

# 2021

## IMPACT BRIEF



**ONE SKY**  
for all children



Seeing the potential in every child

# INTRODUCTION

Dear Friend,

2021 was another difficult year for the vulnerable young children, families, and communities OneSky serves. Thanks to your ongoing support, we were able to adapt our programs and delivery to make life a little brighter for **more than 40,000 children in need**.

While in 2020, like most of the world, we reacted to rapidly changing environments, in 2021 we anticipated them — pivoting our programs — to ensure the children continued to be cared for, caregivers trained, and partnerships forged with government and NGOs.

I couldn't be prouder of our achievements in 2021. Despite prolonged lockdowns, OneSky's incredible staff delivered ongoing impact. We successfully transitioned our first pilot village program in China to the government, established training partnerships with NGOs in Hong Kong SAR, graduated the first cohort of parents from family skills training in Mongolia, and expanded our home-based childcare training to a fourth province in Vietnam.

My heartfelt thanks for your support, we couldn't have made it through 2021 without you.

Sincerely,



Morgan Lance  
CEO, OneSky for all children



Since 1998 across  
all our programs ...

**75,878**

Caregivers reached

**274,521**

Children reached



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# ONESKY'S 2021 IMPACT ACROSS ASIA

With your support, we continued to impact the lives of vulnerable young children and increase the capacity and quality of caregiver communities across Asia in 2021.

## CHINA

Training programs reached **22,040 caregivers**, impacting the lives of **23,152 children** living in China's welfare institutions and rural villages.

## HONG KONG, SAR

Trained **1,301 caregivers**, impacting the lives of **1,270 children**.

## MONGOLIA

Enrolled **391 parents** in family skills training, impacting the lives of **880 children**.

## VIETNAM

Trained **705 home-based care providers**, impacting the lives of **16,385 children** including the 252 children at the OneSky Early Learning Center.

*Note: 2021 impact is a snapshot in time counting total numbers of caregivers and children reached during the year.*



## Standing by children in welfare institutions and rural villages

In China, during 2021, we continued to train nannies and foster parents in child welfare institutions and grandparents and other family caregivers in rural villages.

Like the year prior, in 2021 much of our training was conducted online. Fortunately, through our award-winning digital platform, 1BigFamily, OneSky-trained caregivers across the country could develop knowledge and skills through extensive online learning resources.

In child welfare institutions, despite Covid-19 challenges, OneSky successfully conducted large-scale programs.

In the villages of Henan we reached even more left-behind children and began, after a successful five-year pilot, to transition our program to the local government. Since launching the pilot in April 2015, we have conducted 5,492 trainings across 57 villages and trained 560 local women in family skills

and child mentoring.

When evaluated, the program was found to have had an incredible impact. OneSky's consistent and effective early intervention has helped enable better parenting approaches, and the outcomes of our program have shown positive impacts on child development. In 2022, our training will reach a new province and new villages.

In our three China Care Homes in Beijing, Shanghai and Guangzhou, 285 children received medical care and nursing support, often for life-threatening injuries.

In July 2021, torrential rain swept and flooded Zhengzhou and OneSky foster moms assisted in the urgent evacuation of more than 200 children from Zhengzhou Welfare Institution. In less than two hours the caregivers had heroically brought them to safety, comforting the children with food and games.



SINCE 1998 ...

**69,434**  
Caregivers reached

**215,285**  
Children reached



## Supporting the most vulnerable children and families in Hong Kong

In 2021, the P. C. Lee OneSky Global Centre for Early Childhood Development in Hong Kong further established itself within the local community as a place for children and families to play and connect in a safe, educational environment under the supervision of OneSky Family Mentors.

Although the Centre was closed for a number of months, training of caregivers continued. The first cohort of professional training was launched in June and at year-end, there were eight cohorts of Family Skills Training.

Since it opened, more than 60 NGOs have visited the Centre and 18 community events have been held. In 2021, our community engagement paid off and we partnered with several NGOs to provide caregiver training to refugee and ethnic minority families (Pathfinders, Justice Center, Christian Action), young mothers (Project Hyacinth of Caritas Hong Kong, Hong Kong Federation of Women's Centre), and professional caregivers (Yew Chung College of Early Childhood Education).

SINCE OPENING  
IN MAY 2020 ...

**1,471**  
Caregivers reached

**1,460**  
Children reached

# Strengthening families with children living in ger districts

Lockdown has been hard on many of the communities in which OneSky works but none more so than in Ulaanbaatar where the families we serve live in crowded ger (yurt) districts, where children have limited access to quality early childhood care and education.

The OneSky Family Center opened in the summer of 2020 and fast became a refuge for many families in the Bayanzurkh District, but due to ongoing pandemic restrictions, it was closed for six months in 2021.

Our Mongolia team worked tirelessly to support local families, staying connected by phone and, where possible, by Facebook. With limited access to the internet, we provided some families with data cards, enabling them to receive OneSky videos on how to play with their children, make craft toys and deal with the lockdown.

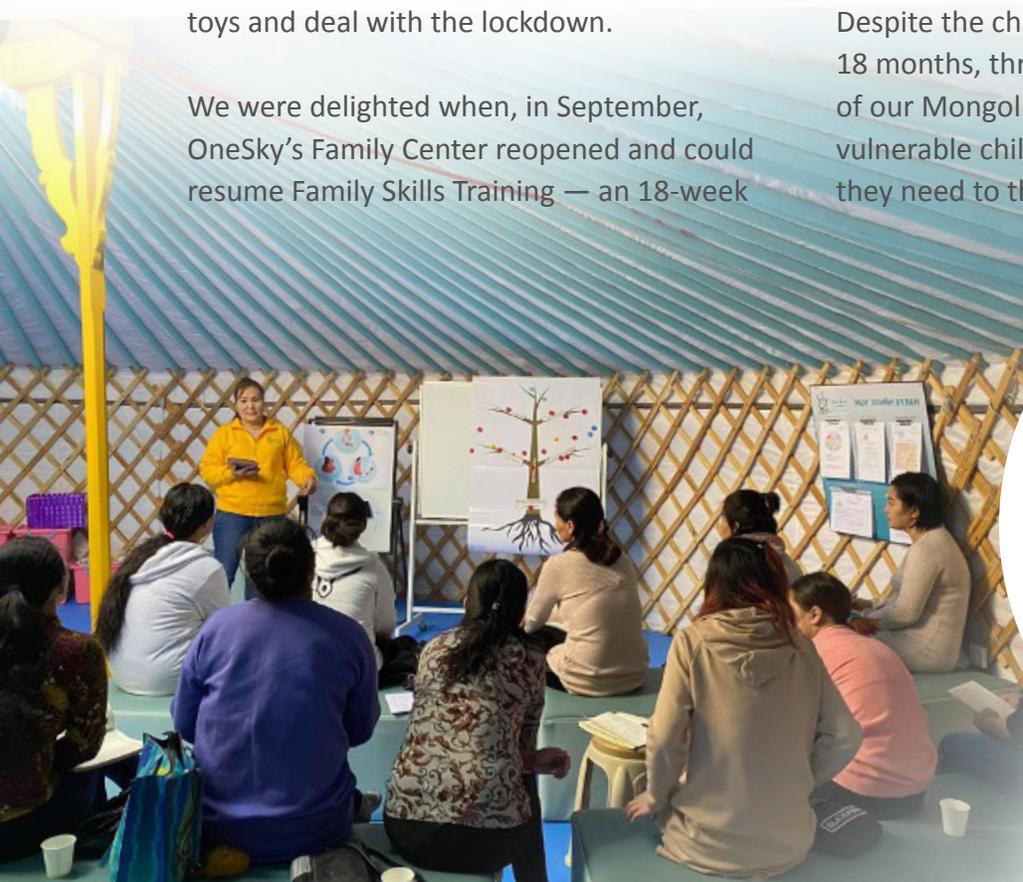
We were delighted when, in September, OneSky's Family Center reopened and could resume Family Skills Training — an 18-week

course to teach parents how to address their children's social and emotional needs. Parents have expressed very positive feedback about the training, with one saying:

“Before I didn't understand the importance of interacting with my children, but now I spend a lot of time talking and playing with them. I want to express my gratitude to your organization for teaching us such things.”

To ensure we can reach more vulnerable children, OneSky began establishing partnerships with NGOs and in 2022, in collaboration with the government, will offer training to parents through public kindergartens.

Despite the challenges faced over the past 18 months, through the passion and courage of our Mongolia team, OneSky is ensuring vulnerable children receive the love and care they need to thrive.



SINCE OPENING  
IN AUGUST 2020 ...

439

Caregivers reached

1,155

Children reached

# Expanding our reach to support children and families in factory zones

In Vietnam, our goal is to ensure that all vulnerable children living in industrial zones receive quality early care and education that enables healthy development in their formative early years, providing a lifelong foundation to thrive.

In partnership with the government, we are training a national community of skilled home-based childcare (HBC) providers serving low-income families in factory zones. In 2021, despite ongoing Covid restrictions, we expanded HBC training to a fourth province, Quang Ngai, bringing the number of HBC providers trained or in training in 2021 to 640, impacting 16,133 vulnerable young children.

2021 concluded with the second annual HBC conference, held online with 150 attendees

including current trainees, graduates, and representatives from the four provincial Departments of Education and Training.

## Training of HBC providers continues to expand across Vietnam:

- Da Nang (Apr. 2018, Mar. 2019, Oct. 2020)
- Quang Nam (Dec. 2019, Oct. 2021)
- Hai Duong (Dec. 2020)
- Quang Ngai (Dec. 2021)



With schools closed from May-December, caregiver training went online, supported by 1GiaDinhLon, OneSky's mobile-friendly digital learning platform. This rich resource of on-demand digital content also offers a collaborative peer community to exchange best practices and share experiences, while providing ongoing support after graduation.

### The OneSky Early Learning Center

2021 was a particularly difficult year for the children of factory workers enrolled at the OneSky Early Learning Center (ELC), our national training and demonstration center in Da Nang, which was impacted by Covid school closures for seven months — severely limiting the time young children could attend.

OneSky's incredible staff supported the families of the 252 enrolled children through online learning activities as well as donations of food and other staples.

SINCE 2017 ...

1,365

Caregivers reached

27,003

Children reached



# HARVARD RESEARCH VALIDATES THE IMPACT OF ONESKY TRAINING

In 2021, the results of Harvard University's two-year impact evaluation study of OneSky's Home-Based Childcare (HBC) Training Program in Vietnam were published.

The results showed that OneSky's program led to positive improvements in childcare quality and early childhood development outcomes in Vietnam.

This landmark study, headed by Professor Aisha Yousafzai and her research team at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, was the first to formally evaluate a childcare training program in Asia and the largest outside of high-income countries.

According to Professor Yousafzai, it is important to recognize the value of this evidence not just for childcare in Vietnam, but as a basis to advocate for quality childcare in vulnerable communities globally.



[Read the detailed results here >>](#)



# GLOBAL RECOGNITION

## A leading innovator in teacher professional development

Our biggest accolade in 2021 was being awarded Innovator of the Year by HundrED, a global platform highlighting innovations in education.

This followed our selection as one of the top ten teacher professional development initiatives out of over 400 contenders from 80 countries in *The Teachers for a Changing World Spotlight*.

A collaboration between HundrED and the World Bank Group, this initiative identifies and shares leading solutions from around the world that are helping teachers to thrive in an ever-changing classroom.

OneSky has been included in HundrED's Global Collection of top 100 inspiring innovations that are changing the face of education in 2021 and 2022.

[Read more here >>](#)

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World  
Spotlight

# INNOVATIVE DIGITAL ENGAGEMENT

## Growing caregiver communities through online learning

In 2021, OneSky further developed our mobile-friendly 1BigFamily online learning platform to improve access and learning among OneSky-trained caregivers, especially during the Covid-19 pandemic.

In addition to technical improvements to the platform, the OneSky team developed hundreds of pieces of new rich digital content, including teaching videos, professional development articles, play activities, local songs, and more.

1BigFamily also launched a “Be Creative” Do-It-Yourself online competition feature for caregivers to upload and share their creative solutions, including a local story creation and home-based toy-making competition focused on improving children’s fine motor skills.

Working with an animator, OneSky developed and released its first animated responsive care video series for use with caregivers across Hong Kong SAR, Mongolia, and Vietnam.





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