

Save the Children is one of Australia's largest child-focussed aid and development agencies. We work hard to protect children from harm and help them access education and health services. We have programs in 29 countries and have been running programs in Australia for more than 60 years, operating in every state and territory.

Save the Children is improving the lives of the hardest to reach and most marginalised children in Australia. Many young people we work with experience issues with mental health, domestic violence, anger management, substance abuse, poor nutrition, bullying and social isolation.

- 1 in 5 children in Australia live below the poverty line,
- 1 in 4 young Australians has a mental health condition,
- Suicide is the biggest killer of young Australians [claiming more young lives than car accidents],
- 143,023 Australian children received child protection services [2013-14],
- Indigenous children are more than twice as likely to be developmentally vulnerable than non-indigenous children [Australian Early Development Index],

We provide transformational programs in education and child protection and focus where children are most vulnerable to poverty and social exclusion. We focus on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and families and children from refugee, migrant and asylum seeker backgrounds. In 2014, we delivered programs in more than 150 sites around Australia, reaching more than 34,000 children and their families to create positive, long-term change.

