



# I PLAY, I LEARN AND I'M SAFE



Save the Children

A programme for preventing unsafe migration of children in Ethiopia and Bangladesh by promoting protection, education and play for children on the move.

**250 million children are on the move today**, both within and between countries, with or without their parents. The reasons for children to migrate can be poverty, natural disaster, conflict, abuse, lack of education opportunities and lack of life opportunities.

For many children, migration promises the chance of a better life and an opportunity to access jobs, education and basic services. However, once children move, they become highly vulnerable to discrimination, violence, abuse and exploitation during their journey and at their destination. States are often unable to ensure children on the move are protected, have access to education and play. Lack of protection, education and play can have life-long effects and severely hamper the development and well-being of children.

Save the Children's program I play, I learn and I'm safe will prevent unsafe migration of children in Ethiopia and Bangladesh by promoting protection, education and play.

**Bangladesh** is one of the most disaster prone countries in the world due to climate change. It is rapidly becoming an urban country, which is causing an

increase in the migration rate risking the lives of more and more children. **Ethiopia**, despite great strides in improving the lives of children, still ranks in the bottom 20 countries in the Human Development Index with 30 million people living in absolute poverty. Children on the move in Bangladesh and Ethiopia need to be protected throughout their journey.

Our programme I play, I learn and I'm safe will use play as an activity, a method to learn and a method to heal.

We will increase awareness of risks of unsafe migration among children and families through engaging schools and child clubs using drama play and sports; connect children on the move to formal and non-formal education; work to reduce violence at home and in school by training teachers and parents on positive discipline and establish Multiple Activity Centres where children can rest, learn and play. We aim to reach more than 60,000 children ages 6-14 in Bangladesh and Ethiopia.

Save the Children will work hand in hand with children on the move to ensure they learn, play and are protected.

Save the Children believes every child deserves a future. Around the world, we work every day to give children a healthy start in life, the opportunity to learn and protection from harm. When crisis strikes, and children are most vulnerable, we are always among the first to respond and the last to leave. We ensure children's unique needs are met and their voices are heard. We deliver lasting results for millions of children, including those hardest to reach.

We do whatever it takes for children – every day and in times of crisis – transforming their lives and the future we share.

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