

Investing in the power of children and youth

Annual Report 2021–2022





Global Fund for Children partners with community-based organizations to help children and youth reach their full potential and advance their rights. **Thank you for helping to build a world where all children and youth are safe, strong, and valued.**



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Letter from Board Chairs & CEO

WELCOME!

This was a year of unprecedented growth at Global Fund for Children. We launched major initiatives, welcomed 96 new partners in 21 countries, and received incredible feedback from the organizations we support. We exceeded revenue projections, mobilized a robust emergency response for children impacted by the war in Ukraine, and established GFC as a leading voice for youth-centered change. We also invested in hiring team members based close to the partners we serve, welcoming 13 new colleagues. Our growing team now spans 16 countries.

From reaching more local partners and empowering more youth leaders to responding to complex global and regional crises, the GFC model is proving more essential than ever as our partners create change in their communities.

In this report, you'll learn about how we:

- **Developed a new five-year vision:** We incorporated input from our global team members, our partners, our peers, and our Board, as well as insights from the broader field, to formulate our vision for 2022–2026. The result is a set of core principles and strategic priorities aligned with our two guiding stars—community-driven systems change, and children and youth as leaders and changemakers.
- **Launched major global initiatives:** We established the Partnership to Educate All Kids (PEAK) initiative to help 100,000 children worldwide overcome COVID-19 education disruptions. We also initiated the Spark Fund, a youth-led fund that supports youth-led and youth-focused groups tackling critical issues such as gender equity, LGBTQ+ rights, and disability rights. Both initiatives align with our strategic priority of connecting individuals and groups to weave change through dynamic networks.

- **Learned, influenced, and connected:** We received impressive results from our second Grantee Perception Report, which incorporated anonymous feedback from our partners. GFC scored at the top in a dataset of 300 funders on approachability, responsiveness, and understanding grantees' work. We also grew our efforts to influence the philanthropy sector, participating in more than 35 virtual and in-person events, and we hosted 84 workshops for our partners on topics ranging from fundraising to youth empowerment. These efforts furthered our strategic priorities of learning with our partners and peers and influencing the funding ecosystem that affects our partners' work.
- **Responded swiftly to crises:** When Russia invaded Ukraine in February 2022, we immediately reached out to our Ukrainian partners to see how we could help. Within days, we sent our first emergency grant, and by June 30, 2022, we had approved more than \$1.3 million in emergency grants to 48 local partners helping children and families in Ukraine and neighboring countries.

Our partners have asked us to grow—in influence, in our capacity to offer more long-term funding, and in deepening our global footprint—which is why one of our strategic priorities is to sustain a thriving GFC. This year, with your support, we awarded \$5.4 million in grants to 276 organizations in 48 countries. We also saw significant revenue growth, raising 23% more, year over year, to support youth and community leaders. Since 1997, we've invested \$56 million in more than 1,000 community-based organizations around the world while helping to develop their capacity to promote children's rights.

Over the past year, we continued to advance safeguarding globally through Funder Safeguarding Collaborative, which expanded to include over 55 grantmaking organizations and funder networks committed to strengthening their ability to prevent abuse and exploitation. The collaborative, which offers webinars, discussion forums, and other resources, aligns with our strategic priorities of learning and influencing.

We also supported the first West Africa Adolescent Girls Summit, which was organized by youth from Liberia and Sierra Leone. The summit brought together more than 100 teen girls and boys to advocate for gender equity, centering children and youth as leaders and changemakers.

As we look to the future, we plan to prioritize two urgent issues impacting young people: climate change and mental health. We will be launching two new Spark Fund rounds, one focused on providing resources to youth-led climate resilience initiatives around the world and the other supporting the mental health and wellbeing of Black boys and young men in South Africa, the UK, and the US. In the meantime, we invite you to explore [our five-year vision](#), which will guide our work over the coming months and years.

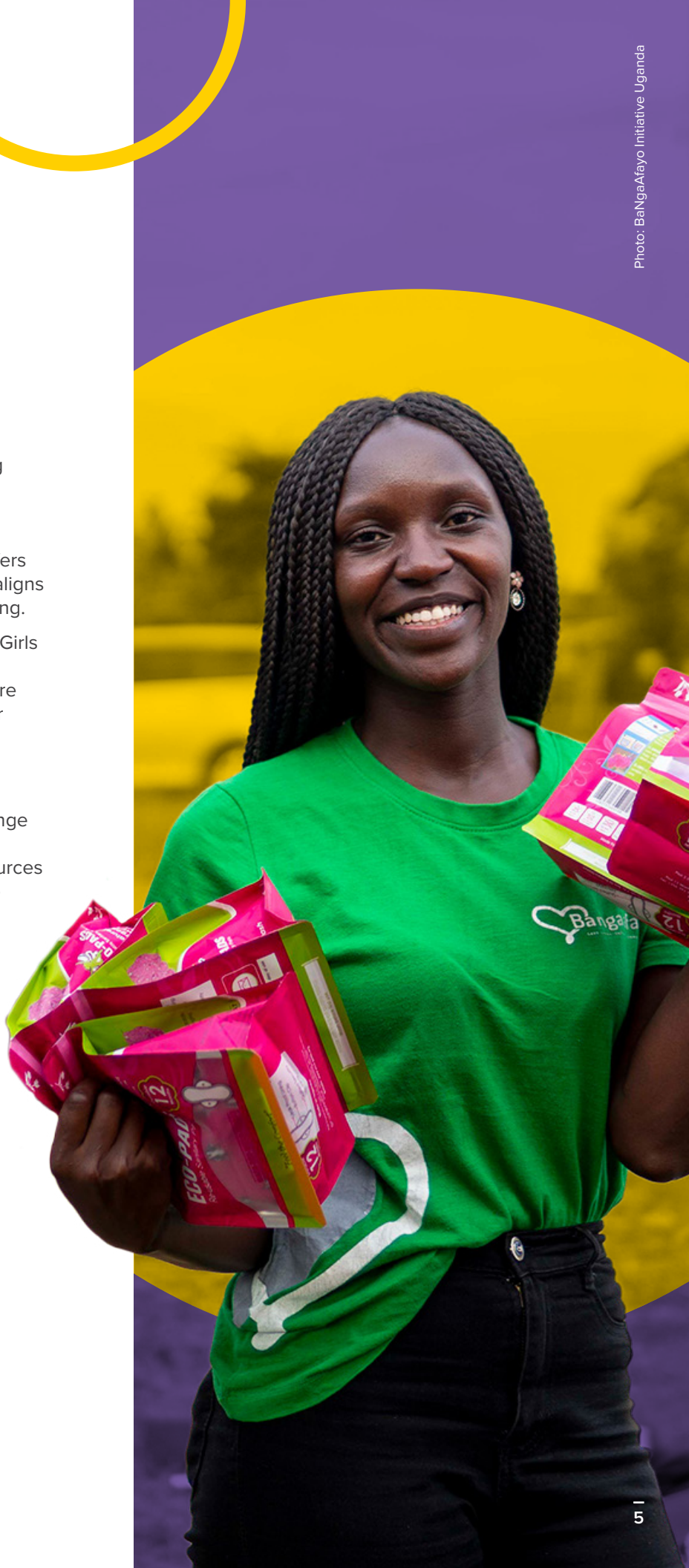
Thank you for your partnership as we continue to build a future in which all children and youth are safe, strong, and valued.

Sincerely,

Shweta Siraj Mehta
Chair, Global Board of Directors

Mark Wilson
Chair, UK Trust Board of Trustees

John Hecklinger
President and CEO



Year in Review

2021-2022

With your support, we provided flexible funding and capacity development assistance to 165 community-based organizations over the past year, as well as emergency grants to 108 local partners helping children and youth during crises. Some organizations received both types of assistance; others received additional financial support.



48 countries



276 grassroots organizations



**\$5.4 million
in cash grants**

Here is a closer look at the core partners worldwide that received support from GFC over the past year.



96 new partners

The newest partners to join the GFC network are based in 21 countries across the globe, from Armenia to Nepal to Zimbabwe.



35% of our partners are youth-led



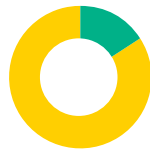
55% of our partners are women-led



4/5 of our new partners are nascent organizations

Roughly 80% of our new partners this year had annual budgets under \$100,000.

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



16% are both youth- and women-led

We are committed to gender equity and youth leadership, including investing in groups led by young people and women, who have traditionally been excluded from formal leadership positions.



58% first flexible funding

For 58% of our partners, we were the first funder to offer flexible cash.



New partner spotlight

Founded by two brothers who discovered break dancing as an alternative to gangs when they were teenagers, **Warriors Zulu Nation Honduras** is a youth-led organization that uses hip-hop culture and urban arts to promote community empowerment and youth leadership. In the neighborhoods where Warriors Zulu Nation works in San Pedro Sula, Honduras, many young people have been affected by violence, and opportunities are scarce.

The organization engages youth in practicing different art forms, particularly dance and music, to break the cycle of violence, while involving them in the exploration of social issues that impact their communities. Warriors Zulu Nation, which is part of GFC's Promoting Youth Leadership for Gender Justice in Central America initiative, also uses art to promote healthy masculinities that contribute to gender equity.

Young people served: 1,031

Our Vision for the Future

In 2021, we embarked on a journey to articulate a new vision to guide GFC's work. Our five-year vision for 2022–2026 outlines a bold path forward that centers children, youth, and their communities as drivers of systemic change.

To develop our five-year vision, we listened to the ideas of those who are closest to our work, from our global team members to youth and community leaders across the world.

The resulting vision unites us around the same principles that have inspired our work from the start—including trusting grassroots leadership and shifting power in funding relationships—while also pushing GFC to emerge as a vibrant, global hub with children, youth, and communities leading change.

Our five-year vision incorporates three core principles that underpin all that we do, two guiding stars that keep us focused and give our work clear direction, and five external and internal strategic priorities that further shape our objectives as we chart a course of growth.

OUR CORE PRINCIPLES

Shifting Power

We are committed to questioning where power lies and fostering more equitable and just relationships and practices.

Wellbeing

Weaving wellbeing throughout our lives and work brings new possibilities to thrive for us, our community-based partners, and young people.

Interconnection

We believe that the issues our community-based partners tackle are part of interconnected systems that affect children wherever they are—at school, at home, or in the community.

OUR GUIDING STARS

Community-Driven Systems Change

We support community-led groups to shift social norms, policies, and practices that foster lasting change for children and youth.

Children and Youth as Leaders and Changemakers

We center children and youth as protagonists in their own lives and the world around them.



Illustration: Ramya Ramakrishnan



OUR STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Connect: Weaving Change through Dynamic Networks

We believe that community-driven systems change is supported when individuals and groups come together to find common purpose, learn, and identify paths toward change.

Influence: Shifting the Funding Ecosystem

In order for community-driven systems change to thrive, groups that are grounded in lived experience and accountable to their local communities must be recognized as the most trusted, effective actors. Our partners have called upon us to help influence the larger environment that affects their work.

Learn: Sharing Collaborative Insight

We believe that learning is an integral part of community-driven systems change. In our new vision, we aim to strengthen and deepen our focus on practical and actionable learning in collaboration with our partners and peers.

Nurture: A Joyful and Creative Global Team

We create ways of working and policies that support our inner journeys, creative expression, self-care, and collective care.

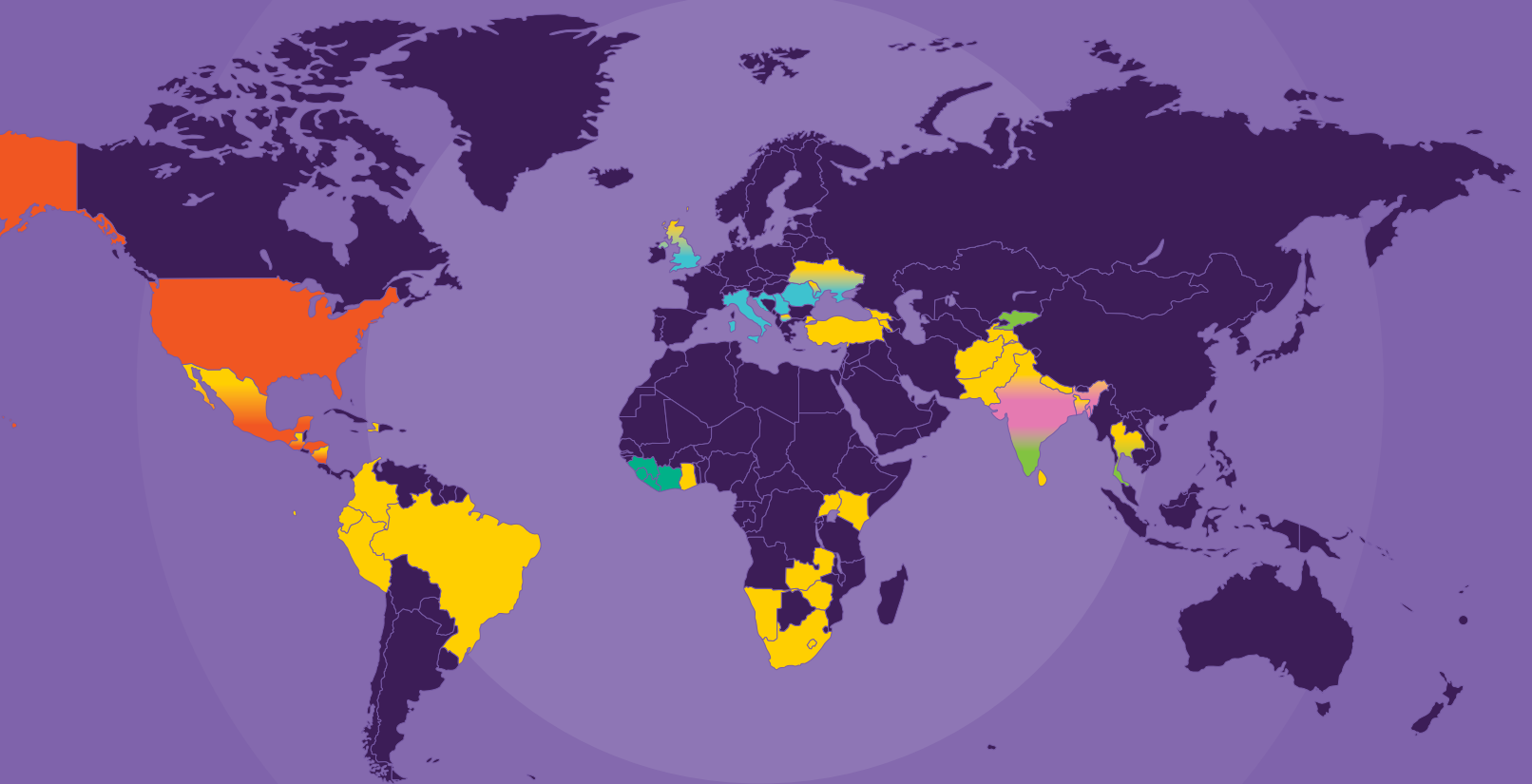
Sustain: A Thriving GFC

Our partners have asked us to grow – in influence, in our capacity to offer more long-term funding, in deepening our global footprint. When our own organization thrives, it gives us the foundation to do more to foster community-driven change and support young leaders.

Learn more at globalfundforchildren.org/five-year-vision

Our Initiatives

We unite community leaders around mutual challenges, geographies, and opportunities so they can form strong relationships across borders, share insights, and collaborate. Here are the powerful grassroots networks fueled by your support this year.



GLOBAL

Partnership to Educate All Kids

66 local partners in ten countries that are helping children who have experienced pandemic-related education disruptions to access and thrive in joyful learning environments that prepare them for future success.

Promoting Equity and Opportunities for Girls

13 local partners in Kenya, Mexico, South Africa, Thailand, and the UK that are empowering girls and increasing their access to quality education.

Supporting Children Affected by COVID-19

23 local partners in 16 countries that received grants from GFC's COVID-19 Emergency Response Fund to help young people overcome the unprecedented challenges created by the pandemic.

The Spark Fund

56 youth-led and youth-focused groups in 13 countries—all selected by youth leaders—that are tackling injustice and inequality and driving transformational change.

CROSS-REGIONAL

Increasing Opportunities for Children with Disabilities in Asia and Eurasia

4 local organizations in India, Kyrgyzstan, and Thailand that are empowering children with disabilities by increasing their access to education and healthcare.

Preventing Child Trafficking in Asia and Eurasia

4 local organizations in India, Kyrgyzstan, and Thailand that are preventing child trafficking and supporting survivors.

AFRICA

Ending Violence Against Girls in West Africa

6 local partners addressing the root causes of gender-based violence in rural Sierra Leone and Liberia and empowering adolescent girls to advance their rights.

Educating and Empowering Girls in West Africa

7 local partners helping girls aged 6 to 18 achieve educational success across Côte d'Ivoire and Guinea.

AMERICAS

Championing the Rights of Migrant Girls in Central and North America

14 local partners protecting the safety and rights of asylum-seeking and migrant girls in Guatemala, Mexico, and the United States.

Empowering Adolescent Girls in Central America

17 local partners working to promote gender equality and advance girls' rights and opportunities in Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua.

Promoting Youth Leadership for Gender Justice in Central America

5 local partners engaging boys and young men in promoting healthy masculinities and advancing gender justice in Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua.

Supporting Early Education and Development in Honduras

5 local partners providing early childhood learning and development programs in Honduras.

ASIA

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 leaders to take collective action.

Countering Trafficking and Exploitation in Bangladesh

7 local partners dedicated to addressing the trafficking and exploitation of children and youth in Bangladesh.

EUROPE & EURASIA

Exploring Masculinities in England

10 local partners engaging boys and young men in exploring gender and masculinities and in creating positive social change across England.

Reducing Violence Against Migrant Children in Southeast Europe

4 local partners increasing protections for migrant children and youth and promoting tolerance in Croatia, North Macedonia, and Serbia.

Supporting Children Affected by the War in Ukraine

48 local partners providing crucial services and essentials to Ukrainian children and families in Ukraine, Croatia, Italy, Moldova, and Romania.

Learn more about our major initiatives at globalfundforchildren.org/initiatives

FEATURED INITIATIVE

The Spark Fund

In 2021, GFC launched the Spark Fund, a youth-led fund that invests in youth-led and youth-focused groups tackling injustice and inequality and driving transformational change.

Young people around the world are leading change.

They are working to ensure access to quality education, decent work, and technology; mobilizing to advance gender equity and eradicate harmful social norms; and awakening the world to the emergency of climate change.

The Spark Fund empowers young activists to design and decide grantmaking processes.

Established by GFC with financial support from the Avast Foundation, the Spark Fund has convened youth panels in the Americas, Europe and Eurasia, South Asia, and Southern Africa to design a grantmaking process and award funding to youth-led and youth-focused organizations in their region.

The Spark Fund panelists selected local partners from 13 countries that work on a wide range of issues, including climate justice, gender equity, disability rights, LGBTQ+ rights, mental health, and education. Spark Fund partners have access to capacity development support and the opportunity to build connections with each other, enabling them to experiment, collaborate, and learn.

The Spark Fund has also been a tremendous learning opportunity for GFC.

To see how the youth panelists' decisions differed from the decisions that older adults might have made, we convened a mock panel of GFC team members from different departments and asked them to come up with their own evaluation criteria. After reviewing the same applications as the South Asia youth panel, the GFC team chose 14 grantees, only three of which had also been chosen by the youth panel. The youth panelists, we learned, had selected grantees that might have been overlooked in a more traditional grantmaking process.

Learn more about the Spark Fund at globalfundforchildren.org/spark-fund

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Usually young generations are excluded from the decision-making process in their societies. When they feel their voices are heard, they feel more important for their society. And they become motivated by these types of projects and programs ... It gives hope to the younger generation to be heard and to be taken into consideration while discussing their issues.”

– Eteri Khanjaliashvili, Spark Fund panelist from Georgia





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40

youth panelists
recruited

15

countries represented
by the youth panels

76%

of the youth panelists
were new to making
funding decisions

790

applications received
globally, many from
organizations that
had never received
grant funding

56

youth-led and
youth-focused
groups selected
by the youth panels

\$546K

awarded in
flexible funding

FEATURED INITIATIVE

Partnership to Educate All Kids

In early 2022, GFC launched the Partnership to Educate All Kids (PEAK) initiative to help children overcome COVID-19 education disruptions.

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Where we work, over 80% of the population is dependent on low-level subsistence farming that barely provides for their needs ... It is nearly impossible for these families to educate their children because they cannot afford basic supplies like books, pens, pencils, or uniforms ... As part of our effort to keep all kids learning, our Back to School Program ensures that children from low-income families in Nakaziba village receive the tools they need to catch up and succeed in school.”

– PEAK partner BaNgaAfayo Initiative Uganda

The pandemic has had a devastating impact on children’s education, forcing schools to close and pushing more young people into poverty and child labor. Children around the world need urgent support to return to school and catch up on missed learning.

The PEAK initiative, made possible by a \$5 million grant from the LEGO Foundation, supports local organizations in Central and South America, sub-Saharan Africa, and South Asia that are helping kids who have experienced pandemic-related education disruptions access and thrive in learning environments that prepare them for future success. The initiative also provides emergency grants to GFC partners to address unmet community needs that impact educational outcomes.

Through this initiative, GFC’s local partners are ensuring that children are able to access education and return to classrooms; addressing learning gaps; offering services such as literacy programs, after-school tutoring, and digital classrooms; supporting emotional and social wellbeing; and advocating for kids who have been shut out of the education system.

The PEAK initiative also develops our partners’ capacity to integrate learning through play into educational activities so that children can engage in playful learning that sparks creativity and instills a love of education. PEAK partners are using native games to improve school enrollment and retention in Zambia; setting up itinerant music schools in rural and Indigenous communities in Colombia; employing arts, dance, and story writing to support literacy in India; and much more.

Learn more about the PEAK initiative at globalfundforchildren.org/PEAK





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66

local partners in
10 countries fostering
6- to 12-year olds'
learning and
development

100K

children to be
reached worldwide
by the end of this
two-year initiative

36

COVID-19 emergency
grant recipients in
23 countries

FEATURED INITIATIVE

Supporting Children Affected by the War in Ukraine

Through its Emergency Response Fund, GFC is supporting local partner organizations providing humanitarian aid to Ukrainian children and their families.

Four days after the Russian invasion in February 2022, GFC sent its first emergency grant to a local organization in Ukraine. We hadn't yet established our emergency fund, but we knew we couldn't wait to provide lifesaving support to children.

Thanks to our long-standing relationships with community-based organizations in the region, as well as the generosity of donors, we've been able to quickly disburse flexible cash grants to local organizations in Ukraine and neighboring countries.

Between the start of the war and the end of June, we approved 56 emergency grants totaling \$1,379,000 to support 48 local organizations in Ukraine, Croatia, Italy, Moldova, and Romania that are helping children and families under attack and refugees who have fled the country.

Working under extremely difficult conditions, our local partners are evacuating kids with disabilities; helping families to purchase food, fuel, and clothing; and running shelters for internally displaced Ukrainians, including LGBTQ+ youth. They're also offering trauma support to children; helping refugee families find housing, employment, and legal support; and ensuring that kids have access to education.

Learn more about our Ukraine response at globalfundforchildren.org/Ukraine

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Our team does everything so that children do not lag behind in development and receive everything they need. And this is only possible with [GFC's] support.”

— Pravo Vibora, an emergency grant recipient in Kharkiv, Ukraine, that assists children with disabilities



48

community-based
organizations

\$1.3M+

in emergency grants

FEATURED INITIATIVE

Ending Violence Against Girls in West Africa

In April 2022, the first West Africa Adolescent Girls Summit brought together more than 100 girls and boys to promote gender equity.

For more than a year, a group of 12 adolescents from Liberia and Sierra Leone—all of whom participate in GFC partner programs—worked to design a summit to draw attention to the issues affecting girls in their communities. These young leaders are part of GFC's Ending Violence Against Girls in West Africa initiative, which works with a network of community-based organizations in West Africa that are empowering girls and tackling gender-based violence. This initiative is supported by Tides Foundation and People's Postcode Lottery.

The summit, held in Liberia, brought together adolescents aged 13 to 19 from Liberia, Sierra Leone, and Ethiopia. The young activists participated in a week of workshops and team-building activities that helped develop their capacity for advocacy on issues such as equal access to education for girls and boys, access to comprehensive sexuality education, and ending harmful traditional practices like female genital cutting and early marriage.

On the last day of the summit, the adolescents shared their concerns with Liberian Vice President Jewel Howard Taylor. After hearing impassioned speeches from the young activists, the Vice President agreed to take their calls to action to the Liberian parliament, the First Lady of Sierra Leone, and regional organizations in Africa.

Learn more about the Ending Violence Against Girls in West Africa initiative at globalfundforchildren.org/empowering-girls

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I'm so inspired. I am learning things I had never learned before. I feel like we have the power to change the mindset of people about girls.”

— Naomi, 14, a summit participant from Sierra Leone

12

adolescent organizers

100+

youth participants



Photo: Global Fund for Children

Learning, Influencing, and Connecting with Partners and Youth

LEARNING AND SHARING COLLABORATIVE INSIGHT

On a Path to Better Serving Our Partners

In early 2022, we were thrilled to receive the results of our second Grantee Perception Report, prepared by the Center for Effective Philanthropy (CEP). The report, which was based on comprehensive, anonymous feedback from our local partners, showed that they had noticed the changes we've made at GFC to strengthen and deepen our relationships.

CEP benchmarked our findings against a cohort of 12 peer organizations as well as a broader dataset of 300 funders. GFC ranked at the top for the quality of our relationships with our partners and also received high ratings for our impact on our partners' fields, communities, and organizations. In fact, GFC scored in the top 1%–3% of 300 funders on dimensions of approachability, responsiveness, and understanding partners' work.

We are grateful to our partners for their trust in us and their thoughtful reflections on how we are doing and how we can grow. We will continue to ask, listen, and act in order to be an even more effective platform for community-led change and equitable relationships.

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[GFC has] been a major influence in shaping our interventions toward building community ownership and at the same time building youth capacity, and they have supported us in these processes too. They have instilled in us the value of partnership and trust. We have learned from them through their practices.”

– GFC partner who participated in the anonymous Grantee Perception Report survey

Participatory Learning

At GFC, we believe learning is an integral part of community-driven systems change. In the fall of 2021, we completed a comprehensive learning review of our Empowering Adolescent Girls in Central America initiative, which supported 17 community-based partners advancing the rights and opportunities of adolescent girls.

We made the process as collaborative as possible to align our evaluation practices with our values of trust-based philanthropy and shifting power to our partners. We asked our partners for input on the review's design, implementation, and analysis so we could learn together about the impact, effectiveness, and sustainability of the initiative. We also found opportunities to incorporate capacity development for our partners through workshops and trainings.

The learning review found that the initiative, which was supported by Dubai Cares, meaningfully advanced its objectives. Partners used GFC's support to build their organizational and technical capacities and to expand and strengthen their programs. They also reported observing many changes in the lives of the adolescent girls they worked with, such as significant increases in the girls' sense of empowerment, leadership skills, and ability to take collective action.





INFLUENCING AND SHIFTING THE FUNDING ECOSYSTEM

We are committed to influencing the larger environment that affects our partners' work so they can get the flexible support they need to best serve their communities. In our Grantee Perception Report, 61% of our partners told us they would like to see us encourage other donors to support flexible, long-term funding.

Over the past year, we grew our influencing efforts, teaming up with like-minded organizations and leading sector conversations. GFC team members, partners, and youth leaders spoke about the importance of trust-based relationships, children's rights, youth participation, and community-led change at more than 35 virtual and in-person events, reaching an estimated 3,800 people.

We are proud to champion innovative and meaningful practices that make space for young people as agents of change. This past year, these efforts included a collaboration with Elevate Children Funders Group to design the first-ever funders' toolkit on child and youth participation in philanthropy, as well as conducting participatory research on disruptive youth movements through a Central America & Mexico Youth Fund collaborative.





CONNECTING AND WEAVING CHANGE THROUGH DYNAMIC NETWORKS

We believe that community-driven systems change is supported when individuals and groups come together to find common purpose, learn, and identify paths toward change. We regularly engage with our partners through in-person and virtual meetings, workshops, phone calls, emails, and informal communication methods such as WhatsApp. These interactions cultivate trust-based relationships while also providing partners with capacity development and networking opportunities. Last year, we hosted ten gatherings to encourage collaboration among partners working on similar issues or within the same region, as well as 84 workshops on topics ranging from safeguarding to fundraising to youth empowerment.

In February 2022, we launched the Partner Advisory Group, a network of local partners that acts as a sounding board for GFC in programmatic, learning, and influencing areas, while fostering connections with each other. The 14 members, many of whom have worked with GFC for several years, represent 13 organizations based in 11 different countries.

We also launched an online platform that provides a space for partners to connect, learn, and collaborate. On Connection Lab – also known as Co-Lab – members from around the world share resources, events, and opportunities for learning, funding, and advocacy.

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Within our organization, GFC has opened opportunities for staff members to learn, collaborate, and participate with [other] organizations [and] leaders in the field. These were not previously available to us.”

– GFC partner who participated in the anonymous Grantee Perception Report survey

Our Awards

GFC was founded on the idea that providing flexible funding to small, local organizations can transform the lives of children and youth worldwide. Our annual awards celebrate some of these outstanding organizations and further catalyze their success.

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This award inspires confidence and passion in us to continue to address issues relating to women and adolescents, especially girls, and to do more to build the agency of young people to speak out against sexual and gender-based violence, advocate for sexual and reproductive rights, and become agents of change in their communities.”

– Hannah Yambasu, Executive Director of Women Against Violence and Exploitation in Society



JULIETTE GIMON COURAGE AWARD

Winners

Afghan Institute of Learning (Afghanistan)

IRODA (Tajikistan)

Women Against Violence and Exploitation in Society (Sierra Leone)

Juliette Gimon, a former GFC Board Chair, was a devoted advocate for children’s rights. The Courage Award was established in 2019 to honor her legacy by recognizing community-based organizations that are positively impacting children and youth in especially challenging circumstances.

The 2022 winners—Afghan Institute of Learning (AIL) in Afghanistan, IRODA in Tajikistan, and Women Against Violence and Exploitation in Society (WAVES) in Sierra Leone—were chosen for their work defending the rights of children and youth to access quality education and reach their full potential.

In Afghanistan, AIL has increased access to education, creating a televised education program to reach young people, especially girls, who have been shut out of the school system. In Tajikistan, IRODA supports children with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and provides ASD-related training to professionals and parents. In Sierra Leone, WAVES empowers girls to advocate for their sexual and reproductive health and rights.

In 2022, the Courage Award Selection Committee also designated two honorees—Yanapanakusun in Peru and Warriors Zulu Nation Honduras in Honduras—to celebrate more organizations demonstrating courage.



MAYA AJMERA SUSTAINABILITY AWARD

Winners

Achievers Ghana (Ghana)
Organization for Youth Empowerment (Honduras)

The annual Maya Ajmera Sustainability Award – named in honor of our founder – recognizes the accomplishments of outstanding GFC partners while providing an investment in their long-term stability.

Winners of this award are chosen by members of GFC’s Youth Leadership Council and by previous award winners.

Achievers Ghana, based in Accra, Ghana, runs a holistic education program for girls in low-income neighborhoods who are at risk of or have experienced child marriage. The organization plans to use the Sustainability Award to support administrative, operational, and staff capacity development costs, including travel expenses to help staff and volunteers reach more girls in rural communities.

Organization for Youth Empowerment (OYE) in El Progreso, Honduras, builds socially conscious youth leaders and encourages high academic achievement through a competitive scholarship program and community engagement projects. OYE plans to use this award to carry out an impact study of its scholarship program and to strengthen its new revenue generation initiative, a graphic design and production studio.

ROBERT D. STILLMAN DIGNITY AWARD

Winner

Center for Girls Foundation (Thailand)

The Dignity Award, established in 2020, honors former GFC Board Chair Bob Stillman’s commitment to improving the lives of children and youth. The award recognizes outstanding organizations addressing the risks and challenges that affect the wellbeing of young people.

The 2022 winner, Center for Girls Foundation, works for gender equality in Thailand and seeks to prevent the exploitation and trafficking of children and women along the Thailand-Laos border. The organization also conducts life skills workshops for children and trains students and teachers in children’s rights.

With this award, Center for Girls Foundation plans to provide training workshops for its staff on monitoring and evaluation, facilitating workshops, basic finance, intercultural skills, English language skills, and fundraising.

Learn more about our annual awards at globalfundforchildren.org/awards

Our Donors

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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INDIVIDUALS

Anonymous (6)

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THE LEGO FOUNDATION

The LEGO Foundation is dedicated to building a future where learning through play empowers children to become creative, engaged, lifelong learners. The LEGO Foundation's support has enabled GFC to launch the Partnership to Educate All Kids (PEAK) initiative, which helps children who have experienced pandemic-related education disruptions access and thrive in learning environments that prepare them for future success.

“

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, many organizations had to pivot and prioritize activities to address new challenges facing children and their families. The LEGO Foundation partnered with Global Fund for Children to maximize the impact of community-based organizations and solutions to address the educational needs of vulnerable children impacted by the pandemic.”

– The LEGO Foundation

BAINUM FAMILY FOUNDATION

The Bainum Family Foundation supports the wellbeing of children and families and strives to build a more equitable society. With the foundation's support, GFC has launched the Supporting Early Education and Development (SEED) initiative, which brings together five community-based organizations providing early childhood learning and development programs in Honduras.

“

We are proud to support this initiative and appreciate the passion, thoughtfulness, and commitment the GFC team has shown in working with these organizations in true partnership.”

– Virginia Gentilcore, Director of Family Philanthropy at the Bainum Family Foundation

AUDEN, CHILD DONOR

Most of our donors are adults, but that doesn't mean kids don't chip in to support GFC! This past summer, two children were determined to help kids whose lives had been impacted by the war in Ukraine. Auden, the daughter of GFC Board member Lila Rymer, and her friend spent part of their vacation selling lemonade and bracelets on the beach to raise money for GFC's Ukraine Emergency Response Fund!

We asked Auden why she and her friend wanted to help kids in Ukraine. “Places were being wrecked and families needed to move,” she said. “I wanted to help give money to children and their families so they could move if they needed or wanted to.”

Their first customer was a lifeguard, and they loved seeing everyone who came to their lemonade stand. “It was so exciting to see the smiles on their faces and to see that so many people wanted to come help,” Auden said.

Raising money “made me feel like I was doing something to support them and for a very good reason,” she added. “It felt good to be helping kids and people all around Ukraine.”

Thanks to their hard work, Auden and her friend raised over \$500 for kids in Ukraine!

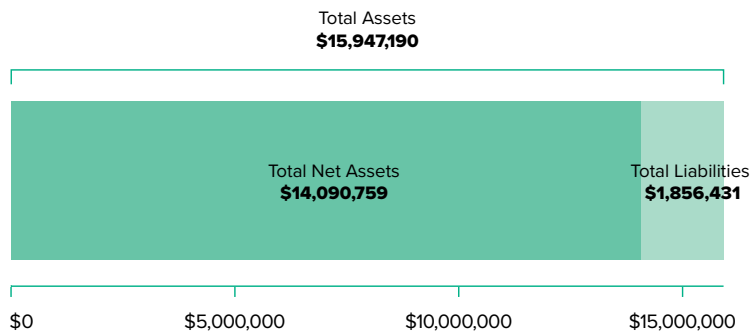
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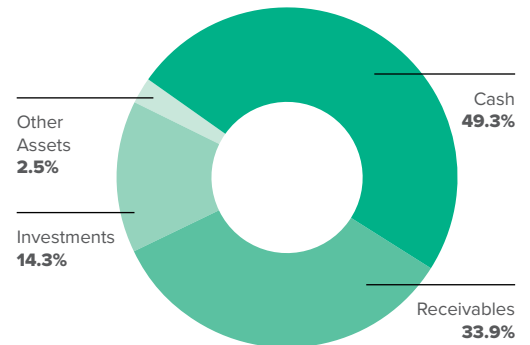
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	2022	2021
ASSETS		
Cash	\$ 7,859,830	\$ 4,347,723
Receivables	5,401,232	4,214,094
Investments	2,286,068	2,614,164
Other Assets	400,060	368,082
Total Assets	\$ 15,947,190	\$ 11,544,063
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Liabilities		
Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses	\$ 289,188	\$ 269,715
Notes Payable	500,000	150,000
Grants Payable	755,957	355,629
Other Liabilities	311,286	304,963
Total Liabilities	\$ 1,856,431	\$ 1,080,307
Net Assets		
Net Assets without Donor Restrictions	\$ 2,518,804	\$ 2,476,469
Net Assets with Donor Restrictions	11,571,955	7,987,287
Total Net Assets	\$ 14,090,759	\$ 10,463,756
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$ 15,947,190	\$ 11,544,063

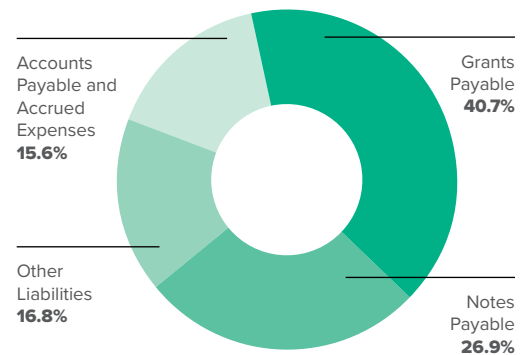
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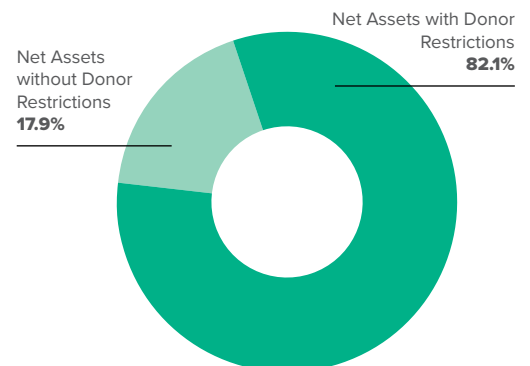
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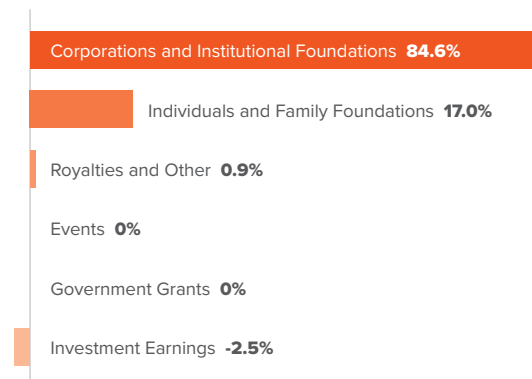


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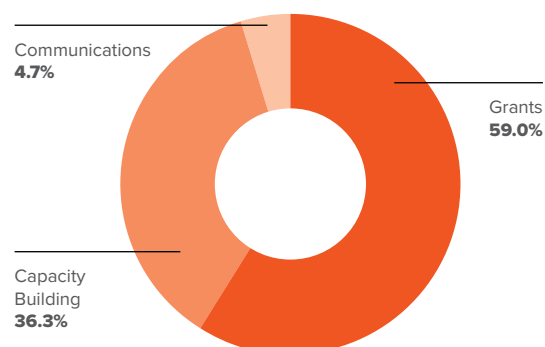
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	2022	2021
REVENUE		
Individuals and Family Foundations	\$ 2,388,960	\$ 861,306
Corporations and Institutional Foundations	11,908,315	8,978,584
Government Grants	-	315,750
Events	395	684,379
Investment Earnings	(349,077)	514,405
Royalties and Other	127,971	59,553
Total Revenue	\$ 14,076,564	\$ 11,413,978
EXPENSES		
Program Expenses		
Grants	\$ 5,385,934	\$ 4,798,650
Capacity Building	3,312,991	2,566,241
Communications	428,419	348,793
Total Program Expenses	\$ 9,127,344	\$ 7,713,684
Management and General Development	\$ 624,039	\$ 536,576
	698,178	588,531
Total Expenses	\$ 10,449,561	\$ 8,838,791
Increase in Net Assets	\$ 3,627,003	\$ 2,575,187

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PROGRAM EXPENSES



TOTAL EXPENSES

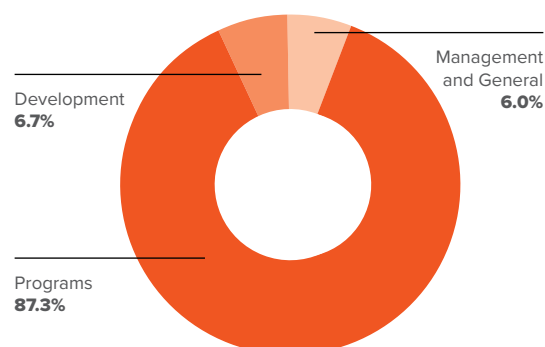


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SWATEE DEEPAK

Swatee Deepak has been a member of GFC's Global Board of Directors since 2020. She brings valuable expertise from her work with private and public foundations as well as her work with individuals and families of wealth on their redistribution strategies. Swatee previously served as the Director of the With and For Girls Collective, the world's only participatory fund by and for adolescent girls, and as the Director of Stars Foundation, a private philanthropic foundation focused on funding grassroots organizations working with children and young people. She has continued to champion children's rights and gender equity through her leadership role at GFC.

“

Having worked with Global Fund for Children as a peer funder through my time at Stars Foundation and the With and For Girls Collective, I knew firsthand the brilliant work GFC does to support small, community-led groups around the world that are championing young people's rights and the voice and agency of children.”

– Swatee Deepak

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