

ChildFund International honored by the Clinton Global Initiative

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ChildFund International was among a group of organizations honored at the 2015 Clinton Global Citizen Awards for its tremendous leadership in responding to the Ebola crisis over the past year.

In 2014 ChildFund joined with Airlink, a rapid-response relief organization that links airlines with nonprofits, and other partners in a CGI Commitment to Action to build an Air Bridge to West Africa. Through this collaboration, ChildFund helped to fill three planes with critically needed medical supplies and was one of the first organizations to equip teams on the ground to take action in the hardest-hit areas of Liberia and Sierra Leone.



ChildFund also responded to the unique needs of children who lost one or both parents to Ebola by opening the first facility dedicated to their care. ChildFund's nine Interim Care Centers in Sierra Leone and Liberia provided children with safe quarantine facilities as well as food, health care and trauma counseling while also working with those countries' governments to return the children to family care. Through partnerships with Airlink and other CGI members, ChildFund was able to send 10 ocean containers filled with supplies to keep these facilities well stocked and health workers in three countries, including Guinea, well protected.

"These 24 incredible organizations ... more than answered the call for help. Together they mounted a truly extraordinary effort. They mustered more than 600 tons of commodity support, lent thousands and thousands of hours of essential coordinating help and direct service on the ground," said Chelsea Clinton, Vice Chair of the Clinton Foundation.

“I believe the award really recognizes the courage and conviction of aid workers who put their own health and safety at risk to care for those in need, particularly at a time when there was considerable fear about the disease around the world,” said Anne Lynam Goddard, ChildFund President and CEO. “We are grateful and proud to be honored by President Clinton along with some of our key partners.”