# **Child Sponsorship: 50 Years Of Baptists Working Together**

You might already be aware that this year marks 50 years of elevating child rights through Child Sponsorship at Baptist World Aid. We're deeply grateful to you for your continued support as we've grown and improved our child and youth programs, uplifting entire communities through best-practice community development that is accredited by the Australian Government.

Together, we've helped transform the lives of thousands of children — making sure they had food, shelter, and education so they could live in fullness of life as God intends. Today, our Child and Youth programs are more impactful than ever — independently assessed as 'one of Australia's best examples of catalysing genuine empowerment, agency and advocacy capacity–especially of children, women and marginalised people' (K4Dev, International Development Consultants, 2022).

# How Your Church Can Be Part Of The Solution To Poverty

We need 500 new Sponsors to keep this important work going.

Through our regular reporting, we know that every Sponsorship improves round 35 lives, because when you support a child, you're supporting them, their family, and their community. Your gift multiples, creating intergenerational change that fights the injustice of poverty.

By helping us find 500 new Sponsors, you're impacting over 17,000\* lives for good!

Will your congregation join other Australian Baptist Churches in being a positive part of the equation?

## The Remarkable Impact On Children's Lives

Independent analysis of ten years of our work revealed the following for children:

- Over 95 per cent reported positive improvement in their lives
- Over 90 per cent now have three meals a day (up from less than 50 per cent at the start of the program)
- 80 per cent now have access to healthcare (up from less than 50 per cent at the start of the program)
- 77 per cent report reduced instances of harmful practices (abuse, neglect, punishment and child marriage)

## **Join Us**

Please encourage those in your congregation to prayerfully consider partnering through Sponsorship and multiplying our impact on poverty. You'll find all the resources needed to promote the campaign within your Church here, <u>bwaa.co/resources-500</u>

# Want To Know More?

Please call 1300 789 991 or email <u>hello@baptistworldaid.org.au</u> and speak to our friendly team about how your church can join with other Baptist churches and be a positive part of the equation.

\*Projections based on FY23 data

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