

CIAO KIDS

FOUNDATION

DISADVANTAGED CHILDREN
IN THE SOUTH OF INDIA



ACTIVITY REPORT 2015

Dear Friends,

We are happy to inform you that the collaboration with our Indian partner Parivarthana is developing well and the projects with the tribal Adivasi community in India are growing rapidly.

Philippe de Preux went to India three times this year; the first time in February with Alexandra Mauris, Ciao Kids' project manager, then in September with our very generous sponsor Mr. Fahrni and a third visit was scheduled in October.

FOSTERSHIP HOMES

In June, at the beginning of the school year, we welcomed 86 children aged 10 to 18 years old in our 3 fostership homes in Hunsur. The excellent accommodation offered in our hostels, with the help of on-site tutors, allows our children to get good school results. This success has led to an increasing need for educational support in the surrounding villages. Trusting in the viability of our projects, Mr. Fahrni and Tupperware India have each decided to finance a fostership home. These two buildings are currently under construction and will be inaugurated in January 2016. We are extremely grateful for their wonderful support for our activities. We will therefore be in a position to host 150 children in Hunsur next spring.



KINDERGARDENS

In our three kindergardens situated in the villages, 46 children are registered and learn the basic knowledge which will allow them to access the local schools. They also receive a hot meal daily.



EDUCATIONAL KITS / SCHOLARSHIPS

This year we have been able to support 305 students in primary and secondary local schools through educational kits which include all the school material they need as well as the registration fees. We are also providing a scholarship for five university students.

SELF HELP GROUPS / MICRO-SAVINGS PROGRAM

Our pioneer program of community savings for mothers has been very successful in the surrounding villages. After one year with our help, every beneficiary can start a small domestic farm, repair their home or equip it with electrical power, or rent a plot of land for local farming. This is turning into a real platform for exchanging information allowing these women to be advised on education, farming, health and the claiming of their legal rights. We are glad to be able to support presently 750 women in this area of Southern India.

In parallel, we just started a new project in collaboration with the Indian NGO DEED to support 150 Adivasi women in the villages near Hunsur.

MEDICAL

To implement the medical check-ups which take place every six months, we benefited from a medical audit from the regional consultant of an important humanitarian organization in India in February.

CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

With the growth of our organization, we are conscious of the need to maintain a secure and respectful environment for the children. We are also conscious of the importance of preventive measures. A one week training session regarding the protection of children by a licensed consultant has therefore been organized at the end of March for both the children and all the staff in Hunsur. Additionally, a specialized coordinator has thus been hired in Hunsur.

MANAGEMENT

Two assistant project-directors have been hired to help Raje Gowda, who is the person in charge of our local partner organization, Parivarthana. These young women, who have completed their Masters in Social Work, share the responsibility between our two main projects of education and Self Help Groups.



FINANCING

In 2015, thanks to your generosity and your continued trust, we have been able to transfer CHF 194'000.- to our projects in India. This amount allowed us to build a fostership home, to buy an adjoining plot of land for student sports activities and the financing of the various aspects of our projects (including the salaries of 25 local employees and teachers).

NEW PROJECT - JHARKHAND

An Adivasi community of Jharkhand, a state of Northeast India, has asked us to support a new community savings project (Self Help Group). Thanks to a transfer of know-how and skills, we have organized 10 groups of 20 women each.

Philippe de Preux visited the project with Mr. Fahrni and was able to assess on-site the importance of the needs and to supervise the beginning of the project.

A deep appreciation to all of you for helping us and enabling us to build a future for **439 Adivasis** children and teenagers, as well as for **1'100 parents**. Thanks to you they have rediscovered their joy of life, are confident in the future and have become the creators of their own destiny. **We thank you very much** and send you our warmest regards.



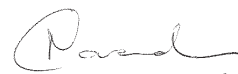
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