

# PLAN INTERNATIONAL WORLDWIDE ANNUAL REVIEW 2021



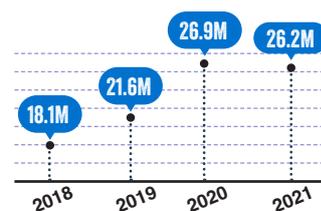
**Plan International strives for a just world that advances children's rights and equality for girls.**

This annual review is a summary of our global impact for children, particularly girls, in 2021.\*

## OUR GLOBAL STRATEGY TO 2022

- We are active in over 75 countries.
- Our ambition is to transform the lives of 100 million girls through our five-year strategy.
- Our work is inspired by the United Nations' Global Goals, and in particular, achieving gender equality by 2030.

### GIRLS REACHED EACH YEAR TO DATE



## WHAT WE DO

### Through our strategy, we will:

✓ deliver greater impact for vulnerable and excluded children, especially girls.

✓ influence greater change at local and global levels.

✓ transform girls' lives.

### Across these priority areas of work:



**EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT**  
Children, particularly girls, grow up well cared for and equally valued.



**INCLUSIVE, QUALITY EDUCATION**  
Children, particularly girls, have the education they need to succeed in life.



**PROTECTION FROM VIOLENCE**  
Children, particularly girls, grow up free from violence, fear or discrimination.



**SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND RIGHTS**  
Girls and young women have control over their lives and bodies.



**SKILLS AND DECENT WORK**  
Young people, especially young women, gain knowledge and skills, access opportunities and engage actively in decent work of their choosing.



**YOUNG PEOPLE DRIVING CHANGE**  
Girls, boys and young people shape decisions that affect their lives by leading change within their own communities and influencing decisions at higher levels.

[Read more about what we do](#)

\*Period covered is 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021.



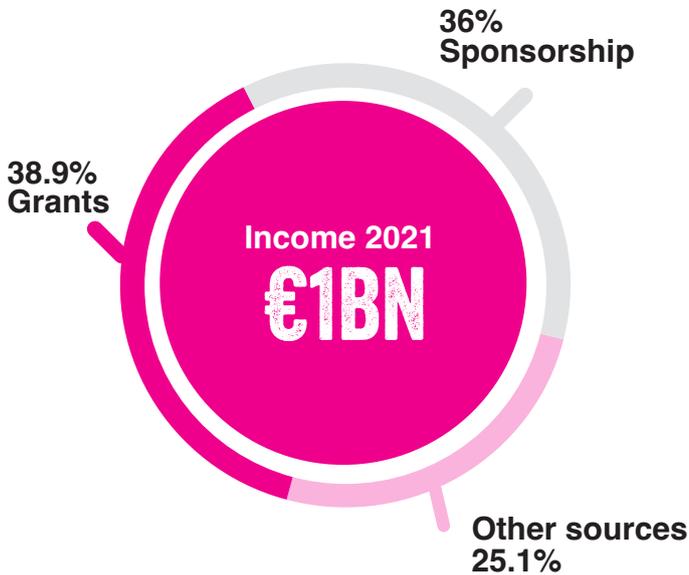
## FROM THE CEO AND CHAIR

In 2021, the fourth year of our global strategy, 100 Million Reasons, Plan International supported over 26 million girls to learn, lead, decide and thrive. During this period, the COVID-19 pandemic, and the stress it imposed on economic, educational and health systems, combined with climate shocks, food crises and conflict, set back progress made towards gender equality over the past decade. Our experience has taught us that such crises have particular impacts on girls' education, their risk of child marriage, their access to sexual and reproductive health services, their access to economic opportunities. We had to pivot our programming and influencing approach, working with partners and young people to promote and protect girls' rights both offline and online.



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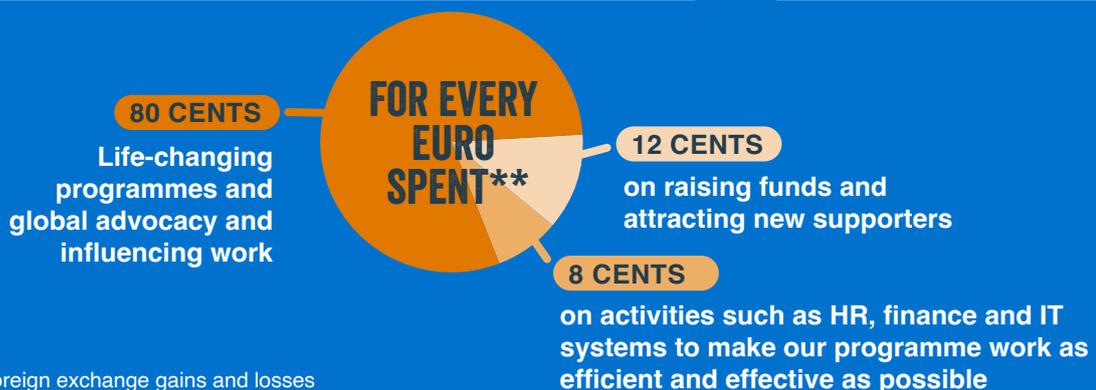
## FINANCE



[Read full financial statements](#)



\*including foreign exchange gains and losses



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# IN NUMBERS

We are active in

**78**

countries

We reached

**26.2M**

girls

We reached

**24.1M**

boys

We worked in

**61,231**

communities

Supporters sponsored

**1.2M**

children

We partnered with

**39,607**

organisations

## PRIORITY AREAS OF WORK



### EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

4 million girls reached

€96M spent



### INCLUSIVE, QUALITY EDUCATION

6.4 million girls reached

€109M spent



### PROTECTION FROM VIOLENCE

5.9 million girls reached

€115M spent



### SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND RIGHTS

5.8 million girls reached

€69M spent



### SKILLS AND DECENT WORK

0.6 million girls reached

€46M spent



### YOUNG PEOPLE DRIVING CHANGE

3.5 million girls reached

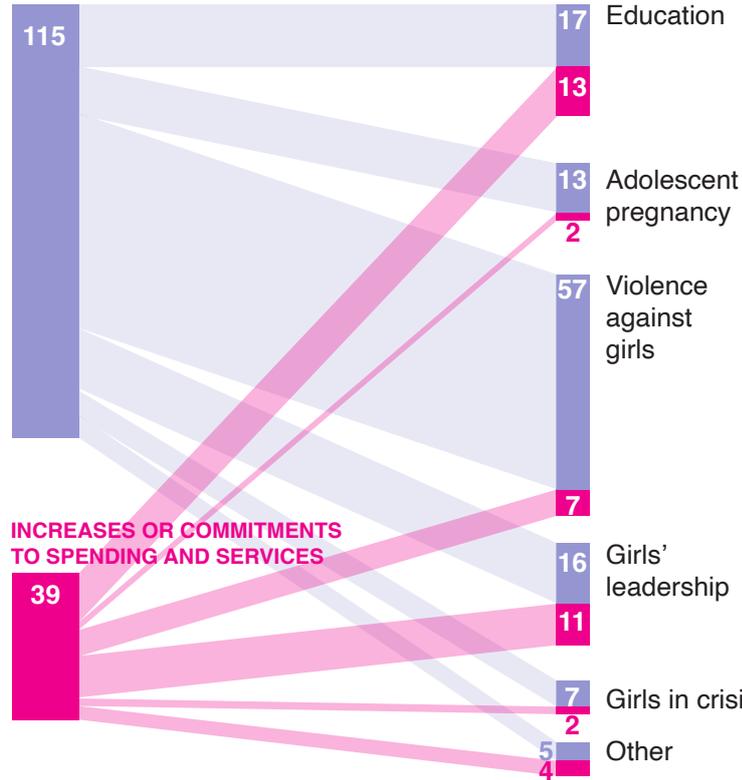
€103M spent

**66,800**

Number of people who signed girls' open letter asking for action on online violence by social media platforms

## PROGRESS ON GIRLS' RIGHTS

CHANGES OR DEVELOPMENTS IN LAWS, POLICIES, REGULATIONS OR GUIDELINES



## OUR EMERGENCY RESPONSE

9.8 million girls reached

€155M spent

**136**

Number of disaster responses

EDUCATION IN EMERGENCIES

**58**

programmes in

**17**

countries

CHILD PROTECTION IN EMERGENCIES

**76**

programmes in

**36**

countries

CASH AND VOUCHER ASSISTANCE IN EMERGENCIES

**17**

programmes in

**15**

countries

HEALTH IN EMERGENCIES

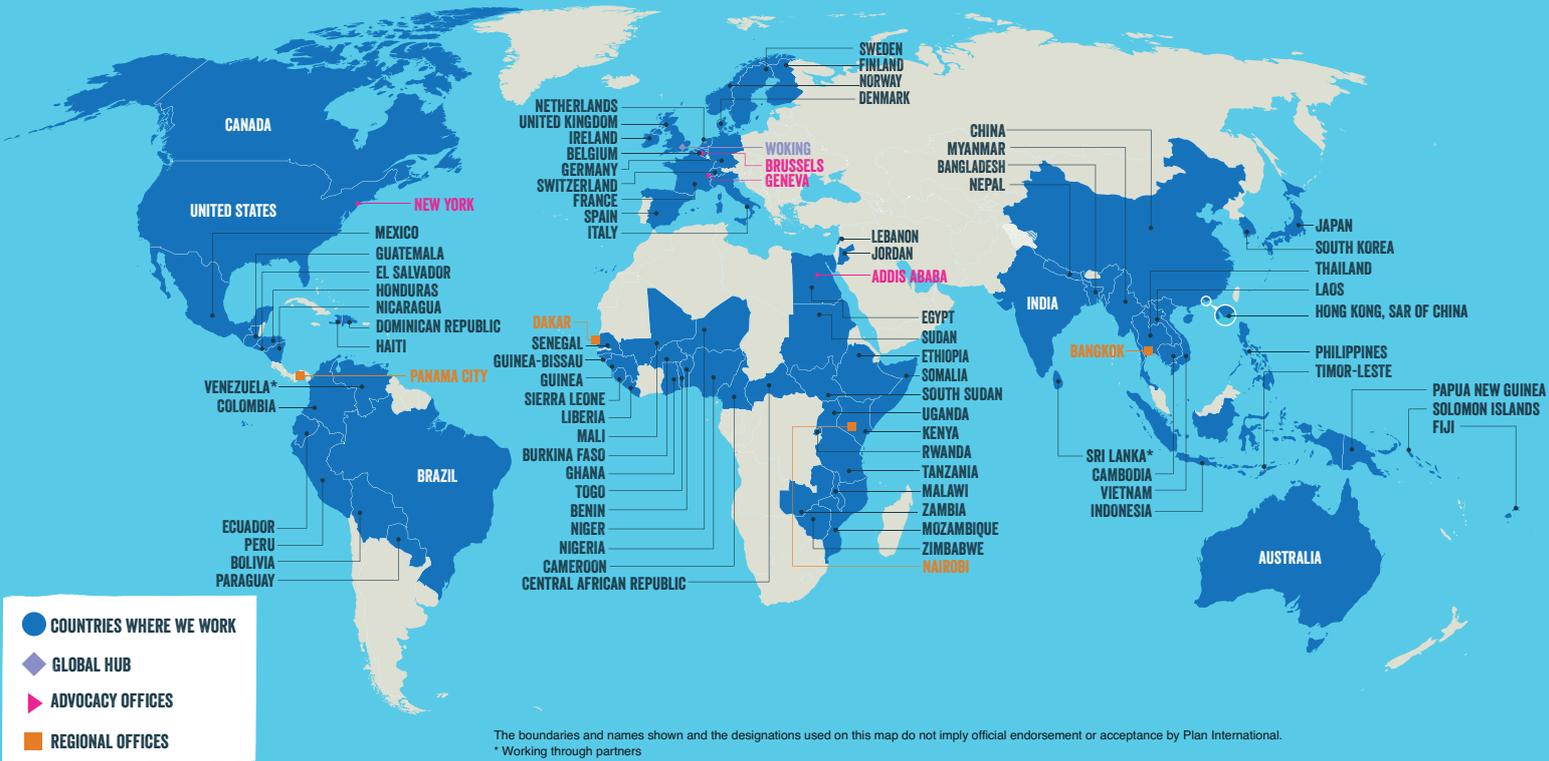
**33**

programmes in

**19**

countries

# WHERE WE WORK



## OUR COVID-19 RESPONSE

Plan International adapted its programmes to best deliver on its dual focus on humanitarian and development work. Given the increase in number and intensity of stresses such as the pandemic, the climate crisis, conflict and insecurity in many regions, we had to rethink our approach to existing programmes to maintain impact in this new global context. Education programming was redesigned in response to school closures and the need for accelerated learning approaches; economic empowerment programmes encompassed food security and cash and voucher assistance; there was an increased focus on nutrition in early childhood development programmes alongside education.

[Read more about 2021](#)

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