

# New Secretary General for ChildFund Alliance

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The ChildFund Alliance Board is pleased to announce that Meg Gardinier has been appointed as Secretary General. She takes up this role on Monday July 6, 2015.

Meg Gardinier is an international, not-for-profit advocate specializing in women and children's issues. She has over 25 years' experience in Non-Governmental Organizational development, advocacy, fundraising, strategic leadership and volunteer management.



She joins ChildFund Alliance from the Elevate Children Funders Group, a donor collaborative of 12 foundations committed to preventing violence against children.

Ms Gardinier has held leadership positions including Director of Arigatou International – New York; Managing Director of the U.S. Fund for UNICEF; and Executive Director of the International Catholic Child Bureau – North America. She has also undertaken consultancies for Save the Children and the Global Network of Religions for Children. Ms. Gardinier is a founding member of the Campaign for U.S. Ratification of the Convention on the Rights of the Child where she is serving as its Volunteer Chair. She is also a board member of End Child Prostitution and Trafficking.

Michael Rose, Chair of the ChildFund Alliance Board, said this week: “We are confident that with this appointment, we have someone who combines both strategic leadership and advocacy skills together with international experience and a passion for child protection. As a Board, we look forward to working with Meg to enable ChildFund Alliance and its members to build on their existing strengths and increase their impact and effectiveness”.

Meg said "I am delighted to be joining ChildFund Alliance at a significant time with the forthcoming post-2015 agenda and the organisation's new strategic plan. The Alliance's work with more than 15 million children in 58 countries achieves life changing opportunities and I am excited to be a part of this work".

Ms. Gardinier earned her Master's Degree in International Political Economy and Development from Fordham University. She is married to Thomas Lawder, and the mother of three daughters.