

Save the Children Canada

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Organization's mandate/goals:

Save the Children was founded in London on 19th May 1919 by Eglantyne Jebb. Driven by the appalling plight of the starving children in the wake of the First World War, she became determined to champion the rights of children and succeeded in raising funds to send food and medicine to the children in war-torn Europe. The Save the Children philosophy, which was based upon the belief that children were entitled to rights which would be upheld and respected, rapidly spread and was adopted by like-minded people in a number of countries where organizations bearing the same name were formed. Save the Children Canada works in 12 countries world wide, including Canada, while the Save the Children Alliance, made up of 29 members, works in over 100 countries. The main objective of the Alliance is to ensure children's rights to survival, development, protection and participation.

Areas of expertise relevant to 2001 UN Conference on Small Arms:**Working with Vulnerable Groups -- *Advocacy, promoting general child welfare***

Save the Children Canada pursues its mission through community development and advocacy in partnership with local communities in Canada and overseas to assist, enable and empower them to improve the quality of life of children.

Health -- *Medical Assistance*

Save the Children ensures a Rapid Response to emergencies, so as to save endangered lives, ensure physical and emotional well being, provide protection from exploitation and abuse, and advocate for children's rights.