

PLAN INTERNATIONAL WORLDWIDE ANNUAL REVIEW 2021



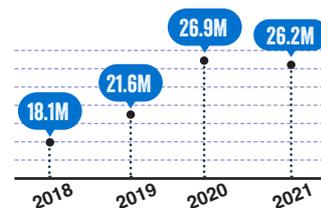
Plan International strives for a just world that advances children's rights and equality for girls.

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.



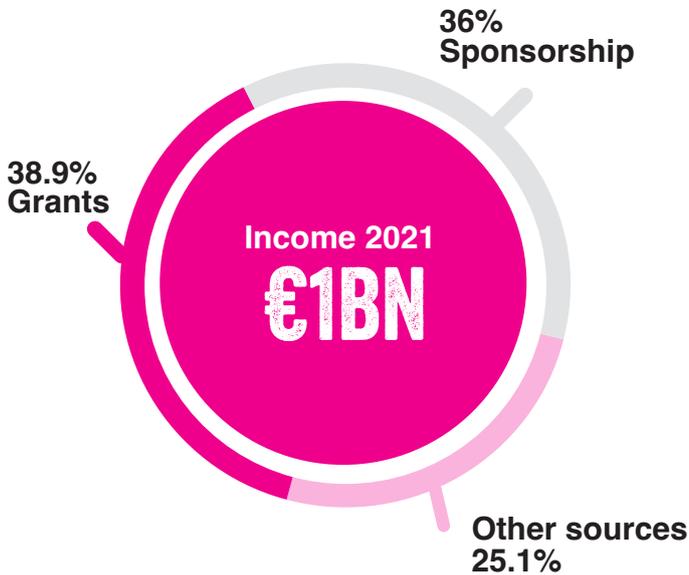
FROM THE CEO AND CHAIR

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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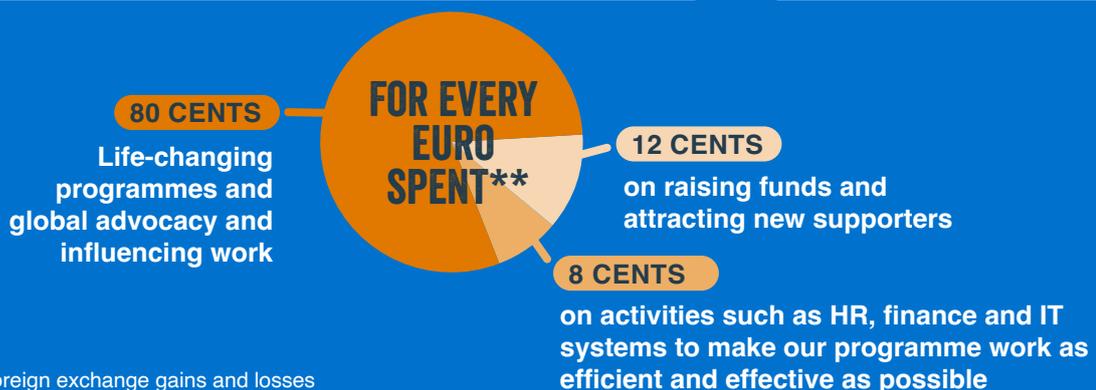
FINANCE



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*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

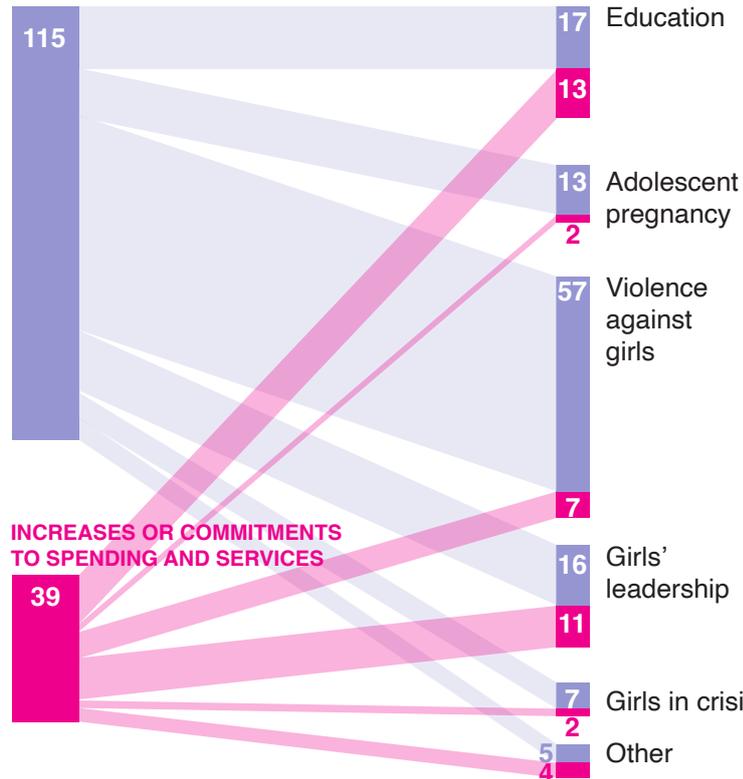
€103M spent

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

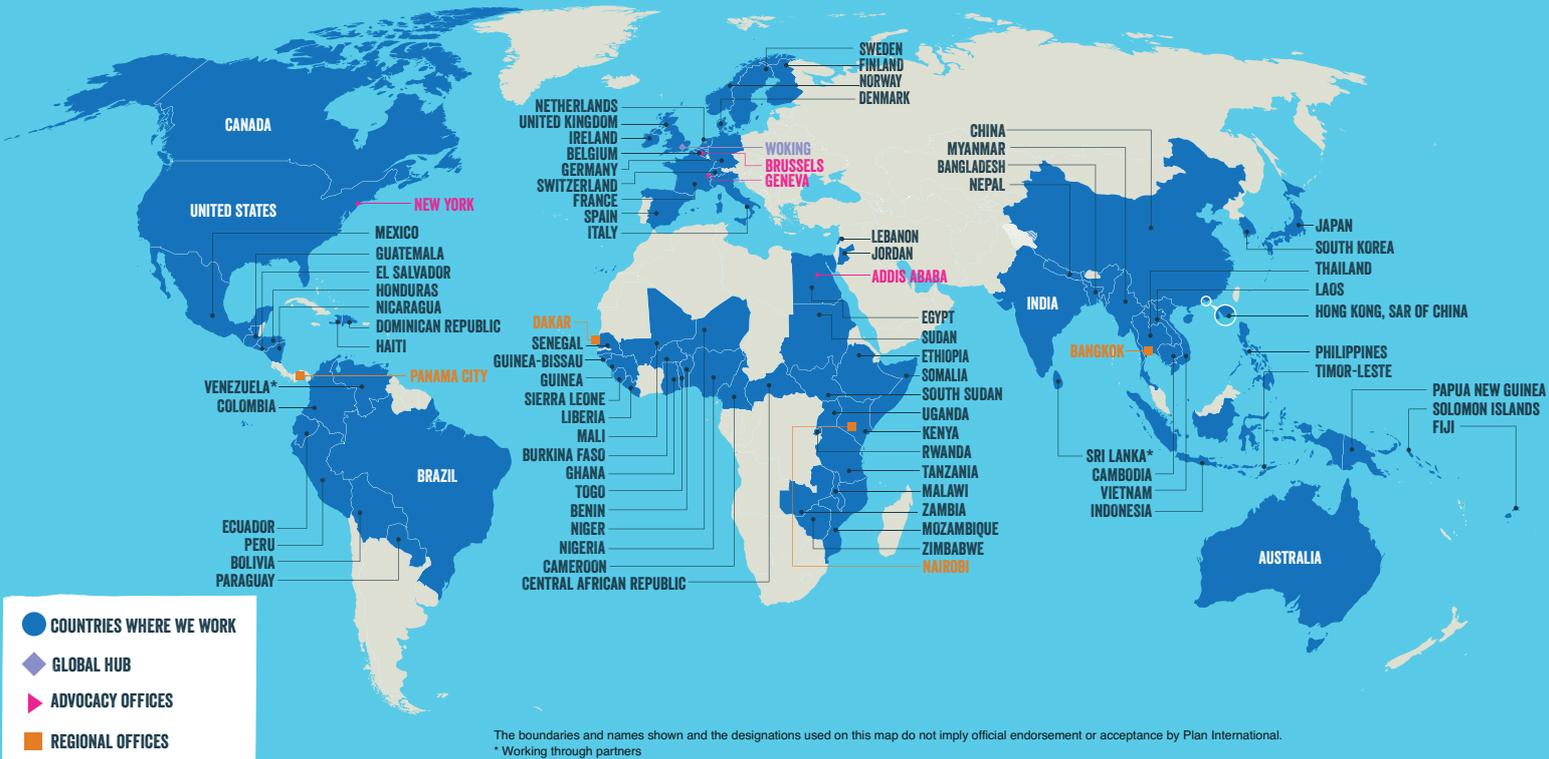
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programmes in

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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