

CIAO KIDS FOUNDATION

DISADVANTAGED CHILDREN
IN THE SOUTH OF INDIA



ACTIVITY REPORT 2014

Dear friends,

We are happy to inform you that our collaboration with our Indian partner Parivarthana continues to develop wonderfully. Philippe de Preux made his bi-annual trips to India this year in March and November to check the development of the projects.

FOSTERSHIP HOME

On the 6th of November, we inaugurated a new fostership home of 300 sq.m., which will allow us to receive 33 additional children. Currently, we have 45 children from 6 to 18 years. Each child has a bed and a space allotted for keeping his/her belongings.

The area for following up on the classes and assisting with homework during the afternoons, has been increased and improved. We are proud to announce that 98% of the children from our fostership homes succeed in their school exams.

In view of the increasing demand of the parents living in the forests to send their children to school and therefore stay in the fostership homes, we have planned a construction in 2015 of two additional buildings which will allow a total capacity of 160 girls and boys by spring 2016. Mr Edmond Fahrni will be the generous donator of one of these buildings and we thank him warmly for his generosity.

We will therefore have a modern center allowing these children to study and benefit from extra-curricular stimulating activities (cricket, volley ball, football, dancing, pottery, art.).



EDUCATIONAL KITS AND SCHOLARSHIP

We are also supporting 200 young Adivasis (tribal children) that attend the primary and secondary schools by providing them educational kits including school bags, note books and other school material, which is renewed each year as well as the payment of their school fees. We are supporting 10 young Adivasis for their studies in Engineering, Computers, Medicine, Nursing and Teaching.

MEDICAL

We are giving great importance to the prevention of diseases. In this context, all the children and adult Adivasis receive a medical check up twice a year.

SOLAR LAMPS

In September, we organized 3 training seminars for making 50 solar lamps (which cost CHF 2.- per unit) with two European engineers and one Indian engineer delegated by the EPFL. Thanks to these lamps, approx. 50 families now have light in their homes.

MICRO-ECONOMIC SELF HELP GROUPS

In 2014, we considerably developed in the sector of micro-economics by putting in place self help groups for the mothers. Each member puts aside a minimum of CHF 1.50 per month. By the end of 3 months, the group can open a bank account and manage their savings. The foundation Ciao Kids supports each group with CHF 15.- per person. Moreover, after one year, the government can decide to support the groups with a grant. This micro-economic management allows each



member to buy a sheep or some chickens, or to support the higher studies of one of their children or to repair or add electricity to their homes. This pioneer program reviewed and audited by experts, provides a real and efficient assistance for the personal development of these individuals.

We have been able to move from 8 groups in 2013, with a total of 150 women to 18 groups in November 2014, with a total of 353 women. Due to the excellent reputation of this program, the request from villages is continuing to increase and we will begin 2015 with more than 500 women benefiting from this program.

SUPERVISION

Raje Gowda, responsible for our Indian team Parivarthana, an expert agronomist, has assisted us in developing a team of managers and teachers for supervising all our programs.

SPONSHORSHIP

For CHF 400.- per year, i.e. CHF 1.10 per day, you have the possibility for supporting a young Adivasi (from 4 to 18 years) in their schooling, their studies and ensuring a professional future.

FINANCING

In spring 2014, thanks to your generous donations, we were able to transfer CHF 119'000.- to India, i.e. 4 times more than the first amount paid in 2012. This sum allowed the construction of a fostership home and the financing of different programs for 850 people (including the salaries of 13 local employees).



CIAO KIDS TEAM

We would like to warmly thank Sabine Schaer, who after six and a half years of service is leaving our foundation on December 1st, 2014. A new team member, Alexandra Mauris-Salvador has already joined us since the 1st of October.

FUND RAISING

Our charity evening of October 30 with the concert of Nicolas Fraissinet at the Cultural Center of Terreaux in Lausanne was a great success. We thank you all for your participation and your generous support.

FOUNDATION BOARD

We warmly welcome to our board Mrs Renuka Cavadini, Swiss citizen and Indian, lawyer at the Geneva Bar since 16 years.

A great THANKS for allowing us to construct a future for 320 children and young Adivasis, as well as for 500 parents. Thanks to you, they will benefit from a joy of life, confidence and pride for the future. We thank you from all our heart and send you our warmest wishes.

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