

Save the Children Australia Impact Investment Fund I

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2025-2026 ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT

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

We deploy patient capital and support to help enterprises scale tech-enabled innovations that address some of the most significant challenges facing children globally, while delivering financial returns to our investors. We aim to:

1. Generate **additional** social impact by investing in social enterprises aligned with Save the Children's mission, and helping them **scale to reach more children**;
2. Deliver robust **financial returns** for investors; and
3. Encourage the growth of a **child-lens investment** sector, crowding in more capital to improve children's lives.

PRIORITY IMPACT AREAS



Education

Expanding access to quality education so girls and boys learn in safe, positive environments. We invest in education technology, teacher capacity-building and smarter use of data.



Health

Improving the health of children and families so fewer children die of preventable illness. We invest in health-tech innovation.



Child Protection

Keeping children safe from abuse, neglect, exploitation and violence. We invest in organisations that reduce the risks and opportunities for harm, especially through technology.



Other Enablers

Building the capacity and infrastructure that social impact depends on. We invest in strengthening technology across the not-for-profit sector.

OUR PORTFOLIO

9
Companies

33%
Female founded

	Impact Area	Impact Locations	Investment Details	
			Type	Date
	Education  	Australia	Debt	2021, 2023 & 2024
	Education  	Australia	Equity	2021 & 2024
	Other Enabler 	Global	Equity	2021 & 2022
	Health  	Global	Equity	2021
	Child Protection  	Australia	Equity	2022 & 2024
	Education 	Global	Equity	2022 & 2024
	Education  	Sub-Saharan Africa	Equity	2022
	Health / Climate  	Global	Equity	2024
	Health 	Indonesia	Equity	2025

CATALYSED IMPACT OVER THE PAST YEAR

JULY 2025 – JUNE 2026*



8.5 million+ Children reached by portfolio companies



Education



- **5 million+** children with access to enhanced quality of education
- **15,000+** schools supported
- **284,000+** teachers supported



Health



- **270,000+** children screened
- **900+** health facilities supported
- **11,000+** children vaccinated
- **329,000+** children with less exposure to indoor pollution



Child Protection



- **2.8 million+** children protected
- **100+** organisations with strengthened safeguarding
- **~500** red flags identified



Other Enablers

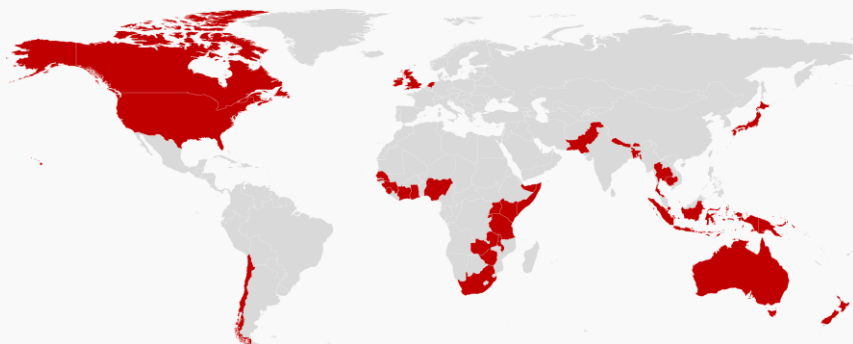


- **250+** not-for-profit organisations supported

Impact is attributed to the investees supported by the Fund, rather than to the Fund itself. The Fund’s role is to catalyse and scale this impact through investment and technical support.

**Unless an investment was made more recently, in which case impact is included since investment date.*

GEOGRAPHIC REACH





Reimagining education to be more culturally-led

Ngutu College is a **not-for-profit independent school** in Adelaide on Kaurna Country. Its culturally informed, child-centred model weaves Aboriginal knowledge, cultural practices and the arts into a national-standard curriculum, delivering holistic wraparound support from Kindergarten to Year 12.

The Fund invested to help Ngutu design a **culturally responsive learning framework that reflects children's lived experiences and sets a bold precedent for inclusive, community-driven schooling across Australia**. Our funding, structured as debt, uses a results-based finance mechanism that ties the interest rate to impact: as the proportion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students grows, the rate falls, further enabling Ngutu's mission.

NGUTU COLLEGE'S IMPACT OVER THE PAST YEAR (JULY 2025 – JUNE 2026)

306

Total learners

50% Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander learners

88% Neurodiverse learners

19

**Aboriginal and Torres
Strait Islander staff**



HIGHLIGHT: ABORIGINAL YOUNG ARTISTS TAKE THEIR STORIES BEYOND THE COMMUNITY

A highlight this year was the visual arts journey of a group of Aboriginal learners in Years 4–6. With culturally responsive mentoring from Ngutu Co-Educator and artist Amanda Westley, the learners moved from hesitancy to confidence as artists and storytellers. Their collection, Landlines and Water Stories, grew to more than 20 works and toured from Ngutu's Ngani Café to the West Lakes Community Space and on to Centennial Park for the 2026 SALA Festival, with one learner recognised in Interface's national Aboriginal children's art competition. The project shows the power of culturally responsive learning to build not just artistic skill, but confidence, cultural pride and belonging.



Artwork from Ngutu learners.

*From July 2025 to June 2026.

inquisitive

Scaling high-impact teaching

Inquisitive is redefining classroom teaching with **engaging, curriculum-aligned lessons and smart planning tools for teachers**. Built on proven, high-impact strategies like explicit instruction and collaborative learning, Inquisitive helps teachers deliver better lessons, faster – improving learning outcomes for students while easing teacher workload and freeing up time to support them.

A child's access to quality teaching remains one of the biggest drivers of inequality in education, yet too many teachers, especially in under-resourced schools, lack the time or support to plan high-impact lessons. The Fund invested in Inquisitive to **expand access to more schools, teachers and students in underserved areas**.

INQUISITIVE'S IMPACT OVER THE PAST YEAR (JULY 2025 – JUNE 2026)

This past year, Inquisitive has expanded its offering to include automarked assessments, showing precisely where students are on the ladder of success in science. Other subjects to follow in FY27, along with a new AI-enabled capability that lets schools create and enhance their own lessons and assessments.



6,400+

Schools using Inquisitive

50,000+

Teachers using Inquisitive

1.1 million+

Students benefiting from Inquisitive (approx.)

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The more I use your online platform the more I truly value the thought and effort that you have put into creating this amazing resource for the teachers and students.

Julia, Teacher, Queensland

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[The new automarking] allows a lot more time to be able to get into your planning for the next term and even the reporting... It gives you a bit more time to analyse the data rather than just collecting it.

Classroom Teacher, Queensland



Students learning through Inquisitive's platform.





Smarter fundraising through predictive AI

Dataro is a **data science company helping not-for-profits fundraise smarter**. Unlike traditional fundraising tools, Dataro's predictive AI models build highly targeted donor profiles and automate prospect research, enabling organisations to run smarter, more personalised campaigns that maximise donor engagement and return on investment.

Building the infrastructure for the sector to operate more efficiently has significant potential to drive impact at scale, especially in an increasingly challenging funding environment. The Fund invested in Dataro to **strengthen not-for-profits' ability to raise funds with precision and purpose**. As both an investor and a customer, we've supported Dataro with funding as well as product feedback and network connections, accelerating its reach and helping more organisations maximise their fundraising potential.

DATARO'S IMPACT OVER THE PAST YEAR (JULY 2025 – JUNE 2026)

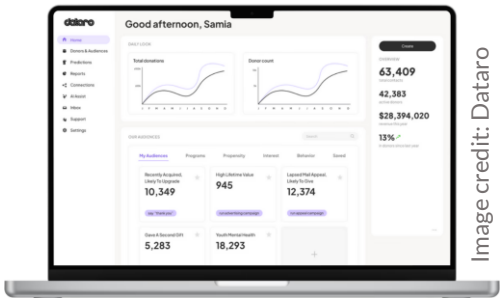
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Organisations using
Dataro



HIGHLIGHT: A 3X ROI CHRISTMAS BREAKTHROUGH FOR BIRMINGHAM WOMEN'S AND CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL CHARITY

Birmingham Women's and Children's Hospital Charity used Dataro's predictive donor rankings and AI-recommended ask amounts to sharpen its 2025 Christmas appeal, **mailing over 50% fewer supporters while raising more**. The result was a jump in return on investment from 2:1 to 6:1, a response rate that more than doubled to ~11% and £24,000+ (~AUD 46,000) raised over target.



Snapshot of Dataro's fundraising platform.

Image credit: Dataro





Expanding frontline healthcare diagnostics

ThinkMD's clinical decision support tool and data analytics platform enables frontline health workers, teachers and community members, regardless of their level of clinical skill, to assess and diagnose health conditions. Their simple-to-use application, accessed with or without the internet, on any device (e.g., smartphone or tablet), is a machine learning-enabled clinical risk assessment solution almost anyone can use to perform patient assessments.

Save the Children invested in ThinkMD to help scale access to their technology to support accurate diagnosis of health conditions in children, particularly in low resource settings.

THINKMD'S IMPACT OVER THE PAST YEAR (JULY 2025 – JUNE 2026)

272,000+

Encounters with children under 5

Up from 186,000+ this time last year

900+

**Healthcare facilities using
ThinkMD**

7,500+

Healthcare workers using ThinkMD

Up from 6,300+ this time last year

400+

**Newborns referred to higher
levels of care and followed
up after using ThinkMD**



Emanuel, age 4, is examined at a clinic in Nairobi, Kenya using ThinkMD's tool.





Strengthening child safeguarding at scale

Oho is an award-winning, automation-driven platform designed to provide fast, continuous and secure screening of accreditations for people working with children across schools, hospitals, sports, childcare, disability and community settings. Unlike manual checks, Oho's technology automates ongoing compliance, reducing risk and strengthening safeguarding with speed and reliability.

Protecting children requires proactive, reliable systems to strengthen screening and recruitment across the board. The Fund invested in Oho to accelerate development of its platform, enabling more thorough and scalable screening. Our investment supports the future of child protection by breaking down barriers to early detection and prevention, reducing the risk of safeguarding incidents and their lasting effects on children's physical, mental and emotional wellbeing, and offering more peace of mind for families and communities.

OHO'S IMPACT OVER THE PAST YEAR (JULY 2025 – JUNE 2026)

105

Organisations using Oho

Including disability support, childcare, Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) and sport

2.8 million+

Children protected (approx.)

300,000+ more this year



120,000+

Carers, coaches and teachers screened

472

Red flags identified

“

What we found in Oho was a partner who not only understood our approach to safeguarding but helped us strengthen it even further. The visibility we now have across our entire workforce, every day, gives a level of confidence we simply didn't have before.

CEO, Melba Support Services – a disability support provider in Victoria, Australia

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[Oho] allow us to ensure continuous attention and visibility and suitability of our people to work with children and ensure ongoing robust insurance coverage. “Doing” is imperative to ensure children are safe and feel safe!

CEO, Junior Adventures Group – outside school hours care (OSHC) provider, Australia

*From July 2025 to June 2026.





Personalising learning through school data

Intellischool is an **AI-powered data platform for schools**. It brings together the information a school already holds – student records, attendance, assessments and wellbeing – to allow teachers to see a connected picture of a student, identify emerging needs earlier and make evidence-based decisions.

The Fund invested in Intellischool to scale the platform to more schools, particularly those serving low-socioeconomic communities, which face the same patterns of student need with smaller teams and tighter budgets. In reaching more schools and equipping more teachers to personalise learning and respond quickly to student needs, Intellischool helps **more children** receive tailored support, improving educational outcomes and narrowing disparities.

INTELLISCHOOL'S IMPACT OVER THE PAST YEAR (JULY 2025 – JUNE 2026)

300+

Schools using Intellischool

More than 10% low socio-economic status (SES) schools

360,000+

Students in schools using Intellischool

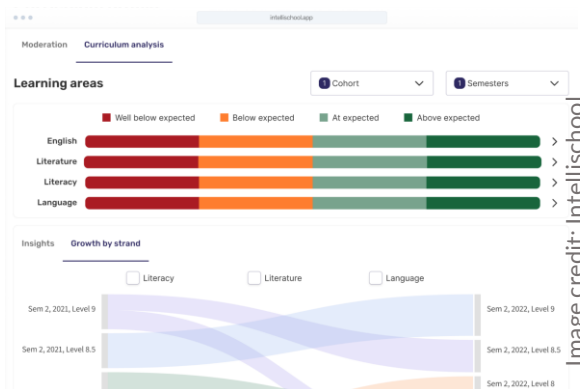


One school Intellischool works with, serving a low-SES community, described what using the platform looks like day to day:

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Intellischool helps us support students with additional academic and social/emotional needs by identifying priority areas in literacy and numeracy, facilitating targeted instruction for those students.

Primary school using Intellischool



Snapshot of Intellischool's platform.

Image credit: Intellischool





Digitising education across Africa

Zeraki is a Kenyan edtech company that provides **digital tools to improve learning and school management across Africa**, digitising key parts of the education system to streamline administrative tasks, improve efficiency and drive better learning outcomes for students. Its core platforms include:

- **Zeraki Analytics:** Data-driven performance tracking and digital report cards
- **Zeraki Learning:** Targeted learning content for students outside the classroom
- **Zeraki Finance:** Digital fee collection, budgeting and financial accountability

Zeraki tackles core barriers to quality education in low- and middle-income countries across Africa, particularly in low-resource settings, by equipping schools and families with tools to monitor student progress and tailor interventions, and by supporting more effective school management. The Fund invested to help Zeraki scale its platforms to **more schools, improving learning outcomes for more students**.

ZERAKI'S IMPACT OVER THE PAST YEAR (JULY 2025 – JUNE 2026)

3.6 million+

Students accessing Zeraki Learning

Up from 3 million+ this time last year

234,000+

Teachers using Zeraki

Up from 186,000+ this time last year

8,300+

Schools subscribing to Zeraki Analytics

Up from 7,500+ this time last year

1,400+

Schools subscribing to Zeraki Finance

Up from 1,250+ this time last year

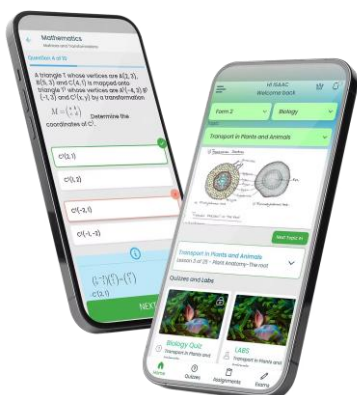


Image credit: Zeraki

Zeraki's learning platform.





Reducing harmful indoor air pollution through clean cooking

ATEC delivers **affordable modern cooking solutions**, eCook stoves and biodigesters, to households, cutting cooking time, cost and harmful emissions compared with firewood or gas. The stoves are IoT-enabled, letting users track usage and emission reductions in real time, and ATEC's distinctive cook-to-earn model lets users earn carbon-credit income, improving affordability for lower-income households.

Traditional cooking produces indoor air pollution that harms children's health, contributing to respiratory infections and stunted development, and women and girls usually bear the time burden of cooking and fuel collection. The Fund invested in ATEC to **scale distribution to more households, improving children's health, freeing up time and creating opportunities to earn income through carbon credits.**

ATEC'S IMPACT OVER THE PAST YEAR (JULY 2025 – JUNE 2026)

69,000+

Cookstoves sold

Up from 11,000+ this time last year

64,000+

Tonnes CO2 avoided

Up from 24,000+ this time last year

329,000+

Women impacted (approx.)

Up from 26,000+ this time last year

329,000+

Children impacted (approx.)

Up from 26,000+ this time last year



“Alefa’s story

Alefa is an English teacher and mother-of-two in Chileka, Malawi. She used to spend 3,000 kwacha (~US\$1.75) a day on charcoal. Her eCook stove costs just 1,000 kwacha (~US\$0.58) a day to run – a saving of 2,000 kwacha daily – and she earns a further 1,600 kwacha (~US\$0.92) a week through the Cook 2 Earn programme. Crucially, her lungs are free of soot, and her home is free of toxic smoke.

For the first time, Alefa says, "cooking feels like progress."



United Kingdom

Pakistan

Nepal

Bhutan

Bangladesh

Cambodia

Rwanda

Tanzania

Malawi

PrimaKu

Improving child nutrition and immunisation in Indonesia

PrimaKu is Indonesia's first **digital paediatric health platform** designed to monitor children's growth and development, connecting parents, paediatricians and health facilities. PrimaKu serves as a one-stop solution for all parenting needs across every stage of a child's development with content and recommendations, including a free app with growth charts and immunisation reminders for parents and caregivers, a free app for paediatricians with information and telehealth services, and a supply chain management software for clinics.

PrimaKu's digital tools are having a measurable impact across Indonesia, which faces one of the most significant child health challenges in the world. **97% of children under two on the platform are able to avoid malnutrition and PrimaKu parents are 2.5x more likely to complete full immunisation coverage for their children.** The Fund invested in PrimaKu to extend these outcomes to more families across Indonesia.

PRIMAKU'S IMPACT (CUMULATIVE UP TO JUNE 2026)

1.6 million+

Children on PrimaKu's platform

65,000+

Vaccines delivered

Up from ~34,000 at the end of December 2025

333,000+

Children vaccinated

Up from ~322,000 at the end of December 2025



PrimaKu runs a platform specifically for community health workers – KaderKu. One parent describes the impact the KaderKu programme has had on their child's nutrition:

“

My child always ate well and regularly, so I assumed he was growing just fine. But during a consultation with a doctor, I discovered that his weight was still below what is normal for his age. Thanks to this programme, **my child's growth and development are now being tracked more closely.** Through the counseling sessions, I, as a parent, have also learned a lot about nutrition to better support my child's growth and development.

Rani, PrimaKu parent



Kaders (community health workers) during a monthly stunting care activity.



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