

Monday, 20 March 2023

Dear Accountable Now Secretariat

Re: Response to the Independent Review Panel Feedback

On behalf of ChildFund Australia, I would like to thank Accountable Now and the Independent Review Panel for the time you've committed to providing thoughtful, considered and practical feedback on our interim Accountability Report 2021-22.

We are encouraged by your comments and appreciate the insights of the Independent Panel. We look forward to sharing more about the implementation of the new Strategic Plan 2022-2025 and impacts and results achieved in our next report. We note the interest of the Independent Panel, and will share further information in our next report, on how the Strategic Plan and updated Theory of Change have been developed, as well as how the transition from child sponsorship is progressing.

Inclusivity, human rights, women's rights and gender equality: We are encouraged by your comments and look forward to sharing reflections and learnings around the results achieved against our Gender Equality, Disability and Social Inclusion (GEDSI) key performance indicator and evidence as per that indicator in the next report.

Responsible stewardship for the environment: As noted by the Independent Panel, ChildFund Australia is committed to advancing our stewardship of the environment and will continue to explore how we can strengthen our efforts in this area. We will share an update in our next report, particularly in regards to the Independent Panel's requests regarding carbon tracking in Country Offices and environmental awareness training for staff.

Main likes/dislikes from stakeholders and organisation's response: ChildFund Australia is committed to listening and responding to our key stakeholders, particularly the communities and partners with whom we work. In our next report, we will reflect on and share instances when the organisation is unable to take up feedback from stakeholders and how this is communicated.

I look forward to providing a more substantial update on progress in our next report and to our continued partnership with Accountable Now.

Regards,



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Chief Executive Officer, ChildFund Australia