

CIAO KIDS

FOUNDATION

DISADVANTAGED CHILDREN
IN THE SOUTH OF INDIA



ACTIVITY REPORT 2016

Dear friends,

We are delighted to inform you that we will be extending our collaboration with the Indian NGO DEED that began in late 2015, and continuing it for the long term. Its director Sreekant has been personally and actively involved in advocating and defending the rights of the Adivasi since 1980. Meanwhile, our relationship with our main partner Parivarthana is going very well and our joint projects continue to develop.

Philippe de Preux has visited the field three times this year: in January for the opening of new fostership homes, in September together with Rodolphe Keller to analyse the feasibility for a new training centre in Hunsur, and in November, accompanied by Alexandra Mauris (the Foundation's project manager) to monitor the activities currently being carried out in Hunsur and Jharkhand.



OPENING OF NEW FOSTERSHIP HOMES

On 27 January we **opened two new fostership homes in Hunsur**, meaning that we now have the capacity to provide homes for 140 children. We are extremely grateful to Edmond Fahrni, who financed the boys' building, and Tupperware India for funding the girls' building. 23 people, including members of our Board, representatives from Tupperware, and sponsors and friends of the Foundation, travelled to Hunsur to take part in this wonderful event, find out more about our projects and visit some of the villages that we support.



PRE-PRIMARY SCHOOL CENTERS (PPC)

In our 14 PPCs located in villages on the edge of the rainforest and in the Nagarhole national park, 300 children between the ages of 3 and 6 are taught the basic knowledge that will allow them to access the local schools. They also receive a hot meal daily.

EDUCATION KITS

This year we are able to support 700 pupils from local primary schools through educational kits which include all the school material they need as well as covering the tuition fees. .

SELF HELP GROUPS / MICRO-SAVINGS PROGRAM

To date, we support over 1800 mothers from surrounding villages through micro-savings, literacy and agricultural advice programmes. These self-managed community groups are led, trained and supported by our social workers. Participants are able to amass significant savings – topped up by the Foundation – giving them the opportunity for remarkable personal and economic development, as well as health education.



TRANSFERRING SKILLS AND EXPERTISE

We have seen some encouraging results from the micro-savings program – completed with literacy classes – which began last year for **200 women from the extremely poor state of Jharkhand** (North-East India). The considerable assistance provided to these families, focussing on their development and quality of life, has encouraged us to continue and expand the program.

FINANCING

Thanks to your generosity and continued trust, in 2016 **we have been able to transfer CHF 130,000 to India** to finance our programs (including the salaries of 34 local employees and teachers). Meanwhile, Tupperware India has continued its generous support for the second year running. Remember, as overheads in Switzerland are already covered, **100% of funds received are used for projects in India** and are tax-deductible.

GALA EVENING

On 15 September, **we were delighted to be joined by 170 people for our charity event, held in the Palace Hotel of Lausanne**. Two talented violinists, Irene Abrigo and Madeleine Murray-Robertson, treated us to a magnificent performance inspired by their trip to India with the Foundation earlier this year.



On behalf of the **1,000 children and 2,000 mothers supported by the Foundation**, we offer our sincere gratitude for all your donations and encouragement which allow us to work effectively in the field.

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