



Children  
in Crossfire

GIVING CHILDREN THE CHANCE TO CHOOSE

# EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS 2016 – 2017



## Giving Children the Chance to Choose

Children in Crossfire was founded in 1996 by Richard Moore. In the city of Derry 1972, aged 10, Richard Moore was blinded by a rubber bullet fired at point blank range into his face.

Amazingly from childhood to the present day, he has accepted his sight loss without any feelings of resentment. "I learned to see life in a different way. I may

have lost my sight, but I have vision", is how he describes his remarkable acceptance of what, for most, would be a debilitating trauma. Richard set up Children in Crossfire with the intention of responding to the rights and needs of young children caught in the crossfire of global poverty and injustice. The organisation's 'spirit of compassion' is one of its key strengths as it works in partnership with others to find and implement the best possible solutions to poverty.



*Images sourced from partners at Makaa Early Childhood Education Centre, Mwanza Primary School, Wolisso, St Luke's Therapeutic Feeding Centre, Supporter Fundraising events and Shared Education Schools in Northern Ireland.*



# Vision, Mission & Values

Children in Crossfire works to bring positive and sustainable Change to the lives of children who are caught up in the Crossfire of Poverty.



## Vision

A compassionate world where every child can reach his or her potential

## Mission

To work with others to tackle the injustices of poverty affecting children

## We Value

**COMPASSION**  
a core concern for the well-being of others leading to actions for a fairer world

**PARTNERSHIP**  
working together to bring about sustainable change

**ACCOUNTABILITY**  
Using our resources effectively and efficiently to build openness and trust with our supporters, partners and the communities where we work

**EQUALITY**  
Where everyone is treated fairly and respected, and where rights are protected





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Through Early Childhood Development (ECD) Programmes, Children in Crossfire works in partnership with organisations in Tanzania and Ethiopia to address the developmental needs of young children whose lives are caught up

in the injustice of poverty. We believe that meeting the developmental needs of young children will build a solid foundation from which they can grow and thrive into healthy and happy individuals.

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Children in Crossfire works in Ireland and the UK to deliver Development Education and Public Engagement Programmes. We see these as integral elements of our overall work, in order for people to better understand the structural causes of poverty, global interdependence, and the impact that personal choices and

actions have upon people across the world. In particular, our Development Education: Educating the Heart programme has a focus on working with teachers and schools to help young people gain the skills and values needed to become active global citizen and compassionate change-makers.



# Key Achievements 2016-2017

## TANZANIA

THE COMPLETION OF THE 5 YEAR IRISH AID FUNDED EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT (ECD) PROGRAMME SAW 40,000 BENEFICIARIES, INCLUDING 24,000 CHILDREN, BENEFIT FROM EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT (ECD) INTERVENTIONS

120 TEACHERS ACROSS 60 SCHOOLS WITH IMPROVED PRACTICE THROUGH EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PROGRAMMES

12,000 CHILDREN ACROSS 60 SCHOOLS WITH IMPROVED PRE-PRIMARY EDUCATION

1,900 WOMEN ACTIVELY ENGAGED THROUGH 34 COMMUNITY MANAGED MICROFINANCE (CMMF) GROUPS

'EDUCATION FUNDS' SUPPORTED THE SALARIES OF 82 EARLY CHILDHOOD TEACHERS IN COMMUNITY ECD CENTRES; CONTRIBUTING TO SUSTAINABILITY AND IMPROVED ACCESS FOR THE MOST VULNERABLE CHILDREN



34 VILLAGE CHILD PROTECTION COMMITTEES ESTABLISHED IN 3 TARGET DISTRICTS TO PROVIDE AWARENESS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF CHILD PROTECTION AND LOCAL REFERRAL MECHANISMS



## ETHIOPIA

10,000 CHILDREN, ACROSS 54 SCHOOLS, WITH IMPROVED PRE-PRIMARY EDUCATION THROUGH THE SCHOOL READINESS INITIATIVE (SRI) IN ADDIS ABABA. WITHIN THESE SCHOOLS 1,900 VULNERABLE CHILDREN HAVE RECEIVED NUTRITIONAL SUPPORT

OVER 10,000 PEOPLE IN 5 VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES IN THE SOUTH WEST SHOA REGION PROVIDED WITH SAFE WATER

494 SEVERELY MALNOURISHED CHILDREN PROVIDED WITH LIFE-SAVING TREATMENT



## EDUCATION IN IRELAND AND UK

24,300 STUDENTS FROM 243 SCHOOLS, 800 INITIAL TEACHER EDUCATION STUDENTS, AND OVER 2,000 CHILDREN IN CROSSFIRE SUPPORTERS BENEFITTED FROM OUR EDUCATION INITIATIVES



# Looking Forward: Our Plans for 2017- 2018

## Through our International Work we will:

- Implement a School Readiness Programme to over 150,000 children across 6 target districts in Tanzania
- Provide life-saving treatment to over 500 severely malnourished children in the South West Shoa region of Ethiopia
- Implement an Early Childhood Education programme to 12,000 children across 120 pre-primary schools in Tanzania
- Implement The School Readiness Initiative across 54 schools in Addis Ababa; improving pre-primary education for 10,000 children
- Provide additional nutritional support for 1,900 of the most vulnerable children across the 54 schools in Addis Ababa

## Through our Development Education Programme we will:

- Impact the teaching and learning of over 30,000 students through directly reaching 132 educators
- Host an international Think Tank involving educators, scholars, and policy makers to advance the global reach of development education

## Through our Public Engagement Programme we will:

- Engage up to 10,000 people in a Public Awareness Programme to increase understanding of the injustices of poverty and the role of Children in Crossfire, the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and Ireland's Development Cooperation Programme in addressing these





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