



2019
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**You support communities
disrupted by conflict in their
efforts to help children thrive.**

In 2019, War Child reached **499,000**
children and adults affected by conflict

230,000

people were educated
through War Child's
programs

132,000

people were
empowered to climb
out of poverty

137,000

people gained better
access to justice
systems and learned
about their rights

VISION

A world where no child knows war.

MISSION

To work with war-affected communities to help children reclaim their childhood through access to education, opportunity, and justice. War Child takes an active role in raising public awareness around the impact of war on communities and the shared responsibility to act.

**Now, more
than ever**

Statement from the Founder:

For two decades, War Child has worked relentlessly with communities overcoming the effects of war and conflict.

We have fought indifference, fear, despair and violence, and witnessed the grief of communities losing their children to fighting and disaster.

But we also have celebrated victories too, large and small, when families and communities have stood together, overcome the odds, and provided better lives for their children.

And change does come. Just think - in 2019, your support made a difference to almost a half-million people across the globe.

As a result of these locally driven efforts, children are attending school instead of being recruited into violence. Women are starting businesses and generating their own success instead of being exploited and suppressed. Tens of thousands of girls are pressing ahead with their education, breaking down barriers and gender discrimination. Communities are seizing opportunities, upholding the rights of women and children, and innovating solutions that meet community needs.

But we cannot rest. War and conflict continue to disrupt communities and threaten lives worldwide.

Please continue this journey with us, because our work together has shown that hope is justified and that, with your continued support, we can reduce the threat of war and foster brighter futures for those who need it most.

- Dr. Samantha Nutt, Founder & President

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Focal Points of 2019

War Child's programs improve the lives of the individuals and families affected by conflict, while encouraging positive and sustainable social change within. Here are some of the focal points of our work in 2019:

Afghanistan

- Providing legal aid to protect and empower thousands of women, children, and youth
- Delivering community education on the rights of women and children
- Educating all players in the justice system in children's and women's rights
- Providing 50,000+ children in community-based education (60% girls)
- Empowering women to establish hundreds of small businesses after completing our business training courses and apprenticeships

Sudan

- Helping women and youth with training and equipment to start their own small businesses
- Creating spaces and forums that empower young women to get involved in community issues
- Providing clean water for more than 50,000 people through projects that contribute to healthy communities
- Delivering road rehabilitation to foster local economic activity
- Providing food security enhancement support for seeds, tools, hens, and local fish production

Jordan

- Completing a comprehensive education and protection program for thousands of Syrian refugee and vulnerable Jordanian children
- Providing out-of-school girls with basic literacy and numeracy classes
- Creating safe spaces that give young children the opportunity to heal and learn through play
- Providing educational and parenting support for mothers
- Providing skills training and small business mentorship for women and youth

Uganda

- Partnering with the Ugandan Ministry of Education to develop the country's first-ever accelerated learning curriculum for lower-secondary schools, now being adopted nationwide
- Enrolling thousands of children in accelerated learning programs
- Providing legal representation as a registered law firm to vulnerable women and girls as they seek justice in informal and formal justice systems
- Delivering community awareness campaigns to address and prevent gender-based violence

South Sudan

- Training for youth in peacemaking, business management, and finances
- Providing community-focused peacemaking awareness activities
- Fostering of local community savings groups for youth to assist with business start-up, economic stability, and community-building

Democratic Republic of Congo

- Delivering a radio-based education program so that thousands of children can gain access to distance education despite instability
- Securing a commitment from the national government to improve participation by girls and expand the radio program to new areas
- Enrolling hundreds of students across 10 learning centres

The course gives me and every other woman who attended strength.

We were informed by our community leader that the Afghan Women's Council (AWC), in partnership with War Child, had established courses that will help women to become empowered.

We learned how to read and count first. Then we were divided into groups according to our ability and interest to learn tailoring, handicraft, food processing, and beautician skills.

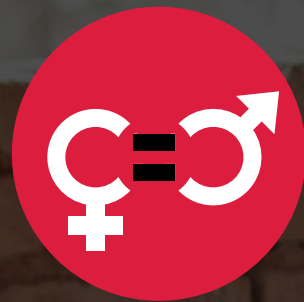
We were also taught about children's rights, women's rights, and stress control. This has really helped us in our daily life.

Now I feel stronger and more capable, and I am contributing to my family income.

The biggest event in my life has been the establishment of this course in our community. It gives strength to me and every other woman who attended."

- Nasrin, a woman in Afghanistan

2 Overarching Themes



Gender Equality

- Direct interventions, education, advocacy and program policy
- Embedded in every program
- Can be distinct programs as circumstances dictate



Child Safeguarding

3 Pillars of Programming

Programs respond to local situations and needs. They adapt over time and can combine several initiatives. These are examples of current program components.



EDUCATION

- Vigorously promote education for children, especially girls
- Create safe spaces for early childhood development and informal education
- Open schools where children have no options
- Innovate on education delivery and curriculum where dislocation and conflict derail or delay children's education
- Assist children to regain ground lost when education is interrupted
- Invest directly in school rehabilitation, outfitting
- Engage youth in community peace-building



POVERTY REDUCTION

Help individuals

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

Facilitate communities

- Advocate for right to work for all
- Support non-traditional gender roles
- Promote women's right to work
- Recognize possibilities, even during conflict
- Foster private-sector opportunities
- Create safe spaces and opportunities for the young
- Support peace initiatives

Advocate with government

- Remove barriers to economic growth
- Support peace-building
- Engage communities to identify needs, promote best practices



LEGAL PROTECTION

- Create awareness within families and communities re: gender discrimination, children's rights
- Educate families on how to access legal /justice support
- Provide legal aid support to vulnerable individuals
- Build community self-reliance through training
- Establish outreach programs
- Work with leaders in the community
- Work with formal and informal justice systems
- Build partnerships within the justice system
- Provide rights education to decision-makers
- Involve government representatives in designing justice programs
- Advocate directly at international level and through coalitions

Statement of Financial Position

\$	2019	2018
ASSETS		
Current assets		
Cash	\$ 633,929	\$ 503,878
Investments	537,780	959,075
Accounts and donor receivables	1,389,029	1,461,073
Prepaid expenses and deposits	100,449	136,980
	<u>2,661,187</u>	<u>3,061,006</u>
Long-term investment	-	52,570
Intangible assets	79,191	87,166
Capital assets	144,824	170,966
	<u>\$ 2,885,202</u>	<u>\$ 3,371,708</u>
LIABILITIES		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 1,262,072	\$ 956,379
Deferred contributions	3,376,260	3,175,368
Lease inducements	30,536	36,543
	<u>4,668,868</u>	<u>4,168,290</u>
Net assets		
Unrestricted	(1,783,666)	(796,582)
	<u>\$ 2,885,202</u>	<u>\$ 3,371,708</u>

Statement of Operations and Changes in Net Assets Year ended December 31, 2019

\$	2019	2018
REVENUE		
Grants	\$ 14,877,012	\$ 14,244,727
Foundation donations	889,206	744,966
Individual donations	1,315,163	1,168,481
Special events	235,252	681,027
Corporate donations	66,050	183,644
Other	94,013	21,439
Donations-in-kind	423,104	189,167
	<u>17,899,800</u>	<u>17,233,451</u>
EXPENSES		
Program		
International programs	15,893,950	15,959,172
Program support	999,471	1,058,791
Operations		
General administration	726,485	577,591
Fundraising	811,296	889,070
Donations-in-kind	423,104	189,167
	<u>\$ 18,854,306</u>	<u>\$ 18,673,791</u>
Deficiency of revenue over expenses before the undernoted	(954,506)	(1,440,340)
Less: Amortization	(32,578)	(28,960)
Deficiency of revenue over expenses for the year	(987,084)	(1,469,300)
Net assets, beginning of year (as previously stated)	(796,582)	(1,927,068)
Prior period adjustment	-	(1,254,350)
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	<u>\$ (1,783,666)</u>	<u>\$ (796,582)</u>

An eventful 10-year partnership

Over the past 10 years, Jackson-Triggs Estate Winery has been an invaluable partner to War Child. Their ongoing commitment to our mission and our work has provided critical support to war-affected communities.

"Jackson-Triggs has always had a strong connection to music, so when War Child started working with musicians to raise awareness about the impact of war on children and their families, it was a perfect fit," said Del Rollo, Vice President, Industry and Government Relations, Arterra Wines Canada.

In the summer of 2019, War Child returned to the award-winning winery for its 10th year as Jackson-Triggs' Summer Concert Series Charity of Choice. We were thrilled to be involved in each of the 28 concerts featuring many of Canada's finest musical acts.

With support from Jackson-Triggs and every participating artist, War Child was able to offer unique auctions at each show. These included the Best Seats in the House, artist Meet & Greets, and autographed guitars and bottles of wine.

Auction winners came to celebrate life milestones - weddings, engagements, and birthdays! Our winners were overjoyed to be able to meet and experience their favourite artists at the winery's unique and stunning outdoor amphitheatre!

"From auctioning signed guitars to having Dr. Samantha Nutt attend our past events at our Niagara Estate Amphitheatre, this decade-long partnership has provided both our teams with a voice for our philanthropic efforts," said Mr. Rollo.

War Child was thrilled to be able to engage with excited concertgoers and artists to spread awareness and raise a tremendous amount of funds for our programs.

Thank you, Jackson-Triggs!

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Thank You!

Sometimes the road to a better future is actually a road

In the northwest of Darfur, Sudan, damaged roads and infrastructure have significantly held back communities from recovering after decades of conflict. War Child has been part of a major project to restore roads in the communities affected by war – unlocking new possibilities for children, their families, and their communities.

This area in Darfur is well known for producing fruit and vegetables, but it paid a heavy price during conflicts, which destroyed the roads in and out of the community. As a result of the damage, local families could not transport their products to market, nor could they bring in supplies.

To address this, War Child worked with the local community to establish priorities for road reconstruction and then broke ground to rebuild the roads. The team enlisted local people to rebuild the infrastructure that is fundamental to improving their livelihoods.

The road has brought significant stability to an area that was once at the epicenter of the fighting in Darfur. Locally grown products are now getting to market. But the impact of War Child's investment in the community goes beyond the marketplace. People are now able to travel to and use a peace, justice, and reconciliation centre for mediation, education, and dispute resolution. Youth are now able to access a youth centre outfitted for vocational training in welding, carpentry, masonry and food processing.

The community was very appreciative and a local authority issued a “certificate of appreciation” to War Child.

Ahmed a 48-year-old truck driver, was one of those consulted when road work priorities were set. Now that the first road is complete, he commented that *“Our movement as truck drivers has become better, enabling us to have more trips during the week. Therefore, I thank War Child for this.”*

Sometimes a road is not just a road. In conflict-affected communities, they can become a path to a better future for generations to come.



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