

CIAO KIDS

FOUNDATION

DISADVANTAGED CHILDREN
IN THE SOUTH OF INDIA



ACTIVITY REPORT 2017

Dear friends,

We are delighted to inform you that our long-standing collaboration with the Parivarthana and DEED NGOs in Hunsur (State of Karnataka, Southern India) is bearing fruit and our shared projects continue to develop.

Our president Philippe de Preux has visited the field twice this year, in February and in October, to monitor the activities in progress in Hunsur, as well as to set up our training centre project. He was accompanied by technical advisers and our project manager Alexandra Mauris.

TRAINING CENTRE

In order to offer young people not wishing to attend university an alternative to academic learning, we have developed a training centre project inspired by the local Don Bosco model which has achieved proven success in the region. Thanks to the generosity of the Simon family who financed the building works and placed their trust in us, **a major learning centre will be inaugurated in a few months' time.** We were also able to count on the technical expertise and extensive Indian experience of our adviser Rodolphe Keller, himself a former apprentice and the director of Bobst-India for over 15 years. Following analysis of the area, we selected the most in-demand professions and those with the best job prospects: sewing, driving, IT and the hotel trade.

The centre's ultimate goal is to provide young people with solid practical and theoretical training that will allow them to find a job that gives them personal and financial autonomy.

In order for the centre to grow, offer other training programmes and guarantee work placements to our future apprentices, a collaboration is planned with local and regional technical institutions and companies.

OUR EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMME

This year, 250 children between the ages of 3 and 6 attend 12 nursery schools where they will acquire the foundations needed to access the Indian education system. They receive a hot meal daily, as well as health checks.

800 schoolchildren have received an educational kit comprising all the school material they need and covering the registration fees required by the school.

We have undertaken renovation and modernisation work on a building that can now host new children in the right conditions. We now welcome minors who have come from



situations of child labour, to reintegrate them into the local education system through educational and social work. **180 Adivasi young people are currently boarders at various hostels**, where they are fed, housed and provided with catch-up lessons, as well as sporting and cultural activities.

SELF HELP GROUPS / MICRO-SAVINGS PROGRAM

Our programme of community autonomy groups, trained and supported by our social workers, now has nearly **2000 participants**. The aim of the project is to help the Adivasi community become independent from the oppressive systems of moneylenders, improve their financial situation and gain economic independence thanks to opportunities provided by small entrepreneurial projects.

Our programmes also offer health checks, support for communities making claims against the government, agricultural advice, and literacy training aimed at improving integration and social cohesion.



PROJECT IN THE NORTH/EAST OF INDIA

The needs in the very poor State of Jharkhand are great and with the aid we provide we can help to improve these families' quality of life and give them some hope. **200 women are currently benefiting from our literacy and community autonomy programmes.**

FINANCING

In 2017, thanks to your generosity and the considerable trust you place in us, **we have been able to transfer CHF 199,000 to India** to finance our programmes (including the salaries of 41 local employees and teachers). In parallel, for the third year running we are delighted to be able to count on the support of Tupperware India, whose generosity completes the support we send from Switzerland. Remember, as all costs on the Swiss end are already covered, **100% of your donations are transferred directly to our projects and are tax-deductible.**

Your support and donations are essential to the continuation of our projects in the field: 1200 children, 2200 mothers and their families depend on them. We would like to offer you our warmest thanks for your generosity and the trust you place in us.

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President

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