and lactating women</li> <li>• Provision of cash transfers for affected families</li> <li>• Distribution of dignity kits for girls</li> <li>• Training on child protection and safeguarding during emergencies</li> </ul>	<p><b>2,200</b> people</p>
<p><b>Enhance child protection and improve climate resilience</b> Sep 2018 – Oct 2020</p> <p><i>ChildFund Korea</i> \$437,149 USD</p>	<p>Marsabit County</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Training on community adaptive capacities for improved resilience to disaster and climate change</li> <li>• Capacity strengthening of local partners on emergency preparedness and planning</li> <li>• Improvement of agropastoral production systems for increased food security</li> <li>• Increasing access to responsive child-friendly mechanisms to report safeguarding concerns</li> <li>• Training for children and youth to protect themselves from violence</li> </ul>	<p><b>1,600</b> households (~9,600 people)</p>
<p><b>COVID-19 Emergency Response</b> Oct 2020 – Nov 2021</p> <p><i>Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA)</i> \$642,168 USD</p>	<p>Kiambu, Muranga, Migori, and Nairobi Counties</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provision of basic food items for families, and supplementary food for children with health concerns.</li> <li>• Delivery of handwashing stations to improve hygiene and reduce disease transmission</li> <li>• Provision of solar powered radios to enhance access to digital learning content</li> <li>• Implementation of mass media campaigns on child protection</li> </ul>	<p><b>25,000</b> children and families</p>

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