

CIAO KIDS FOUNDATION

DISADVANTAGED WOMEN
AND CHILDREN IN INDIA



ACTIVITY REPORT 2020

Dear friends,

We hope this message finds you and your family in good health.

2020 got off to an encouraging start with the development of our **educational, socio-economic and awareness programmes**. Philippe de Preux and our project manager were in India as recently as early March. The **strict two-month lockdown** and the **health and economic crisis** that shook the country have disrupted all our plans, presenting the teams with a number of challenges.



In Jharkhand, we implemented an **emergency aid** response that continues to this day, involving the distribution of food and essential products to the poorest families.

Our social workers do a magnificent job in spreading awareness of the **preventive healthcare measures** and the risks associated with Covid, as well as reassuring the villagers, many of whom shut themselves away to protect themselves from the outside world.

Our **visually impaired children** are more vulnerable and are given special attention. Teachers are doing their best to continue their education and keep their daily lives as safe and calm as possible.



After several months of closure, the schools can reopen in stages and we are confident that in a few weeks' time most of the children we support will again be able to benefit from an **appropriate education**.

The pandemic has forced us to cancel all trips to the field but, thanks to technology, we have held **videoconferences** that have allowed us to exchange ideas and support our local teams as closely as possible until we can return to India to see them.



According to Save the Children, 10 million children are at risk of never going back to school. According to UNICEF, for the first time in 20 years, child labour could regain ground.

Our targeted programmes are a real help to Indian minorities who are often illiterate and live in conditions of extreme poverty:



Our fostership homes provide poor students from remote tribal hamlets with **access to education**, support with their studies and extracurricular activities.



Apprenticeships in tailoring or office skills help young women to **escape poverty** by giving them access to financial independence.



Our specialised centre allows visually impaired children from one of the poorest regions of India to benefit from training and **specialised educational support** aimed at promoting their independence.



Our pre-primary school provides children with a **basic education** and access to **medical checks** and a daily hot meal.



The educational kits contain all the material they need for their studies as well as the annual school registration fees, meaning that the most underprivileged pupils can **continue their education**.



Our socio-economic programmes help women to **become financially independent** through the development of revenue-generating activities.



Our awareness programmes are aimed at **warning those most vulnerable** of the potential dangers of human trafficking and alcoholism.

Since its beginnings, the CIAO KIDS Foundation has been able to support nearly 11,500 women and 5,400 children.

Like every year, the overheads in Switzerland have been covered by patrons, meaning that **100% of the funds received can be allocated to helping us carry out our activities in India**. As the Foundation is officially recognised as being in the public interest, all our donations are entirely tax deductible.

Today more than ever, these women and children need your support.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

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