



A Global Imperative: Healthy and Secure 0–2 Year Olds

High-impact interventions can ensure the well-being of young children and their mothers

The UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health has forged a partnership with ChildFund International to improve the lives and health of vulnerable, excluded and deprived children around the world from birth to age two. Through this partnership, an evidence-based program will be developed and tested in two countries, with a view to expanding the program globally across ChildFund’s network of offices and projects, where the organization reaches more than 15 million children.

Mapping Methodologies

The partnership between UNC and ChildFund International will produce a roadmap to detail the methodologies, tools and approaches necessary for establishing an effective community and household-focused program for young children. Identifying cultural and site-specific “best practices” for improving health outcomes of children will begin with a focus on pregnant women in targeted ChildFund countries.

Curricula and training materials for use by ChildFund field offices and host-country collaborators will be developed. These will be based on ChildFund’s priorities for developing new competencies, such as infant and child feeding and behavior change in mothers and children. These resources will strengthen existing methodological skills such as qualitative research, rapid surveillance/assessment and program monitoring and evaluation.

Effective Alliance

This innovation lab draws on an unprecedented team of interdisciplinary experts at UNC that will inform the development and testing of the ChildFund child health program. The partnership will assure a commitment that combines an on-the-ground presence with the guarantee of state-of-the-art research, evaluation and implementation.

Leadership



Peggy Bentley, PhD, professor of nutrition and Associate Dean for Global Health, UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health, and **Cyril Engmann, MD**, clinical assistant professor of pediatrics, UNC School of Medicine, will draw from a

broad range of UNC experts in maternal and child health and related disciplines in the development of the pilot program.



VISION

“Our collaboration with Carolina links Child Fund’s unique assets and approaches with cutting-edge practice, helping us achieve our core intent to improve the lives of children worldwide. Our work together will advance the state of the art in child development, addressing gaps in knowledge and practice for global impact beyond the reach of either institution. This supports our goal of promoting societies that value, protect and advance the rights of children.”

*Anne Goddard,
president and
chief executive officer
of ChildFund*

IMPACT! Healthy Mothers & Children

The collaboration between the UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health and ChildFund International opens the door to improving the outlook for young children and their mothers around the world.

