

## ChildFund Alliance receives grant from Oak Foundation for project to end violence against children

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8 October 2018, New York, NY - ChildFund Alliance is pleased to announce it has received a two-year \$375,000 grant from Oak Foundation. These funds will support the Alliance's Child-friendly Accountability initiative.

"The initiative aims to empower children to hold governments and local leaders accountable to their obligations to end all violence against children, as laid out in Sustainable Development Goal Target 16.2: End abuse, exploitation, trafficking and all forms of violence against and torture of children," said Meg Gardinier, Secretary General of ChildFund Alliance. "It is a rights-based project that builds children's knowledge and gives them the skills they need to take action to improve child protection in their communities."



The initiative will work with children aged 13 to 17 in more than 10 countries in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. In each country, it is implemented by ChildFund program staff, working with local partners.

"We are incredibly grateful to Oak Foundation for its support," said Michael Rose, Chair of the Board of ChildFund Alliance. "More than one billion children experience violence every year. But children often do not have access to meaningful accountability mechanisms and are excluded from relevant decision-making processes. With Oak Foundation's support, children will participate in identifying problems and solutions, and engage in an informed dialogue with decision-makers about issues of concern to them."

Oak Foundation awards grants through a competitive application and review process.

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### **About ChildFund Alliance**

ChildFund Alliance is a global network of 11 child-focused development organizations. ChildFund works with more than 14 million children and their families in over 60 countries to overcome poverty and the underlying conditions that prevent children from achieving their full potential. The 11 members invest almost US\$500 million annually on behalf of children.

For more information, [www.childfundalliance.org](http://www.childfundalliance.org)

### **About Oak Foundation**

Oak Foundation comprises a group of philanthropic organizations. The Foundation has 11 programs, through which it has made more than 4,000 grants to organizations around the world. Its six main programs are: Environment, Child Abuse, Housing and Homelessness, International Human Rights, Issues Affecting Women and Learning Differences. In addition, the Foundation's Trustees support causes that fall outside the remits of the other programs through the Special Interest Program. There are also four national programs: Brazil, Denmark, India and Zimbabwe.

Oak Foundation has its main administrative office in Geneva, Switzerland, and a presence in seven other countries: Bulgaria, Denmark, India, Tanzania, the United Kingdom, the United States and Zimbabwe.

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