

Your Impact Through Health





Your global impact this financial year

For children living in poverty, falling sick can quickly become life-threatening without timely medical support. Over half the world's population does not have access to essential healthcare, and basic health knowledge that could save lives is out of reach for many vulnerable communities.

**Yet you didn't look away from your neighbours.
You moved with compassion—and this is what changed.**

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8,900+

children supported by **96** churches were reached with vital healthcare and education to stay well, or in some cases, save their lives.

1,749+

children received dental support, easing their pain and restoring their confidence.

2,917

children and their families in Ghana are being tested for HIV and receiving counselling and life-saving education.

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children were able to undergo life-saving medical surgeries.

988

children and their communities across over **52** local churches in Rwanda are receiving disability inclusion training.

1,850

teenage girls in Nicaragua are receiving menstrual health education and essential period products

These children had life-saving medical support

A 21-year-old in the Philippines underwent a life-saving surgery.

A 7-year-old in Burkina Faso and an 8-year-old in Ethiopia have new hearts.

A child in the Philippines received treatment for their Leukemia.

A child underwent tumour resection surgery in Uganda.

A 4-year-old in the Philippines got urgent medical support when they needed it.

Funded by Compassion globally

22,473

children received urgent medical care when they needed it.

745

local churches provided health and hygiene training to their communities.

12,475

children had the opportunity to go to the dentist.

54,630

children were gifted mosquito nets to prevent harmful diseases.

Your compassion in action

Hear from your neighbours how your compassion has brought health to their community over the years.



Deborah’s story, Uganda

When Deborah went missing in the fields, her mother followed footprints through the mud. Calling her name was never an option. Deborah was born deaf. For years, her mother dreamed of hearing her daughter’s voice. Poverty told her it could never happen. Then came a gift of surgery. A gift of sound. A week later, her first word: “Papa.” Because you moved with compassion, Deborah’s world is changing.



Emmanuel’s story, Rwanda

Emmanuel graduated from his Compassion program in Rwanda and went on to become an ophthalmologist, serving the community by restoring eyesight. But he knew his work wasn’t done. Emmanuel and his peers in the Rwanda Alumni Network offer free eye checkups, education and care to the children at his local church. “We realised we all shared the same desire to give back,” says Christine, Rwanda Alumni Network coordinator. “We have been given so much. How could we not pass that forward?” Emmanuel knows that eyesight is no small thing. “Vision problems don’t just affect a child’s academics,” he says. “Many children with poor eyesight are incorrectly labelled as slow learners or troublemakers.” In one day, Emmanuel checked the eyes of 130 children and fitted eight of them with brand new glasses. “Each child will have a better chance at education, which leads to better employment opportunities,” he says. “Beyond that, we’re showing them that they too can overcome their circumstances and help others.”



Joy's story, Philippines

When Joy was just five years old, she became dangerously ill.

"I can remember we were in church," Joy says. "I asked myself, 'why does my body feel so hot?'"

Her fever reached 40 degrees. After being turned away from hospital after hospital, Joy was finally diagnosed with severe dengue fever and rushed to the ICU. Her parents were told she had only a 50 per cent chance of surviving.

For two weeks, Joy fought for her life.

"I got scared," remembers her mother, Josefina. "What was happening to my daughter? She looked dead already."

Slowly, Joy began to recover. After weeks in hospital, she eventually returned home, making a full recovery.

Today, Joy is a very different picture from the sick little girl her family once knew. She has graduated from high school and is studying a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, majoring in financial management.

"When I finish my studies, I want to work in a bank as a financial manager," she says.

"Paying back my parents' hard work is my dream. I want to show them that this is the fruit of your labour."

The girl who once fought to survive now looks towards a future filled with possibility.

Thank you

In Matthew 14:14, we read, "When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick."

By moving toward the sick, you have moved like Jesus. Your gift has helped local churches bring healing so children can focus on the future God has for them.

Thank you for moving with compassion by giving to Health. To learn more about the fund, visit www.compassion.com.au/donate/health



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