



CRITICAL NEEDS

Christ-centred | Child-focused | Church-based

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WHO IS COMPASSION?

Compassion works in partnership with local churches in over 25 developing countries to release children from poverty in Jesus' name.

Our child development program is unique in that it is:



CHRIST-CENTRED

Every child has the opportunity to hear and respond to the gospel in a culturally relevant way.



CHILD-FOCUSED

The program engages each child as an individual, fostering their spiritual, physical, socio-emotional and economic development.



CHURCH-BASED

Program centres are run exclusively in partnership with local church partners in the children's communities.

WHAT IS 'CRITICAL NEEDS'?

Poverty is devastating and affects every area of a child's life.

Compassion's Child Sponsorship Program sets the foundation to provide life-changing opportunities for every registered child. But every Compassion assisted child will, at some point, require care beyond sponsorship's reach.

Critical Needs interventions directly address obstacles to a child's development. In partnership with the local church, Compassion identifies solutions to remove these obstacles and takes preventative action to protect the child and their family.

Critical Needs gives you the opportunity to give directly to address the issues facing children, their families and communities, including projects for Water and Sanitation, Disaster Relief, Income Generation, and many others. Every child will benefit from funding for a Critical Need during their time in Compassion's program. Your support will help to remove challenges to children's development and release children from poverty in Jesus' name.



*You can help meet Critical Needs with a once-only gift or from \$12 a month.
To find out more visit compassion.com.au/criticalneeds*



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COMPASSION'S HOLISTIC CHILD DEVELOPMENT

Holistic child development is taking a child through a process of growth and fulfilment in all dimensions of their life: spiritually, socio-emotionally, economically and physically.

It's a long-term approach that starts before a child is born and continues through to school age and beyond. Holistic child development means we recognise that every child is special, uniquely made by God. That's why everything we do is tailored to meet the specific needs of individual children.



COMPASSION'S CHILD SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM is the core of Compassion's ministry to children and gives every registered child access to life-changing opportunities to be released from poverty in Jesus' name.



COMPASSION'S CRITICAL NEEDS builds upon the Child Sponsorship Program to address the issues facing children, their families and their communities. Critical Needs removes obstacles to children's development and implements preventative action. This can include providing safe water, emergency medical care, infrastructure, vocational training and disaster relief—all issues that need to be addressed for a child to be released from poverty.

We address the four key areas of a child's development.



We work with children at each stage of their lives.



Funded through local and sponsorship resources
 Funded through non-sponsorship resources

We work with children from the womb to the workforce, so they can develop their God-given potential and become healthy and fulfilled adults.

Our program addresses the individual needs of children that are unique to their stage of life—from prenatal care through to early childhood, school age, and adolescence.



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Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, **for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.**”

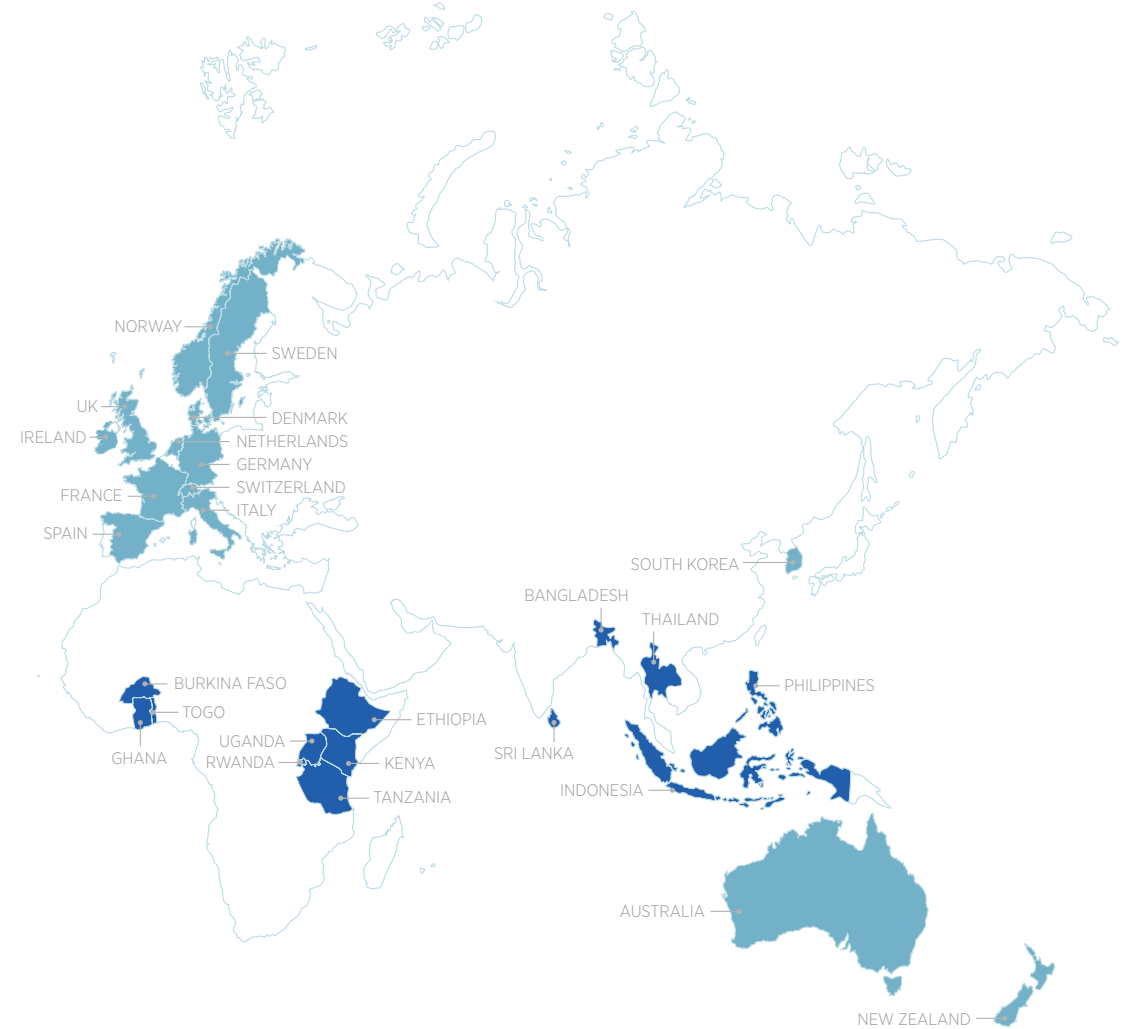
WHERE WE WORK

FIELD COUNTRIES

Compassion national offices oversee and administer Compassion's child development program and develop church partner relationships and child advocacy initiatives in over 25 developing countries around the world.

PARTNER COUNTRIES

Compassion partner countries provide the funds, resources and assistance with development for the successful implementation of Compassion's program around the world through a variety of marketing campaigns and child advocacy initiatives.





CRITICAL NEEDS

*Every Compassion assisted child will, at some point,
require care beyond sponsorship's reach.*

**Learn how you can play a part in helping more children
to be released from poverty in Jesus' name.**



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WHERE MOST NEEDED

Give to the current greatest need

In times of immediate need, Compassion steps in to help children living in poverty. This requires the ability to be flexible and respond to a range of circumstances.

The Where Most Needed fund can be distributed to other Critical Needs and used to respond when additional help is required. It means local church partners in developing communities can quickly respond to children's most pressing needs.

Your support for Where Most Needed helps to cover:

- Children waiting for a sponsor
- The Indigenous Initiative in Australia
- All other Critical Needs

Your gift to Where Most Needed will help to ensure the greatest needs at this time are met.

"I do not know where I would be if Compassion had not supported me."

—ISHIMWE, 15 YEARS OLD, RWANDA



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HIGHLY VULNERABLE CHILDREN

Protect children living in high risk situations

For the world's most vulnerable children, life is not an opportunity to learn or grow, dream or play. It is a struggle for survival. Some children in Compassion's program are at risk of not being able to participate in activities or are vulnerable to dangerous situations. This includes children who have been orphaned, children whose primary caregiver is incapacitated, children who have suffered abuse or exploitation, and children with special needs. Compassion responds by providing:

- Immediate housing arrangements where needed
- Nutritional supplements and provision of everyday needs
- Trauma counselling and psychological or social support
- Legal support in the case of human rights violations

You can help to protect and stabilise highly vulnerable children.

"Despite our family having left us, the centre is like our family because they have always been looking after us. We can feel their care; they have been there."

—ABIGAIL, CAREGIVER OF A COMPASSION ASSISTED CHILD, BOLIVIA



WATER AND SANITATION

Provide access to safe water and sanitation

Every day, 2000 children die from waterborne diseases that are easily preventable. You can help to change this by ensuring access to safe drinking water and sanitation at every child development centre. Together, we can provide children living in poverty and their families with hygiene education and, where needed, with:

- Water filters
- Wells and water tanks
- Toilets and showers
- Hand washing stations

Through these interventions, you can be a part of the solution to one of the most urgent needs in the developing world today—access to safe water.

“I feel like someone has brought me a gift which I never expected in my life. It is now easy for me to get water for my family whenever I need it. My children now use the hours they spent walking to get water for their studies instead.”

—NEEMA, MOTHER OF A COMPASSION ASSISTED CHILD, TANZANIA



HEALTH

Provide emergency medical care, nutrition and ongoing treatment

For children living in poverty, sickness and disease can be life-threatening without access to timely medical support and intervention. You can enable children to receive medical treatment and support that goes beyond the day-to-day healthcare, such as:

- Treatment for illness or injury
- Surgery
- Food and nutritional support for malnourished children
- Vision, hearing and dental needs
- Mobility needs
- Specialist care and support

When you give to Health you also invest in initiatives that improve quality of life and focus on preventative measures. With your help, children will learn how to keep themselves healthy throughout their lives.

“I had pain in my teeth, but now I’ve learned about oral care and was able to go to the dentist. I’m very thankful because now I can eat without pain.”

— NICOLÁS, 10 YEARS OLD, GUATEMALA

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MUMS AND BABIES

The first year of life is critical

The first year of life is the most fragile. That's why Compassion works with mums and babies at survival projects around the world to prevent premature death, secure good health and enable positive development for babies and their caregivers.

In partnership with Compassion, local churches run activities and carry out regular home visits and aim for a child and their caregiver to be:

- Physically healthy
- Encouraged in self-confidence and able to build healthy relationships
- Equipped with life skills
- Given the opportunity to hear the gospel message

Through Mums and Babies, you can help provide the support needed for the best start to life.

"I was struggling to feed my baby but thanks to the support of Compassion I have food and other basic needs so that I am healthy and able to breastfeed my baby."

—MANISHIMWE JANE, MOTHER AT A SURVIVAL PROJECT, UGANDA

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EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Provide further education and training to help reach God-given potential

Education is a powerful way to reduce poverty. Every child in Compassion's program has the opportunity to go to school and receive an education. But for thousands of these children, breaking the cycle of poverty requires more than school lessons.

That's why local staff members work to identify the unique educational needs of each child and create a tailored plan. This could mean providing:

- Vocational training or university education
- Computer labs and libraries
- Literacy and numeracy tutoring

You can help provide children and young people with life-changing education and training so they can grow their talents and embrace God's plan for their future.

"I like to come [to the computer lab for] classes. We look for videos, make designs, and write. I do my homework here, and I'm doing well at school."

—MARCELO, EIGHT YEARS OLD, BOLIVIA



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INFRASTRUCTURE

Provide structures that promote safety, dignity and stability for children

Living in poverty exposes children to harsh circumstances and environments that could potentially threaten them or put their development at risk. Through Infrastructure, you can fund initiatives that make the places children go safer and stronger. These could include:

- Maintenance of the local child development centre
- Repairs to a child's home if it is deemed unsafe
- Classroom upgrades
- Building safe play areas and playgrounds

Your support will help improve or replace inadequate and unsafe structures where children live, learn and play. By supporting Infrastructure you are giving a gift that will have an impact for years to come and promote safety, dignity and security for children in need.

"The ceiling of our home leaked whenever it rained. Now because of Compassion, we're not afraid of the rain or floods; my brother and I can study at home."

—SELISA, 15 YEARS OLD, INDONESIA



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DISASTER RELIEF

Provide emergency relief and ongoing support following disaster

There is no such thing as disaster insurance when you live in poverty. When earthquakes cause buildings to crumble and floods sweep everything away, it is children who are hardest hit—and getting back on your feet can be extremely difficult.

This Critical Need works to restore children and families in Compassion's program after a disaster, on two fronts:

- Relief activities provide emergency food and water, temporary shelters, personal items, cooking utensils, trauma counselling and spiritual support.
- Rehabilitation activities provide clothing and school supplies, household and livelihood items, and continued counselling and support, if needed.

When disaster strikes, your generosity allows Compassion to respond immediately and restore stability for children and their families.

"After Hurricane Matthew, the area was flooded. Some of the parents came to the office to share about their distress ... but were filled with joy to receive food and support."

—SENAT JOHNSON, DIRECTOR OF CHERETTE CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTRE, HAITI



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INCOME GENERATION

**Empower young people and their families to
be economically self-supporting**

The opportunity to learn work skills or understand how to run a business is an important key to breaking the cycle of poverty. Compassion makes education a vital component in income generation training and seeks to develop sustainable approaches that help families address their long-term needs.

Your support helps to:

- Provide business and finance training opportunities for caregivers and young people
- Identify caregivers who would most benefit from income generation help
- Facilitate income generation workshops such as credit management, basic business and accounting
- Link caregivers with other micro-enterprise credit institutions

You can support young people and their caregivers to be empowered through income generation training and equipped with important skills for life.

“[Learning tailoring skills] makes me feel more confident. I’ll be able to work and study at the same time. Or I can start my own sewing business. I can become my own boss!”

—TANIA CHOQUE, 17 YEARS OLD, BOLIVIA



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**And whatever you do,
whether in word or deed, do
it all in the name of the Lord
Jesus,** giving thanks to God
the Father through him.



GIVE TO CRITICAL NEEDS TODAY

You can help to meet Critical Needs with a once-only gift or from \$12 a month. Your support removes challenges to children's development and helps to release children from poverty in Jesus' name.

Give now at compassion.com.au/criticalneeds or call 1300 22 44 53.

Thank you for helping to release children from poverty in Jesus' name through Critical Needs. Your support to address the issues facing children, their families and communities makes a life-changing difference.



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