

CIAO KIDS FOUNDATION

DISADVANTAGED WOMEN AND CHILDREN
IN INDIA AND NEPAL



ACTIVITY REPORT 2023

Dear friends,

We are pleased to present you with an overview of CIAO KIDS Foundation's achievements in 2023. Thanks to your support, we have been able to effectively **strengthen our impact across our three projects in India and Nepal**. Efforts have focused on improving coordination with government systems and enhancing the quality of services provided to women and children.



The project in **Nepal** has made good progress - 6 schools (with a total of 1,500 pupils) are being actively supported. These schools have benefited from work to ensure a continuous supply of drinking water, which has had a major impact, particularly in terms of ensuring good hand hygiene.

The daily distribution of hot, nutritious meals at midday for 800 primary school pupils has proved to be a great incentive for children to attend school regularly.

All the savings groups are continuing their inter-member lending activities. In addition, the women have benefited from training and an initial grant in kind to start up vegetable farms and poultry and goat farms, thereby increasing their self-sufficiency.

The project for **visually impaired children** in **India** has received substantial support from the Lord Michelham Foundation, which has enabled a **modern computer laboratory** to be set up with software adapted to their specific needs. The grant has also encouraged the development of activities such as origami, drama, music and sport, contributing to the **children's more holistic development**. A programme of individual scholarships with personalised support has enabled 15 students who have completed their secondary education to go on to higher education in other cities.

The **fostership homes** have helped 70 young people to complete or continue their secondary and higher education. They have access to sewing machines and sport grounds, and take part in computer courses and workshops to improve their English skills.

Apprenticeships in computer and tailoring continue to be in high demand, and the centre run by our partner Amar Jyoti is recognised for the quality of its training. In 2023, 316 young people enrolled.

Awareness programmes are continuing in the villages, and the topics covered now go beyond social issues. They provide information on civic registration as well as on how to access the various government aid programmes that complement our services.



On 28 September, 200 people accepted our invitation to celebrate our 15th anniversary at the Casino de Morges. The evening included a spectacular performance by the mimic Yann Lambiel and an exclusive show by the artists' collective "De l'un à l'autre", featuring Simon Jaccard, Bastoun, Sandrine Viglino, Philippe Morax and Sophie de Quay.

The event generated a net profit of over CHF 38,000 all of which will be allocated to our Nepalese projects.

CIAO KIDS in a few figures :

- 2008 - creation of the CIAO KIDS Foundation by Philippe de Preux, its Chairman
- 2012 - 40 students in residence and 30 children in nursery schools
123 education kits distributed in the state of Karnataka (southern India)
- 2013 - construction of the first fostership home
- 2014 - first self-help groups set up
construction of 2 additional fostership homes
- 2017 - launch of the support programme for visually impaired children and our presence in northern India
- 2018 - tailoring and computer training courses set up
- 2019 - expansion of programmes for women in Jharkhand (northern India)
creation of awareness programmes
- 2022 - start of projects in Nepal

Since its beginnings, the CIAO KIDS Foundation has been able to support more than 8'600 children and 27,000 women through regular programs, as well as 5,200 families through punctual food and medical aid.



We would like to thank all our donors who place their trust in us and make it possible for us to help some of the poorest and most marginalised people in India and Nepal by providing them with excellent, life-changing opportunities.

We would like to remind you that all of your donations are used to carry out our activities in the field (administrative costs in Switzerland are covered by patrons) and that donations are tax-deductible.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your loyal and invaluable support. Your contribution makes a difference.

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