

CIAO KIDS FOUNDATION

DISADVANTAGED WOMEN AND CHILDREN
IN INDIA AND IN NEPAL



ACTIVITY REPORT 2022

Dear friends,

We are very happy to share the latest news about the CIAO KIDS Foundation and inform you that we have **resumed our biannual visits to the field**, which is an essential element ensuring close follow up of our projects.

The CIAO KIDS Foundation **continued its work in 2022 with the existing Indian partners** in Jharkhand (north) and Karnataka (south) supporting the planned work which began picking up after the slowing down due to the pandemic. The importance and the need for the work is underlined with communities still struggling to find regular work and hence children facing the risk of being lured into harmful labor and dropping out of school.



Additionally, a **third project was added in Nepal** about two hours away from the capital city in a district which was most affected by the earthquake and remains underdeveloped. This project is **in line with the aims of CIAO KIDS** thus far - working with marginalized populations. The project is implemented by our partner Heart of Nepal, a local NGO managed by experienced humanitarian professionals, collaborating closely with local government stakeholders particularly school authorities.

Our new project in Nepal

Since January, we support 450 women through the formation of savings groups followed by skill development relevant to the locality such as improved homestead agricultural practices, poultry and cattle rearing. Like everywhere else in the world, **the pandemic has affected the schooling of children**. The goal is to bring them back and retain them in school, in collaboration with 4 Government schools for 1,500 students. On our first visit to the project when we learned that most of the children come to school hungry, we decided to supplement the hot lunch provided by the Government of Nepal for more than 500 students, aiming to alleviate **their nutritional deficiencies** by improving the quantity and nutritional value of the food they are served.

CIAO KIDS programs are targeted at improving the lives of marginalized populations, majority of whom are amongst the poorest in India and Nepal (the Adivasis in India, Janajati in Nepal and the Dalits).



Acces to education

Fostership homes have supported **450 youngsters** to complete and or continue secondary school and college including a few pursuing post-graduation.



Education kits

Education support kits are provided annually to enable children of poor families in to continue schooling. **4800 students** have already benefited from it.



Visually impaired children

A specialized Residential center is equipped with highly trained staff and appropriate technology to support **60 visually impaired children** continue schooling, become computer literate and build their confidence to live independent lives.



Socio-economic programs

Savings groups of women are formed which start them off on the journey of **economic independence** thanks to the group dynamics created between them and through appropriate trainings in revenue generating activities.



Professional training

Apprenticeships in tailoring or office skills allow **200 young people** a year to develop competencies that will help them find jobs and improve their future prospects.



Awareness programs

Awareness of health and social issues is fundamental for these extremely poor communities. Through street plays and village meetings, our social workers can address complex issues such as education, trafficking, alcoholism, etc.

Since its beginnings, the CIAO KIDS Foundation has been able to support nearly 20,000 women and 8,000 children through regular programs, as well as 5,000 people through punctual food and medical aid.



We would like to thank all our donors, companies and foundations who have **trusted us for 14 years**. A big thank you also to the 4 friends who raised CHF 20,000 for our women's projects, thanks to their participation in a trek in the Moroccan desert, as well as to the Simon family for their magnificent and consistent support.

We can certify that **100% of the funds received are allocated to financing our activities on the field**. Indeed, like every year since the creation of the Foundation, the overheads in Switzerland have been covered by patrons. All our **donations are entirely tax deductible**, you will receive a tax certificate to attach to your tax return.

Thanks to your trust and generosity, we have been able to continue our mission in India and extend it to Nepal for women and children who really need it.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts to all of you, more and more numerous to support us.

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