

CIAO KIDS FOUNDATION



ACTIVITY REPORT 2018

Dear friends,

This year is special for the CIAO KIDS Foundation, since we are celebrating our 10th anniversary! A beautiful event will be held on the evening of May 16, 2019 at the Casino de Morges, and we hope to see you on this occasion.

Day after day, we strive to follow the mission we set out for ourselves, which is to improve the living conditions of Adivasis families (disadvantaged tribal populations in India that are significantly behind other rural communities).

The collaboration we have had for several years with the NGOs Parivarthana and DEED in Hunsur (State of Karnataka, South India) is going well, and we have initiated a new partnership with the NGO Amar Jyoti in Jharkhand (north of India). Philippe de Preux, our president, went to visit these areas twice this year to monitor activities in the field.

TRAINING CENTER

After several months of work, our training center in Hunsur opened in January. The official inauguration took place on February 14 in the presence of numerous Swiss sponsors as well as distinguished Indian guests of the local government and district.

Three courses are now proposed: tailoring, office skills and driving. All our students are housed on-site. We plan to train 80-100 students a year in two 6-month sessions. 77 students were trained during this year, and the majority have already found gainful employment.

We would like to take this opportunity to warmly thank the Simon family, who made the establishment of this training center a family project and continue to support us.



OUR EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

180 young people aged between 6 and 18 are cared for and live at our fostership homes. Coming from distant villages, their access to public school is facilitated, and they benefit from support in their studies and sporting / cultural activities.

185 children aged between 3 and 6 are enrolled in 9 nursery schools (some of them supported only by CIAO KIDS, others by both government and CIAO KIDS) located in the tribal hamlets, so that they can acquire basic reading and writing skills that will allow them to join the Indian public primary school system. Every child receives a daily hot meal and medical visits.

During awareness days, we distributed 980 educational kits to schoolchildren aged between 6 and 18. These kits contain all the material they need to study in good conditions as well as the annual school registration fees. This support is often the first contact with the future beneficiaries of our programs.

More than 200 children with academic difficulties are looked after at 2 drop-out centers.

SELF-HELP GROUPS

Our Self-Help Groups program, which is developed and supported by our social workers, currently includes nearly 4000 participants from across India. We help these mothers become financially independent through the development of income-generating activities. Our programs also offer medical follow-up, support to the communities in their requests to the government, agricultural advice, and literacy training in order to improve their integration and social cohesion.

Thanks to the Self-Help Groups, these women are able to take charge of their own lives and their future, along with that of their children. This change is not just an economic one, it is also, and above all, a change to the social order that benefits the community as a whole.



CENTER FOR VISUALLY-IMPAIRED CHILDREN

In Indian villages, visually-impaired children are often considered a burden by their families, and their mothers are sometimes left out of the village. In Jharkhand (one of the poorest states in India), we support a center for visually-impaired children. Supported by nurses and specialized educators, these 55 children live on-site and have access to adapted modern equipment. They benefit from training and adequate educational follow-up aimed at promoting their independence.



FINANCING

In 2018, thanks to your generosity and considerable confidence, we have been able to transfer CHF 185'000 to India to finance our programs (including the salaries of 68 teachers and local employees). In parallel, for the past four years, we have been delighted to be able to count on the support and trust of Tupperware India, which directly finances many of our projects.

We remind you that all funds received are used for our activities in India (the overheads in Switzerland are covered by our president) and that all donations are 100% tax-deductible.

Your support and donations are essential to the continuation of our projects in the field. On behalf of the 1700 children and 4000 mothers supported by the CIAO KIDS Foundation, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Philippe de Preux
President

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Jean-François Meillard
Vice-President

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Renuka Cavadini
Member

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Secretary

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Member

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