

Save the Children Global Ventures: Save the Children Impact Investment Fund I

Overview

A child lens investment fund focused on technology enabled solutions to drive impact at scale for children.

“We deploy patient capital and provide support to enterprises to scale tech-enabled innovations that help solve some of the most significant challenges facing children globally, while delivering a financial return to our investors.” - 2024-2025 Annual Impact Report

Theory of change

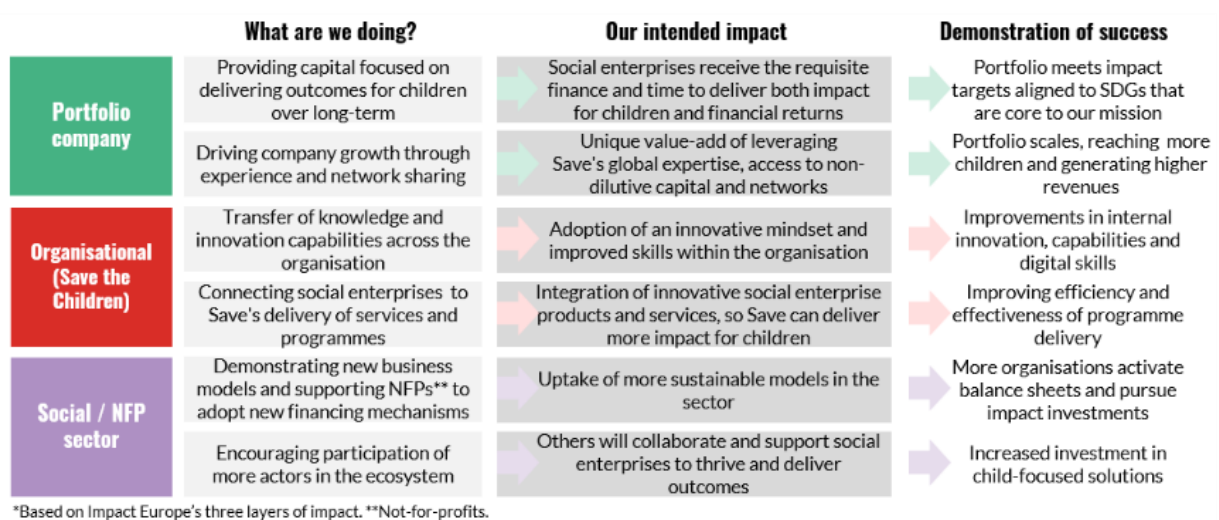


Figure 1: Theory of change: Save the Children Australia Impact Investment Fund

Strategic focus

Investing in tech-enabled solutions to drive impact at scale for children.

- **Education:** Increasing access to quality education, ensuring girls and boys learn in safe and positive environments. Investing in education technology, capacity-building for teachers and enriching data usage.
- **Health:** Improving the health of children and families to ensure fewer children die of preventable illnesses. Investing in health tech innovations.
- **Child Protection:** Ensuring children are safe and preventing their exposure to abuse, neglect, exploitation and violence. Investing in organisations reducing opportunities and risks for harm, particularly through tech solutions.
- **Other Enablers:** Building capacity and infrastructure needed to enable social impact. Investing in tech strengthening for the not-for-profit sector.

Instrument: Predominantly equity, complemented by debt and social impact bonds where appropriate

4.3 Portfolio allocation

Subject to finding suitable investment opportunities, the Trustee intends to invest on behalf of the Fund in a portfolio of equity, debt and social impact bonds. The intended allocation is indicative and may vary from time to time. Financing would be tailored to meet the enterprise needs.

Table 1: Asset class

Asset class	Examples	Intended allocation
Equity	Ordinary and preference share capital	40%
Debt & quasi-debt	Loan facilities, secured or unsecured, at terms negotiated at the time with the borrower; share of revenue loans; impact-backed loans; convertible debt	50%
Social impact bonds	Government sponsored bonds with outcome-based payments. The Trustee may prioritise investing in social impact bonds Save the Children is involved in.	10%

Figure 2: Portfolio allocation: Save the Children Australia Impact Investment Fund

Fund size: 7.4 million AUD

Approach: 500,000-1,000,000 AUD ticket size

Estimated % fund investments in which children are intentionally considered: 100% (fully deployed)

Key investors/ partners: QBE

Key aims and metrics relating to Child Lens investing

- Number of children reached
- Number of children with access to enhanced quality education
- Number of schools supported
- Number of teachers supported
- Number of children screened for health conditions
- Number of health facilities supported
- Number of children with reduced exposure to indoor pollution
- Number of children protected
- Number of organisations with strengthened safeguarding

Strategy

Lisa Fedorenko, Head of Impact Investing Save the Children Global Ventures explains:

Improving financial investment decisions

"Whilst everyone is born and experiences childhood, this continues to be an underserved market often considered niche. Whilst children are so central to core decisions, they remain exempt from financial investment choices. Our specialisation and nuanced knowledge in this space creates an opportunity to better serve this market."

Enhancing impact outcomes on children

"Child Lens Investing is about intentionality and measurability. We consider impact on underserved children and families across the investment process - from initial assessment, to due diligence and portfolio support and measurement thereafter. Beyond the initial value of children served, we consider second and third order effects on the depth of impact to children reached."

Supporting fundraising

"Our Child lens Investing specialisation is unique in addressing the next generation, this creates a Unique Selling Proposition for Investors keen to access the next generation."

Portfolio highlights

The Fund invested in **Inquisitive – a lesson planning tool which supports teachers to deliver better lessons faster, unlocking greater learning outcomes for students and improving teachers' wellbeing.** We invested in Inquisitive because access to quality teaching remains one of the biggest drivers of inequality in education and differences in children's learning outcomes. Especially in under-resourced schools, many teachers lack time or support to plan high-impact lessons, so Inquisitive's platform helps to address this gap, freeing up more time to support children in other ways they might need.

Supporting materials:

- **Website:** <https://www.savethechildren.org.au/get-involved/corporate-partnerships/impact-investment-fund>
- **Related Materials:** [Latest impact report](#)

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