

# Theory of Change

The wellbeing of children and youth is improved, especially those who are most disadvantaged, vulnerable, and marginalized.

## IMPACT

Children and youth are safe, enjoy high-quality and lifelong education, and have equal opportunities.

Children and youth are empowered, and their families and communities support them in exercising their rights.

## LONG-TERM OUTCOMES



Local leadership achieves greater visibility and influence in agendas and policies related to child and youth rights.



GFC partners improve performance and are more sustainable.



Children and youth are more visible as advocates and leaders in their communities.

## INTERMEDIATE OUTCOMES

External Focus



GFC partners have new or strengthened connections and share resources and knowledge. Some formalize relationships, leading to collective action.



GFC partners improve their programs based on learning and participatory feedback.



GFC partners improve organizational aspects – like leadership, monitoring and evaluation, and safeguarding – that make them stronger agents of change.

Internal Focus

## OUTPUTS

Partners work jointly with GFC to identify opportunities to improve their internal operations, their programs, and their relationship with their ecosystem.

GFC identifies local organizations that advance justice, equity, and opportunity for children and youth. We work across the focus areas of Education, Gender Equity, Youth Empowerment, and Freedom from Violence and Exploitation.

## INPUTS



Relationships with peer organizations, coalitions, and networks



Non-financial support like technical assistance, information, and resources



Flexible funding

### Key Assumptions:

- The economic, political, and social environment is conducive to partners' sustainability.
- The most effective way of changing the lives of children and youth is to focus on developing holistic wellbeing through a human-rights-based approach.
- Partners can significantly influence children, youth, families, and communities.
- Learning, innovation, and adaptation are intensified by collaborative work.
- Capacity development leads to improved performance.
- Local problems need local solutions.