

# LIFE FOR A CHILD WITH DIABETES

the International Diabetes Federation's child supporting program



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Clinic visit in Baku, capital city of Azerbaijan, for a young boy supported by the Life for a Child Program



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## Highlights

### Azerbaijan:

LFC currently supports 113 children in the capital Baku, the western city of Ganja and various other regional areas.

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The LFC Program supports 31 children and adolescents with Type 1 Diabetes living in difficult circumstances through the three diabetes referral centres in Manila.

## Countries supported

Today, **Life for a Child supports about 1,200 children in 19 countries:**

**Azerbaijan**, Bolivia, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ecuador, Fiji, **India**, Mali, Morocco, Nepal, Nigeria, Papua New Guinea, **Philippines**, Rwanda, Sri Lanka, Solomon Islands, Sudan, Tanzania, Uzbekistan and Zimbabwe.

## AZERBAIJAN

The Life for a Child Program assists the Diabetes Center in Baku.

This Center sees children with diabetes from Baku and various regional areas, and also provides support to the clinic at the western city of Ganja.

The Program's support is in the form of funds, which are used to introduce and then continue home blood glucose monitoring, as well as HbA1c and microalbuminuria testing equipment.

The support now has an impact across the country – the accompanying map has a red flag in every place where a child is supported by the Program.



## INDIA

LFC supports 45 children and adolescents at the DREAM (Diabetes Research Education and Management) Trust in Nagpur. The DREAM Trust has an outstanding reputation within India and in international diabetes circles.

Due to a generous grant from Medtronic to the Life for a Child Program, the DREAM Trust was able to instigate a project involving patient and family diabetes educational activities, education of primary healthcare professionals, conduct regional workshops for doctors and diabetes educators, and provide educational scholarships to some of the underprivileged children who have type 1 diabetes.

Neha (pictured) is one of the recipients of the educational scholarships. She was diagnosed with diabetes in 1999 at the age of seven. Neha is a successful student and aspires to become an engineer.

## PHILIPPINES

The Philippines was one of the first countries assisted by the LFC Program, in 2001.



The three major centres for children's diabetes care in Manila – the Makati Medical Center, the Philippines General Hospital/University of the Philippines, and the Institute for Studies on Diabetes Foundation Inc. (at the University of the East Ramon Magsaysay) each identify children and youth who, taking into account family income etc, would most benefit from support.

Currently 31 children are receiving insulin, blood glucose monitors and strips, HbA1c tests and education. Catherine (pictured with her mother above) is 16 years old and has had diabetes for 8 years now. She is in her 4th year of high school.

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

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