

## Improvement Analysis ChildFund Australia 2019-2020 Report

### Progress and challenges over the reporting period (A3)

Progress and challenges are described mostly in qualitative terms for the five strategic goals. Substantial progress is reported for directing efforts to children in the Asia-Pacific region, and on diversifying revenue. The Covid-19 poses a challenge in sustaining progress on refocusing programs to respond to children's changing needs. ChildFund Australia is shifting towards more projects implemented with other CSOs and INGOs.

See also comments made in A2 above regarding whether ChildFund Australia achieved the goals set out in its 2015-2020 Strategic Plan.

### Sustainability of your work (B1)

A program Handbook documents minimum requirements on sustainability throughout project cycles.

ChildFund Australia's approach to sustainable outcomes is based on an understanding on the fundamental link between sustainability and local capacity, the latter including strength of local governments and civil society.

ChildFund Australia's commitment to sustainability is reflected in sector change models. Examples on Health Program Sector Change Model and on Education Sector Change Model are provided to illustrate the approach.

Notwithstanding this, the panel would welcome details of the actual sustainability achieved in its programs and projects, as the majority of the details provided are around 'how' sustainability is achieved.

### Responsible stewardship for the environment (C5)



The recently approved and updated [Environmental Sustainability Policy](#) is publicly available, and it commits to addressing environmental impacts of ChildFund Australia's operations and environmental sustainability in projects.

Three key initiatives taking place during the reporting period are described, one of them is a *Green Audit* at the Sydney Office which provided a baseline of ChildFund Australia's Sydney Office carbon emissions.

While the panel sees these developments as positive, it would be interested in hearing about the outcome and impact of the various initiatives implemented.