

WE SO APPRECIATE ALL YOU'VE HELPED PLAN ACHIEVE THIS YEAR WORLDWIDE!



YOUR GIFTS KEEP ON GIVING: YOUR GIFTS OF HOPE: GOATS AND CLASSROOMS AND MORE!

You've made 5,900 Gifts of Hope possible. What an incredible impact you are making! Thanks to you:

- **778** girls will be protected from the dangers of living on the streets, where sexual exploitation, child labor, and neglect pose threats;
- **515** goats will go to families in the Philippines, which could result in more than 123,600 gallons of milk a year for nourishment or to sell for income;
- **489** girls will receive sanitary products to meet their menstrual hygiene needs so they can continue attending school in Ethiopia;
- **240** girls in Sierra Leone will go to school for a year through gifts covering their tuition, supplies, and uniforms;
- **2** new classrooms will be built, and teachers trained, in Burkina Faso;
- **1** new borehole will be drilled and existing ones will be repaired in Niger, providing a safe source of drinking water

and sanitation for students, and increasing school enrollment because the girls and boys in the community will no longer have to walk hours each day in search of clean water.



Children in Nepal wear backpacks distributed by Plan following the April earthquake.

YOUR IMPACT

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Fozia (in orange) with her family.



FIRST COMES EDUCATION:

TAKING A STAND TO END CHILD MARRIAGE

Fozia's family arranged her marriage when she was a child because they could not afford to keep her at home. But Fozia had other plans.

She wanted to continue her education, so she sought out the help of a community

worker from Plan. Together, they convinced her parents to delay her marriage. Because of your support for Plan's programs, Fozia is now in school again.

In many countries, child marriage is deeply rooted in gender discrimination. Poverty and weak legal systems perpetuate the cycle.

You've taken a stand against child marriage by partnering with the **Because I am a Girl** initiative.

By supporting girls' education, you provide opportunities. By allowing access to reproductive health services, you help girls and boys understand their choices. By increasing awareness of children's

rights, you demand that they be protected.

Thank you for giving Fozia a brighter future. Because no child should ever be forced into marriage.

NEPAL: BUILDING BACK BETTER

BUILDING BACK A SAFER, STRONGER NEPAL

On April 25, 2015, a 7.8-magnitude earthquake devastated Nepal, killing nearly 9,000 people. The earthquake created a tremendous need for temporary school environments. Concerns for child protection also increased, with girls and children living in remote mountainous communities facing the greatest risks.

To address these concerns Plan supported more than 255,120 individuals, 106,739 of them children, through the provision of emergency shelter, food and water, and immediate access to temporary learning centers and protection spaces. With your generous contributions, we provided protection services and life-saving information and counselling to 44,000 girls and boys and built 282 temporary

learning centers, enabling 18,353 children to immediately resume their education after the earthquake.

Moving forward, Plan will continue to use your thoughtful contributions wisely. We will provide "safe spaces" for adolescent girls, so that they can learn about available health services and receive vocational training and informal education. To support the recovery of 65,000 earthquake-affected families, we will continue helping communities to "build back better" by furnishing earthquake-resistant construction techniques and materials. We will also convert existing temporary learning centers into transitional classrooms to bridge the time it will take the government to construct new schools, with the goal of providing 135,000 children with access to quality education and child-friendly spaces.

With your continued partnership, and the incredible resilience of the people of Nepal, all this – and so much more – is possible.

SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT:

FIFTY AND COUNTING: WHY ONE SPONSOR IS SUCH A STRONG BELIEVER



Graham Casden is a true and tested believer in the incredible impact a Plan International USA sponsor can make.

He's such a believer that he decided to make a difference in the life of more than one child. So, he sponsored more – 49 more to be exact! Currently, Graham sponsors 50 children.

"It's gratifying to help others," he said. "We can't be everywhere at the same time, so contributing to a reputable program like Plan allows us to do much more."

Graham is the founder of advocacy group Ocean First, and he has traveled to destinations all over the world. He is empowering children in some of the countries he has visited.

"Plan works," he said. "I've had many children graduate from the program and it's amazing to see their development over the years."

"[I hope to] open doors for kids they didn't even know were closed," he added.

Many thanks to all of our sponsors for the incredible difference you make in children's lives.



Group activities help children recover from the trauma of the earthquake.



GLAMOUR GIRLS:

PARTNERING WITH GLAMOUR FOR GIRLS' EDUCATION

Did you see us in the pages of Glamour? Plan International USA is thrilled to be partnering with Glamour to transform the lives of girls around the world through **The Girl Project**. Through compelling storytelling on the challenges that girls face to access a quality education, Glamour is building awareness among its audience of over 12 million readers and asking them to help make a difference by contributing to **The Girl Project**. Funds raised support Plan's **Because I am a Girl** programs. Check it out at www.thegirlproject.com.

Hap, 15, from Vietnam, is recognized as one of Glamour's "Bravest Girls in the World."