



SCSA Strategy 2025-2027

Until Every Child Can Be A Child



Save the Children

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Who We Are

Save the Children South Africa (SCSA) started in 2013.
We are part of a global movement that began in 1919.



**Our goal is to make sure
all children are happy,
healthy, and safe.**

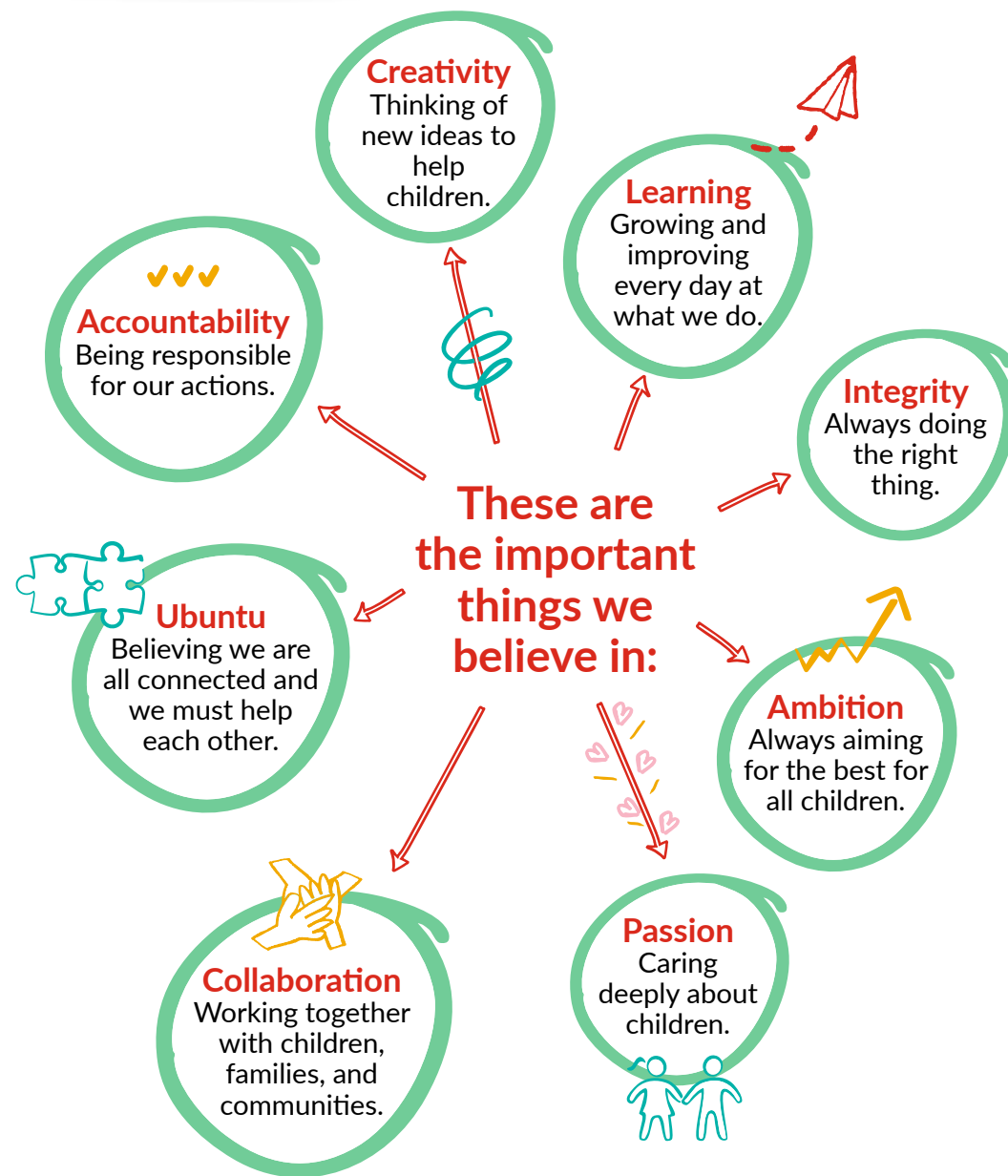


Our Mission



We work hard to change how the world treats children and make their lives better.

Our Values



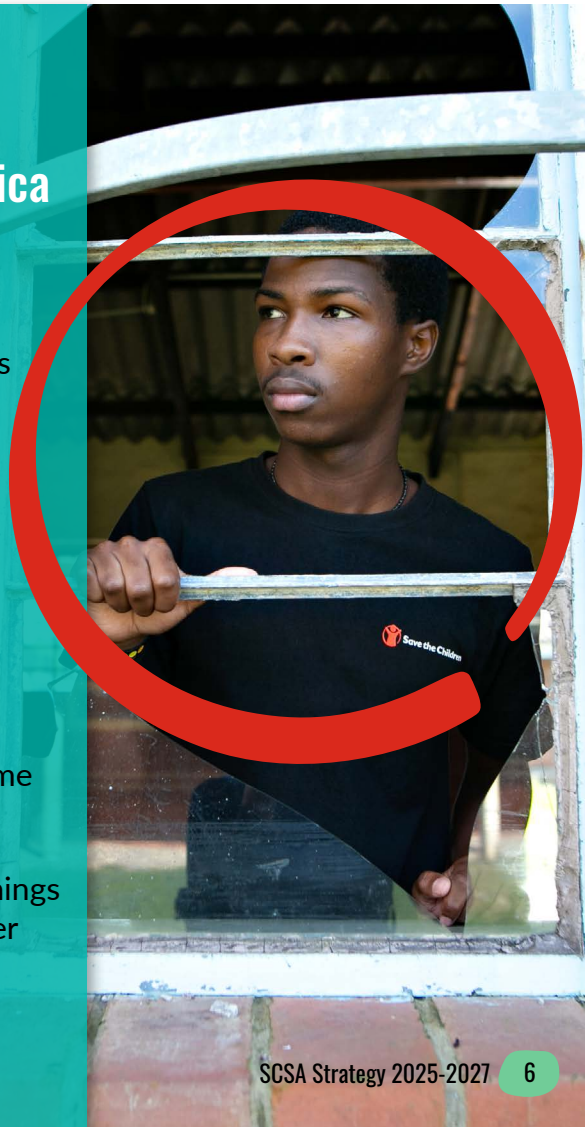
The Reality in South Africa

In 2024, Save the Children South Africa (SCSA) looked at the lives of children across the country in a Child Rights Situational Analysis (CRSA). This helped us understand the biggest challenges children face by listening to children, communities, organizations, and the government.

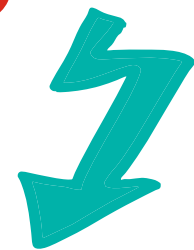


We found that many children in South Africa struggle because of:

- **Unemployment**
Many parents and caregivers don't have jobs, making it hard to provide for their families.
- **Poverty**
Some families don't have enough money for food, school, or healthcare.
- **Inequality**
Not all children have the same opportunities to succeed.
- **Climate change** is making things worse, with extreme weather like droughts and floods affecting children's health, safety, and education.



How Do These Problems Disturb Children?



- Violence against children is still very high, leading to fear, stress, and mental health challenges.
- Many children struggle with reading and maths, and are falling behind in school.
- Some children are not getting enough healthy food, and that's affecting their growth and health.
- Some children don't have proper documents, making it harder to get important services.
- Teenagers getting pregnant, and HIV cases are increasing among young people.
- Many children finish school but struggle to find jobs or training, making their future uncertain.

What Are Children Saying?

Children have told us that they want change! They want adults, governments, businesses, and organizations to take action and help fix these problems. More importantly, they want to be part of the solution and help make their communities better.



Save the Children South Africa is listening!

We are ready to stand with children and fight for a better future.

Our Big Dream

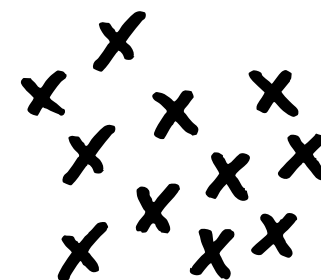


- ➔ No child dies before their 5th birthday from illnesses that can be prevented.
- ➔ All children go to school and get a good education.
- ➔ No child is hurt or harmed.



But right now, many children in South Africa face big challenges, like:

- ➔ 1 in 25 children doesn't live to see to their 5th birthday. That's too many young lives lost.
- ➔ 4 in 5 children in Grade 4 can't read well. That means they're struggling to learn and succeed.
- ➔ 1 in 3 children is hurt by their parent or caregiver. That's not okay- every child deserves to be safe and loved.



Our Plan for 2025-2027

We have two big goals for the next three years:

Goal 1 Make Child Rights a Big Deal

We will:



Work with the government, communities, and children to make sure children's rights get the attention they need.



Help children and their communities to live in a healthy and safe environment by taking action against climate change.



Support children in speaking up for fairness, safety, and better living conditions.

Goal 2 Help Communities to Better Support Children

We will:



Help more children get good care and education by training teachers and caregivers.



Protect children from harm and violence by working with families and communities.



Give young people skills and opportunities to stay healthy and find jobs in the future.



Support children during disasters like floods and droughts to keep them safe.

How Will We Make This Happen?

To reach our goals, we will:

Build partnerships

We will team up with children, families, teachers, communities, business and government to do better for children together.



Be innovative

We will find new, smart and creative ways to help children and their families live better lives.



Be the voice

We will speak up for children and making sure leaders listen to children and make laws and policies that help them.



This means

- ➔ Supporting children to speak out about what they need.
- ➔ Talking to leaders about fair laws, better schools, and safer communities.
- ➔ Helping children's voices be heard on big issues like climate change, education, and health.

Our Promise to Children

We promise to always put children first and help as many children as possible by:

Making sure governments and businesses do their part to protect and support children.



Sharing the best ways to improve children's lives so that other people can use them too.

Teaching the public about children's rights so more people can stand up for them.

How Will We Know We Are Making a Difference?

We will keep track of our progress by:



Checking how many children we help, by counting how many children and families get support from our work.



Listening to children and families, by asking children and their communities if things are getting better and what still needs to change.



Sharing stories of success, by telling real stories of children whose lives have improved because of our work.



Holding ourselves accountable, by making sure we do what we promise and sharing updates with children, families, and the people who support us.



How Can Children Get Involved?



- Join Save the Children's activities in your community.
- Speak up about problems in your school or communities.
- Take action by joining campaigns, tree planting, or community clean-ups.
- Tell adults what you need – Your voice matters!

Together, We Can Build a Better Future!



Your voice matters!

Every child has the right to be safe, healthy, and happy.

By working together, we can make a big difference and make sure all children in South Africa have the childhood they deserve! Until every child can be a child!





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