



Save the Children

ZIMBABWE

FACTSHEET

Overview

Save the Children (SC) has been present in Zimbabwe since 1983, when it began responding to the needs of child refugees fleeing war in Mozambique. Today, SC delivers humanitarian and development programs targeting the most vulnerable children and families in Zimbabwe, through five thematic sectors: Food Security and Livelihoods (addressing child poverty), Child Protection, Child Rights' Governance, Education, and Health and Nutrition, including Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH). SC's integrated programs work towards its global goal of ensuring no child dies from preventable causes before their fifth birthday, all children learn from a quality basic education, and that violence against children is no longer tolerated.

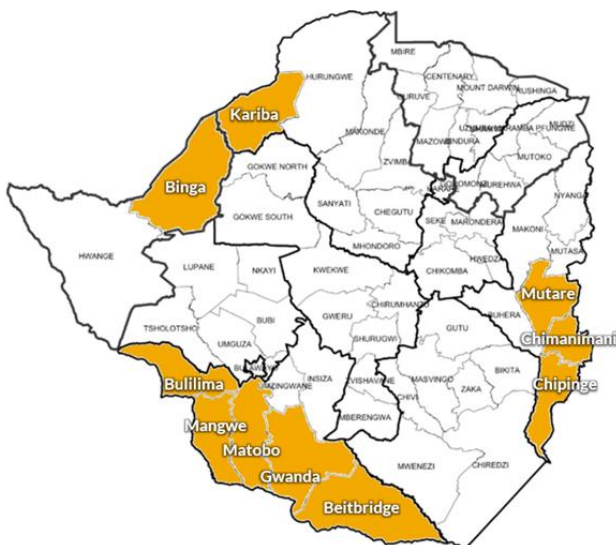
OUR VISION: A world in which every child attains the right to survive, learn, and be protected.

OUR MISSION: To inspire breakthroughs in the way the world treats children, and to achieve immediate and lasting changes in children's lives.

OUR VALUES: Accountability, ambition, collaboration, creativity, and integration.

Coverage

In partnership with the Government of Zimbabwe, Civil Society Organizations, private sector companies, and local and international Non-Governmental Organizations, SC currently operates in districts across Manicaland, Matebeleland North, Matebeleland South, and Mashonaland West provinces, but has operated in each of Zimbabwe's provinces during its 40 years in country. In emergencies, SC responds wherever there is greatest need and a lack of response actors to provide lifesaving and life-sustaining assistance to children and families.



In 2022, Save the Children's programs reached over 156,810 children, including 82,134 girls and 74,676 boys, in Zimbabwe.



Food Security & Livelihoods

SC aims to reduce poverty levels among children through the implementation of programs in food security & livelihoods, child-sensitive social protection, and adolescent skills for successful transitions. SC distributed 364.08 metric tons of crop inputs for the 2021/2022 farming season, and trained 4,500 households on climate-smart agriculture. SC also provided 3,500 households with 45,000+ chickens and chicken feed, while training over 7,500 farmers in horticulture, livestock, and business skills.



Child Protection & Child Rights Governance

SC seeks to ensure that children are protected from abuse and violence, and works towards Safer Schools, a strengthened responsive national case management system that works in development and humanitarian settings and recognizes the protection of children involved in migration. Child Rights Governance seeks to ensure children's rights are promoted and protected by an accountable and child-focused system through the promotion of child participation, public investment in children, and monitoring the delivery of child rights.



Health, Nutrition, & WASH

SC focuses on ensuring that all children receive health, WASH, and nutrition services required to survive. In coordination with Government, partners, and communities, SC strengthens health systems and encourages the uptake of healthy behavior. SC has provided Infection Prevention & Control resources and training at over 40 health facilities, reached 50,000+ people with Covid-19 messaging, built and equipped handwashing stations at 100 schools, screened tens of thousands of children for malnutrition, and set-up 12+ nutrition gardens.



Education

As co-lead of the Education Cluster and one of the largest Education actors in Zimbabwe, SC works with partners and community-based organizations to ensure learners have access to inclusive and quality education through improved infrastructure, provision of learning material, and teacher training. After Cyclone Idai, SC rehabilitated 139 schools, including gender-sensitive and accessible WASH facilities, and reached over 21,000 community members through Cyclone and Covid-19 back-to-school campaigns.

8-month-old Nyasha* was vaccinated against measles during the 2022 measles outbreak.



Bridget lives in a remote village near Chimanimani, and the nearest health centre is about 20 km away. During the 2022 measles outbreak, SC supported the Government's immunization campaign, bringing door-to-door immunization services to hard-to-reach rural communities like Bridget's.

"Measles is a deadly disease and I know people in my village whose children have died from it. I am happy my child got vaccinated. He received the measles shot and vitamin A supplements. The nearest health centre is very far and hard to reach. We appreciate that the immunisation services were brought to our doorsteps," Bridget says.