



# KEY ACHIEVEMENTS MADE FOR CHILDREN IN 2015



Rwandan children are able to enjoy more and better quality books in Kinyarwanda through an innovative partnership with the government, the Rwandan book industry and civil society.



Burera District officials endorsed the Teacher Code of Conduct which is now used in all primary schools in the district. It was developed through a pilot with the government in 32 schools and ECD centres to support positive discipline in everyday teaching.



The National Civil Society and State dialogue on investment in children resulted in commitment of the Government of Rwanda to establish a National Investment in Children platform. The platform aims to raise investment in children to the top of the national priority agenda.



Improved confidence and skills of health providers in four districts to resuscitate newborns, prevent newborn hypothermia and encourage early breastfeeding through an in-service mentoring program with district hospital and health centre partners.

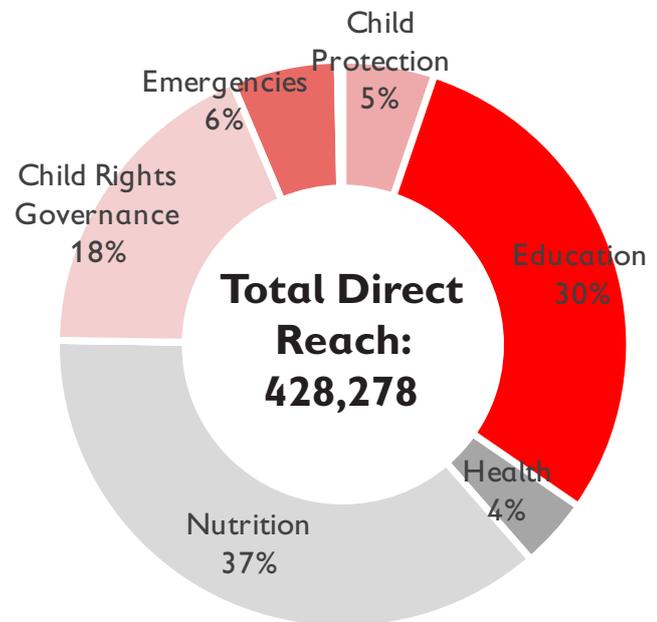


The foster care arrangement approach in Mahama Camp has helped separated and unaccompanied minors to join families. Awareness was raised on the issue, resulting in an increase in willingness among refugees to integrate children in their families.

## OUR REACH

**Total Children Directly Reached: 240,699**  
**Total Beneficiaries Directly Reached: 428,278**

**2015 Total Reach by Theme (Percentage of Total Beneficiaries)**



## OUR WORK FOR CHILDREN

### Education



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Save the Children's Advancing the Right to Read programme provides a continuum of services for children aged 0-9 that focuses on beginning early, mastering foundational literacy skills and improving overall learning outcomes. The programme includes:

#### Early Childhood Development:

Working with parents and early childhood teachers to ensure young children develop school readiness skills.

#### Quality Basic Education:

Supporting schools to improve children's early literacy skills, through learner-centred teaching approaches and appropriate teaching and learning materials.

#### Book Development and Use:

Ensuring supply and demand of Kinyarwanda children's books, by working with the publishing industry actors to improve the quality of locally produced books.

#### Community Engagement:

Creating a culture of reading through school-community partnerships, and influencing social and behaviour change for reading at home, schools and communities.

## Child Protection



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**Protection of Children from Violence:**  
Creating violence-free environment for children by training teachers and parents on positive discipline.

**Protection of Children from Harmful Work:**  
Preventing unnecessary engagement of children into child domestic work, and supporting children who are engaged in it through case management and life skills training. Advocating for law enforcement and legal reforms to protect children from harmful work.

**Child Protection Systems Strengthening:**  
Strengthening Child protection systems as part of the national Child care reform.

## Child Rights Governance



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**Investment in Children:**  
Ensuring the country's resources are maximised for children, through research and policy dialogue with the Government of Rwanda.

**Child rights awareness and monitoring:**  
Raising awareness on child rights and supporting civil society and children to hold the government to account for the fulfilment of children's rights.

**Good governance for children's rights:**  
Supporting child rights institutions to coordinate, monitor and advocate for the implementation of child rights.

## Health and Nutrition



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**Maternal, Newborn and Young Child Health:**  
Ensuring that all vulnerable groups have access to and utilise health services. This is done by improving the capacity of health providers and community health workers to provide appropriate care to pregnant women, newborns and young children, and through community mobilization and engagement of the community for behaviour change.

**Maternal, Infant and Young Child Nutrition:**  
We improve the nutrition of children and their families by applying evidence-based cost-effective interventions to prevent and treat under-nutrition.

## Humanitarian



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**Child Protection in Emergencies:**  
Providing women and children with psychosocial support, safe spaces to play and learn, and youth groups for social support. Survivors of sexual and gender-based violence are also provided with psychosocial support and referral services as required.

**Community Protection in Emergencies:**  
Ensuring the special needs of the elderly and people living with disabilities are met through community referral mechanisms and direct support.

**Education and Youth Empowerment in Emergencies:**  
Ensuring out of school children and youth from the Burundian refugee community have access to quality learning opportunities while equipping them with life skills.

**Health and Nutrition in Emergencies:**  
Providing children, women and men in humanitarian contexts with access to quality primary healthcare, maternal, newborn and child health and infant and young child feeding services. Volunteers are also trained to be pharmacists, nurses, midwives and community health workers.



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