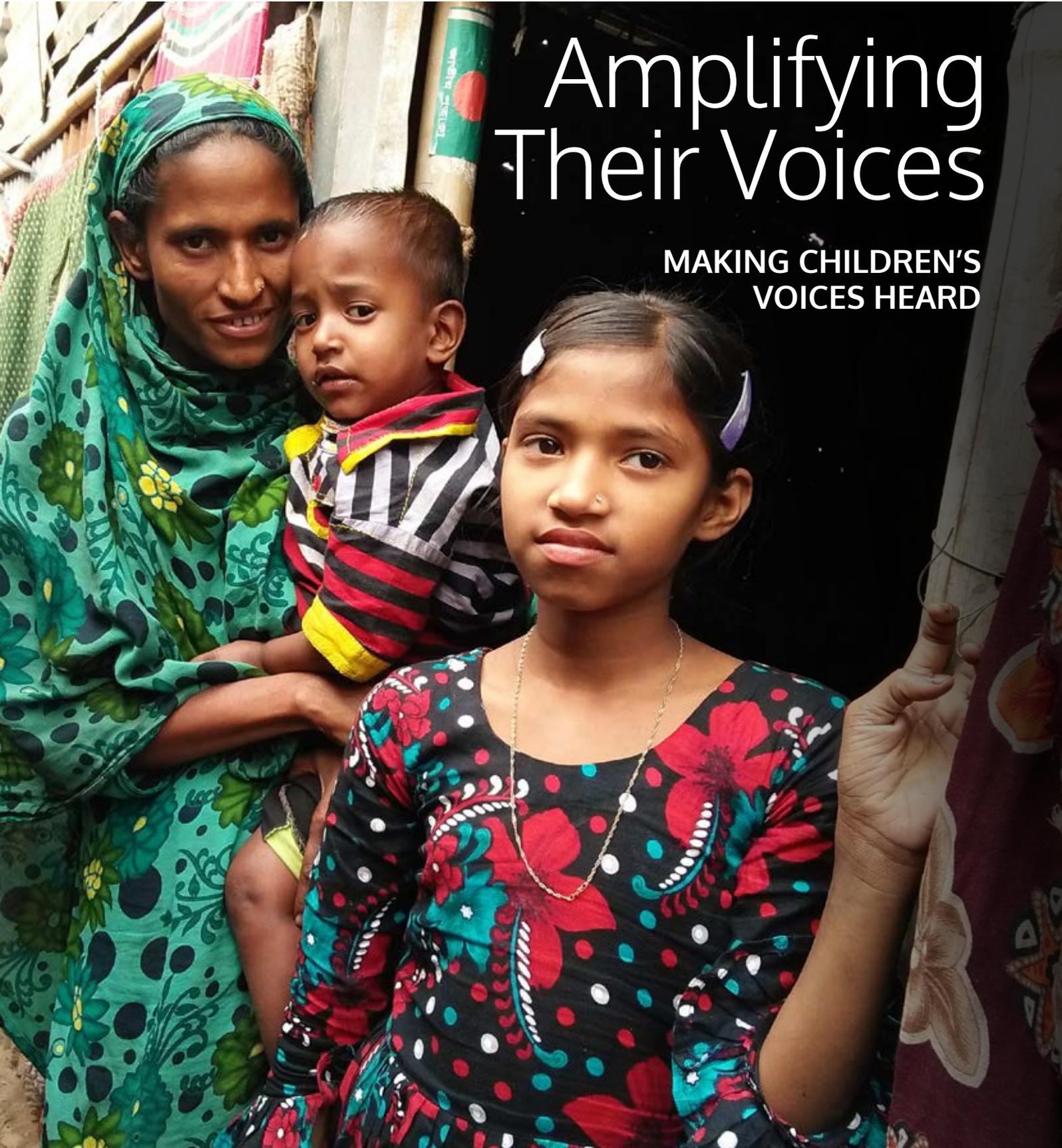


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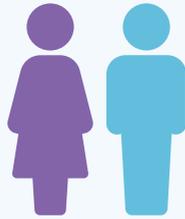
MAKING CHILDREN'S
VOICES HEARD



Impact Snapshot

Thanks to your support, we worked with 12 local partners in Africa and Asia in 2019, reaching

17,810 girls and **5,831** boys.



91%

of donations we received in 2019 were spent on **projects that...**



Supported

17,383

children to access quality education in safer schools and educational institutions

Increased **14,488**

children's participation in decision making and inclusion



Protected

4,587

children from violence and abuse

Advocated changes in laws and policies that impact **176** children's lives



Improved

2,810

children's physical and mental health

Increased livelihoods options for **196** children so they can build their lives away from poverty



Fundraising Ideas



Donate your Commute

If you're now regularly working from home, would you consider donating the money you're saving on fuel and fares to ChildHope? You can make your gift go further by setting up a monthly donation, as this helps us plan our work more efficiently. You can set up a regular gift of £3, £10 or £15 in a few quick steps. Find out more at www.childhope.org.uk/donate



Create a Facebook Fundraiser

Do you have a birthday or other milestone coming up? How about you ask family and friends to help you celebrate with a Facebook Fundraiser for ChildHope? These are simple to set up and share, and every pound donated will help some of the world's most vulnerable children. Get started by going to our Facebook profile and scrolling down to 'Create a Fundraiser'. www.facebook.com/childhopeuk



GiftAid it!

Did you know, if you're a UK tax payer, your donation can go even further at no extra cost to you? For every £1 given, an additional 25p can be donated to ChildHope through the GiftAid scheme. All you need to do is just tick the box when you give online or when sending your gift through the post.

Fundraising Update

“It’s wonderful when ChildHope helps get children off the dumps and back into education.”

If you saw the VE Day celebrations in the news, you may well recognise our long-time friend and supporter Charles Roper-Medhurst.

A decorated veteran of World War Two, Charles was photographed marking the anniversary with friends and neighbours in his street in Greenwich. His image appeared everywhere from *The Guardian* to *The Sun* – and, to Charles’ amusement, he even shared the cover of a Spanish newspaper with Angela Merkel and Emmanuel Macron. What was his take on it all? “I was very flattered!” he tells us modestly.

Choosing ChildHope

Charles first got in touch with ChildHope back in 1997, when he had a place in the London marathon and wanted to run for us. What inspired him to choose ChildHope?

“When I was very young, we were very poor,” says Charles. “There were times when I ran errands to get money to buy food. It was tough. So I know what it’s like to be poor, and that’s what appealed to me about ChildHope.”

Banana cake and the BBC

Between 1988 and 2002, Charles ran an impressive 16 marathons for his favourite charities. Today he has swapped his running vest for an apron.

“When I’m holding a coffee morning for ChildHope, I bake for a couple of weeks beforehand,” he says. “Around 40 friends and neighbours come round – nice, generous people - and we have a raffle and a sale.”

Which bake goes down best? “Banana and cinnamon cake is popular, and I usually make quite a few Dundee cakes to sell. A friend of mine always does some baking as well.”

In 2016, the BBC show *Flog It!* was filmed at the Old Royal Naval College in Greenwich. Charles went along with a Chinese ivory fan, which he sold for £300.

“The fan had belonged to a dear friend who died when she was 99,” says Charles. “She left it to me and as she’d worked all her life with children, I thought if I ‘flog it’, ChildHope would be a good one to give the money to.”



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‘What a Life!!’ - and what a kind gesture

Greenwich has been Charles’ home for 95 years. When a friend suggested that he record the many changes he’d seen in the area since the 1920s, Charles wrote a memoir called ‘What a Life!!’.

Charles’ local community centre organised a book launch. “It was wonderful,” he says. “There was food and wine laid on and around 150 people turned up, including the mayor and Jill and Marcus from ChildHope.”

We were lucky enough to receive £1000 from the sales of Charles’ book, as were another of his favourite charities, Forgotten Allies. “Not enough people know about these small charities,” says Charles. “I take every opportunity I can to tell people about ChildHope.”

The importance of education

Over the years, Charles has raised an amazing £6864 for us – and that doesn’t include his monthly gifts. What motivates him to keep supporting ChildHope?

“Getting children into school is necessary and worthwhile,” says Charles. “It’s wonderful when ChildHope helps get children off the dumps and back into education. That appeals to me.”

Charles, on behalf of everyone at ChildHope and our partners around the world, we want to thank you for your unwavering support over the last 23 years. We couldn’t do our vital work supporting vulnerable children without the loyalty and kindness of people like you. Thank you again!

Inspired by Charles?

This generous man has been doing what he can to support us for many years. We would like to show him what our supporters think of his efforts by running a mini appeal in honour of him. Get involved by hovering your mobile phone camera over this QR code and then tap the link to make a donation. Be sure to leave a short message to Charles to let him know that you support his fundraising efforts too.





Project Focus: CLARISSA

Context

The International Labour Organisation estimate that 152 million children, aged 5 to 17, are engaged in child labour. In Bangladesh, Myanmar, and Nepal child labour and modern slavery is highly prevalent. These low-income countries face multiple challenges like poverty, climate change, poor education, political instability and civil conflict – all contributing factors to child labour.

The Problem

Right now, millions of children in Bangladesh, Nepal and Myanmar are trapped in child labour. It is estimated that in Bangladesh and Nepal alone, over 73 million children are working in hazardous conditions that are likely to harm their physical and mental health. In some cases, these children are involved in the very worst forms of child labour - identified by the International Labour Organisation as forced labour, dangerous work, long hours, and physical or sexual exploitation.

Project Overview

ChildHope is proud to be part of CLARISSA (Child Labour Action Research in South and Southeast Asia), a participatory action research consortium of children's charities and organisations, learning what drives children into the worst forms of child labour in order to give them more options to avoid exploitative work.

Children's voices and participation are at the heart of this groundbreaking project. Children are sharing their own personal experiences and developing ways to address the challenges that they face. They are testing and evaluating their own solutions.

Together we are learning what drives children into the worst forms of child labour so that we can help them find ways to avoid it through building a body of child-focused evidence on child labour to help us find the best solutions, and co-develop ways to tackle this issue which can be scaled up across other regions.

Through CLARISSA, we're supporting children to make change happen themselves. We are listening to children and being led by them.

#childlabouraction



Project Objectives

Build strong new evidence: Research the key drivers of the worst forms of child labour; investigate linkages between poverty and gender, neighbourhood dynamics, kinship and social norms; understand connections between the worst forms of child labour, supply chains and human chains; inform policy and policy makers, governments, NGOs, businesses and communities.

Develop new innovations: Through participatory action research processes and supporting children in decision-making, develop child-led solutions to counteract the worst forms of child labour; develop and test new innovations identified with and by the children in the project.

Identify which innovations could be scaled up and out: Understand more about what works in tackling the worst forms and child labour; identify which new innovations could be built into larger programmes, or extended to reach children in other countries and contexts.

Our partners

CLARISSA is led by the Institute of Development Studies. We are supporting CLARISSA by working through our local partners, Grambangla in Bangladesh and Voice of Children in Nepal.

To find out more about the CLARISSA project, go to bit.ly/clarissaproject

Amplifying Their Voices

“I will prove that a person with disability is also capable of being independent.”

Seventeen-year-old Pujan is from Nuwakot, a district north of Kathmandu in Nepal. He lives with his mother and older brother.

A few years ago, Pujan fell sick. His father left the family and with no financial support from her husband, Pujan's mother couldn't afford the hospital treatment he urgently needed. As a result, Pujan lost the use of one of his legs. He needed help to get to and from school, but when he got there he was teased by the other children. Eventually, he dropped out.

Shakti Samuha is one of our partners in Nepal. It is the first organisation in the world established and run by survivors of human trafficking, which is a big threat in this part of Nepal. Through education and training, they provide opportunities for people to help them avoid getting trapped in modern slavery.

When community volunteers from Shakti Samuha learnt of Pujan's situation, they reached out and offered to help him. He told them that he wanted to learn tailoring, because it would give him a way to earn a living without having to stand up or leave his home.

With Shakti Samuha's support, Pujan enrolled in a tailoring course and is currently completing training in Kathmandu. They also provided Pujan with crutches to have more mobility and independence.

“I am happy that I am getting tailoring training,” says Pujan. “I am grateful to Shakti Samuha for providing me this opportunity. I will prove that a person with disability is also capable of being independent. I want to open a tailor shop in my village and earn money.”



What Pujan needed most was to be listened to - to tell his story and have a meaningful conversation about his frustrations and his dreams for the future.

At ChildHope, we believe children like Pujan are the experts in their own lives. They can teach us so much about the impact of the injustices they face and how they believe their problems can be addressed.

Support us in creating a world where children's ideas and ambitions are listened to, and where they receive what they need to realise their dreams and potential.

DONATE TO HELP MAKE CHILDREN'S VOICES HEARD

£10 Can buy 20 nutritious meals for children in Bangladesh.

£25 Can support a child in Kenya back into primary school with a uniform, shoes and exercise books.

£50 Can provide training and vocational skills for a teenager in Sierra Leone.

£100 Can help provide vital therapy support for a child in Kenya to help them deal with trauma.

Donate

ONLINE: www.childhope.org.uk

TEXT: Text **CHILD** to **70460** to donate £20. (texts cost £20 plus one standard rate message.)

POST: Send to ChildHope UK,
The Green House, 244 – 254
Cambridge Heath Road, London, E2 9DA

PARTNER FOCUS

Supporting Bangladeshi Garment Factory Workers through COVID-19

Bangladesh is the world’s second largest producer of clothes for high street fashion retailers. According to the World Bank, the garment industry is the single biggest factor in the growth of Bangladesh’s GDP from £17.5 billion in 1986 to £178.5 billion by 2016.

Factories close

In April, when the Covid-19 pandemic was quickly moving around the world, retailers cancelled orders and factories abruptly closed. Thousands of garment factory workers were left unpaid, unable to pay rent or feed their children.

Nagorik Uddyog (‘Citizen’s Initiative’) is one of our local partners in Bangladesh. We have been working with them to support garment workers and their children since 2013. When the pandemic started impacting the families they support, Nagorik Uddyog rapidly changed their regular programme into an emergency response.

Emergency food packages

Teachers from the Nagorik Uddyog daycare centres contacted families to tell them that they would be distributing food and supplements. This relief effort meant that during the Eid holidays, 172 food packages were distributed to families in Dhaka slums to meet their basic needs.

For families like nine-year-old Abdul’s, this food assistance has been a lifeline. His mum works in a garment factory and his dad is a driver in public transport. Lockdown meant that



both Abdul’s parents lost their jobs - and his mum didn’t get the wages she was owed for March or April. It wasn’t long before the family had no money to buy food, and Abdul and his siblings became sick and malnourished. Then they received their food package from Nagorik Uddyog.

His mum told us, “We were having an extremely bad time due to Covid-19. It’s helped us to eliminate our food shortage and we are still eating the food we were given.”

We would like to thank the team at Nagorik Uddyog for their hard work during this crisis. Because of their courage and leadership, garment workers like Abdul’s mum have been able to feed their families. This wouldn’t have happened without the flexibility and generous support of our project funder, TRAIID. Read more about this project here:

<https://bit.ly/garmentworkers>

MEET OUR TEAM:

Lily Harris,

Digital Communications Officer



I’m Lily, the newest member of the team and ChildHope’s Digital Communications Officer. I relocated to the UK earlier this year, having spent the past two years working in Spain, Switzerland, and the UK. I’m very

passionate about the environment and ocean conversation. Having worked for beach clean-up and clothing recycling organisations, I wanted to understand how these problems

impact children globally and work with waste picker communities and garment factory workers.

I joined the team this year in March, just one week before London went into lockdown. While starting a new job always has its challenges, Covid-19 and the subsequent lockdown was something no one could have ever foreseen. However, working from home has shown me how creative, supportive, and flexible the ChildHope team is. They adapted and responded to a global emergency immediately, putting the needs and wellbeing of children they work with first and ensuring their local partners are supported, all while continuing their usual programme work.

I’ve really enjoyed diving straight into the job and getting to know the incredible work ChildHope does. They’re an ambitious bunch, tackling some of the most deep-rooted causes of poverty and inequality for some of the most marginalised people. It’s very rewarding to work with a group of like-minded people who are driven and share the same goals for a better world for all.

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