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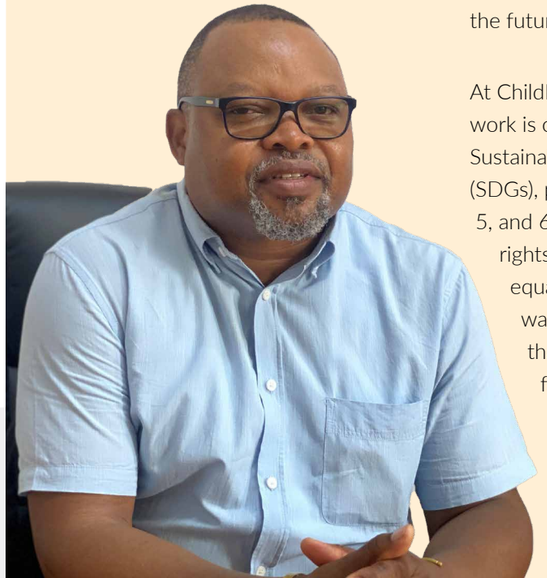
Abbreviations & Acronyms

ADC	Development Community Agents
ATTV	Associação Txivuno Txa Vanana
BCI	Banco Comercial e de Investimentos
CBCPM	Community-Based Child Protection Mechanisms
CD	Country Director
CO	Country Office
CP	Child Protection
CSO	Civil Society Organization
ECD	Early Childhood Development
EHALE	Health Association
FY	Fiscal Year
LPs	Local Partners
LS	Life Stage
NGO	Non-Governmental Organization
PEF	Partnership Effectiveness Fund
SAAJ	Adolescent and Youth Friendly Health Services
SDSMAS	District Health, Women and Social Action Service
SDAE	District Service for Economic Activities
SRH	Sexual Reproductive Health (SRH)
UATAF	Community Empowerment Association
WASH	Water, Sanitation and Hygiene
WATANA	Association for Solidarity and Help for Disadvantaged Children

Country Director's Note

As we reflect on the past year, I am filled with immense joy and gratitude for the remarkable progress we have made in advancing the rights and well-being of children across Mozambique. Our journey in 2024 has been marked by significant achievements, driven by our unwavering commitment to building a brighter future for every child. It is my pleasure to share some key highlights of our collective impact this year.

Climate change remains a major challenge, especially for vulnerable communities and children. In response, we have intensified our efforts to mitigate its effects through sustainable practices and resilience-building initiatives. Our programs have prioritized raising community awareness and promoting sustainable resource management, which not only protect the environment but also ensure food security and livelihoods for families. By empowering communities to adapt to climate change, we are safeguarding the future of our children.



At ChildFund Mozambique, our work is closely aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly SDG 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6, which relate to children's rights, health, nutrition, gender equality, and access to clean water and sanitation. We believe that every child deserves a fair chance to thrive, and we remain committed to making this vision a reality.

We have continued to advocate for the protection and promotion of children's rights, ensuring that their voices are heard and respected. Through our child protection programs, we have created safe spaces and provided education on children's rights and responsibilities, empowering them to become active participants in their communities, We supported a Child Parliament Session with the participation of 60 children in Zavala and trained 350 children on child-led advocacy initiatives.

Children's health and nutrition are at the heart of our mission. This year, we expanded our health programs to reach more children and families with essential services, including immunizations, maternal and child healthcare, and nutrition education.



As a result, we have improved health outcomes and enhanced the well-being of thousands of children. Our awareness-raising sessions on child nutrition, proper hygiene, and sanitation reached 4,337 caregivers and their children.

Promoting gender equality is also integral to our work. We launched new initiatives aimed at breaking down gender barriers, empowering girls, and supporting gender-sensitive education. Our programs address critical issues such as early marriage, gender-based violence, and unequal access to education and healthcare. By fostering an inclusive environment, we are ensuring that every child, regardless of gender, has the opportunity to succeed.

In 2024, we also saw growth in our sponsorship program. By year-end, we registered 11,811 children, of whom 7,073 were sponsored, compared to 11,211 registered and 6,870 sponsored in 2023. This increase demonstrates the expanding reach of our impact.

We have also significantly expanded our resource acquisition portfolio by launching a major grant-funded project, funded by the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation. In March 2023, we launched the Nurturing Care/Okhala Sana project in Nampula, aimed at improving the holistic development of children aged 0-3 years. This project delivers an evidence-based parenting program that enhances the knowledge, attitudes, and practices of caregivers, including adolescent mothers. It also promotes caregiver well-being through holistic psychosocial support and income-generating activities, while building the capacity of local organizations and child protection agencies for sustainable, multisectoral coordination.

As we look ahead, we remain committed to creating lasting change for children in Mozambique. Our strategic priorities include expanding climate resilience initiatives, strengthening partnerships to achieve the SDGs, and enhancing our programs to meet the evolving needs of children and families. None of this would be possible without the support of our partners, donors, and the communities we serve. Your dedication and generosity have been instrumental in driving our mission forward.

Yours sincerely,



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About ChildFund

ChildFund International is a child-focused development organization that works throughout Asia, Africa and the Americas to connect children with the people, resources and institutions they need to grow up healthy, educated, skilled and safe — safe at home, at school, in the community and online.

Delivered through over 150 local implementing partner organizations, our programs address the underlying conditions that prevent any child or youth from achieving their full potential.

ChildFund's approach emphasizes child protection, as violence, exploitation, abuse and neglect can reverse developmental gains over the child's growth.

With more than 80 years promoting societies in which individuals and institutions participate in valuing, protecting and promoting the importance and Rights of the Child, the work carried out by this Non-Governmental Organization is reflected in more than 23 countries, reaching more than 21.5 million of children, their families and communities.

Our Vision

A world where **every child realizes their rights and achieves their potential.**

Our Mission

HELP children to have the capacity to improve their lives and opportunity to become young adults, parents, and leaders who bring lasting and positive change to their communities.

PROMOTE societies whose individuals and institutions participate in valuing, protecting, and advancing the worth and rights of children.

ENRICH supporters' lives through their support of our cause.

"A child needs protection, support and care at every stage of childhood to stay safe, healthy, learning and on track to reach their full potential."

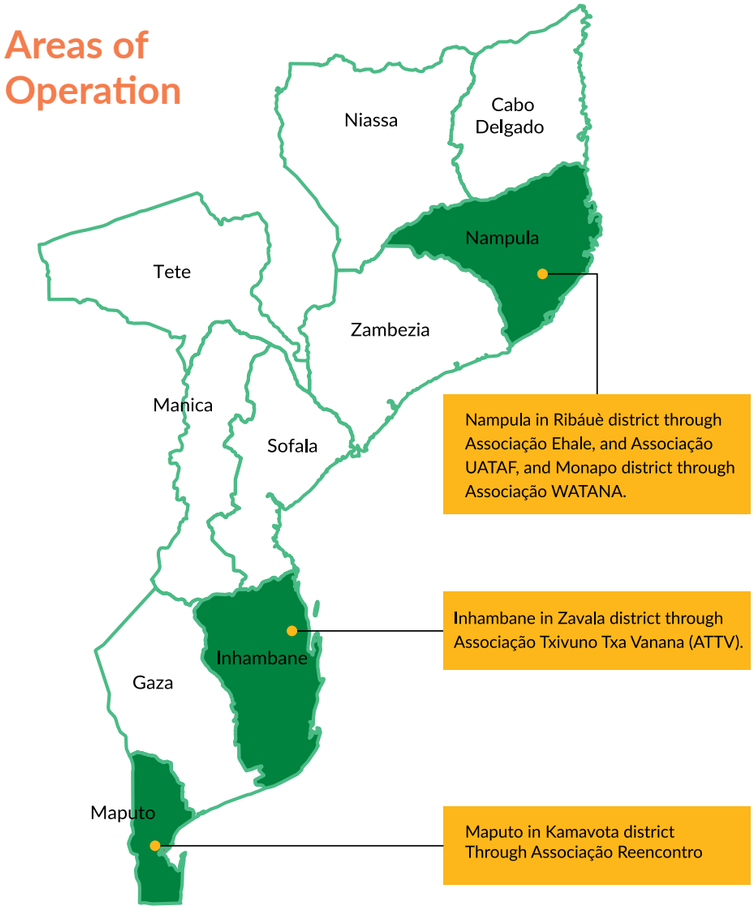
About ChildFund Mozambique

"We fuel sustainable social change at multiple levels so every child can fulfill their right to grow up healthy, educated, skilled and — above all — safe"

ChildFund has been working in Mozambique since 2005 through 5 Local Partners (LP) operating in 3 Provinces, (1) Maputo, with Associação Reencontro, (2) Inhambane, with Associação Txivuno Txa Vanana (ATTV) and (3) Nampula with Associação UATAF, EHALE and WATANA.

ChildFund Mozambique implement programs in Early Childhood Development, Health and Nutrition, Child Protection, Education, Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH), and Emergency response. In FY 24, ChildFund invested $ 2.1 million in programs aiming at realizing long-term, sustainable change for children, youth and their families.

Areas of Operation



ChildFund Mozambique operates in 3 provinces: Maputo, Inhambane, and Nampula. Through our local Partners (LPs) Reencontro, Associação Txivuno Txa Vanana (ATTV), WATANA, Ehale and UATAF, respectively, our activities primarily focus on child sponsorship programs in Maputo and Inhambane.

In Nampula, we implement a grant-funded project, Okhala Sana funded by Conrad N. Hilton Foundation dedicated to Early Childhood Development (ECD), addressing the crucial early years of children's growth and education. We fuel sustainable social change at multiple levels so every child can fulfill their right to grow up healthy, educated, skilled and — above all — safe.

FY24 Key Achievements

11,211
children enrolled in child sponsorship program.

4,379
Individuals with access to clean and safe water.

1,087
Individuals reached with messages on ECD.

4
Memoranda of Understanding (MoU) signed with strategic and technical partners - Early Childhood Development Network (RDPI), WeWorld – GVC, The Education For All Movement (MEPT), Association Football Gives Strength (Associação de Futebol Dá Força).

Implementation of **nurturing care parents' sessions manual** for community facilitators.

USD
2,149,817
Financial investment in development programs.

Program Priorities

ChildFund programs are implemented using a distinctive 3 life stage programming approach. This approach promotes children's optimal development at every age by tailoring interventions to their unique needs as they grow from infants to young adults.

The life stage approach is classified as follows:







Life Stage 1

Healthy and Secure Infants (0 to 5 Years)

Life Stage 2

Educated and Confident Children (6 to 14 years)

Life Stage 3

Skilled and Involved Youth (15 to 24 years)

- Early Childhood Development
- Health and Nutrition
- Education
- Child Protection & Advocacy
- Emergency Response
- Advocacy
- Climate Action
- Household Economic Strengthening
- Youth Development
- Water, Sanitation and Hygiene

Healthy and Secure Infants (0 – 5 years)

ChildFund programs focus on ensuring that children from birth to five years old are healthy, secure, and provided with the essential foundation for a strong start in life. Through ECD programs, we support children's physical, cognitive, and emotional development by promoting maternal health, proper nutrition, immunization, and safe environments.

Early Childhood Development (ECD)

ChildFund's ECD programs aim to help infants and young children develop at their potential, enjoy good physical and mental health, live in supportive communities and be part of stable households that interact in non-violent ways.

In March 2023, ChildFund expanded its intervention to Nampula Province in ECD through the Nurturing Care project funded by the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation, Okhala Sana, aiming to improve early childhood development outcomes for children aged 0-3 in Ribaue and Monapo districts of Nampula Province. The project is implemented in collaboration with three local partners (UATAF, EHALE, and WATANA), targets caregivers, particularly adolescent and young parents, to promote responsive caregiving practices and create an enabling environment for optimal child development.



Community education sessions on nutrition were conducted reaching **3,000** caregivers, including 370 men.

17 Early Childhood Educators trained in inclusive teaching, children's rights and citizenship; learning methods according to children's abilities and needs; production of learning/playing materials, using local resources; positive discipline, and the need to lead parental education sessions.

42 Community facilitators trained on Early Childhood Development.

586 Children supported with play and learning materials.

223 Male caregivers of participated in ECD programs on responsive parenting and nurturing care.

4 Community child protection fairs reached 500 people, (423 women and 77 men).

14 Awareness-raising sessions on the importance of hygiene and sanitation in the community reached 1337 caregivers (1085 women and 252 men).

20 Community nutrition sessions, involving caregivers (2630 women and 370 men reached).

During the first year of implementation the project made significant progress: successfully trained 31 Trainers of Trainers (TOTs) and 33 community facilitators, with 45% female participation. Pre- and post-training assessments demonstrated a 32% increase in ECD knowledge among TOTs and facilitators, with **90%** now demonstrating mastery of core competencies.

Conducted vulnerability mapping to identify **100** at-risk households to receive tailored livelihoods inputs and training. Among the selected households, 70% were female-headed, 30% include an adolescent caregiver, and 62% have more than five dependents.

Increasing access to quality early childhood development in Zavala

Life in Zavala district before the establishment of an Early childhood development (ECD) center was challenging, especially for mothers and their children. The absence of a dedicated educational facility meant that children had limited opportunities to learn and play in a safe environment. Many spent their days at home or accompanying their mothers to work in the fields, missing out on crucial early childhood education and social interactions. **"Our children would start school when they were already too old. Like 7 years! All this time they would be at home, just playing and not learning much,"** said Florencia.

For the mothers, the lack of a safe place for their children meant that their days were consumed by caregiving, leaving little time for other activities. The inability to engage in income-generating activities deepened the cycle of poverty and limited the community's growth. The aspirations of these mothers for a better future for their children seemed distant and unattainable.

How did ChildFund intervene?

Recognizing the serious need for a safe and nurturing environment for children, ChildFund collaborated with the local community to construct a community Early Childhood Development center. The ECD center comprises of two classrooms, three toilets with plumbing water (two for kids and one for educators); one playground, 30 kids' chairs, 7 kids tables, two blackboards, an outdoor kitchen. The center is also well equipped with learning and teaching materials such as books and toys produced in the center by the children.

With their children in a safe and nurturing environment, mothers now have the time to focus on other activities. Many have started small businesses or found part-time work in the mornings, significantly contributing to their family's income. "I live here near the community school, and it has brought many good changes. For me as a mother now I have more time for the house and family chores and small business. says Altina, a mother of two.

"My 4-year-old daughter is also happier, more motivated and enjoys being at school learning and playing. Even on weekends when there is no school, she wants to come to school, I must explain to her that at the weekend there is no school and even the teachers must rest."

Regular health check-ups and nutritious meals at the school ensure that children are healthy and ready to learn, addressing issues of malnutrition and illness that were prevalent before. **"The school has taught us about proper nutrition. We have regular training sessions here. We are taught about the best foods with the most nutrients. We have monthly sessions for parents here at school to teach us these good practices,"** Florencia, 28 years, mother of Edezio 2 years.

"The inability to engage in income-generating activities deepened the cycle of poverty and limited the community's growth."

"This community center is a symbol of unity and learning, not only to educate our children but also us, the parents, in this matter to do with our children. Once a month we have a parents' meeting here at the school and we have educational and parenting sessions that help us in our daily lives, understanding childhood and nutrition sessions, they teach and encourage us parents and primary caregivers to understand proper nutritious food and health care support, also that young children need cognitive stimulation. These are very important lessons, and we are noticing the changes in both the children and ourselves, the parents." Florencia, 28 years.

This project has also impacted the fathers in the community and promoted male engagement in parenting.

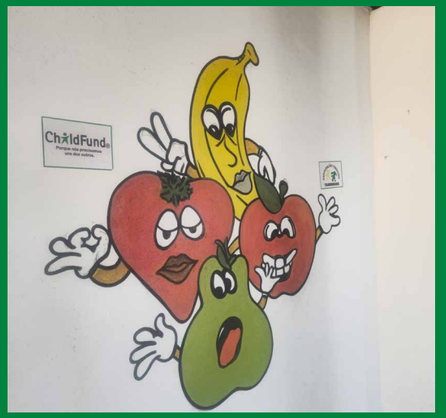
"These parents' sessions here at school are very valuable, and they teach us many things, for fathers that it is very important to participate in the development of our children, moving away from the traditional idea that caring for and playing with our children is only the mother's job, we fathers play a very important role, and now we play more with our children" Carlos Nhabinde, a father of two children.

- The school provides a safe space for children to learn, play, and grow. With access to quality early childhood education, the children of Zavala are now equipped with the foundational skills needed for future academic success. They interact with peers, fostering social skills and emotional development.
- The school has also become a hub for community engagement. Mothers gather for workshops on parenting, health, and business skills, creating a strong support network that empowers them to strive for better futures for their families.

A day at a ChildFund-supported ECD center in Zavala District

















Health and Nutrition

At ChildFund, we prioritize children's health and nutrition as fundamental pillars of their overall well-being. Our programs focus on improving access to essential healthcare services, promoting maternal and child health, and addressing malnutrition among vulnerable children and families. We work closely with local health facilities and communities to ensure that children receive proper nutrition, vaccinations, and health education.

Through our initiatives, we support child growth monitoring and educate caregivers on balanced diets and hygiene practices.



36 Nutritional training sessions were conducted reaching 1,872 mothers and caregivers, to provide practical demonstrations on preparing nutritious food for children using locally available ingredients.

168 children referred to the health center (nutritional screening).

Strengthened the capacity of 21 country government officers on the components of nurturing care, caregiver well-being and community-based child protection.

"We work closely with local health facilities and communities to ensure that children receive proper nutrition, vaccinations, and health education."

"We learned a lot of good things today at this nutrition training. I enjoyed taking part because it will help me to always remind my grandmother to include fruit, peanuts or eggs in my pap (maize meal porridge), so that it can be more nutritious. What I loved most about the nutrition session is that it showed us how easy it is to make healthy food for kids like me. We don't need expensive ingredients or complicated recipes.

With just a few simple, local products like banana or carrot, we can make something that's good for our bodies and our minds. So, if you ever get a chance to join a nutrition session like I did, don't miss it! You'll learn so much and have fun too with your friends and neighbors" Said 8-year-old Nelia, during a community nutritional education session carried out by ChildFund and local partner Associacao Reencontro in Maputo City.

Increasing access to quality healthcare

ChildFund interventions provide access to quality basic health care services and medical treatment to children and their families, especially those living in rural communities.

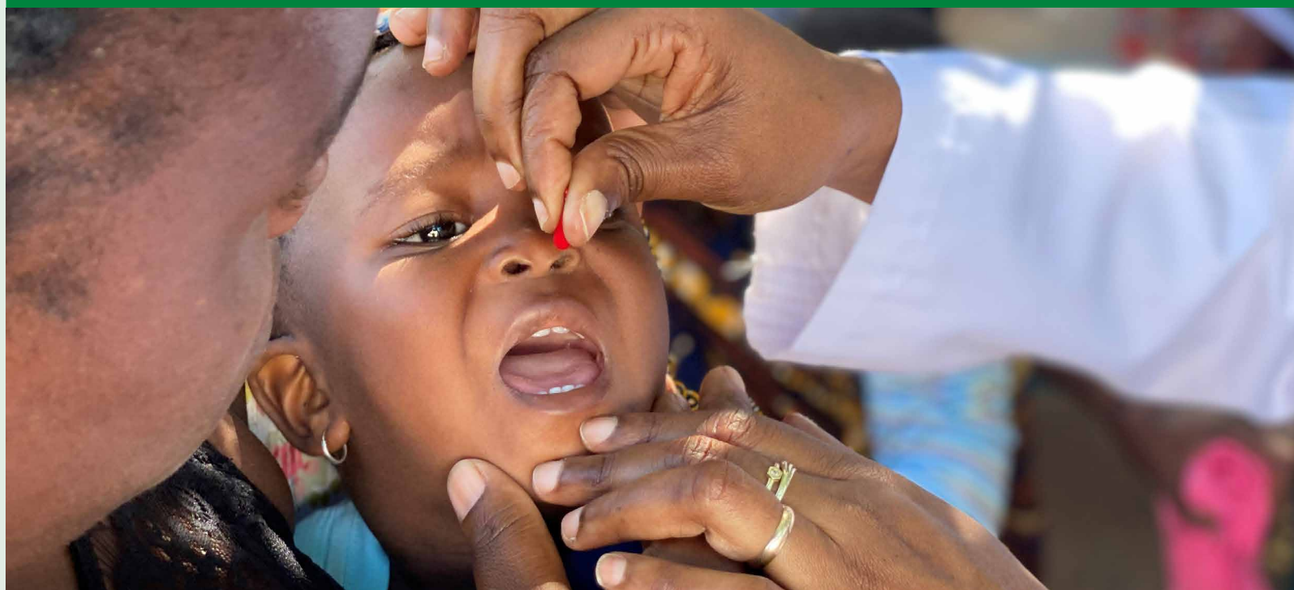
3,829 Children (0 to 5 years) received vitamin A supplements.

8,725 number of children and youth reached with health messages in and out of school.

Supported the District Health, Women and Social Action Service (SDSMAS) during breastfeeding week, reached **1,099** women (263 lactating and pregnant women) and 37 men.

8,750 children reached through awareness-raising programs targeting parents and caregivers on the importance of vaccination.

480 number of children and youth received dignity kits and sexual and reproductive health messages are 976 girls and boys.



Educated and Confident Children (6 - 14 years)

ChildFund's programs for children between the ages of 6 and 14 seek to ensure that they have access to quality education, enabling them to build strong foundational skills and grow into confident, informed individuals. Through partnerships with schools, communities, and families, we aim to improve literacy, numeracy, and life skills for children while promoting safe and supportive learning environments. The program also prioritizes gender equality, child protection, and inclusion.

For children aged 6-14 years, ChildFund promotes positive relationships for children within their homes and communities, with programs to ensure the economic security of caregivers, provides opportunities for children to develop reading, math and critical life skills, ensures children and their families have access to child-friendly health services, promotes community systems where children's participation is recognized, and their rights protected. ChildFund pays specific attention to community leadership in children's learning.



"Through partnerships with schools, communities, and families, we aim to improve literacy, numeracy, and life skills for children while promoting safe and supportive learning environments."

60 teachers trained with a solid knowledge of inclusive teaching methodologies.

1,750 children's strengthened ability to identify signs and cases of abuse, exploitation and rape.

31 awareness raising sessions of gender-based violence in schools that reached 1,044.

Supported
32 schools to achieve user-friendly methodologies to engage children to develop age and grade-appropriate literacy and numeracy skills.

24 schools equipped with complaints box to facilitate case reporting.

Trained
875 children and young people in disaster risk reduction and climate change mitigation in schools.

1,709 children participated in "Mutola Cup" soccer tournament aiming to empower girls through women's sport - massifying women's sport - using the tool of sport to pass on messages about girls' rights, self-defense skills, child protection issues such as child marriage, early pregnancy and sexual reproductive health.

Increasing access to clean water

Our goal in Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) interventions aim to improve health outcomes through the provision of safe water supplies and improved sanitation facilities, while also promoting better hygiene practices in the communities.

Drilled and equipped **3** boreholes in Inhambane.

Provided safe and clean water to over **7913** number of children and families.

8,326 individuals reached with messages on hygiene promotion.

2 Primary school now have access to safe and clean water and 1 health centers (more than 8,362 students and 175 teachers benefit).





"I live in Gome Sul, I am very happy for the support they have given to the community with this borehole, in the past we were very sick due to the lack of water, we would walk 12km to fetch of water, now our children leave the classroom and immediately have water to drink, about 350 families near here benefit from this borehole, even our cattle also have water to drink. The community is very happy." – Carolina Gome, 55 years old

Skilled and Involved Youth

ChildFund's programs for youth aged 15 to 24 years are designed to promote economic, physical and social well-being, laying the foundation for youth to become the catalysts for change in their families, communities and countries. To this end, our efforts focus on safe and sustainable employment, formation of a healthy sexual and reproductive lifestyle and meaningful participation of youth in the lives of their families and communities.

105 youth trained in agribusiness, in partnership with the District Service for Economic Activities (SDAE).

12 Lecture sessions with the theme: children and young people to improve their ability to identify and understand violations of their rights.

4 Adolescent and Youth Friendly Health Services (SAAJ) facilities were established in secondary schools

75 young people trained in bakery and pastry skills, equipping them for employment or entrepreneurship.

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8 girls' clubs were created to disseminate key messages on sexual and reproductive health.



20 young people trained in cutting and sewing and given 20 sewing machines to start their own businesses in their communities (using the skills and knowledge acquired during the 35 days of training).

75 young people participated in business management and agriculture training to enhance their entrepreneurial and agricultural capabilities.

623 adolescents and young people (250 males and 373 females) participated in sessions to promote access to friendly information to support their informed decision about sexual reproductive health services.

Americo, 17, is one of the 20 youth from Zavala District who pursued a tailoring (cutting and sewing) course, in 2024, with support from ChildFund. This initiative aimed to empower youth with valuable skills, enabling them to forge a path toward a brighter future. Americo always dreamed of becoming self-reliant and supporting his family. When he learned about the sewing course, he saw it as a chance to turn his aspirations into reality. With unwavering dedication, he attended every session, mastering the intricacies of sewing and garment creation. Upon successfully completing the course, Americo's hard work and commitment were recognized in a meaningful way. He was awarded a sewing machine, a vital tool that would enable him to continue his newfound trade. This gift was a stepping stone to a promising future.



With his sewing machine, Americo set up a small tailoring business and he began creating and mending clothes, quickly gaining a reputation for his skill and attention to detail. With this small business he can help his family, contribute to his family's income and cover the needs of the school. **"I'm very grateful to have taken this course and to have the machine to work with, some courses are just theory and once you've finished it's difficult to continue, but having the machine is even more important, With this work I've also been saving up to buy another machine that's a bit bigger and sturdier so that I can do other types of work, sew some heavier things, and also when I have another machine I have the idea of passing on what I've learned to other young people here in the community so that they too can have a job and also help their families."**

Child Protection and Advocacy

Child protection is central to ChildFund's efforts to promote child well-being. ChildFund's approach to keeping children safe and protected envisions children and their environment has a series of rings of protection with the child at the center, surrounded by the community and local institutions, encompassed by national and international structures.

Children have the right to participate in decisions that impact their lives. They should be empowered to express their opinions, which must be considered to uphold their rights. Participation fosters self-expression, empowerment, and self-esteem. Since children are a diverse group, consultation processes should include children of all ages, abilities, backgrounds, races, and genders.

Key Achievements:

- Child Parliament Session: ChildFund supported one session with the active participation of 60 children.
- Empowering Girls Through Sports: This initiative spanned 27 communities, reaching 1,687 children.
- Community-Based Child Protection Mapping: ChildFund conducted exercises to strengthen referral mechanisms. A total of 234 children and 194 adults participated in focus group discussions and interviews with key informants.
- Participants included 100 children and 48 adults from Khamahotas, Maputo City 102 children and 107 adults from Monapo District
- 32 children and 39 adults from Ribaue District.
- ChildFund conducted two workshops on the Law on Preventing and Combating Premature Unions involving 60 participants from law enforment agencies and communities.
- Youth-Led Advocacy Initiatives: ChildFund supported 5 youth groups with 125 members, to disseminate the law to prevent child marriage, targetting schools and communities.
- 350 children were trained in child-led advocacy.
- Safer Internet Advocacy: Conducted two workshops with 100 Child Parliament members.
- Menstrual Hygiene and Sexual Reproductive Health (SRH):
- Trained 1,050 participants from youth clubs and four secondary schools on menstrual hygiene and youth-friendly SRH services.

"Through participation, children learn self-expression, empowerment, and ultimately greater self-esteem"

Celebration of Safer Internet Day

ChildFund actively participated in raising awareness about safer internet practices through its collaboration with Ashanti Namburete, a member of the Children's Advisory Council and the Children's Parliament. This initiative was part of the Safe Web & Wise campaign led by the ChildFund Alliance.



On February 6, 2024, Safer Internet Day was celebrated globally as an opportunity to promote the online safety and well-being of children and young people. With support from the ChildFund Alliance, Ashanti Namburete represented Mozambique at an event held in the Philippines.

The event resulted in the adoption of key recommendations on online child protection targeted at parents/guardians, governments, industry, and civil society. These recommendations will serve as an advocacy tool for the Children's Parliament.

Celebration of the Children´s Fortnight (1 to 16 June)

ChildFund, in collaboration with the government and local partners, co-led the celebrations of key UN advocacy dates and Child Fortnight activities. These included:

- June 1st: International Day for Children
- June 4th: International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression
- June 12th: World Day Against Child Labour
- June 16th: Day of the African Child

The events were held in Zavala District and Kamahotas Municipality, featuring child-led advocacy initiatives organized with the Children's Parliament. Activities included radio debates, spot broadcasts, community awareness sessions, and community fairs. These efforts reached a total of 5,250 children.

Launch of Children's Annual Report - 2024

ChildFund continued to amplify children's voices and advocate for their rights through the Children's Annual Report (RAC 2024). This report provided crucial recommendations on combating drug use, preventing child marriage, and addressing early pregnancies within schools.

Presented to both national and provincial government leaders, RAC 2024 was accompanied by the launch of a brochure titled "We Children Dream - Here Are Our Dreams," which encapsulates the aspirations of Mozambique's youth.

Both the RAC and the brochure serve as powerful advocacy tools for the Child Parliament, allowing children to share their perspectives on critical issues affecting their lives and to monitor progress in addressing these concerns. Drawing on the insights of 720 children from across Mozambique, including conflict-affected Cabo Delgado, the RAC was developed under the 3R Platform's joint advocacy initiative. This platform unites key national child rights networks—including the Children's Network, ROSC, and CAME Network—and member organizations such as ADRA, ChildFund, Diakonia, FDC, Right to Play, Save the Children, SOS Children's Village, Terre des Hommes, and World Vision.

Developed and shared Children's Annual Report 2024 (RAC 2024) containing recommendations on combating drugs, preventing Child marriage and Early pregnancies in schools. RAC 2024 was shared with the Government



at the national and provincial level and in the same event they launched a brochure "***We Children Dream - Here are Our Dreams.***" These are critical advocacy tools that Child Parliament uses annually to voice out on Children Situation across the country and monitor the progress as well. Both tools collected the opinions of 720 children representing all provinces of Mozambique, including children in Cabo Delgado provinces affected by armed conflict.

Strengthening Community-Based Child Protection Mechanisms

ChildFund, in partnership with WeWorld, carried out a study in Cabo Delgado Province, aimed at mapping community-based child protection mechanisms (CBCPMs) within the context of the ongoing humanitarian crisis. This region has faced significant disruptions due to conflict and displacement, exacerbating risks to children's safety, wellbeing, and rights.

The report of this study was presented through a workshop and bilateral meetings to vast variety of stakeholder such as Government entities, NGOs, Donors and academic institutions for socializations and jointly action plan.

In Fiscal Year 2024, ChildFund Mozambique, in collaboration with its local stakeholders, conducted another study on community-based child protection mechanisms in Nampula Province. This research aimed to map existing practices and structures that safeguard children, identify gaps, and propose recommendations to strengthen protection efforts within the communities. The province of Nampula, where ChildFund is implementing Early Childhood Development (ECD) programs, has shown significant progress in promoting child welfare. However, many children still face challenges such as abuse, neglect, and exploitation. To address these issues effectively, the study focused on understanding the role of community structures, local leaders, and families in protecting children's right, the final report, scheduled for presentation in October 2024, will serve as a critical resource for guiding future interventions in Nampula and beyond.



"Nampula Province, where ChildFund is implementing Early Childhood Development (ECD) programs, has shown significant progress in promoting child welfare. However, many children still face challenges such as abuse, neglect, and exploitation."

Child Sponsorship

Sponsorship is a core component of ChildFund's work and a meaningful way to support children in need, providing them with resources and opportunities to thrive. Through sponsorship, children receive essential support for their health, education, and overall well-being. Sponsorship not only addresses immediate needs but also contributes to long-term development, helping children gain the skills and resilience they need to build a better future. In FY24, a total of 11,211 were enrolled in ChildFund Mozambique's sponsorship program, empowering them to overcome challenges and enabling their communities to foster safe and nurturing environments for growth and learning.

Key Achievements

- **Expansion to Nampula Province:** ChildFund successfully expanded its programs to Ribáuè District, enrolling over 2,500 children in 7 communities. A strategic plan is being developed to address the specific challenges faced by children, families, and communities in the region.
- **Sponsor Communication Excellence:** ChildFund maintained top performance in the timeliness and quality of sponsorship communication. Over 18,000 letters, including child replies, thank you letters, Child Progress Reports, and welcome letters, were processed within quality standards, ensuring a strong connection between sponsors and children.
- **Digital Initiatives:** The Magic App initiative was extended to 30 communities across the three Local Partners, reaching over 6,849 sponsored children. ChildFund also piloted Digital Child Progress Reports in two Local Partners.

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Forging Strategic Partnerships

In this Financial Year (FY), ChildFund significantly advanced its mission by establishing key strategic partnerships. These alliances have not only expanded our reach but also enhanced the quality and impact of our initiatives. Here are some of the highlights:

ChildFund partners with Mozambican Government to Advance Child Rights

During the FY24, ChildFund signed a MoU with the following Government Departments,

i) Gender, Children and Social Action (DGCAS) under the Council of State Representation Services in Maputo City,
ii) Provincial Health Services (PHS) of Nampula Province and
iii) Provincial Social Affairs Services (PSAS) of Inhambane.

This partnership aims to join efforts to provide dignified assistance to vulnerable populations, especially children and youth. Key areas of collaboration include awareness campaigns on violence prevention, promotion of community health care, coordination on child protection, promoting holistic child development, disseminating policies on the rights of children, women and people with disabilities, promotion of access to the education, and empowering vulnerable groups.



Partnership with NGOs

WeWorld – GVC

In May 2024, ChildFund entered a 2-year renewable MoU with WeWorld – GVC, a ChildFund Alliance Member, to establish complementary activities in shared programmatic and geographic areas to improve the wellbeing of children, families and communities. The MoU outlines joint actions over the short, medium and long-term, such as information sharing, mapping of local partners, joint advocacy initiatives, sharing training opportunities, and collaborating on both humanitarian response and development projects. The partnership also seeks to reactivate collaboration with the Joining Forces alliance.

The Education For All Movement (MEPT)

In August 2023, ChildFund formed a three-year partnership with the Education for All Movement (MEPT). This collaboration focuses on improving the quality of basic education for all children, including those with special educational needs. The partnership will involve joint project design and implementation, capacity building for advocacy, and experience sharing through various events. Combining efforts with MEPT, ChildFund Mozambique aims to significantly contribute to education quality improvement in its areas of operation, aligning with its strategic objectives for life stage 2 (6-14 years).

Association Football Gives Strength (Associação de Futebol Dá Força)

In August 2023, ChildFund entered a three-year partnership with the Associação de Futebol Dá Força. This collaboration focuses on empowering girls through women's football and promoting girls' rights. The partnership will address crucial issues such as sexual and reproductive health, early unions, early pregnancy, and gender-based violence. Joint efforts will include developing and implementing football programs, exploring new operational areas, and conducting advocacy initiatives. This partnership promises to make a significant impact on girls' empowerment in ChildFund Mozambique's operational areas.

Early Childhood Development Network (RDPI)

August 2023 saw the formation of a three-year partnership between ChildFund and the Early Childhood Development Network (RDPI). This collaboration aims to advance early childhood development initiatives and identify new partnership opportunities. Key objectives include joint advocacy for integrated care, strengthening institutional capacity in child protection, producing training materials, and pursuing funding opportunities for early childhood development projects. This partnership is set to enhance ChildFund Mozambique's impact in early childhood development across its operational areas, supporting the organization's strategic focus on life stage 1 (0-5 years).



ChildFund partners with Banco Comercial e de Investimentos (BCI)

ChildFund signed a 3-year protocol with Banco Comercial e de Investimentos (BCI) to jointly implement community development programs an increase access to financial services for its staff. Through this protocol, BCI will provide ChildFund and its employees across Mozambique with access to competitive financial services and products. In turn, ChildFund commits to prioritizing its commercial and financial relationships with BCI as an intermediary in operations involving ChildFund. ChildFund will also keep BCI informed about its ongoing investment projects.

Beyond banking services, this partnership opens avenues for potential funding opportunities. As ChildFund shares information on its investment projects with BCI, the bank may identify initiatives that align with its corporate social responsibility priorities or impact investment portfolio. This could lead to targeted funding from BCI to scale promising ChildFund projects focused on child wellbeing, youth development, or community resilience. Additionally, by designating BCI as a preferred financial partner, ChildFund will benefit from specialized financial products that provide bridge funding, matching funds, or innovative financing mechanisms for its programs.

Our Team

ChildFund Mozambique has a dedicated and talented 15-member team that drives our mission forward every day. Over the past year, our team has demonstrated exceptional commitment, adaptability, and innovation, enabling us to achieve our strategic goals and make a meaningful impact in the communities we serve. We remain confident in the strength and capability of our team. We will continue to invest in their professional growth and well-being, recognizing that our people are our greatest asset. By fostering a supportive and dynamic work environment, we are confident that our team will continue to thrive and drive our mission forward.

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Michell Felismina Magaia	Senior Receptionist
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René Silvino Abilio	Country Director
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Euclides António Bengala	Monitoring and Evaluation Officer







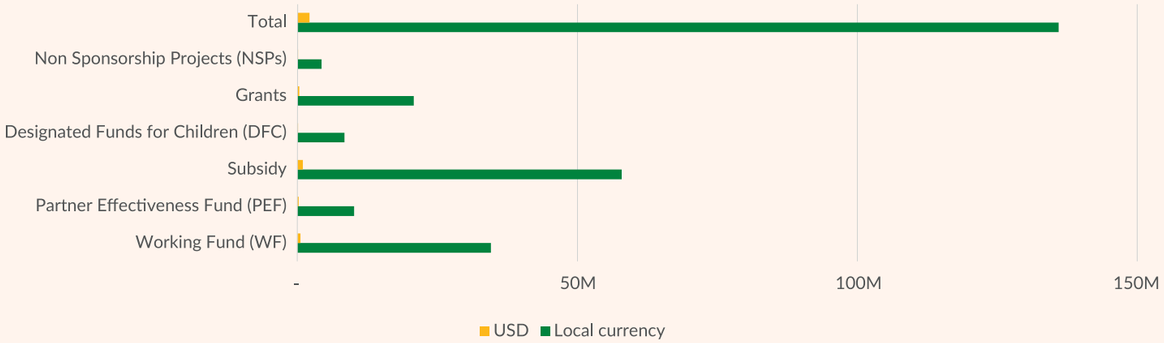




Financials

Country Office Expenses (July 2023 – June 2024)

Funding source	Local currency	USD
Working Fund (WF)	34,585,190.52	546,717.72
Partner Effectiveness Fund (PEF)	10,114,306.57	159,887.58
Subsidy	57,937,410.28	915,841.67
Designated Funds for Children (DFCs)	8,386,923.97	132,581.45
Grants	20,733,568.43	327,735.97
Non Sponsorship Projects (NSPs)	4,241,578.79	67,053.17
Total	**135,998,978.56**	**2,149,817.59**

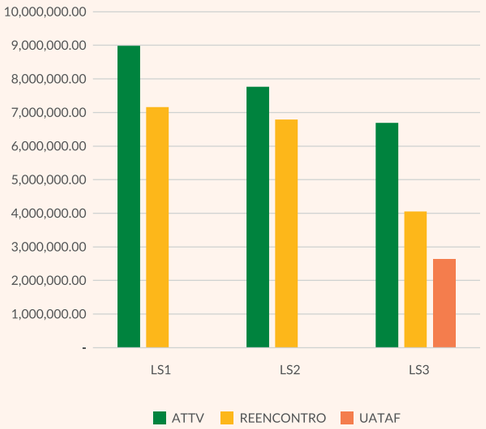


Investment by Local Partners

Project Name	Health & Sanitation	Nutrition	ECD	Basic Education	Micro Enterprise	Emergencies	Program Support
ATTY	553,905	385,407	2,454,764	2,927,190	2,240,690	695,043	26,297,738
REENCONTRO	381,226	265,257	1,689,495	2,014,643	1,542,158	478,364	18,099,457
UATAF	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,642,018
Totals	**935,131**	**650,663**	**4,144,259**	**4,941 ,832**	**3,782,849**	**1,173,407**	**50,039,213**

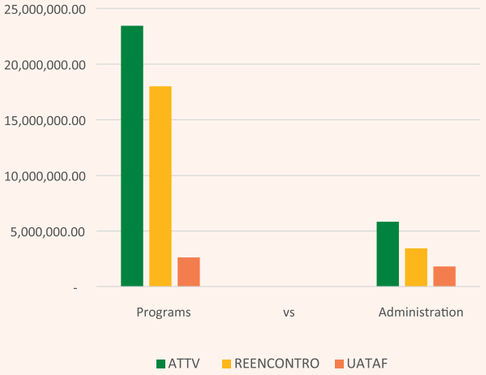
Expenditure by Life Stage

Local Partner	Life Stage 1	Life Stage 2	Life Stage 3
ATTV	8,986,461.54	7,762,472.73	6,691,165.19
REENCONTRO	7,163,719.06	6,791,189.10	4,056,846.88
UATAF			2,637,015.54
TOTAL LC	**16,150,180.60**	**14,553,661.83**	**13,385,027.61**
TOTALUSD	**255,258.11**	**230,024.69**	**211,554.10**



Program Versus Administration

Local Partner	Programs	vs	Administration
ATTV	23,440,099.46		5,837,947.21
REENCONTRO	18,011,755.04		3,447,784.36
UATAF	2,637,015.54		1,823,637.86
TOTAL LC	**44,088,870.04**		**11,109,369.43**
TOTALUSD	**696,836.89**		**175,586.68**
%	**80%**		**20%**



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