BBC Children in Need currently supports 2,774 active projects in the UK who offer practical, lasting support to children and young people experiencing poverty, deprivation or homelessness, suffering from illness, abuse, distress or neglect, living with learning difficulties, sensory or physical disabilities, or behavioural or psychological disorders.

Our vision is that every child in the UK has a childhood which is safe, happy, secure and allows them a chance to reach their potential.

BBC Children in Need has raised over £690 million to help disadvantaged children and young people throughout the UK.

Part of the money raised goes towards an Emergency Essentials Programme which provides struggling families with items that meet children’s most basic needs such a clean bed to sleep in or a cooker to give them a hot meal.

For every penny donated to BBC Children in Need, a penny goes to projects helping disadvantaged children and young people right across the UK, this is because the charity uses its investment income and gift aid to cover running costs.