

## International Geneva

# Directory of Geneva Global Health Actors

## SAVE THE CHILDREN - GENEVA OFFICE

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## BACKGROUND AND MISSION

Originally founded as the Save the Children Fund in 1919 to help feed undernourished children after the First World War, Save the Children works towards a world in which every child attains the right to survival, protection, development and participation. It is the leading global independent organisation for children, working in over 60 countries. Save the Children comprises of 29 member associations, as well as Save the Children International. The organisation works towards achieving its three main goals by 2030: No child dies from preventable causes before their fifth birthday, all children learn from a quality basic education, and violence against children is no longer tolerated.

## AREAS OF INTEREST

- Advocacy for child rights including education, health and protection of children
- Child survival and health
- Sexual, reproductive, maternal, newborn, child and adolescent health
- Maternal, infant and young child nutrition
- Health in emergencies and conflict situations
- Gender equality

## HEALTH-RELATED ACTIVITIES

Save the Children works globally, in both development and humanitarian settings, to improve health outcomes for the poorest and most marginalised women, children, adolescents and their communities, including by: (1) promoting policy, budgetary, and normative changes in health and nutrition that accelerate progress on ending preventable maternal, newborn, child and adolescent deaths, including stillbirths; (2) strengthening health systems to enable free, high-quality, essential services, as part of the movement towards Universal Health Coverage, as well as to build their resilience to deal with and withstand humanitarian challenges; (3) building capacity of and mobilising civil society to hold governments accountable for their commitments

under the Sustainable Development Goals, including through child and youth participation, citizen-led processes and the use of human rights mechanisms; (4) training and advocating for sufficient and appropriate health workers to provide essential healthcare for all, along the continuum of care for women's, children's and adolescents' health, including family planning.

In Geneva, Save the Children's main goal is to create positive change for children by advocating for key child rights issues, including health and nutrition, and influencing policies and practices created by Geneva-based institutions. This is done by working with States' Permanent Missions in Geneva, the United Nations (UN) bodies, and other non-governmental organisations. On health and nutrition specifically, the Geneva Advocacy Office works closely with the World Health Organization (WHO), the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (PMNCH), Gavi, The Vaccine Alliance, the Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Secretariat, the UN Human Rights Council and the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), among others. The Geneva Office also has an active role in advocating for children's right to health in emergencies and conflicts.

## GOVERNANCE AND STAFF

Anita Bay Bundegaard is the Director of Save the Children office in Geneva and also serves as the International Advocacy Director and UN Representative for the organisation. Helle Thorning-Schmidt is the Chief Executive Officer of Save the Children. Globally Save the Children employs approximately 17,000 people and the Geneva Office employs 10 staff members.

## FUNDING SOURCES AND BUDGET

In 2016 Save the Children's combined revenues exceeded USD 2.1 billion. The projected budget for 2018 is USD 2.8 billion. The organisation receives funding from individual donors, institutions and governments, corporations and foundations, as well as through emergency appeals and gifts in kind. In 2016, donations from individuals amounted to 25% of the total income of Save the Children International.

## PUBLICATIONS

For the publications of Save the Children International, including annual reviews and thematic reports, see: <https://www.savethechildren.net/resources>

For information on Save the Children's Every Last Child campaign, see: <https://campaigns.savethechildren.net/>