

THE PATRON'S FUND

HELPING CHILDREN TO BUILD A BETTER FUTURE FOR GOOD

Launched in honour of the Princess Royal's 50 years as Patron of Save the Children, the Patron's Fund is dedicated to raising flexible funds. Endorsed by Her Royal Highness, this fund supports children where the need is greatest, helping them to keep safe, healthy and learning.

The value of flexible funding

The money raised for the Patron's Fund is vital to help all children reach their full potential – no matter where they're growing up.

The COVID-19 pandemic has turned children's lives upside down in the UK and all around the world. **At the peak of the crisis, 90% of students – 1.6 billion – were out of learning.** Our ['Save Our Education' report](#) warns that almost 10 million children may never return to school following COVID-19 lockdowns. With the global situation changing daily, flexible support is crucial to help children facing life-altering challenges to survive, learn and be protected.



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The impact for children

In the Patron's Fund's first year alone, this transformational funding helped young children in the UK to continue learning at home while nurseries and schools were closed. It meant we could respond to emergencies quickly – whether helping families in Bangladesh to recover from a cyclone, preventing cholera epidemics in Nigeria and Kenya, or supporting Venezuelans who had to leave their homes. When the COVID-19 pandemic hit, it helped us to adapt our programmes to keep children safe. **In the first six months of our response, we helped 4.3 million children to get through the crisis.**

All funds raised for the Patron's Fund in 2019 were also matched by a private donor. Thanks to this additional income, in 2019 we provided **life-saving malnutrition treatment for more than 17,000 girls and boys and 5,000 mothers in Somalia.** We hope to benefit from similar opportunities in the future. By raising flexible income, your support for the Patron's Fund could help make this possible.

Your support for the Patron's Fund

If you choose to support the Patron's Fund with a gift this year, we will acknowledge your generosity by offering the opportunity to attend an exclusive event with Her Royal Highness at one of the royal households. The first Patron's Fund event was held in October 2019 at Buckingham Palace, and we hope this will continue to take place every two years.

You can also expect to be invited to other Save the Children events throughout the year. Our events will give you unique insights into our work and connect you with local teams from our programmes, as well as like-minded, influential individuals. In addition, you will receive tailored reports on the impact of your support and have the option to be listed as a Patron's Fund donor on our website and annual report.

To find out more about how you can support the Patron's Fund, please go to www.savethechildren.org.uk/patronsfund or get in touch with one of our Philanthropy team at Philanthropy@savethechildren.org.uk.