

# ONE TRACK INTERNATIONAL

Reimagining Orphan Care.



**IMPACT REPORT**  
**2019**

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# A LETTER FROM OUR BOARD

2019 has been an incredible year for ONETrack International. We have continued to expand and see major growth in a variety of areas- strengthening our procedures, establishing new areas of operations, and solidifying our evaluation process and criteria. With the addition of our new Cambodia project, we now serve 998 amount of people around the world, including both the children in our programs as well as their host families.

This escalation in development is a true testament to the commitment and compassion of our team and partner organizations, our financial supporters, our volunteers and our staff. International endeavors that affect the lives of children are never easy. We've had to adjust our processes in **Cameroon**, where the communities that we work in have experienced some of the violence from the ongoing Anglophone Crisis; and in **Honduras**, where we continue to take on the hardships that have caused countless families to uproot and head toward the US in search of better opportunities.

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"The ONETrack Team has been watching the Global Orphan Crisis for many years- initially through the lenses of our original projects in Cameroon; and early on, we recognized that things needed to be done differently."

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A large part of our job is making hard decisions and this involves maintaining strong relationships in the villages that we support so we can restructure when necessary and we are proud to have some of the most amazing people working with us across the globe. We've also had to ask more from our supporters than ever before; but, the results of all our efforts are undeniable as more communities adopt our **Transition to Home** approach and embrace the benefits that come with being able to have children raised among their families and receive the education that they certainly would not have had without our support. Thank you to you all for such dedication to our cause.

## *The question is, where do we go from here?*

Our team has spent the better part of 2019 laying out a new strategic plan in order to answer that question, and it involves not just addressing the root causes of the need for better orphan-care, but also in determining how we can do our part as a force for change in the overall response to the threats from the **Global Orphan Crisis**- and how we can better assist in the transformation of the collective attitudes and perception of how the situations of parentless children should be managed.

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## News From The Board!

The ONETrack International Board of Directors is honored to announce that starting in 2020 we will begin working with at-risk children in Kosovo. ONETrack will be providing social services to meet the rights of vulnerable Kosovar children in need of social protection. Stay tuned in 2020 to find out more about our latest partnership and how you can start **reimagining orphan care** for the children of Kosovo.

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And, we are proud to be at the forefront of this conversation!! As a global child advocacy group, we are cultivating new methods all the time and tailoring our reintegration tactics to each region independently with concern for culture and historical context. We will always focus our efforts on the **most vulnerable children**, but new strategies will include preventative orphan-care and other fresh approaches. Last year we provided an average of 60,225 combined days of orphan assistance in six counties. That's a good benchmark, but it's not enough and we have a long road ahead of us.

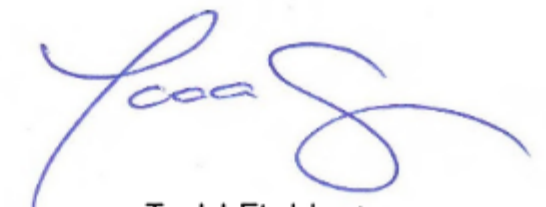


Shaun Bamforth  
Chief Executive Officer

Our commitment to our students demands that we serve all children and families according to their needs, no matter where they are or what specific issues are unique to them. This means that we are determined to never 'blanket support' a community in a one-size-fits-all model; but rather, implementing precision-style assistance that involves working for the villages that we serve to find solutions and follow their lead in what they perceive as best practices.

This is a very healthy way of accomplishing our goals and one that has distinguished our vision and methodology, and one in which we believe is how those who share our passion for seeing every child on earth educated and nourished should be striving to adopt.

We know that vision is attainable — if we work together. We cannot thank all of you that are backing these efforts in whichever capacity you have been supporting us enough. Thanks again for everything.



Todd Finklestone  
Director Of Operations

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# OUR MISSION

**ONETrack International** promotes proper orphan-care solutions by encouraging our Transition to Home approach to family reunification. We work to uphold, introduce and train globally-recognized international laws and standards that protect an orphaned child's rights to be raised by biological relatives, or other suitable providers, within their communities of birth in situations where it is practical and appropriate. We advocate and practice these principles at both the community and global levels by supporting and advising organizations that work with parentless and vulnerable children around the world.

# OUR VISION

A world in which all orphaned children have the opportunity to grow as a member of a family, receive proper educations and healthcare, as well as one in which orphanages and international adoption are reserved as an important function for those cases without other options.

# 2019: AT A GLANCE

## HELPING HONDURAS KIDS

### JUNGLE SCHOOL SITE VISIT

January



March

The Helping Honduras Kids Jungle School educates over 200 children each year. With the current economic and political situation in Honduras, many families are forced to face a deadly journey to the north on the Migrant Caravan. By supplying a proper education, daily vitamins, food and most importantly, safety, The HHK Jungle School is able to keep more children safe in Honduras with their families. ONETrack International is proud to be supporting the HHK Jungle School where we are confident that all children are able to grow and learn within their own communities.

## Children in Families Cambodia Project begins

Cambodia has recently had to address the issue of orphan exploitation that it had regrettably received notoriety for. As a result, many legitimate charities were suffering as donors began distancing themselves from Cambodia's unfortunate past. We took this as an opportunity to introduce our reunification and family preservation programs to the families of Cambodia and become a positive actor by working with those organizations that were not involved in the murky activities that had put a stain on the region's orphan efforts. We are proud to say our Cambodia program is centered around fulfilling, and exceeding, every child's right previously established by international law.



May

August

## Zimbabwe Site Visit

*OTI Team Visits Harare, Zimbabwe.*

In August of 2019, a ONETrack International team was warmly welcomed to the Chiedza Learning Centre in Harare, Zimbabwe where we were able to learn from our partners and beneficiaries about their current difficulties and how we can help them manage those challenges. The country is currently experiencing both a famine and an economic crisis and we are doing all we can to help our friends through these tough times.

## Anglophone Crisis

*Emergency service provided to children in need*

ONETrack has responded to the ongoing Anglophone Crisis in Cameroon by launching an appeal to create our own Emergency Ambulance Service that provides free transportation to citizens affected by the conflict- many who do not have access to a vehicle and must walk through the danger zones to reach medical attention. Other services include passage for pregnant women, who, without a hospital, chance becoming one of the many women in Cameroon that die during child birth as a result of not being able to reach a doctor. This service is just another way that ONETrack International practices family preservation- by keeping the community safe and healthy during times of unrest.



October

## OTI Volunteer Events

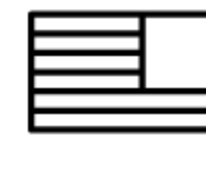
*A Global Community of hard working OTI Volunteers!*

This year our supporters in New York City, Boston, San Diego, Los Angeles, Philadelphia, the UK and many other places around the world, held events to support ONETrack International. Thank you to our amazing team of volunteers for all of your donated time and efforts!



November

## US Military Collaboration



ONETrack International is one of only a handful of NGOs selected to participate in an advisory committee currently working out of Auburn University and Fort Benning and consisting of high level officers, members of academia, and non-governmental organizations.

Our committee exists under the Military Advisor Training Academy and is charged with looking at how the military can adopt better practices during humanitarian interventions and non-combatant environments- developing the necessary training for advisors from all US service branches and NATO allies, and finding solutions to how NGOs and the armed forces can better coordinate in areas of shared space.

We at ONETrack are excited to be a constructive component of the conversation that is shaping the peacetime activities of our nation's armed forces, and we are proud of the ongoing progress of our task group's mission.

## Collaboration with UPENN

*UPENN Consultancy Team goes to The Gambia.*



As the ONETrack International programs expanded, so did our team. In May of 2019, we sent our University of Pennsylvania partners on an Evaluation Deployment to learn about OTI procedures firsthand. In The Gambia, they were able to work alongside our local field teams and focused on conducting an operational analysis of our programs. We have since implemented many of their findings as it is important to us to always strive to improve on each segment of the ONETrack project cycle in an effort to provide the best support that we can for our partners and beneficiaries.



# HONDURAS

## The Migrant Caravan



### Children Away From Home

For most Honduran parents, there was no other option. The economic situation in Honduras was not stable enough for them to find work to support their families. Their children faced a future of suffering, violence and extreme poverty. The Migrant Caravan that started in San Pedro Sula, Honduras in October of 2018 consisted of over 1,000 immigrants looking to take their chance on a journey north. Many parents saw this as the only opportunity for their child to receive an education, safety and a chance at life.

To this day, thousands of Central Americans are continuing to leave their homes, fleeing both economic hardships and gang violence, and making their way hundreds of miles to the US-Mexico border. The Caravans were intended to protect migrants from the abuses and exorbitant fees of smugglers and 'coyotes', as well as shield the most vulnerable from the dangers that left women and children susceptible to gender abuse and exploitation. There was 'safety in numbers' or so was the thought; however, within the sea of anonymity, unaccompanied minors were at risk of other threats. When migrants weren't allowed to cross into the United States, they began gathering in increasing numbers at various border crossings and the children were exposed to the violence that intensified between members of the Caravan and border patrol and local communities. In addition, new deals between the US and Mexican and Central American governments to curb migration have prevented many of the newest Caravans from reaching the border at all and this has left unaccompanied minors scattered throughout the region and left to fend for themselves. Besides being alone and scared, children are unprotected and subjected to many perils- including sexual exploitation and human trafficking.

ONETrack International was among the first to respond to the needs of children within Honduras who, without alternative options, were liable to make an attempt for the border. We recognized the need to address the underlying issues that were forcing the caretakers of orphaned children to send those in their care alone on such a dangerous journey, and we intervened at this juncture. If things like security, food, education and health (and, as they get older, opportunity) were made available, many would reason that the journey would not be worth the risk.



### Why School Is More Than Just An Education

Working with our local partners, ONETrack in Honduras provides social support by helping to deliver the basic needs often inaccessible to the most impoverished of Honduran society. Most of the children have experienced traumatic physical or sexual abuse, neglect, or were simply abandoned prior to being welcomed into our care, but with ONETrack International and our friends at Helping Honduras Kids, these children have new prospects for a better life. Now, the children in our program are raised with their peers and are experiencing family life despite having been orphaned or abandoned; and, all are currently enrolled at The Jungle School, an institution administered by our partners for over 200 students and situated in the dense forests outside the city, where they receive quality educations, supplies, hygiene kits, vitamins and check-ups. And by increasing school attendance, providing access to basic health care, hosting children's activities, promoting girl's health, preventing gender-based violence and other imperative services, our children will grow to be happy, healthy and productive adults.





## The Jungle School





Provide backpacks for children



Medical exams and access to volunteer nurses



Proper hygiene methods through daily toothbrushing and hand washing



Providing school supplies including books, pens and pencils



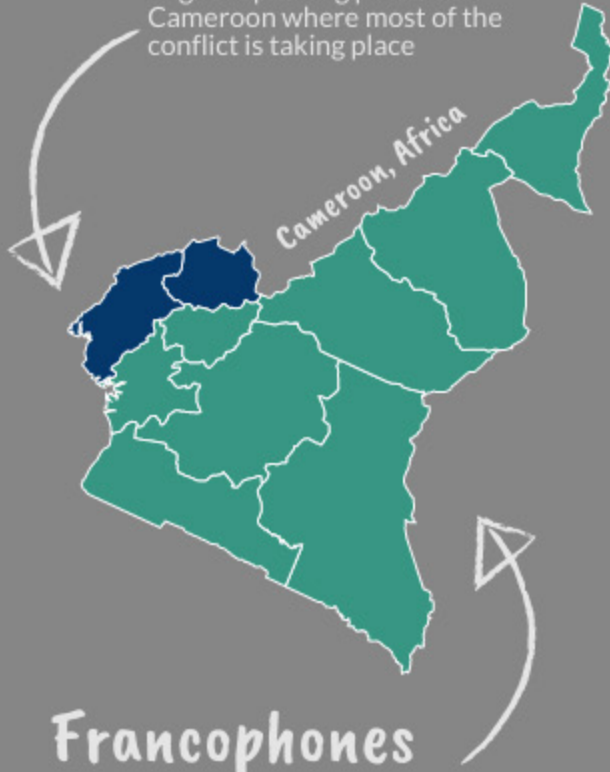
Daily rice and milk

# CAMEROON

## The Anglophone Crisis

### Anglophone

English speaking portion of Cameroon where most of the conflict is taking place



### Francophones

Around 80% of the country speaks French. For decades, Francophones and Anglophones lived in relative harmony.

In 2019, ONETrack International expanded our efforts in Cameroon to include a new **free Child & Family Protection Emergency Ambulance Service** dedicated to serving vulnerable communities impacted by the Anglophone Crisis. By funding this service, ONETrack has directly helped those most in need, including conflict survivors, pregnant women, newborn babies, and young sick children. The emergency service transports impacted individuals to and from the local hospital where they can be treated and later returned to their communities.

## Background

Since 2016, the **Anglophone Crisis** in Cameroon has threatened the country's stability and brought extreme hardship to English-speaking regions. The United Nations estimates **over 714,100** people are internally displaced by the conflicts - forced to flee as armed groups fight for control. In the most hostile regions, **40 percent of health care centers** have been closed. As a result, vaccination and primary care services have been disrupted, **placing children at higher risk**. Emergency transportation is necessary to ensure that community members can access vital health care in a reasonable amount of time.

## ONETrack's Emergency Ambulance Service

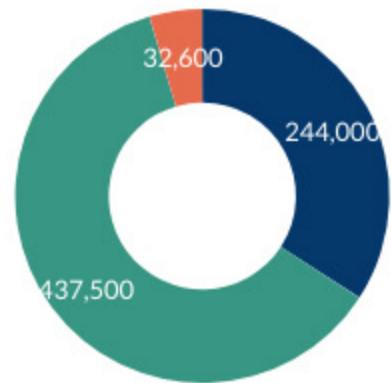
Significantly, insecurity and poor road access have limited humanitarian organizations' ability to provide aid to the Anglophone regions. Although **1.9 million people** - half of whom are children - are estimated to be in need of assistance, about 65 percent of the affected areas are **unreachable by aid workers**. Therefore, partnering with locals is crucial to helping communities caught in this crisis.

**Thanks to our partners**, the ONETrack ambulance emergency services can now rapidly support communities with **critical healthcare needs** to travel to the regional hospital for lifesaving care and reach victims who may otherwise have not received aid or had the ability to travel to a healthcare facility.

Our ambulance service initiative marks another milestone in **over ten years of work in Cameroon**. ONETrack International's adaptability as an organization is only possible by working closely with the communities we serve. While we cannot stop the conflicts in Cameroon, we can continue to support the wellbeing of its most vulnerable people. As we develop more innovative solutions to help solve local issues, our core mission stays the same - to preserve families and strengthen communities.



## WORKING TO KEEP FAMILIES TOGETHER



Far North (34.17%)  
 Anglophone Northwest and Southwest (61.27%)  
 Nigeria (4.57%)



My name is Faith and my husband is Ernest We thank Cameroonone and it's OTI child protection ambulance service which in two occasions has transported me to the hospital for pregnant mother medical check up and later for delivery and finally voluntarily transported me and new born baby from the local hospital to my home. Without this ambulance services, I would have delivered at home under poor conditions hence we appreciate and encourages Cameroonone and OTI ambulance services for this humanitarian work.



# HANNAH'S STORY

Zimbabwe Adult Illiteracy



Men (40%) Women (60%)

ONETrack has proven itself one of the leaders in alternative orphan-care solutions. We are currently ensuring long-term support for children in seven projects around the world- one village at a time. Based on the successes of our original Transition to Home program, CameroonONE, we developed a process that supports both orphaned children as well as his or her surviving relatives with the goal of keeping families together while relieving the orphan communes of unnecessary cases.

For each child in the program, it means a chance for a better life. Basic child rights. Healthcare. Hygiene. Nourishment. Education. Love. We believe that by reimagining orphan care, we are able to ensure that orphaned children, like Hannah, have the opportunity to grow as a member of a family and receive both a proper education, healthcare and a future. With your support, we can commit to supporting even more dreams and futures.



"It was remarkable" stated Hilary Hahn as she was asked about her inspiring conversation with Hannah, "It wasn't long before Hannah made her strong, confident and inspiring impression on me question after question she asked me everything she could think of - from building a resume to finding a mentor - she was determined to accomplish her dreams. The aspiration in her voice to succeed in this world so she could come back and help her community triggered the proud inner mama in me"

When her father passed away in sixth grade, she was left with few options. But chance intervened and led Hannah to a new chapter where she found the Chiedza Learning Centre and greater opportunities thanks to the support of generous supporters.

Hannah grew up like most children in Zimbabwe; an economic orphan with a single mother and lack of stable income. Her father died when she was in sixth grade and her mother turned to her for help with her siblings. Growing up as a Zimbabwean girl, her choices weren't easy, but that didn't stop her from choosing the hardest one: to become a college graduate.

Hannah was introduced to the Chiedza Learning Centre by a friend down the street. Her mother could not afford formal school fees, so her only option was to attend Chiedza's free learning programs where she could learn enough to pass exams to qualify her for formal education scholarships. She now joyously sits at a formal Zimbabwe secondary school where she is working towards her graduation certificate.

Hannah is one voice amidst the sea of an estimated 150 million children worldwide that have been affected by the Global Orphan Crisis. Besides being orphaned by disease, war, economics and other tragedies, most of these children have been harmed by a second injustice and are unnecessarily suffering in overcrowded and under resourced institutions.

*“Im Hannah, A girl age 18. They gave me a second chance where I can realize my dreams. I thought I lost all hope because I thought I was not going to go to school and fulfill my dream. My dream was to become a lawyer or a singer and from there on now I realize that I can fulfill my dream.”*

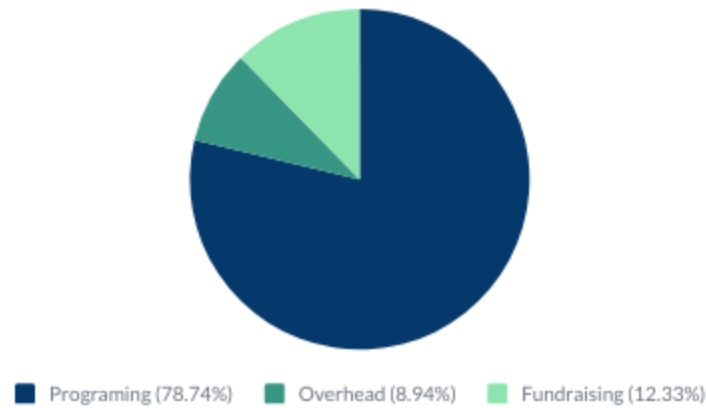
# BY THE NUMBERS

## MONEY SPENT WISELY

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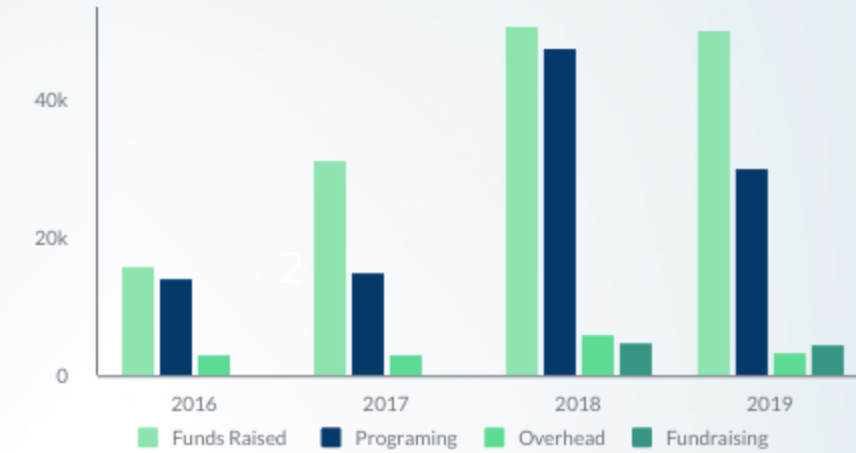
With very little overhead, ONETrack International is in a unique position to allocate your donations to where they belong- toward our projects and beneficiaries. Rest assured, your contributions have been and always will be put to good use!

2019 Spending Overview



## AN OVERALL LOOK

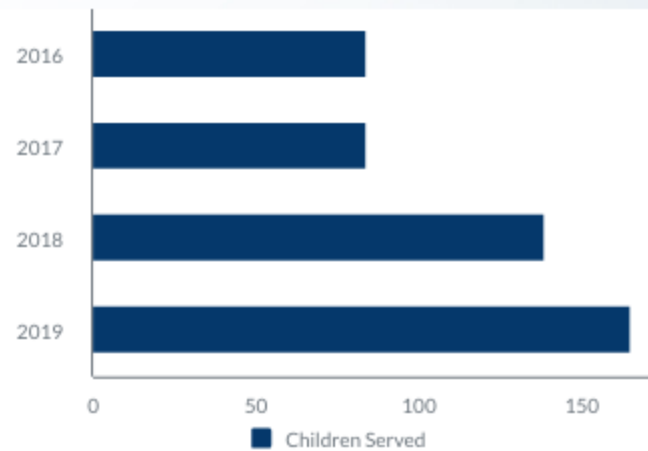
Growth - its our 2019 word of the year! ONETTrack International has experienced some amazing growth over the past few years and we do not anticipate an end to this upward trajectory! With so many of our projects and techniques becoming more successful, advanced and popular - we have seen an added loyalty of new and longtime donors. Our excited donors are becoming more invested in our mission as we share a dedication to the parentless children of this world.



## DOING MORE, FOR MORE

2019

ONETTrack International started in Cameroon within two villages in the country's northwest. As we have transitioned into a global project, we have spread to other Sub-Saharan nations, Central America and Southeast Asia in 2019!



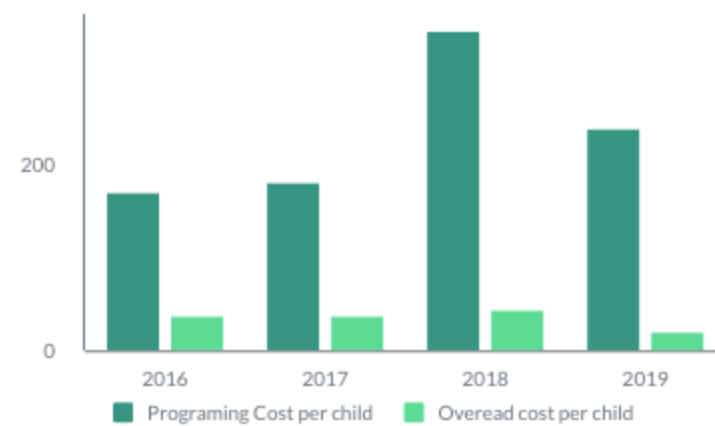
## REIMAGINING ORPHAN CARE IN 2020

In 2020, ONETTrack International will be focusing our efforts on enhancing our current programs. We will do this by implementing advancement strategies that focus on the wellbeing of each child and effective childcare techniques. By working with communities, ONETTrack will continue to improve our orphan-care approach with special consideration to how reintegration and family preservation will work in each region and culturally within that region. This is important because the wellbeing of each child and how they should be taken care of is not a universal practice. Every country we work in is culturally different and varies in characteristics - that is why ONETTrack is striving to reimagine the philosophies behind orphan-care and how we can provide customized care for each child.

## INDIRECT IMPACTS

2019

While ONETTrack's primary focus is on the children in our programs, it is important to remember the other direct and indirect beneficiaries. In many of the regions that we serve, family sizes are upward of 6, meaning that the caretaker support that we provide for a host family will benefit 5 other people in a positive way- they receive household necessities, food, seeds, and livelihood assistance. In addition, the schools, orphanages, and greater community all benefit in a variety of ways.



## WHERE WE WORK

ONETTrack International is currently located in 8 different countries including Honduras, The Gambia, Liberia, Cameroon, Zimbabwe, Greece, Kosovo and Cambodia!