

ChildFund Pass It Back is an innovative Sport for Development program led by ChildFund in partnership with World Rugby, Asia Rugby and Women Win. The program aims to equip children and young people in Asia to overcome challenges, inspire positive social change and 'pass it back' to their communities. Using Get Into Rugby, a World Rugby program to grow the Game globally, the program gets children and youth to Try, Play and Stay in the Game. It is a part of the IMPACT Beyond Rugby World Cup 2019 program ('IMPACT Beyond 2019'), which will increase awareness and sustainable growth of rugby in Asia. ChildFund Pass It Back delivers an integrated rugby and life-skills curriculum in a safe environment that promotes the values of the Game and builds a new generation of leaders in disadvantaged communities across Asia.

Rugby's Values in Action On and Off the Pitch



Pass It Back delivers an integrated curriculum with 4 key components:



Rugby

Children and young people in disadvantaged communities are introduced to the game of rugby using Pass It Back Tag Rugby. Children and youth learn the skills of the game, join organised teams, participate in tournaments and have the opportunity to progress through National Rugby Federation player pathways.



Life-Skills

Children and young people undertake a structured personal development curriculum where they learn about leadership, problem-solving, gender equity, conflict-resolution and planning for the future. Participants progress to be peer group leaders, captains, coaches and become influential role models in their communities.



Child Safeguarding

Systems are put in place to ensure that children and young people are kept physically and emotionally safe. Child-safe sporting environments are promoted, drawing on the UNICEF-led International Safeguards for Children in Sport.



First Aid

First aid knowledge and skills are introduced and learnt by Coaches. An Asia Rugby-certified first aid curriculum is taught and applied to ensure player welfare is a priority and that every single Pass It Back session is attended by a qualified first aider.



Evaluation



In March 2017, ChildFund Pass It Back was externally evaluated.
Some of the key findings are listed below.

Key Achievements

The ChildFund Pass It Back product and processes are amongst some of the best in the world for connecting sport and development outcomes.

The curriculum and program activities contribute to both sport and development outcomes - 52% of players are female and this is a world-first for entry-level rugby programs.

The coach development process not only gives teenagers and young adults a chance to develop and use new skills sets, it can change the way they see themselves and the way they perceive their value to the community.

The first aid component increases individuals' skill sets, provides a valuable service in rural communities and contributes to breaking down barriers around what young coaches believe it is possible to learn.

Knowledge of rugby's values has increased by 61%. More importantly, every coach and player interviewed could describe 3 to 5 actions that demonstrate specific rugby values.

Monitoring and evaluation processes support the quality of the program implementation and produce information that can be used to improve the program and demonstrate impact.

"Rugby structures that are gender equitable and provide safe spaces for young people are being created in places where rugby has not had a stronghold historically".



Progress



ChildFund Pass It Back is underway in Vietnam, Laos and the Philippines, with plans to expand within those countries and to other countries in the region. Results from the first two years of the program show that ChildFund Pass It Back is successful in achieving individual development for participants and positive social impact in their communities. The program is growing the game of rugby equitably for girls and boys in disadvantaged communities in Asia where there is extremely low awareness of rugby. Pass It Back partners plan to scale up the reach of ChildFund Pass It Back to ensure measurable positive social impact.

Current Curriculum Implementation Partner Countries



Vietnam



Lao PDR



Philippines

September 2015 to August 2017 Activities

4,043

Registered
Players

55%

Female
Participation

311

Teams
Formed

17,000+

Total Sessions
Delivered

170

Trained
Coaches

171

Trained First
Aiders

In addition to curriculum implementation, child safeguarding support agreements are also being developed with other national federations in-line with Get Into Rugby commitments and the International Safeguards for Children in Sport. ChildFund Pass It Back is also working with the Asia Rugby Women's Rugby Committee to improve gender inclusion practices of Asia Rugby's members.



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