

IMPACT REPORT



My Right To Respect

For many years, Rizwan* and his older brother experienced discrimination due to their physical disabilities. Rizwan's family were excluded and looked down upon by others in their community in central Bangladesh. 'People used to mock us, and such behaviour broke our spirit. We often felt lonely, isolated, and helpless... burdens to society.' As a result, the family faced significant financial hardship and couldn't afford school fees or medical treatment. Rizwan says, 'no one would give my brother a job and I was excluded by my classmates from games and sports, as they believed I was too weak to participate.'

Then, Rizwan joined a Child Club run by Baptist World Aid's Christian Partner and learnt about his right to attend school and experience fair and equal treatment. The program also provided Rizwan with a mobility aid called a Boston brace, to help him walk comfortably. 'Now, I can attend school, join games, and even help at home. It has given me strength and independence'. However, Rizwan says that the biggest change in his life is not what he received but his belief in himself!

Rizwan is now nine years-old and dreams of a world where those with special needs are treated the same as other children. And through our Partner's awareness activities, Rizwan's community is on the way.

'I don't feel invisible anymore... I can confidently say that I feel safe, accepted, and I know my rights. I can play with other children and express myself freely!'

Your generous support enables children like Rizwan, who once faced discrimination, to experience equality and respect. Rights all children should enjoy.



A SNAPSHOT OF YOUR IMPACT

20,050

people were directly impacted and **67,388** were indirectly impacted through the Vulnerable Children Fund, meaning children at risk of child labour, early marriage, or disability exclusion can be protected.

2,333

people, including children and youth, now have access to health services so they can stay free of disease.

96

community structures, including schools and local governments, reported making changes to practices and policies so people previously marginalised can participate in education and community programs.



A Privilege Or A Right?

Here in Australia many children enjoy their rights without ever thinking about it. However, this is not the case for millions of children around the world who face human rights violations every day. Without knowledge about child rights, communities cannot uphold them, and children are unable to advocate for themselves.



Did you know? The United Nations' 'Convention on the Rights of the Child' details what every child is entitled to, including:



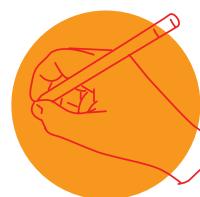
The right to be treated fairly



The right to have a say about decisions affecting them



The right to grow up healthy



The right to an education



The right to be safe no matter where they are



The right to play and have fun¹



Thanks to your donations towards the Vulnerable Children Fund in 2025, children and their families, are learning about their rights so they can advocate for and enjoy the fullness of life that God intends for them.

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PLEASE PRAY THAT:

All children would experience the freedom, love, and safety that they are entitled to enjoy.

Governments would establish structures and laws that protect the rights of children and people with disabilities.

God would bring transformation through the work of our Christian Partners to support communities to develop environments in which young people thrive.

'Jesus said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children."

MATTHEW 11:25

¹ <https://humanrights.gov.au/our-work/education/what-are-childrens-rights>