With an endowment of $4.4 billion, we support bold ideas for children to survive and thrive, today and in the future. We believe that investing in children has the power to trigger big social and economic changes. Areas of work include children and adolescents’ health and nutrition, child protection, early learning and smart ways to slow down and stop climate change.

The foundation was established in 2004 and follows a rigorous business-like approach to philanthropic funding. With offices in London, Nairobi, and New Delhi, CIFF works with a wide range of partners including governments, non-governmental organisations, other philanthropies, businesses and many others.

Partnerships are critical because it will take the combined efforts of the many to tackle the challenges faced by many children, their families and their communities every day. Programmes are designed to build on ideas and leadership on the ground, adding value with technical expertise and a distinctive evidence-based approach.

ABOUT CIFF

In India, CIFF has a portfolio of active multi-year grants across a range of issues. This includes technical support for the Government of India’s ambitious school-based deworming programme. Treating children with medication has been shown to drastically reduce the number of worms in their bodies. This prevents the negative effects worms have on infected children’s health, nutrition and cognitive abilities.

We know that early experiences can have a huge impact on the development of a child’s brain and body. Children across India regularly watch and learn from Galli Galli Sim Sim, which is an effective way of bringing early childhood education to television with engaging stories and music. CIFF’s funding helps to develop content that is designed to increase cognitive, social, health and hygiene skills. The programme is broadcast on national and regional television channels in seven languages – Hindi, Gujarati, Marathi, Tamil, Telugu, Kannada and Malayalam.

In Rajasthan, we have a Memorandum of Understanding with the State Government to support a number of exciting investments to champion children and adolescents. This includes a grant to support India’s first government-led community management of acute malnutrition programme, delivered through the public health system. This programme will reach at least 25,000 acutely malnourished children across all districts with the intention that the government will take it to scale.

Another grant is making a remarkable difference in child mortality in the labour rooms of Rajasthan thanks to the introduction of the Safe Childbirth Checklist. This simple, paper-based tool prompts health workers to perform 29 essential practices before, during and after birth. It has led to big improvements and a fall in perinatal mortality. The Government of India is adopting the checklist nationally.

In addition to CIFF’s global development work, we also have a large portfolio of grants aimed at tackling climate change, which is the single biggest threat to the future of today’s children. Providing a climate-safe future promises multiple benefits today such as cleaner air, energy security and sustainable jobs, along with smart stewardship of the planet’s resources.

CIFF and partners have assembled a team of experts to help governments and industry around the world, including in India and China, to increase the energy efficiency of air conditioners in parallel with the phase-down of super-polluting refrigerants known as hydrofluorocarbons.

Finally, CIFF’s newest strand of work focuses on ending the scourge of child slavery and commercial sexual exploitation. Our approach is to raise awareness of the crisis, especially by giving voice to children. We are working closely with governments to build local capacity and increase accountability; building coalitions to support grassroots organisations to pilot and scale up high-impact interventions; and documenting and sharing evidence of what does and doesn’t work. The goal is to break the impunity for those who enslave and rape children.

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India’s National Deworming Programme
Partner: Pramanit Karya India Private Limited / Evidence Action
To support the Government of India to successfully implement an evidence-based, nationally-mandated deworming programme that reaches at least 75% of children.

Reducing child mortality in Bihar through improved hand washing
Partner: Bhavishya Alliance Child Nutrition Initiatives / Hindustan Unilever Limited
To prevent childhood illness and mortality in Bihar through handwashing with soap.

Safe Childbirth Checklist
Partner: Jhpiego
To scale the use of the World Health Organisation Safe Childbirth Checklist in order to improve health worker practices and reduce newborn deaths.

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Education Development Impact Bond
Partner: Educate Girls / UBS Optimus Foundation / Instiglio
To support girls education in Rajasthan and demonstrate that a development impact bond is a viable results-based structure for financing and delivering learning outcomes.

India Safe Care, Saving Lives
Partner: ACCESS Health International
To improve the quality of care in health facilities in India, and save maternal and neonatal lives by working through the government-sponsored health insurance in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana states.

The future of air conditioning
Partner: Institute for Governance and Sustainable Development
To tackle climate change by improving the efficiency of air conditioners in India and China.

Better early learning for urban children in India
Partner: FSG India
To help low-cost private sector education operators provide high-quality early childhood education programmes.

Galli Galli Sim Sim
Partner: Sesame Workshop India
To support a children’s television programme in India that will improve the skills of 13 million children.

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Creating an enabling environment for nutrition results
Partner: Antara Foundation / World Bank Multi-Donor Trust Fund
To significantly contribute to greater accountability and commitment by the government of India – and Rajasthan in particular – towards nutrition actions.

Driving action against child slavery & rape
Partner: Bachpan Bachao Andolan
To create strong legal and economic deterrents against those who enslave and rape children by ensuring quick and fair delivery of justice.

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To support and coordinate actors and resources to strengthen the anti-slavery community in areas with a high prevalence of child slavery.

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