

CIAO KIDS FOUNDATION

DISADVANTAGED WOMEN AND CHILDREN
IN INDIA AND NEPAL



ACTIVITY REPORT 2024

Dear friends,

We are delighted to share with you the achievements of the CIAO KIDS Foundation during 2024. Thanks to your continued support, we have been able to strengthen our actions in India and Nepal and continue to support very poor families from marginalized communities.

In Nepal, we now have a strong presence in all the 6 schools in 2 wards with a total of 1,500 pupils. School results have improved significantly this year. Headmasters, teachers and parents attribute this improvement to better student attendance, encouraged by tuition classes, teacher training and the distribution of hot meals.

More than 1,800 women across Jharkhand in India and Nepal are currently grouped into 170 savings and credit groups. Great importance is attached to increasing their skills in financial management and setting up micro-businesses.



The women particularly appreciate the training in vegetable gardening, poultry and goat rearing. Thanks to these trainings, combined with material support, all the beneficiaries now have a regular income. What's more, an increasing proportion of the schools' requirements in terms of vegetables and eggs for meals are supplied by the mothers. This creates a virtuous circle, enabling the women to make a living from their crops and improving conditions for the community as a whole.

The 77 residents of our hostel have continued or completed their studies with excellent results. Three of them have even distinguished themselves by taking up teaching posts in local state secondary schools.

The teachers and care givers at our centre for visually impaired children in northern India do a remarkable job enabling students to continue their studies, take part in sports and creative activities (e.g. theatre) and develop with confidence. These young people remind us every day that anything is possible, thanks to their courage, perseverance and determination.

This year, IT and tailoring apprenticeships enabled 338 young people to take a government-recognised exam. Many of these young people have been able to become self-employed, and are proud of their new micro-businesses, which enable them to support themselves and their families.

The awareness programmes in the villages are continuing, with increased recognition from the local authorities. These sessions, which cover crucial topics such as health, hygiene, education and social rights, are complemented by practical information on civic registration and access to government aid programmes.

The CIAO KIDS Foundation was created in Lausanne in 2008 by Philippe de Preux, its Chairman. After losing one of his sons, Philippe took early retirement to honour the mission he had been given by his son to help children in underprivileged countries.

Since then, our aim has been to improve the living conditions of tribal families and Dalits (formerly known as Untouchables) and to integrate them into society, in particular by creating development and employment opportunities with a view to genuine inclusion.

We are active in India, the world's most populous country, where major inequalities persist despite rapid economic growth, and in Nepal, a very poor region still struggling to recover from the terrible earthquake of 2015 and the two particularly difficult years of Covid. In both cases, the tribal communities supported are lagging far behind economically and socially, and are suffering from extreme poverty.

With the support of our Program Manager in the field, we supervise a team of around forty people in 3 partner NGOs to further our common mission.

Since the creation of CIAO KIDS, we have supported more than 45,000 women and children in India and Nepal, and continue to provide essential aid to thousands of families with a broad social impact.



Thanks to your generosity and the trust you place in us, we can ensure the sustainability of our projects and make a real and lasting difference to the lives of the most vulnerable people.

We would like to remind you that all of your donations are used to carry out our activities in the field (administrative costs in Switzerland are covered by our sponsors) and that donations are tax-deductible.

Thank you very much for your loyal support. Together, we can make a real difference.

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