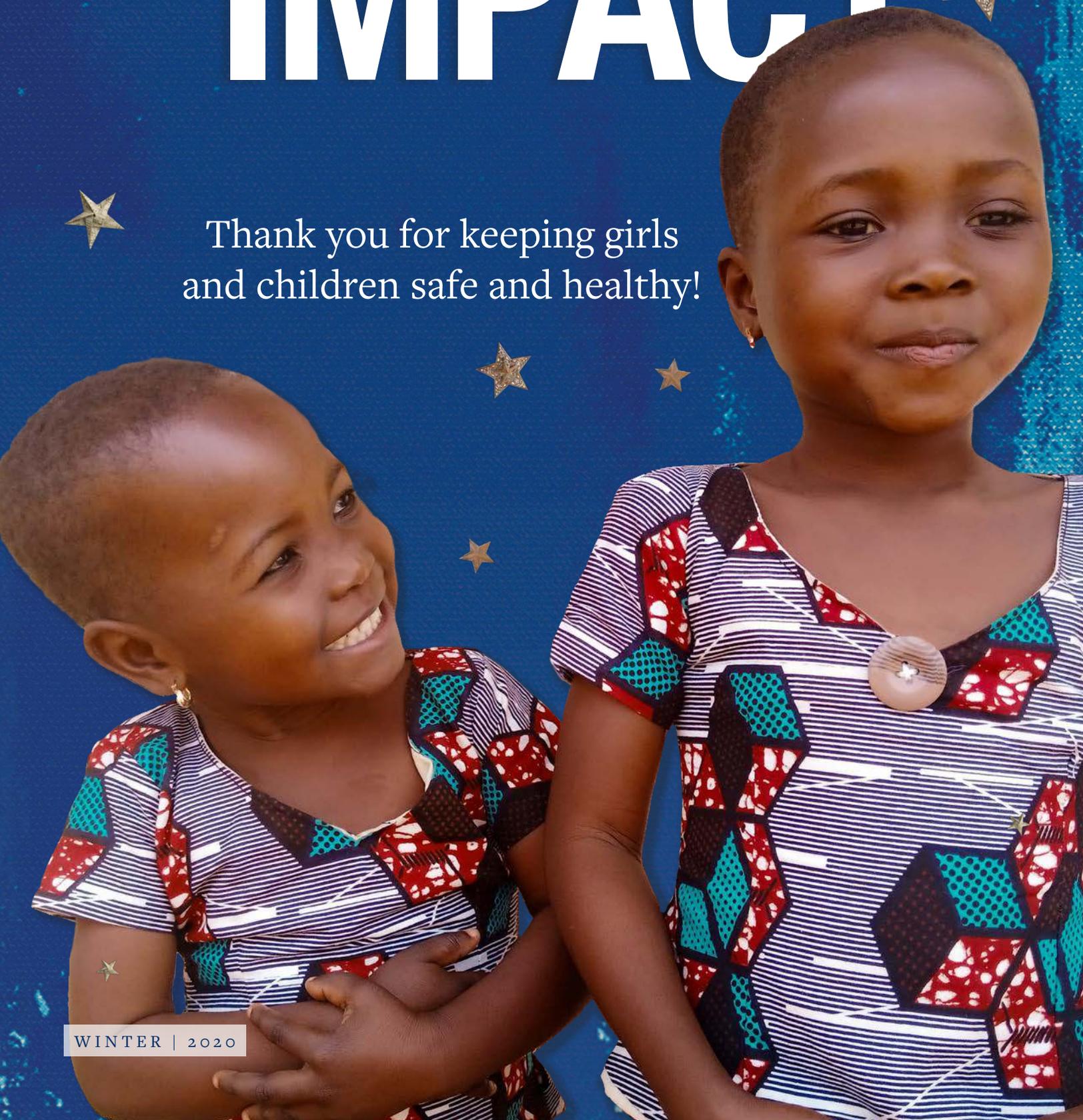




Your IMPACT

Thank you for keeping girls
and children safe and healthy!



You were there

when they needed you most ...

Here are just some of the ways you transformed girls' and children's lives last year.

In 2020, you helped Plan to reach more than 79 million girls, children, parents and community members around the world through our global COVID-19 response, providing food and hygiene kits, building access to water and safe bathrooms, messaging the importance of hygiene and healthy behaviors, and working to protect girls, who are most vulnerable during a crisis. **Thank you.**



SIERRA LEONE



BOLIVIA



PERU

Above: Your support helps to provide hygiene kits to children in Bolivia.

Top Left: Thanks to you, adolescent girls in Sierra Leone have dignity kits, including hygiene and sanitation materials.

Left: You're improving health and hygiene for children in Peru, like this 6-year-old girl!



INDONESIA

"I get my temperature checked and wash my hands carefully with soap and water before the beginning of class and I'm okay with that. Thanks to Plan International, I have a nice face mask and face shield."

— Angelina, sponsored child, on returning to school



BANGLADESH

"Being a sponsored child, I am an ambassador for my community and the development of the area. I ask my family members, friends and neighbors to stay at home, wear a mask when going outside and to wash their hands frequently with soap to stay safe from this deadly virus."

— Raziya, a sponsored child who has made more than 300 facemasks for her friends and neighbors

Thank you for being there

when they had nowhere else to turn

This November, Central America was struck by two devastating storms. **Hurricanes Eta and Iota** made landfall only a couple of weeks apart, affecting millions of people in Nicaragua, Guatemala and Honduras. Plan's emergency response teams were already on the ground in these countries, and your support made it possible to provide urgent relief for those who lost everything. You helped to provide essentials like food, clean water, shelter and child-friendly spaces.



CENTRAL AMERICA

Because of your support, we can respond immediately when crisis strikes. Thank you for being there for suffering children and families when they have nowhere else to turn.

Unlocking her potential

To celebrate International Day of the Girl 2020, girls around the world took over positions of power. This year, the Takeovers highlighted the need for online safety and more technological opportunities for girls.

"By taking over as CEO of Plan International USA, I was able to experience firsthand what it means to be a CEO — a dream all girls should be able to make a reality!"

— Rida, Plan USA youth advocate



"I dream of a world where girls and boys enjoy the same rights and have the same duties and opportunities to make choices about their lives, where girls and young women are economically empowered and have means of subsistence."

— Denisia, a young activist who took over the social media accounts of the Embassy of Sweden in Mozambique

"I am here on behalf of all the girls from my region and from Peru to ask you to join our voices and work to solve two problems that limit our opportunities: the lack of internet access, and online violence that violates our rights. I know that together we will achieve this and we will be able to transform the world."

— Anahy a young woman who took over for the CEO of Scotiabank Peru



Thank you

for sending joy to sponsored children

Despite the challenges they're facing in their own lives, sponsored children were concerned about their sponsors. They wanted to make sure you were doing okay during the pandemic. It shows just how important you are to them. So, we asked you to let them know how you're doing — and you delivered! Thank you for your heartfelt messages and photos, at a time when sponsored children needed to feel that connection and support more than ever! Here are just a few snapshots of life in 2020 that we received from you.



HER PERIOD

shouldn't stand in her way

Partners since 2017, Plan International USA and Kimberly-Clark took our collaboration to new heights in 2020 with the launch of menstrual health and sanitation initiatives in South America!

Supported by Kimberly-Clark's Kotex brand, menstrual health programs in Brazil and Colombia are raising awareness, amplifying girls' voices and providing resources. Through Kotex's She Can Initiative, 20,000 menstrual pads were delivered to women and girls in Brazil alone.

Kimberly-Clark's Scott brand is also supporting Plan's sanitation projects in Brazil, Colombia and Ecuador. Together, we delivered 120 hygiene kits to families in Ecuador.

And we're just getting started! For International Day of the Girl, Kotex and Plan hosted a virtual panel featuring young women from around the globe that focused on destigmatizing menstrual health and challenging period perceptions. Kotex also committed \$2.5 million over the next three years to expand menstrual health hygiene management and education in Vietnam, India, China and Nigeria, with a goal of reaching 1.6 million individuals.

After a year where so much changed, we're grateful for the unwavering commitment of donors like you and partners like Kimberly-Clark. Together, we'll continue working tirelessly to ensure the lives of girls and young women change for the better.



Shining a light on online harassment

Plan's 2020 State of the World's Girls Report focused on the abuse girls face on social media. We spoke with 14,000 girls in 22 countries and discovered more than half have been harassed online.

As a result of the landmark Freedom Online survey, Plan and Instagram have teamed up for a series of listening sessions with 15 youth activists from

around the world, creating a dialogue on how to invest in protecting girls from bullying and harassment.

Neha from Nepal (*pictured right*) is one of six female youth advocates who wrote an open letter to social media companies, calling on them to work with girls to co-create solutions against harassment. Globally, the letter garnered more than 60,000 signatures!

NEPAL



UGANDA

Thank you for following Stella's journey

Over the past few months, you've followed the story of a brave young woman who fled from South Sudan in search of a better life. Stella survived the dangerous journey to Uganda on foot, terrified and alone. After arriving at the refugee camp, she ended up in a home with foster siblings who bullied her. Feeling like it was her only escape, she made the difficult decision to drop out of school and marry her boyfriend. Then, five months later, her husband abandoned her. These devastating hardships could have crushed her spirit, but Stella is a survivor. She found a

way to return to school and, despite the stigma she faces because of her marriage, she's determined to finish her education.

"I want to be a nurse," Stella says. "If I hadn't gone back to school, I wouldn't have a future."

COVID-19 is making life even more difficult for refugee girls like Stella. Thank you for showing them that they're not alone, and they won't be left behind. [Read Stella's story here: planusa.org/stella](https://planusa.org/stella).

You can help more girls like Stella with

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SOUTH SUDAN

IN LOVING MEMORY OF **Korok Gain**

We were deeply saddened by the loss of Korok Gain, a Plan volunteer in South Sudan. Korok was tragically killed by gunmen on October 29, while delivering vital nutrition services to children and families affected by war and flooding.

Korok's supervisor described him as a young man full of life, who got along well with everyone.

"Our thoughts and condolences are with the family and friends of our colleague," Plan South Sudan's Country Director George Otim said. "Our on-the-ground staff and volunteers play a critical role in delivering humanitarian assistance to some of the most vulnerable and hard-to-reach communities in the world, and have supported our mission in South Sudan with huge courage, despite the volatile situation."