



UNWAVERING

2020 ANNUAL REPORT

You support communities disrupted by conflict in their unwavering efforts to help children thrive.

VISION

Accelerating peace by disrupting the cycle of violence

MISSION

Driving generational change for the hardest hit by investing in the power of local communities

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*When conflict draws closer, they brace themselves.
When armed violence erupts, they evade, survive.*

*For each new challenge, they pause, they cope,
And when just a crack opens, they push forward.*

*Armed with even the faintest of hopes,
the people we work with seize every opportunity to give their children better lives.*

*They champion the rights of women and children, engage their leaders,
educate their neighbours, and work for change.*

*They embrace new understandings,
break tradition, challenge prejudice,
and confront dangerous and powerful aggressors.*

They sacrifice, take risks, and fully commit to transforming the future.

*We are inspired by their bravery and their resolve.
We want to be the best partner they can imagine.*

*The breakthroughs our partners and communities strive for require sustained effort
and investment over time. So, we commit to them for the long haul.*

Thank you, donors, funders, and friends for making this work possible.

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Building better futures with half a million people

In 2020, War Child Canada reached **575,600** children and adults affected by conflict.

146,800

people were
educated through
our programs

272,400

people were
empowered to
climb out of
poverty

156,400

people gained
access to justice
systems and learned
about their rights

COVID-19 drove rapid expansion of our radio-education programs much more quickly than planned. We do not yet have adequate tools to definitively benchmark the reach of our broadcasts. However, through the samples we have taken, we estimate the listening audience is approximately 300,000 people.

Your investment through War Child empowers children and their families and protects their legal and human rights.

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I am really happy with the support that War Child provides . . . We have regained hope and created some relative peace amongst the youth in our camp . . . We now mingle freely with less fear and exchange views across various ethnic groups more confidently.

- Diana, a teenage girl in South Sudan

Harder work, greater needs, and an urgent mission

FROM THE FOUNDER AND PRESIDENT

When COVID-19 swept across the globe, our team immediately began adapting our programs and projects to continue safely and intelligently.

We acted quickly to protect participants, children, communities, and staff. Raising COVID-19 awareness and prevention became urgent. Our programs adapted and evolved to meet both public health realities as well as the growing demand for our services – especially in education, where children worldwide experienced the largest disruptions to their schooling in over a century.

Even though fulfilling our mission became more arduous and uncertain – and despite the frightening threat of illness in locations where medical care is rudimentary – War Child’s field staff were undeterred from their mission. That courage and conviction transcended the threat of COVID-19 in ways that were both inexhaustible and inspiring. When faced with a growing humanitarian crisis in Ethiopia’s Tigray region, War Child’s local teams in Darfur, Sudan, redeployed to help safeguard children and youth fleeing across the country’s borders. They did this even as war gripped their own home communities, with armed conflict forcing many of our staff from their homes. That determination, conviction, and selflessness in pursuit of humanitarian solidarity and action lie at the core of everything War Child Canada does and represents.

Together, we can disrupt the cycle of violence. Lives change when there is consistent investment in education, strengthening the rule of law, and economic development.

Empowering women and children is critical. Whether from war or in a pandemic, they experience the greatest burden of violence and abuse, yet they hold the key to any community’s prospects for a better future.

Building through local communities is essential. Our teams and our vision come from the communities in which we work. They drive our programs and our decision-making every step of the way.

Real change takes time and commitment. We stay with communities for years, through conflict and sometimes continuous rebuilding, to ensure the change they work for is real and sustainable. Persistence in the face of violence and oppression is the only way to prevent their recurrence.

Our work is hard – perhaps harder now than it ever was. War, and now the health and economic pressures of the pandemic, often make it heartbreaking. But with your unwavering support, better lives are within reach for hundreds of thousands of children and families.

Thank you for carrying us through 2020 and for sticking with us despite these challenging times. Your support means more than you can ever know to so many you might never meet. We are deeply grateful.

- Dr. Samantha Nutt, Founder & President

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Respond, Adapt, and Persevere

The COVID-19 pandemic caused delays, disruption, and new challenges. Despite these obstacles, our work continues to improve the lives of the individuals and families affected by conflict, while encouraging positive and sustainable social change within communities.

When the pandemic struck, our local teams and partners were uniquely positioned to respond to the crisis. Thanks to War Child's supporters, our teams had the resources to raise awareness about the virus and adapt our programs so children and their families could keep building for the future.

These efforts continue to evolve as the pandemic wears on. While progress is being made worldwide, COVID-19 remains a dangerous threat in the areas we serve, and vaccinations remain a distant dream for millions.

War Child will continue to respond to the crisis and support parents, children, and communities to overcome these challenges.

7 types of pandemic responses our donors made possible

- Spreading awareness through education about COVID-19 and how to prevent its spread
- Providing thousands of hygiene kits, masks, and other personal protective equipment
- Creating and supplying new hygiene facilities
- Training staff and volunteers on how to adapt and deploy programs safely
- Reinforcing safety measures like physical distancing, modelled by War Child staff and promoted everywhere
- New activities to support existing programs, such as food and supplies that help families handle lockdowns and disruptions
- Adapting programs constantly so people continue their forward momentum in education, justice, and economic opportunity

Our COVID-19 response reflects War Child Canada's longstanding principles and approaches

- Strong collaboration with partners and authorities
- Highly customized to community conditions
- Deeply engaged with local leadership
- Innovative solutions to an array of problems
- Dynamic, adapting as conditions change



Sidiq goes back to school after the quarantine

Sidiq is six years old. He lives in Deh-Sabz, a district in Kabul province, with his father, mother, two brothers, and a sister.

The children in the community had no access to schools. When our community-based education program launched in their village, Sidiq's father eagerly registered his children.

Sidiq is intelligent and eager, raising his hand for almost every question asked by the teacher. He easily sings rhymes, songs, and uses both Dari and Pashto alphabets. Thriving in the classroom, he was disappointed when COVID-19 caused schools to close.

War Child staff and partners kept education alive for the students in Deh-Sabz, delivering the curriculum to them at home, and checking in with socially distanced outdoor visits.

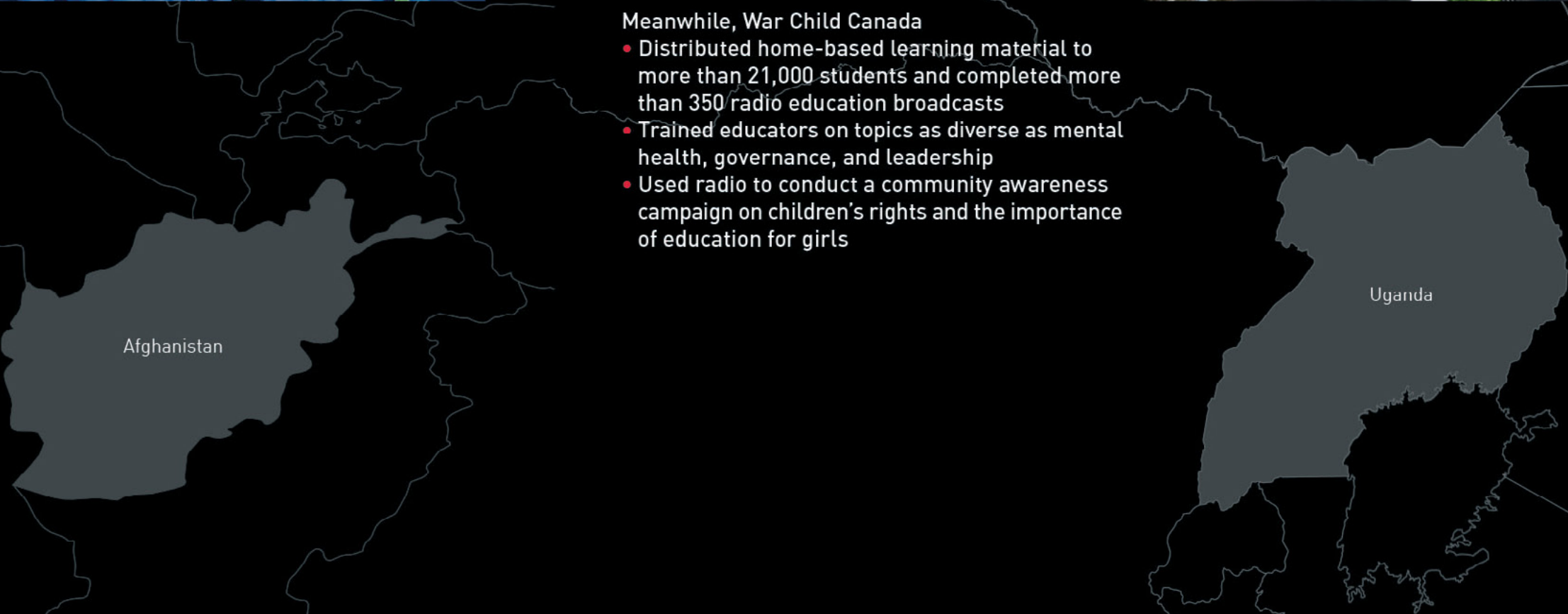
Sidiq was delighted to return to in-class lessons and is learning so much. He can now count and add numbers, and he's added reading short stories to his growing list of skills.



Protecting students and preserving education in Uganda

War Child Canada helped 70 schools in six education districts to safely reopen after lockdown. We also supplied 66 schools with reusable masks, non-contact thermometers, and large volumes of disinfectant, hand sanitizer, and hand soap. To prevent the spread of the virus, we set up more than 240 hand-washing facilities and raised community awareness through 270,000 leaflets and 55 billboards.

- Meanwhile, War Child Canada
- Distributed home-based learning material to more than 21,000 students and completed more than 350 radio education broadcasts
 - Trained educators on topics as diverse as mental health, governance, and leadership
 - Used radio to conduct a community awareness campaign on children's rights and the importance of education for girls



Turning up the Volume in DRC

As COVID-19 forced the closure of schools in the Democratic Republic of Congo, our team rapidly expanded our radio-based education program to ensure children could continue to learn. Our lessons delivered over the airwaves became the perfect vehicle for thousands of additional children to continue their education. Toll-free lines were also set up to answer learners' questions and to provide live-radio interaction for listeners after each lesson.

Meanwhile, War Child Canada

- Expanded its work from two provinces to six, a major opportunity for future impact
- Trained new education assistants and developed innovative tools to enhance learning through the radio-based education program
- Laid the foundations for future work on justice issues by mapping the legal needs of children and young people



Democratic Republic of Congo

Supporting water and health in Sudan

War Child trained 195 hygiene promotion volunteers and 7,500 community members in preventing and responding to the COVID-19 crisis as part of our agricultural production and water maintenance projects. Through these projects, we rehabilitated multiple water systems that provide clean water to 55,000 people and distributed water pots and jerry cans to 600 households. Our team also provided 800 mothers with safety kits containing items such as soap for washing and bathing, reusable menstrual pads, toothbrushes, toothpaste, washing pots, and baby potty chairs.

Meanwhile War Child Canada

- Constructed or rehabilitated schools, youth centres, safe spaces for children, and food storage sites
- Provided goats to hundreds of families as well as training in animal husbandry
- Provided skills training to community members
- Conducted awareness discussions in communities on the rights of children



Sudan

Engaging schoolchildren in South Sudan

War Child Canada's education program supports thousands of children in South Sudan each year. Despite the impact of COVID-19, our initiative enabled students in Malakal state to continue to learn. Using radio-based learning, the first stage of our program engaged out-of-school children – 82 per cent of whom were girls – while other students were supported through a mobile-learning library.

Meanwhile, War Child Canada

- Staged intensive COVID-19 awareness campaigns and distributed personal protective equipment
- Provided youth from diverse ethnic groups with peacebuilding sessions, helping them to conduct public outreach together
- Supported a group of female youth who used small cash grants to form a savings and loan group, pooling funds to help members establish small businesses such as tea shops, bread making, and the sale of vegetables



South Sudan



9 ways you helped children in 2020

Despite the challenges of the pandemic, your support enabled War Child to adapt to COVID-19 and continue to provide frontline programs to war-affected children, women, and communities. Thanks to your commitment, our local teams were able to:



Create safe spaces for children to play, learn, seek help, and just be kids



Help children forced to leave school to catch up on their education by providing our condensed curriculum and training teachers



Provide free legal representation by our lawyers for women and children who have survived violence and abuse



Enhance the capacity of farming families to feed their communities, offering seeds, tools, and training



Equip classes with necessary supplies, including pencils, books, chairs, and hand-washing facilities



Train and support young adults and women to build local businesses and provide for their families



Teach conflict resolution to young people on both sides of a dispute so they can live and work peacefully



Offer counselling to survivors of conflict to help them overcome trauma and build new lives



Equip communities and leaders through education and training to protect the rights of women and children



A bridge to formal education

Alia is a bright young girl from Burundi who loves math and chemistry, and dreams of one day becoming a doctor. In 2015, violent conflict broke out in her country. She was forced to leave everything behind and flee with her family into neighbouring Uganda where she now lives in a settlement for refugees.

Like so many displaced children and youth, Alia was already behind in her schooling before she had to flee her home. Uprooted and in a new country, she worried about falling even further behind in her studies.

One of the biggest challenges young refugees are faced with is the lack of opportunities to learn and catch-up on years of lost education. These barriers to progress and empowerment are even more severe for young girls and women who often face additional discrimination.

That's why War Child provides a unique education program targeted to out-of-school youth like Alia. In partnership with the Ugandan government, War Child created a first-of-its-kind accelerated-learning curriculum for secondary-school students, designed to help those who had missed months or even years of education catch-up and eventually re-join the formal education system.

When Alia learned that War Child could provide her with opportunities to resume her education, she jumped at the chance to change her life and enrolled in one of our catch-up programs being run out of a school in the settlement.

Over the last year, when COVID-19 forced schools to close, War Child ensured Alia and other learners didn't lose the opportunity to stay on track with their schooling by providing students with books and other materials to support distance learning.

“““

Thank you for giving me the books, pens, and math set I needed to practice my subjects and pass exams. In the future, I would like to be a doctor and I thank War Child very much for supporting me.

- Alia

How does Alia get an education?

Education involves more than setting up a classroom.

To get Alia and her classmates to school, War Child meets, trains, and partners with key community players to promote access to education.

In doing so, War Child creates an ecosystem of support and provides the tools necessary for success:

Government

- Responds to War Child's advocacy by supporting the need for alternative methods of schooling
- Adopts and implements policies and practices favourable to education

Community

- Values education for all children
- Adopts strategies to promote girls' education
- Provides resources to teachers and principals
- Actively discourages child labour
- Places high value on teachers
- Provides safe spaces for learning

Parents

- Understand importance of education
- Form and participate in parent teacher associations
- Are sensitized to children's rights

Schools

- Adequate water and sanitization
- Safe, for girls in particular
- Sufficient learning materials and tools
- Classrooms meet minimum standards

Teachers

- Receive training
- Learn and use child-centered approaches
- Advocate for children
- Motivation enhanced by ongoing support, appreciation

Students

- Have a variety of opportunities
- Schooling available even during conflict and disruption
- Feel safe and protected despite outside context
- Aware of rights
- Advocate for rights of themselves and others

Mirembe's path to a first-ever experience of legal justice

War Child provides much-needed legal support to vulnerable women and children in areas affected by conflict, empowering them to get justice.

The story of Mirembe provides an example of how War Child's justice programs get results. Mirembe is a 29-year-old mother of four in Uganda. Life is difficult for Mirembe – her husband abandoned the family and, although he lives in the area, he provides no support.

Late one night, Mirembe's husband arrived at her home uninvited, drunk, and demanding money. She refused and he beat her badly before then beating her children. As a result of the attack, she and her oldest child required medical attention.

Mirembe weighed the price of trying to have her husband charged – the stigma and gossip about the events, and the disapproval for asserting that a woman and her children have rights. Mirembe, seeking any help, consulted her parents. They insisted that she remain quiet, saying that she was his wife, and the children were his. They blamed her and feared shame for the family. She was also rebuffed by the police, who lectured her about wasting their time.

Mirembe knew she needed a lawyer to get justice. But how could she find one? And where to get the money? Then, a sympathetic cousin told her about a War Child office that had lawyers.

After days working up the courage, she went to the office, told her story, and was thrilled both to be believed and to learn that there were already laws that could support her. She and the legal team got to work navigating many obstacles, from corruption to having to educate officials and other lawyers about the relevant laws.

Meanwhile, War Child staff continued building community awareness of the rights of women and children, and educating members of the legal system.

Mirembe and her lawyer persisted for months and in the end, they prevailed. Police finally took action and offered Mirembe the protection that she needed.

How War Child obtains legal justice for children and women like Mirembe

International

- Advocates and takes part in coalitions for global action on key issues affecting children and women

National

- Builds partnerships within the justice system to promote children's and women's rights
- Provides rights education to key decision-makers
- Involves community leaders and representatives in designing justice programs

Community

- Engages communities to understand the rights of children and women
- Builds community self-reliance, training leaders and volunteers
- Establishes outreach programs to give legal aid to hard-to-reach and displaced people
- Works with leaders in the community as well as the formal and informal justice systems

Family

- Creates awareness of gender discrimination and the rights of children
- Educates families on how to access legal support and gain justice

Individual

- Provides individuals with legal-aid support so they can get justice in formal and informal legal systems

Results achieved from the legal work of War Child and its partners

- Ministry of Justice and other relevant ministries are more effective in handling legal justice cases for women and children
- There is a minimum legal system in place that is functional despite ongoing conflict
- Communities are sufficiently stable to be able to support protection activities
- Families and communities are willing and open to learning about and participating in the protection of children

Creating opportunity amidst conflict

When Rebecca's father was killed during an outbreak of violence in South Sudan in 2013, her mother had no choice but to move her children to a protected site for displaced civilians – an environment where violence is a threat and raising a family is challenging.

Despite these challenges, Rebecca's family started to have hope when she was selected to participate in War Child's Bridge Builder Project. This initiative engages young people to pursue peace and economic opportunities with the goal of reducing conflict in the community. Youth like Rebecca are empowered with new skills and encouraged to build bridges amongst ethnic groups.

Through the program, Rebecca received training and a small cash grant, allowing her to become an entrepreneur. Equipped with these new skills, she formed a community savings group with 14 other women. Each committed to adding 1,000 South Sudanese pounds (10 CDN dollars) to the fund. The women agreed to use the fund to help each other start a business of their choice.

Through consensus, the women chose Rebecca to be the first loan recipient – and she's now the proud owner of a tea shop.

“““

I am happy to see my daughter happy again after so many years of gloomy life. I am also very proud to see her contributing to the family's needs. This War Child project is life changing!

- Achol, Rebecca's mother



War Child works with key changemakers in the community to unlock opportunities for peace and economic prosperity by building a system of support for women like Rebecca

Government

- Remove barriers to economic growth
- Engage in and support peacebuilding
- Engage communities to identify needs, promote best practices

Community

- Advocates for right to work for all
- Supports non-traditional gender roles
- Promotes women's right to work
- Recognizes possibilities, even during conflict
- Fosters private-sector opportunities
- Creates safe spaces and opportunities for the young
- Supports peace initiatives

Individual

- Embrace educational and engagement opportunities
- Promote peace and equity
- Collaborate with others
- Recognize and seize opportunity

In the face of crisis

War Child is one of the few agencies still able to work in Darfur, Sudan. Staff like Amani are the reason.

Since 2009, Amani has served as a guard with War Child. One January night in 2020 he finished his shift and headed for home.

Amani and his family were living in a camp for internally displaced people that was transitioning into a town. As he approached the camp, he heard gunfire and realized that the community was under armed attack. The heavy shooting forced him to retreat.

Amani reached his family by phone and urged them to flee. Then the phone networks were cut off. After a long and anxious night, he searched for and found his family.

Days later, Amani returned to the camp with a military escort to recover his family's possessions. He found his family's house burned and everything looted. His family was left with nothing except what they were wearing when they fled.

This is not the first time that conflict has displaced Amani. In 2003, his community suffered armed attacks that displaced hundreds of thousands of people, most of whom have since been living in displacement camps. Now he is again sharing crowded makeshift facilities with hundreds of others, and the family is struggling to get re-established.

Unwavering commitment on the ground

99% of War Child employees are from the communities we serve

- Local staff know the complexities of their communities
- Local staff have their own networks and relationships that enhance their impact
- Hiring locally makes War Child programs more sustainable and resilient
- Empowering local staff to lead and manage programs permanently enhances their skills and improves local capacity
- Local staff demonstrate tremendous commitment to their communities



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I witnessed such an attack in 2003 when my village was burned. I never thought that my children would see the same thing.

- Amani

Statement of Financial Position

| \$ | 2020 | 2019 |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|
| ASSETS | | |
| Current assets | | |
| Cash | \$ 3,149,488 | \$ 633,929 |
| Investments | 1,382,872 | 537,780 |
| Accounts and donor receivables | 1,083,265 | 1,389,029 |
| Prepaid expenses and deposits | 111,431 | 100,449 |
| | 5,727,056 | 2,661,187 |
| Intangible assets | 128,468 | 79,191 |
| Capital assets | 56,616 | 144,824 |
| | \$ 5,912,140 | \$ 2,855,202 |
| LIABILITIES | | |
| Current liabilities | | |
| Accounts payable and accrued liabilities | \$ 1,185,812 | \$ 1,262,072 |
| Deferred contributions | 5,487,617 | 3,376,260 |
| Lease inducements | - | 30,536 |
| | 6,673,429 | 4,668,868 |
| Net assets | | |
| Unrestricted | (761,289) | (1,783,666) |
| | \$ 5,912,140 | \$ 2,885,202 |

Statement of Operations and Changes in Net Assets

Year ended December 31, 2020

| \$ | 2020 | 2019 |
|--|----------------------|-----------------------|
| REVENUE | | |
| Grants | \$ 15,331,346 | \$ 14,877,012 |
| Foundation donations | 1,042,204 | 889,206 |
| Individual donations | 1,915,162 | 1,315,163 |
| Canadian Emergency Wage Subsidy | 545,839 | - |
| Special events | 265,468 | 235,252 |
| Corporate donations | 188,965 | 66,050 |
| Other | 52,961 | 94,013 |
| Donations-in-kind | 379,476 | 423,104 |
| | 19,721,421 | 17,899,800 |
| EXPENSES | | |
| Program | | |
| International programs (Schedule 1) | 16,015,353 | 15,893,950 |
| Program support | 514,509 | 999,471 |
| Operations | | |
| General administration | 881,125 | 726,485 |
| Fundraising | 849,143 | 811,296 |
| Donations-in-kind | 379,476 | 423,104 |
| | \$ 18,639,606 | \$ 18,854,306 |
| Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses before the undernoted | 1,081,815 | (954,506) |
| Less: Amortization | (59,438) | (32,578) |
| Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses for the year | 1,022,377 | (987,084) |
| Deficit, beginning of year | (1,783,666) | (796,582) |
| DEFICIT, END OF YEAR | \$ (761,289) | \$ (1,783,666) |

Empowering women and girls seeking justice

The Slight Family Foundation has partnered with War Child Canada since 2014. An initial gift of \$1 million helped expand our legal and justice programs to an additional 1.2 million people – primarily women and girls living in the most devastated and challenging regions of the world.

Last year, the Foundation launched its 2020 Global Initiative for Women and Girls, a \$15 million partnership between The Slight Family Foundation and 15 charities that will each receive \$1 million over four years.

The Global Initiative will directly assist more than one million women and girls in the world's most fragile regions. As part of the Global Initiative, War Child will empower women and girls to seek justice and tackle impunity within their communities, while also ensuring that they can uphold their rights, have greater self-determination, and move out of poverty over the long-term through targeted educational programming.

Thanks to this partnership, War Child will

- Provide legal awareness and training to police, lawyers, judges, law students, and other legal aid providers
- Support legal representation for women and children who have been victims of violence, injustice, and imprisonment
- Generate human-rights awareness through meetings, print, radio panels, and toll-free hotlines
- Provide large-scale accelerated learning programs for children affected by war
- Launch innovative new teaching programs to address the challenges facing women and girls in war

We are grateful to The Slight Family Foundation for their continued generosity and solidarity with war-affected communities across the world.

THE SLAIGHT FAMILY FOUNDATION

Looking for “a strong entrepreneurial spirit”

When Richard Rooney wanted to respond to an emergency in South Sudan, he began asking friends for recommendations of an agency he could help.

Alan Broadbent, chair of the Maytree Foundation, pointed him to Samantha Nutt and War Child. Richard began researching War Child. With his life-long interest in the geopolitics of Africa and the developing world, he was drawn to the work of War Child not only in South Sudan but also in other areas dominated by armed conflict.

Today, Richard has been a donor to War Child for ten years. And because of the priority he and his wife, Laura Dinner, placed on engaging their children in diverse causes, their daughter, Trish, has become a passionate War Child volunteer and supporter.

Richard and Laura support many causes, and they have clear criteria: charities with “a strong entrepreneurial spirit” that are also careful with money, have good board governance, and well-established institutional policies.

Beyond those fundamentals, they look for broad and lasting impact.

“War Child helps some of the world’s least fortunate families help themselves in a variety of ways. Laura and I know it is money well spent.”



Richard Rooney FCPA, FCA, CFA is Vice Chair and Co-Founder of Burgundy Asset Management Ltd. He serves as Vice Chair and Chair of the Princess Margaret Cancer Foundation Investment Committee. Mr. Rooney is also a Board Member of the Stratford Shakespeare Festival, and is a Trustee Emeritus of the Art Gallery of Ontario, and of the AGO Foundation.

“War Child fits who we are and our team’s priorities.”

The law firm of Paliare Roland Rosenberg Rothstein LLP has been supporting War Child’s access to justice and legal aid programs since 2008. When the Syrian Refugee Crisis began, they also generously supported our work with Syrian refugees in Jordan.

The firm and its partners have hosted events for War Child, and two of its partners have been to Uganda to witness and support War Child’s access to justice programs firsthand.

For Paliare Roland Rosenberg Rothstein LLP, it’s about living out their foundational commitments. Andrew Lewis, a partner in the firm, explains: *“When we formed the firm in 2001, we agreed ‘doin’ good’ through charitable donations would be an integral part of what we do. We call this our ‘Doin’ Good’ program. Every year we donate a fixed percentage of our revenue to charitable endeavors locally and abroad. Our ‘Doin’ Good’ committee of four partners allocates the funds. Other lawyers at the firm can suggest new recipients or make requests on behalf of existing ones.”*

Between 2001 and 2020, our ‘Doin’ Good’ donations totaled more than \$3.3 million, in addition to any donations made by individuals in the firm. Stable funding is important for any charity. Rather than regularly rotating our donation recipients, we have supported a number of organizations for many years.

Our overall emphasis has been the alleviation of poverty and homelessness, focusing on projects aimed at women and children.

“War Child fits who we are and our team’s priorities. We value their specialized expertise and their impact on the future of children.”

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We celebrate and thank our monthly donors!

Monthly donors form the financial backbone of our work for children affected by war.

When you commit to pre-authorized monthly giving from your bank account or credit card, you provide a predictable, dependable investment in the lives of vulnerable women and children.

Monthly contributions allow us to sustain and expand our programs so that, together, we can have a long-term and sustainable impact on generations of children.

“It’s not just about you.”

Perhaps it was inevitable that a book would transform Jane Schmidt’s thinking. Jane Schmidt is a librarian at Ryerson University. She remembers reading *Damned Nations: Greed, Guns, Armies, and Aid* by War Child founder Samantha Nutt in 2012.

“That book fundamentally changed my outlook on how the western world interacts with the rest of the world . . . how we are complicit in arms sales and conflicts.”

War Child Canada resonated with Jane for its ethos and programs, but other experiences of giving to disasters such as tsunamis and earthquakes turned her into a monthly donor.

“I came to understand that monthly giving is the best way to give for a more sustainable operation, rather than a one-shot intervention. I also learned that unrestricted giving is best. I believe in the work they do and trust them to use the funds where they are most needed.”

Jane follows an ‘effective altruism,’ philosophy, that of giving a percentage of one’s salary to charity. She has a portfolio of charities she supports in different arenas; War Child is where she invests in international change. Now, after years as a donor, what stands out for her is War Child’s emphasis on education for women and girls.

“That’s how we can make the biggest difference internationally.”

Jane also recruited her son Elliott as a donor. He just completed Grade 4 and gives to War Child from the allowance he earns doing chores.

“I feel good, helping someone else,” said Elliott. “Giving is a good habit to do . . . Helping people less fortunate . . . that is important.”

War Child is extremely grateful to Jane, her son Elliott, and all our monthly donors. Their support ensures that War Child can continue to provide life-changing programs to vulnerable children and communities that have been impacted by conflict and war.



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United States Department of State
Wellspring Philanthropic Fund
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\$100,000+

Anonymous
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The Newlands Family Foundation
The Rooney Family

\$10,000 - \$24,999

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Donors rose together and raised \$215,000 in a single night! Thank you!

War Child's inaugural RISE TOGETHER virtual gala shone a light on the urgency of protecting vulnerable war-affected children and their families, particularly during the COVID-19 pandemic.

More than 850 people registered for the event which was hosted by ET Canada's Sangita Patel and featured award-winning entertainment including performances by Sting, Lyle Lovett, Sarah McLachlan, LP, Chantal Kreviazuk, Notifi, Wali Shah, and special appearances by War Child Ambassadors Amanda Seyfried and Thomas Sadoski, plus David Harbour, Troian Bellisario, Shean McKinney, Beth Behrs, Patrick J. Adams, Sarah Rafferty, Ashley Park, and Rachael MacFarlane.

We are extremely grateful to everyone who participated and donated to this special event. We especially want to thank our sponsors for making the event possible.

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Star power amplifies COVID-relief appeal

A host of top actors, musicians, and athletes joined War Child frontline staff from across the world in a June 2020 video appeal to boost funds available for COVID-19 relief in vulnerable communities. The global video campaign was produced by War Child Canada, War Child Holland, and War Child UK.

Together, noted celebrities such as Troian Bellisario, Elisabeth Moss, Amanda Seyfried, Thomas Sadoski, Julianna Margulies, Patrick J. Adams, Michaela DePrince, Edie Falco, Martin Garrix, Chantal Kreviazuk, Sarah McLachlan, and Vivianne Miedema made an impassioned plea that generated over \$65,000 in support from viewers.

The funds raised contributed to efforts to distribute hygiene kits and establish community handwashing stations in Sudan, train women in Afghanistan to sew masks and make prepared foods for hard hit communities, and to expand distance-based education in the Democratic Republic of Congo.





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