



# Save the Children

Sweden

Regional Office for South and Central Asia



## Who we are

Save the Children was established in 1919 by Eglantyne Jebb, who was the first person to press for worldwide safeguards for children. The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, adopted in 1989 and now ratified by all countries in South and Central Asia, has its roots in her pioneering work.

Save the Children Sweden is a member of the International Save the Children Alliance, which is one of the world's oldest and largest independent organisations for children, making a difference to children's lives in over 120 countries. It is made up of 29 member organisations with a global staff of more than 14,000 working together.

With a mandate based on the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, Save the Children Sweden supports emergency responses to long-term development, helping children achieve a happy, healthy and secure childhood. Save the Children Sweden listens to girls and boys, involves children and ensures their views are taken into account. Save the Children Sweden secures and protects children's rights – to food, shelter, health care, education and freedom from violence, abuse and exploitation.

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## Our Work in the Region

It has been over thirty years since Save the Children Sweden started working in South and Central Asia.

In 1973, we started work in Bangladesh by providing child and maternal health care services to mothers and their children under five years of age, who were affected by devastating floods. In 1983, we began work in Pakistan, sending staff to UNHCR to support Afghan refugees living in camps.

During the 1990s, as a child rights organisation, we began actively promoting the ratification of the United Nations Convention of the Rights of the Child. Save the Children formed partnerships with local organisations and institutions committed to working strategically with children in difficult circumstances. In 2000, Save the Children Sweden opened its office in Afghanistan.

The Regional programme for South and Central Asia was established in 2002. In 2006, the Regional Office was registered in Nepal. Today, Save the Children Sweden runs country programmes in Afghanistan, Pakistan and Bangladesh and is a participating member in country programmes in Sri Lanka and Nepal/Bhutan. We are also working in cooperation with Save the Children in Central Asia and India.

- Save the Children works for**
- A world which respects and values each child
  - A world which listens to children and learns
  - A world where all children have hope and opportunity

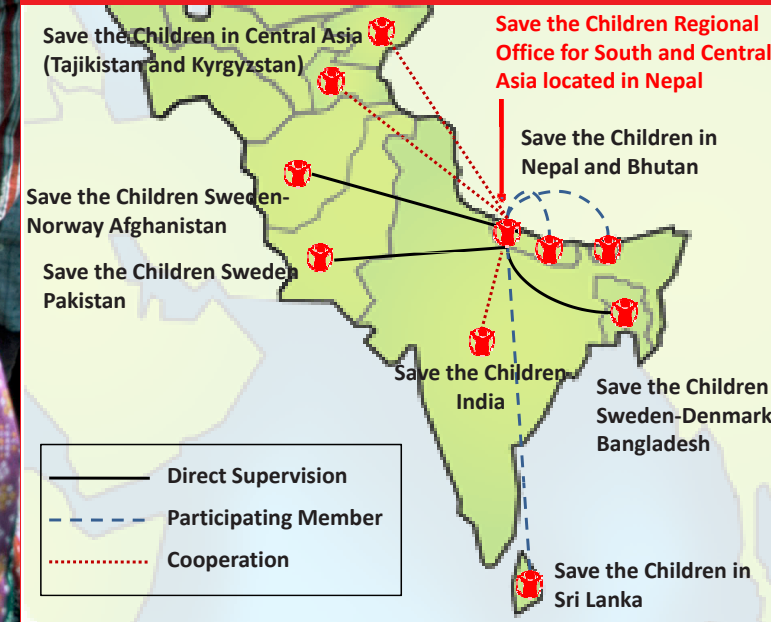


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## Where we work



Save the Children fights for children's rights.

We deliver immediate and lasting improvements to the lives of children everywhere.

Throughout the region we network and build alliances to develop innovative and meaningful partnerships with a range of stakeholders to enhance collaboration and cooperation in South and Central Asia.

Our regional team works to share, link and learn from experiences between countries and regions by exchanging ideas, resources and information. Our team builds the capacity of Save the Children staff and its partners for more effective, efficient and result-oriented work in order to reach more children.

The regional programme addresses violations of children's rights and looks for common solutions. We foster discussion and discourse on child rights from a South and Central Asian perspective to contribute at a higher level to the global child rights movement.

The country programmes in the region form the basis of our work and through collective learning we carry out effective advocacy campaigns, research and programming. Our work is divided under the following areas:

**Child protection:** working to ensure all children have access to functioning child protection systems

**Child Right and Civil Society:** working to create a civil society that becomes an active change agent for fulling, promoting and protecting child rights

**Education:** working so that all children, especially those vulnerable to marginalization and exclusion have access to quality education

**Emergency:** working to reduce vulnerability of children before and during emergencies, including both conflicts and disasters.

Save the Children Sweden, Regional Office for South and Central Asia is located in Nepal.

We work with the following country offices in the region:

- Save the Children Sweden-Norway in Afghanistan
- Save the Children Sweden-Denmark in Bangladesh
- Save the Children Sweden in Pakistan
- Save the Children in Nepal and Bhutan
- Save the Children in Sri Lanka
- Save the Children India
- Save the Children in Central Asia