Advancing the rights of children and youth around the world

Annual Report 2018–2019
WELCOME!

It has been another year of tremendous progress at Global Fund for Children. We’ve refined our approach and focused our efforts, and we’re serving our local partners ever more effectively.

This year, we committed to a new Theory of Change to guide our work and to help us measure and understand our results. We refreshed our capacity development approach to strengthen our services to our partners. We adopted organizational values to inform our decision-making and a global safeguarding policy to uphold our commitment to children’s rights. We distilled results from our first Grantee Perception Survey, conducted by the Center for Effective Philanthropy, and began implementing changes based on what we learned from our partners.

Amid all this activity, our team worked tirelessly to support our local partners on the front lines of crises confronting young people around the world. Our determination to serve them better — leading to improved wellbeing for children and youth — is what inspires us every day.

At times during the year, the challenges facing young people seemed more daunting than ever. Whether providing legal protection to migrant youth in Mexico or offering shelter and counseling to girls who have been trafficked in India, our partners have shared with us the monumental obstacles they face in ensuring children’s safety and welfare. These challenges range from external forces like climate change and civil unrest to internal risks like staff burnout and unpredictable funding.

In response, we’ve doubled down on our efforts to help our partners become more adaptive, more networked, and better connected to people, resources, and funding that can position them to overcome obstacles and meet their goals. All the while, we’ve continued to offer flexible funding to ensure that our partners can respond quickly and nimbly as their local context evolves.

None of this would be possible without your support. Since 1997, with the help of supporters like you, we’ve distributed more than $44 million in grants to more than 700 community-based organizations worldwide. Our global network grows stronger and more connected every day, and it is a powerful force for change.

Thank you for standing in solidarity with GFC and with courageous leaders and young people around the world. Together, we are building a world where all children and youth are safe, strong, and valued.

Sincerely,

Gunjan Jain
Chair, Board of Directors

John Hecklinger
President and CEO
Here’s a snapshot of what we accomplished together.

**2019 CNN HERO**
Daniel Tillias, founder of longtime GFC partner SAKALA in Haiti, was named a CNN Hero for his youth empowerment and peacemaking work in the heart of Cité Soleil, the Port-au-Prince neighborhood where he was born and raised.

**2019 WISE AWARD WINNER**
Our India-based partner Arpan received a 2019 WISE (World Innovation Summit for Education) award for its personal safety education program, which focuses on protecting children from sexual abuse and helping them heal from its effects.

**2019 WORLD’S CHILDREN’S HONORARY AWARD**
Guylande Mésadieu, founder of GFC partner Zanmi Timoun in Haiti, received the World’s Children’s Honorary Award for her work rescuing and rehabilitating children who have been forced into slavery, are in prison, or are living on the streets.

**2019 DIANA AWARD ROLL OF HONOUR**
Angela Francheska Lainez Acevedo, who is 10 years old, was named to the Diana Award Roll of Honour for her work to end family violence in Nicaragua through peer counseling and education. Her commitment is inspired by her mother’s experience with violence, and Francheska’s own determination to break the cycle. “Neither I, nor my sister, nor my friends will live what my mother lived.” Francheska is a participant with GFC partner Asociación Movimiento de Mujeres por Nuestros Derechos Humanos (MOMUNDH) in Nicaragua.

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Note: Most of our partners work in more than one focus area to holistically address children’s rights and needs.

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35 countries

123 local partners

$2.1 million in cash grants

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Equal Community Foundation (ECF) is one of the few organizations in India that actively engage boys and men in the fight against gender-based violence, a pervasive issue nationwide. During its GFC partnership, ECF tripled its budget and adopted a multi-state, training-of-organizations model to ensure scalable impact and to advocate for mainstreaming of gender awareness. As a GFC alum, ECF remains a strong ally, a source of nominations for new partners in India, and a mentor to less-experienced partners in the region.

As chair of GFC’s new Youth Leadership Council (YLC), I’m pleased to report that our vision of developing a network of young, inspiring leaders from around the world is coming to fruition. The YLC has grown from four to six members, with recruitment underway to expand our global presence. Together, we’re working to define our role and activities, with the goal of helping GFC adopt a more youth-led approach. At the same time, we’re engaging with the GFC team and GFC supporters to bring youth voices to the forefront. We’re excited to continue working with GFC leadership in the year ahead to put young people at the heart of decision-making at the organization.”

– Mete Coban, Chair, Youth Leadership Council

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Graduate spotlight

20 graduating partners

Our graduating partners emerge more sustainable and more connected to the resources, people, and information they need to reach their goals. After graduation from their financial partnership with GFC, they remain vital members of our global alumni network.

Youth Leadership Council

New partner budget size

For 60% of our new partners, we are the first major funder to offer flexible cash. Our partners can use GFC grants not only toward their programs for children and youth but also toward their organizational development efforts – something many funders are not willing to support.

60% first flexible funds

Our newest partners are based in Guatemala, Honduras, India, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Mexico, Nicaragua, Senegal, South Africa, Thailand, and the United Kingdom.

35 new partners

We fill a gap in philanthropy by supporting nascent organizations that others are not yet ready to fund. We also strategically fund organizations at more advanced stages of growth that contribute invaluable experience to our initiatives.

9% 26%
$250k+ $100k to $250k

65% under $100k

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1st 60% first flexible funds
How team GFC is growing, learning, and changing

It has been a year of incredible growth for GFC’s internal capacity. Improvements include:

- developing a new Theory of Change
- revamping our capacity development approach
- advancing child safeguarding at GFC and beyond
- adopting core values to guide our work
- commissioning our first Grantee Perception Survey

All of these achievements are rooted in our commitment to serve our partners better, leading to improved wellbeing for children and youth.

“Listen to local NGOs and be sensitive to them; trust them in choosing tools for implementing programs. To help local NGOs to grow and become stronger, give them enough time for this process. Understand that no one knows the situation better than local, community-based organizations. They might be small, but still, they know exactly what is going on in their community and therefore they understand how to solve the problem.”

– Irina Trofimova, Founder of GFC alumni partner Children of Tien-Shan in Kyrgyzstan, reflecting on how funders can best support NGOs

GFC’S NEW THEORY OF CHANGE

At Global Fund for Children, we envision a world where all children and youth are safe, strong, and valued. In this world, young people everywhere have equal opportunities. They enjoy high-quality, lifelong education. They exercise their rights with support from their families and communities. They have the power to make choices and shape their own futures.

Our Theory of Change explores how we can make this world a reality. It defines the building blocks required to achieve long-term outcomes – for our local partners, and for the young people they serve – and how these building blocks connect with one another. Learn more about our Theory of Change, including how and why we’re using it, the background on our model, and the rationale behind each step, at globalfundforchildren.org/theory-of-change

REDEFINING CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT WITH OUR PARTNERS

For over 20 years, GFC has funded small organizations around the world to improve the lives of children and youth. Today, we do that and more. Offering a range of services over a multi-year partnership, we help our partners realize their unique vision for truly transformational, youth-driven change.

This year, we deepened and refined our approach to supporting our partners beyond the check. Flexible funding is paramount, but it’s only one part of how we help community-based organizations take on complex challenges in an evolving world.

Our capacity development services for our partners include:

- Organizational capacity assessment and planning that is partner-led, individualized, and adaptive
- Advisory support to identify opportunities and overcome obstacles
- On-site coaching, workshops, and feedback
- Flexible grants and awards for professional and organizational development
- Convenings and peer networks to share knowledge, build solidarity, and drive collective actions

Learn more about our new capacity development approach at globalfundforchildren.org/capacity-development.
SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AT GFC AND GLOBALLY

At GFC, we are deeply committed to ensuring the safety and wellbeing of young people, and to acting as a role model for child- and youth-serving organizations. We recognize that although children and youth may be extremely resourceful and resilient, they are also particularly vulnerable to abuse due to their lack of status and power, their stage of development, and their reliance on adults.

Launched in fall 2018, our Global Safeguarding Policy reflects this commitment and empowers everyone at GFC to uphold and protect children’s rights. It provides guidelines to ensure that we and our partners do not inflict harm on the children and youth we serve, and offers a clear pathway for responding to and reporting any incidents of concern.

After a year of trainings and policy implementation at GFC, we’re already engaged in the next stage: working with our local partners to develop and implement their own safeguarding policies, rooted in their contexts. This work will further develop our partners’ capacity to place children’s safety and wellbeing as a top priority. Learn more at globalfundforchildren.org/safeguarding-policy.

“What has been most valuable in our partnership with GFC is how invested they have been in Arpan’s success and how they have gone the extra mile to open doors for us at every opportunity. Over the years, GFC has not just supported Arpan financially but also through programs that facilitated knowledge exchange with peers. [GFC also] gave support for fundraising – an area that is rarely supported by other funders.”

– Pooja Taparia, Founder and CEO of GFC partner Arpan in India

LIVING BY VALUES, NOT RULES

This year, our team collaboratively identified six core values to power our work, whether we’re with our partners or at our desks. Our values guide our daily decision-making, shape interactions with colleagues and partners, and signal to the world what to expect when encountering GFC. We believe these values make our work not only more fulfilling but more effective.

01 PASSION
Embrace passion and kindness
We energize and inspire others by drawing on passion and kindness. In a world full of stress and difficulty, a culture of enthusiasm, empathy, and collaboration helps us thrive in our work.

02 PARTNERSHIP
Serve partners first
Our community-based partners develop solutions. We help. We amplify their ideas and voices and make choices that maximize their freedom to pursue their goals. Global questions demand local answers, and our partners are best positioned to find them.

03 EXCELLENCE
Take good to great
In our interactions as a team and with partners, donors, and other collaborators, we strive not just to meet commitments but to exceed expectations, making every GFC experience better than anticipated.

04 LEARNING
Wonder, discover, reflect, and adapt
We approach work with child-like curiosity and enthusiasm for discovery, and we share our experiences and resources generously. We innovate by learning from success and failure, trying again, and encouraging others to do the same.

05 INCLUSION
Include intentionally
Innovation and brilliance exist at the margins, so we make space for diverse perspectives, and we amplify unheard voices. We recognize how intersections of race, class, gender, sexual orientation, ability, and other factors create inequalities that we work to disrupt.

06 COURAGE
Take risks for change
When there’s an opportunity to spark big change, we’re willing to take smart risks that others won’t. We recognize that social innovation requires thinking big and breaking down barriers, so we strive to be courageous but not single-minded, visionary but rooted in real progress.
These responses validated many of the internal changes GFC underwent in 2019. But we’re also mindful that we scored low against our peers on relationships, and we’re determined to be best in class. Here are some of the ways we’re responding to our partners’ needs and ideas:

- **Bigger grants**
  We increased our average grant size from $9,000 to $13,000.

- **Stronger networks**
  We created more cohorts of partners based on common themes and regions to encourage knowledge sharing and collaboration.

- **Better communication**
  We committed to more consistent communication with all partners and streamlined reporting and documentation processes.

- **Empowering approach**
  We launched a refreshed capacity development approach, including facilitated organizational assessments to help our partners identify their priorities and opportunities for support.

- **Global team**
  We’ve added more team members who live close to our partners, to allow for more regular face-to-face contact.

- **New ideas**
  We’re exploring ideas like lengthening our grant cycles, strengthening our alumni network, and expanding the ways our partners can connect with and learn from each other.

- **Perpetual improvement**
  Perhaps most importantly, we’re committed to creating space for simple, quick feedback from our partners so that we can listen, learn, and adjust accordingly.

**ROADMAP TOWARD A MORE RESPONSIVE GFC**

In fall 2018, we commissioned our first Grantee Perception Survey through the Center for Effective Philanthropy (CEP). With a comparison group of more than 300 funders, the survey offers a rich opportunity to benchmark results against peers. Because it is anonymous and conducted by CEP, it allows our partners to share frank reflections. Here’s a summary of what we learned:

- **Small organizations**
  We fund some of the smallest organizations when compared to our peers, consistent with our aspiration to support organizations too nascent for other funders to consider.

- **Flexible cash**
  Our partners appreciate GFC’s flexible funding and the autonomy it provides.

- **Long partnerships**
  Our funding relationships are longer than those of over 85% of other grantmakers – an attribute highly valued by our partners, who encouraged even longer commitments.

- **More contact**
  We need to streamline reporting, engage in more regular contact, and provide more support as our partners navigate challenges.

- **Nonfinancial support**
  Our partners benefit from our advisory support, site visits, and networking, and want us to expand these efforts.

**“Cooperation with GFC opened us to new and different perspectives, opened the doors of professionalism, and provided an opportunity for us to perceive international and global dimensions of thinking, acting, negotiating, and cooperating in the field of protecting vulnerable children.”**

— Anonymous CEP survey response from a GFC partner
Major initiatives

We unite community leaders around mutual challenges and opportunities, helping them to learn from one another, share resources, and build momentum. Here are a few powerful, emerging grassroots networks fueled by your support this year.

Empowering adolescent girls in Central America
18 local partners working to promote gender equality and advance girls’ rights and opportunities in Central America.

Protecting migrant girls in Central and North America
12 local partners protecting the safety and rights of asylum-seeking and migrant girls in Guatemala, Mexico, and the United States.

Combating child trafficking in India
5 local partners working to fight trafficking and hazardous labor in India by addressing their root causes, providing direct services to at-risk and affected children, and supporting local actors to take collective action.

Countering child labor in Bangladesh
3 local partners dedicated to combating child exploitation and hazardous labor by providing young people with new opportunities, helping them leave dangerous situations, and working to prevent those situations in the first place.

Improving education for young children in Togo
5 local partners providing adaptive early childhood development programs for young children in Togo, including children affected by HIV.

Strengthening education in marginalized communities in Africa
11 local partners in East and West Africa dedicated to strengthening educational access, retention, and quality, thereby ensuring that children in vulnerable communities can exercise their right to learn.

Promoting inclusion in the United Kingdom
4 local partners empowering young people – including LGBTQ youth, ethnic and religious minorities, and girls at risk of exploitation – through the arts, entrepreneurship, leadership development, and the creation of safe spaces where they can access support.

Combating child trafficking in India
For more than 20 years, GFC has supported innovative organizations in India that provide direct services to children and youth who have been trafficked or are engaged in hazardous labor. This new initiative adopts an updated approach – one informed by a landscape analysis to understand trends and gaps in anti-trafficking efforts. By providing networking and advocacy support, GFC helps local leaders drive change not only in their own communities but regionally and nationally.

Based on findings from the landscape analysis, this project focuses on developing a network of local actors in trafficking hubs across India. Our partners provide direct services to affected children and youth, while also raising awareness and influencing relevant policy through prevention work, outreach, and advocacy.

INITIATIVE SPOTLIGHT:

PROJECT PARTNERS:

Apne Aap Women Worldwide / Kolkata
Apne Aap empowers women and girls to resist and end sex trafficking by collectively exercising their legal, social, economic, and political rights. Through its work in brothels, red-light districts, and slum communities, Apne Aap helps women and girls to reduce their vulnerabilities and increase their choices in life.

Avani / Mumbai
Led by a former child laborer, Avani offers a range of programs and services to support children and youth who are at risk of being trafficked for labor or sexual exploitation. Its programs include a home for rescued child laborers, orphans, and other children in Kolhapur, as well as gender equity training for boys.

Faith Foundation / Shillong
Faith Foundation focuses on the prevention of child sexual abuse, rescue, rehabilitation, and reintegration of trafficked women and girls; prevention of domestic violence; prevention of early marriage; and care and support for abandoned women.

Her Choices Trust / Hyderabad
Her Choices Trust is dedicated to ending violence, abuse, and exploitation of women and children in India by addressing two of the most prevalent and difficult forms of abuse – domestic violence and trafficking of young girls for sexual exploitation. It provides legal assistance through a national helpline and raises awareness about trafficking in villages where vulnerability factors are particularly high.

Purnata / Mumbai
Purnata rescues, rehabilitates, and reintegrates survivors of human trafficking in Mumbai and West Bengal, with a focus on prevention at source, transit, and destination points. Its primary mission is to protect women and children from trafficking and restore survivors to a life of dignity, purpose, and economic independence.
Our former Board Chair Juliette Gimon, who passed away in 2018, possessed a brave and passionate spirit that helped to change hundreds of thousands of young lives. The Courage Awards honor her legacy and recognize innovative grassroots organizations that are positively impacting children in especially challenging circumstances.

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– Asociacion Generando

At the 2019 Global Philanthropy Forum, we announced the first-ever winners of the Juliette Gimon Courage Awards: GFC partners Asociación Generando and Mavi Kalem.

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Mavi Kalem and ASOGEN were selected for their courageous work from among 12 award finalists – an outstanding group of community-based organizations that have endured bomb threats, stood up to the Taliban, and deﬁed deeply engrained practices like female genital mutilation and child marriage. The winners have channeled adversity into their causes, boldly pursuing justice for children worldwide.
Our work would not be possible without you: global citizens who want to make positive, lasting change in the lives of children and youth. Thank you.

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DONOR SPOTLIGHT: SHWETA SIRAJ MEHTA

As a Board member and longtime supporter, Shweta Siraj Mehta has strengthened GFC in a variety of ways — from offering strategic leadership and guidance to providing financial support and helping to grow our community of supporters in Silicon Valley.

“I have worked in the nonprofit sector for over 20 years, and GFC stands out to me as an organization that closes the loop between grantee identification, knowledge sharing, and donor impact very effectively,” Shweta said.

“GFC is a gift to all philanthropists who are looking to effect change internationally at the grassroots level. Global work is hard to execute well, and grassroots work is even harder. GFC possesses a unique expertise in both these realms due to its extensive global network of capable and passionate partners and its seasoned and knowledgeable staff who have the expertise to identify the next generation of social innovators within communities. Throughout the course of its engagement with each partner, GFC measures results and gives donors a clear sense of their dollars’ effectiveness.”

DONOR SPOTLIGHT: TY FUJIMURA

This year, Ty Fujimura joined GFC’s Global Ambassadors — a growing group of supporters with a passion for helping GFC advance its mission. For Ty and his wife, Priscilla, supporting GFC takes some of the guesswork out of grassroots philanthropy. “We think on-the-ground interventions led by local leaders are the best way to create long-term change, but it would be impossible for us to find and vet small organizations in all the areas of need we care about,” Ty said.

“GFC cultivates relationships with amazing organizations we never could have otherwise connected with. We feel secure knowing that our support is being guided by the global experts at GFC towards the local experts who can do the most with it.”
“These NGOs needed support beyond a check, and we have heard from them how invaluable GFC’s partnership has been. No matter how strong programs are that reach girls, girls alone cannot bring about transformational social change. We have been impressed with GFC staff’s deep regional expertise and their approach to partnership, which at every step recognizes that local NGOs are best poised to implement programs that will create lasting respect for girls’ rights.”

DONOR SPOTLIGHT:
**AKIN GUMP STRAUSS HAUER & FELD LLP**

Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP is a leading global law firm providing innovative legal services and business solutions to individuals and institutions. Akin Gump has been a steadfast supporter of Global Fund for Children for more than a decade, providing leadership, spaces for meetings and events, and financial support, as well as pro bono legal and professional guidance.

Providing pro bono services is a signature part of Akin Gump’s work, as the firm is deeply committed to serving clients in need, irrespective of their ability to pay. Each year, Akin Gump provides more than 30,000 pro bono hours to clients around the world – from asylum seekers and domestic violence survivors to schoolchildren and military families. Over the years, the firm has been consistently celebrated for its pro bono services; most recently, Akin Gump was included in The National Law Journal’s 2019 Pro Bono Hot List, was named a top-5 firm in pro bono rankings from both Vault and Chambers Associate, and was recognized by various legal services partner organizations, including Human Rights First, the Los Angeles Center for Law and Justice, and Whitman-Walker Health.

With nearly 1,000 attorneys throughout the world, Akin Gump uses its global talent to provide GFC with the legal counsel necessary to further its mission globally. For the past ten years, GFC has also benefited from having Akin Gump team members on its Board, where they provide invaluable leadership and professional guidance. We’re incredibly grateful to Rick Burdick and Melissa Schwartz for serving on our Board in the past, and we were pleased to welcome Stacey Mitchell to the Board in spring 2019.

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“Akin Gump’s global reach has been critical to helping Global Fund for Children strategically maneuver through a complex global legal landscape. It has been a privilege to provide counsel to this organization and help it further its goals of helping every child around the world reach their full potential.”

– Nicholas Antonas, Counsel, Akin Gump
Financials

Consolidated statement of financial position
as of June 30, 2019, and June 30, 2018

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<th>ASSETS</th>
<th>2019</th>
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<tr>
<td>Cash</td>
<td>$2,215,458</td>
<td>$4,225,630</td>
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<td>Receivables</td>
<td>5,232,370</td>
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LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

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<td>Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses</td>
<td>$152,677</td>
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<td>297,380</td>
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Net Assets

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<td>7,335,182</td>
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Statement of activities for the year ended
June 30, 2019, and June 30, 2018

REVENUE

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<td>Individuals and Family Foundations</td>
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<td>Events</td>
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<td>Other</td>
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EXPENSES

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<td>Program Expenses</td>
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<td>Capacity Building</td>
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<td>Communications</td>
<td>351,371</td>
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<td>Total Program Expenses</td>
<td>$4,683,395</td>
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<td>Management and General</td>
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<td>Development</td>
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Increase in Net Assets

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<td>$(296,688)</td>
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2018–2019

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