

## World Children's Day: Emirates Airline Foundation reiterates its commitment to the welfare of disadvantaged children

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Dubai: On World Children's Day, celebrated worldwide on November 20, the Emirates Airline Foundation and its NGO partners share their hopes for improving the welfare of disadvantaged children around the world. The Foundation supports projects that provide children with safe shelter, basic necessities such as food and medical services, and access to opportunities through education and skills training.

Sir Tim Clark, President Emirates Airline and Chairman of the Emirates Airline Foundation said: "In the 18 years since its establishment, the Foundation has been helping to channel the generous donations of our passengers and employees towards projects focused on improving the welfare of children in need.

"The Foundation currently supports 19 projects in 12 countries around the world, and we would love to do more. Children are our world's collective hope for the future, and they deserve every dignity and opportunity."

Some of the organisations and projects supported by the Foundation include: the Virlanie Foundation in the Philippines which helps provide housing and protection

for marginalised children; the Little Prince Nursery and School in Kenya which provides nursery and primary education for underprivileged children from the Kibera slums; and the Italian NGO Emergenza Sorrisi which sent medical volunteers to perform life changing plastic surgeries for over 100 children last year. In South Africa, Singakwenza, which works to build sustainable early childhood programmes in economically disadvantaged communities, trained over 1,400 parents, caregivers and educators last year; and in India, IMMFACT provides education through community-based learning centers to 3,000 girls each year who come from underprivileged families mostly in rural areas.