

2024 ANNUAL REPORT







"A great force is created when young people decide to make a difference.

They have power and the future of the planet in their hands."

Dr. Jane Goodall











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Thanks, imprint, team



**Dr. Martin Kasper** Honorary President

# Dear friends, partners and supporters of Childaid Network

thanks to your continued support 2024 was a good year for Childaid Network. We are pleased to present our report on this successful year.

#### **Upheavals**

Our world is shaken by wars, environmental disasters and their consequences. They often affect the people in our project areas: They suffer from violence in Myanmar and Manipur, the earth-quakes in Myanmar and the floods in Nepal, Bangladesh and Assam. In their distress, many people flee and often become victims of exploitation and crime. Did you know that thousands of Nepalese men are fighting as mercenaries for Russia on the Ukrainian front? But there are also positive political and economical developments that help our project implementation.

#### Changing needs

Economically India is now an emerging power. There is less extreme poverty. Infant and maternal mortality rates have fallen encouragingly. Is our support still required? Yes, because the educational system is still very inadequate. Only one in five children in South Asia learns to read properly. The widening gap between the rich and the poor is partly driven by the vulnerability of the uneducated to exploitation.

Our local partners possess valuable insights into how meaningful change can be achieved. Together, we bring extensive experience and proven approaches capable of driving significant impact. Local authorities have expressed interest in collaborating with us.

#### Effective projects

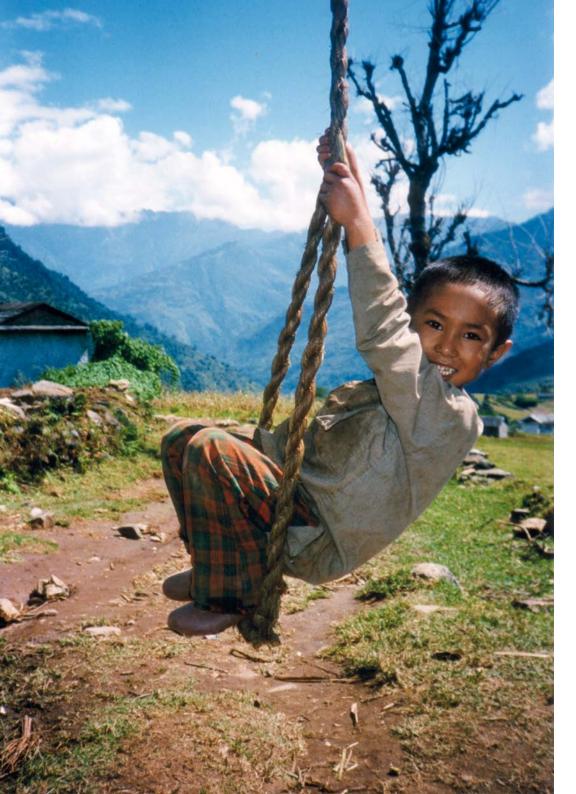
Childaid Network will mark its milestone 18th anniversary in 2025. Over the years, we have implemented impactful projects that have brought about visible and lasting change in our focus regions. Elementary schools are now operational even in remote village communities. We have successfully addressed the learning gaps caused by the COVID-19 pandemic for over 100,000 students, using a remarkably modest budget. We are encouraged by the increasing local support. This growing engagement enhances the reach and effectiveness of our work. Read many success stories on pages 16 to 31.

#### Sustainable growth with low costs

In 2024, we returned to a growth trajectory. Our performance nearly matched the record levels of 2022. Even more encouraging is the continued loyalty and reliability of our network. In close cooperation with our partners in Germany and the target countries, we develop sustainable concepts and conclude long-term sponsorship agreements. Partners contribute to our events and cover administrative expenses. Volunteers provide valuable support. As a result, our operational costs remain exceptionally low, ensuring that donations go directly to the projects without deductions. Read more about our strategy and our figures on pages 34 to 47.

We would like to thank you for your continued and reliable support. We would also like to thank our network for their loyalty and their energetic, imaginative and effective commitment.

On behalf of the Management Board and the team



# Childaid Network – let's unite for the children's right to education



#### Our vision – education for all

In recent years, we have helped more than 500,000 young people to receive comprehensive foundational education. We are currently supporting the education of more than 200,000 children in our projects in South Asia.



#### Reliable partners on site

We work at eye level with competent and trusted partners to implement our vision. Only with them and the involvement of local communities can we bring about change.



#### Personal and engaged

We are on site with experts and help. Our team is personally committed and close to the people. We provide financial support, expert advice, and motivation in the event of difficulties.



#### Network for children

We foster partnerships both in Germany and on-site within the projects. We ally ourselves with people who share our vision. Our networks are our strength.



#### Effective and sustainable

We do not give charity but help people to help themselves. We constantly measure and improve the results of our work and thus enable sustainable, structural changes.



#### Cost-effective and transparent

As confirmed by the DZI, we continued to be very economical in our administration and public relations work in 2024. We attach great importance to transparency, which you can also rely on in the future.

#### Organization Childaid Network 2024

# **Ambassadors**







Childaid Network in their networks

#### **Foundation Council**

Dr. Brigitta Cladders, Prof. Dr. Ursula Fasselt, Dr. Dietrich Garlichs. Hermann-Henrich Holtermann. Jan-Berend Holzapfel, Dr. Thomas Kreuzer, Dr. Claudia Lücking-Michel, Frank Riemensperger (Chair),

Controls and advises the foundation on a volunteer basis

#### **Management Board**

Prof. Dr. Joachim Valentin

Sandra Hörbelt. Dr. Martin Kasper, Michael Legeland

Manages day-to-day business on a volunteer basis

#### Core Team

9 salaried employees, mostly part-time

**50** volunteers, mostly part-time

Project support, public relations, support, donation administration

#### **Project partners**



about 35 project and cooperation partners abroad about 40 project funding partners

Project realization in close cooperation with the Childaid Network team

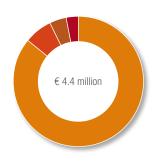
#### Sources of funds 2024



Government grants Funding partners Private donations 6% Corporate donations 3% Capital income

3% Other

#### Uses of funds 2024



Funds available for projects 2024 and subsequent years

7% Project support

4% Public relations and donor service

2% Administration

# 200,000

We directly supported more than 200,000 boys and girls with our projects in 2024

1,000

At more than 1,000 project locations in four countries, we supported about 50 education projects in 2024

18,000

More than 18,000 donors and friends supported our activities

230

sponsors, photographers, reporters, volunteers and other multipliers have visited and reported on our projects since 2006



Reading and listening as well as interacting with young and old authors at the literature festival builds awareness of language.

#### Reading

In mountainous Ramechhap in Nepal, we are organizing the tenth literary festival with readings and competitions. Hundreds of children enjoy books and are encouraged to write themselves.



#### Child centered

In South Asia, quality education is still the exception. We improve everyday school life in the region with proven methods of child centered education – school by school. This makes learning fun.

Simple paper cups help to learn the alphabet – the children are enthusiastic, and their talents are developed.



The happy children make the visit to the Montessori-Center a special highlight.

#### **Impressed**

Board member Sandra Hörbelt and our Head of Public Relations, Dr. Stefanie Henkel, see the quality of the project work in Nepal for themselves and come back with lots of praise.

January February March

#### Self-employed

Trained as a two-wheeler mechanic, additionally qualified in accounting and marketing, supported with a small start-up loan: this is how we enabled thousands of young people to start their own business.



Krishna is known in the village for his quick and professional help. Business is going so well that he is considering hiring an employee.



#### **Sponsored**

Partnerships increase our reach and professionalism. The tour operator IKARUS TOURS takes on a sponsorship project, promotes our events and organizes trips for interested parties.

A visit to the Hornbill Festival in Kohima, India, is the highlight for visitors from the partner company. The trip was organized by IKARUS TOURS.

#### Celebrated

At Quellenpark Bad Soden, we organize a cheerful family festival together with numerous organizations that work for children's projects and support in Germany.



Balloons, games, reading sessions – young and old spend an inspiring day.

**April** 

May

June



#### Committed

A team of highly motivated employees and many volunteers work together at Childaid Network for the good future of children. Sometimes we also celebrate together.



Students, retirees, young mothers, experts from many fields form and enrich our diverse team.

#### Catching up

Schools were closed for 18 months during the pandemic. But thanks to intensive tutoring and the good work of our partner Aide et Action, more than 100,000 pupils in Assam have been able to close their learning gaps.

Now they can all read well – two years ago, only a few could.



#### Convinced

The Merck Family Foundation selects our school quality program in Nepal for 50,000 children as a focus project for five years. Dr. Walter Huber, Managing Director of the Foundation, is on site to see the quality of the partners for himself.

Immersing ourselves deeply in the reality of life, sometimes on the ground at eye level with the children, is part of our project trips.

July

August

September



Former Prime Minister of the state of Hesse Volker Bouffier eloquently inspires the numerous guests.

#### Courageous

Former Prime Minister Volker Bouffier encourages the large audience at the Königstein Salon not to despair in the face of crises, but to help strengthen peace, cohesion and democracy.

#### Generous

Pleasingly high donations during the Christmas period help us to achieve a great annual result. A festive highlight is the now already traditional #ChildaidNight in the wonderful tent of Circus Project Waldoni in Darmstadt.



#### **Supported**

120 alumni with college degrees are on stage when the team of tecis AG visits the sponsored school in Amguri in Assam. They express their gratitude for the many years of support, which gives them better opportunities for their future.

The eight sales partners of tecis AG are representative of more than 1,500 regular supporters of Childaid Network (Guwahati, India).



Professional acrobats, well-known artists and moving project information for the guests – another unforgettable evening.

## Managers from our project partners



#### **Jerry Thomas SDB**

For many years, Father Jerry Thomas has successfully run the Bosco Institute in Jorhat, Assam, a college for social workers, where young people from many ethnic groups in Northeast-India learn together. He has also been helping a group of professionals that are supporting our local partners with advice and logistics for over ten years. This is an indispensable part of our work.



#### Therese Mahruaii

Therese Mahruaii is a sister in the order of the Ursuline Franciscan Sisters. Since 2017, she has been living her vocation for children in need in Bongaigaon, Assam. She provides a temporary home for over 50 ill-treated and vulnerable girls, 282 girls have lived there so far. In addition, as part of our child protection project, she helps hundreds of children in the region to exercise their rights to protection and education.



#### James Thyrniang SDB

As manager of the Salesians, Father James Thyrniang is responsible for the finances of the order in Meghalaya and Assam. At the same time, he took over the management of our large vocational training project four years ago. Over the past years, almost 10,000 young people have been trained in their desired professions in six centers. At the same time, he created structures to ensure that this work can be continued in the long term.

"Childaid Network works tirelessly for the education of the most vulnerable – a key driver for progress towards justice and equality in society. The interventions through networked professional partnerships have inspired hope and created new opportunities for thousands of children and young people. For me, it is a privilege to be part of this transformative journey." "I put all my energy into looking after girls who have been rejected or were victims of ill treatment. With a lot of love, we try to heal their wounds and strengthen their self-esteem. It makes me deeply happy when they develop healthily and become self-confident. A good education and vocational qualifications give them hope and opportunities for the future."

"Our project with Childaid Network empowers marginalized young people through high-quality vocational training. It teaches skills, improves employment opportunities and opens ways to earn a good living. The beneficiaries gain access to meaningful work and escape poverty. In this way, we promote their resilience and self-confidence and create a generation of skilled, confident and hopeful people."



#### **Pranab Panging**

Pranab Panging is responsible for our largest partner organization, Aide et Action, in Northeast-India. With a team of 357 employees, he is currently implementing three large BMZ-funded projects for Childaid Network for more than 100,000 pupils and many thousands of trainees in vocational schools. We are very grateful for the good work and the great impact of his teams.





#### Babita Karki

Babita Karki grew up in the mountains of Ramechhap, not far from the cradle of our project work in Nepal. In 2017, she got the chance to pursue her dream job and became the first employee at our Montessori center in Bhandar. Since then, she has developed enormously and is now a mainstay of our growing commitment to child-centered education.

"Working at the Montessori Center supported by Childaid Network is challenging and inspiring for me every day. I am highly motivated and very proud to be able to contribute to this program. It helps to strengthen rural communities and gives children-in-need access to good education and thus opportunities for the future. I am proud to be part of this successful team."



#### Dr. Surendra K. Shrestha

Dr. Surendra K. Shrestha was the founder of the Group of Helping Hands (SAHAS) in 1996 and since then has been the managing director of SAHAS, an aid organization in rural Nepal that is highly regarded by many organizations. Together with Childaid Network, girls' self-help groups have been organized in 36 villages in the mountainous Ramechhap region in recent years and the quality of many schools has been improved through sustainable activities.

"Education and leadership skills are crucial components for the empowerment of adolescent girls. They play an important role in breaking down barriers, promoting gender equality and the personal development of young people. It is impressive to see how shy girls become self-confident women. Thank you for the great cooperation!"





"If there is one belief that can move mountains, it is the belief in one's own strength."

Marie von Ebner-Eschenbach



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## Education is the key to life

On the following pages, we present six selected projects. They are representative of 50 Childaid Network projects in particularly poor and disadvantaged regions.

We are currently working for around 200,000 young people in four countries and four project categories: school programs, vocational training, projects in support of children's rights and programs for health promotion.

# Geographical focus for higher effectiveness

Our project work is focused on rural regions of South Asia: outlying Northeast-India, disaster-prone northern Bangladesh and remote mountainous regions in Nepal. We are also supporting the first small projects in Myanmar. Focus is important. Only then will it be possible to understand local conditions, develop sustainable partnerships and act effectively.

#### Emphasis on education

Content-wise, we also have a clear focus: We want to provide young people with access to education and training. That is the best investment in their future. We concentrate on disadvantaged marginalized groups like minorities, street children, refugees and rural youth in areas without infrastructure, the poorest of the poor, who would otherwise have no opportunities.

#### Our role as change agent

We do not create parallel structures and do not take on any tasks the state should fulfill. We see our role as initiating and accelerating change processes. Therefore, we offer bridging courses, exam support and tutoring for needy children, and accompany government schools in the often necessary improvement of teaching quality.

#### Sustainable and effective

What distinguishes our projects: careful planning and piloting, creative concepts, implementation with local partners involving civil society, effectiveness monitoring and intensive personal supervision by experts.

#### Project principles:



cooperative and at eye level



focused



proven to be effective



professional



sustainable



transparent

#### Criteria for project success

Good problem analysis

Projects only on demand

Local contribution

Complement, not replace, the school system

Careful project design

Start with pilots

Improve continuously

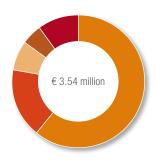
Measure results

Define exit



Sandra Hörbelt Board member Childaid Network "I have been a volunteer with Childaid Network since 2007. From the very beginning, effectiveness and honesty in dealing with donations were important to me – here in Germany and on site in our projects. I have been traveling to the project areas regularly since 2009. The encounters with our partners, who implement educational projects in their home countries with great conviction and a lot of love, confirm my conviction. The changes in the young people they help to achieve a good education or vocational training convince me of the effectiveness and sustainability of our measures."

#### Funds spent in 2024

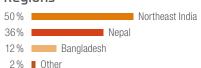


#### **Projects**



# € 3.54 million

#### Regions



# €28 million

Childaid Network has invested a total of approximately € 28 million in projects so far

60%

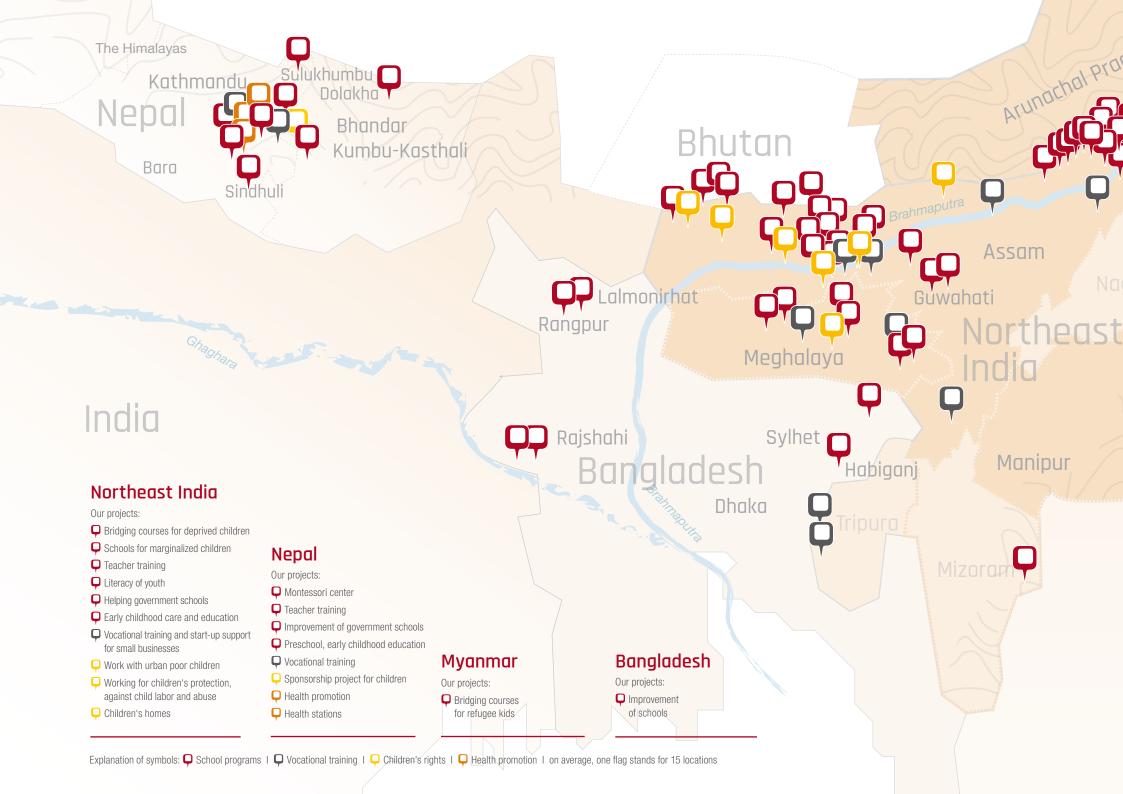
More than 60 % of the beneficiaries in the projects are girls and women

500,000

More than 500,000 children and youths have been directly supported in projects

2,000,000

More than two million family members have indirectly benefited from these activities





# 200,000 young people supported in 50 projects in more than 1,000 locations

#### School programs

Good education is the key to sustainable change. Education prolongs life, reduces child mortality and significantly increases lifetime income. But every second child worldwide still does not learn to read, write and do arithmetic. Childaid Network supports bridge courses and evening schools so that young people can catch up on the basic education they have missed. We accompany about 1,600 government schools to improve.

#### **Q** Vocational training

In our project areas, many families are self-sufficient, but agriculture no longer provides enough food for the growing population. Young people are therefore attracted to relatively well-paid jobs as unskilled workers in the large southern cities or abroad. Childaid Network wants to slow down this exodus and therefore promotes the vocational qualification of young people in crafts or other professions that are in demand locally.

#### Protect Children

Child labor, child trafficking and child marriages are on the rise again. Childaid Network supports projects that help children to obtain their rights in cooperation with civil society. We help to reduce child labor as well as early child marriage and aim to integrate children with disabilities as much as possible. All children should go to school. We support children in homes or foster families if the family of origin cannot enable them to develop well. In children's clubs or student parliaments the young people learn more about their rights.

#### Health promotion

Life expectancy in our project areas is about 20 years below the average in Germany. Children die of preventable diseases, people suffer from malnutrition at an early age. Children who are ill or hungry cannot study well either. Our projects promote children's health through better hygiene, better nutrition and other preventive measures.

#### Northeast India

- as large as Western Germany
- 45 million inhabitants, 200 languages
- Position 105 (of 125) Global Hunger Index
- more than 50 % below the poverty line

#### Nepal

- twice the size of Bavaria
- 30 million inhabitants, 120 languages
- Position 68 (of 125) Global Hunger Index
- 20 % live below the poverty line

#### Myanmar

- almost twice the size of Germany
- 57 million inhabitants, 135 ethnic groups
- Position 74 (of 125) Global Hunger Index
- 40 % live below the poverty line

#### Bangladesh

- twice the size of Bayaria
- 169 million inhabitants
- Position 84 (of 125) Global Hunger Index
- 18.7 % live below the poverty line



Myanmar



#### Support for preschool children

#### Early practice

We all know: Children learn from birth. A safe, stimulating environment is important for good development. Science confirms the importance of early stimulation of all senses: if young children are encouraged to explore and understand their environment, learning processes are much easier later on.

#### Realities of life

The hard life in the village communities in our project regions leaves little room for people to look after the young children. The children in the village are left to fend for themselves when their parents work, often far away. Illnesses are overlooked, nutrition is inadequate and intellectual development is hardly encouraged.

#### Family is important

To help their children, parents are often tempted to place them in a home or boarding school, especially when there is economic hardship at home. However, integration into family life is irreplaceable, which is why we advise and support the families. We help the village communities to organize qualified early childhood support through preschools, kindergartens, and Montessori centers on a decentralized basis.

#### What happens next

We now support several hundred preschools and children's centers in rural regions of South Asia – in close cooperation with the local government – and will continue to expand these projects.



Sudevi comes from the indigenous Oraon community in Bangladesh, which faces challenges such as limited access to education and discrimination. As part of the Childaid Network project, which is supported by NETZ Partnerschaft Entwicklung und Gerechtigkeit e.V., she was trained as a preschool teacher to improve the educational situation. The project helps to upgrade the quality of education in two rural districts of Bangladesh through teacher training, school renovations and the provision of learning materials.

Sudevi's school was struggling with a lack of qualified teachers and interactive learning methods. This made it difficult for indigenous children to participate. After her training, she therefore used playful methods such as storytelling, dances and songs to create a welcoming and culturally appropriate learning environment.

"The project helped me to deepen my education and thereby change the lives of indigenous children," says Sudevi. Today, she passes on her knowledge to other teachers and helps to sustainably improve educational opportunities for disadvantaged children.

#### In 2024 we supported



104 facilities for preschool children



more than **11,000** preschool children



over **420** preschool teachers and social workers



with project funds of about € 500,000



Israt Jahan
Program Director
DASCOH Foundation

"The Inclusive and Equitable Quality
Education project promotes the right
to education for marginalized children
in northern Bangladesh by improving
teaching skills, providing materials and
creating positive learning environments.
The collaborative efforts, especially
the active participation of indigenous
communities and parents, from the
beginning, are critical to the success
of the project."



### A success story – learning gaps closed

#### **Education emergency**

Schools were closed for 18 months during the pandemic. As there were no digital substitute lessons in our project areas available, many children missed more than one year of education. With generous funding partners, we wanted to close the resulting gaps for as many children as possible. What has become of this project?

#### **Project with hurdles**

Our trusted partner Aide et Action took on the challenge of helping more than 100,000 pupils at 1,000 schools in seven districts. Studies showed that only 7 % of these children could read a simple text. And it took longer than planned to conclude the agreements with the local authorities and recruit the necessary staff.

#### Success with volunteers

The breakthrough was achieved because our partner trained more than 4,000 local volunteers to provide tutoring. Now more than 75 % of the target group can read well. This was achieved with budgets of around €10 per child per year. Everyone is proud of the success.

#### What is next

This program has been completed, but the experience gained will be incorporated into our school quality programs.



Saurav, a 14-year-old pupil, was struggling to cope at school. He exhibited restless behavior and had a short attention span. He found math particularly difficult and was unable to do basic arithmetic operations.

With the support of Aide et Action volunteers, who offered morning and afternoon tutoring sessions at Raimadha Moktab LP School, Saurav gradually got used to structured learning routines. With innovative learning materials and games for math, he showed increasing interest and improved in basic methods of addition and subtraction.

Today, he attends Dakshin Barbhag High School and is a role model for his classmates. Especially in math, he achieved the best grades in the semi-annual exam. His progress is recognized by both teachers and classmates who are inspired by his positive development. Saurav is now a dedicated student who is admired in his school for his efforts and change.

#### Our large-scale project to close learning gaps



**330** education mobilizers and **4,000** volunteers



from 1,126 schools



almost 100,000 children up to middle school close their learning gaps resulting from COVID-lockdowns



**43,000** high school youths receive tutoring and career counseling



**100** groups of girls meet regularly to program computers



**3,400** state teachers receive training in child-friendly pedagogy



In 2024, we invested about € 480,000 in this project. In total, this project will cost approximately two million Euro over three years.



#### Promote, enable, encourage

#### Right to education

The right to a good, free education is enshrined in law for all children in our project areas. Official statistics show an impressive school enrolment rate of 97 %. Does this make our work superfluous?

#### Learning success staggering

This seemingly good news masks other figures: Around 50 % of sixth graders are still unable to read simple texts. The main reasons for this are poorly trained teachers and inadequate equipment. Teachers are often absent altogether.

#### Catalyst

Childaid Network cannot and does not want to relieve the state of its responsibility to provide all children with a good education and will not set up parallel systems. We have a catalytic effect, with proven success. We now support over 1,600 state schools in four countries. In this way, we are improving the quality of education in the long term and ensuring greater educational equality.

#### **Mobilizing communities**

In addition, we strengthen the social environment: we finance social workers, support the parents, and ensure that the children attend school regularly. We organize tutoring and motivating leisure programs. Teachers are supported with further training and better teaching materials. Civil society recognizes that education is important. Our lobbying work leads to the government providing more resources.



Pooja Boro (11 years old) had great difficulties at school after her parents separated. Her mother worked in a street restaurant and had no time to look after her. Pooja was often absent from class. There were also no resources in the community or at school to help her.

However, the program Childaid Network sponsored for her school brought significant changes. The social workers motivated her to come to school regularly and do her homework. She also felt encouraged to participate more in class. Her mother became involved in these processes. She then took more interest in her learning progress, which also strengthened Pooja emotionally.

Pooja's improved education now increases her prospects and could help to break the cycle of poverty in which her family was trapped. Her example also motivates her sister not to neglect her education despite difficulties. The support she has received gives the whole family hope.

#### In 2024 we supported



over 1,600 government schools



reached almost **200,000** students



about **10,000** teachers were trained



and mobilized thousands of volunteers



with about € 2,2 Mio. of project funds



Swadiksha Gogoi Program coordinator NEAID

"Working in Childaid Network's Better Schools Program in Assam, I was able to witness on a daily basis how schools become lively places of learning for children. In addition to their specialist knowledge, the pupils are given holistic support to develop their skills and personalities. This experience strengthens my belief in the power of education and a better future for all. Every day, it fills my heart with joy to know that our efforts are bringing about change."



#### Protect children

#### Children in crisis

Millions of children around the world are suffering from the consequences of war and environmental disasters. In 2024, again floods caused much destruction in South Asia. In Nepal landslides made many homeless. In this situation, education was not a priority for many.

#### **Emergency situation**

In existential emergencies, children are sometimes abandoned, sold, or enslaved. Some parents are helpless and themselves become victims of criminals who profit from their hardship. We know many harrowing examples from our own surveys: Most girls are married off underage and have to work. 95 % of children with disabilities do not go to school.

#### **Changing structures**

Our partners identify the problems, look for allies, educate and work towards sustainable structural change. The state is interested in improvements, but often lacks the expertise and budget.

#### What is next

Our work: securing children's rights, abolishing child labor, integrating young people with disabilities, preventing abduction and child marriage is more important than ever. For 2025 we have planned extensions to our child protection projects in Northeast-India and Nepal.



Gita is 17 years old and lives with her family in Garopara, Assam (India). The family is self-sufficient in livestock and agriculture. Since 2021, Gita has taken part in our partner's children's club sessions, where topics such as nutrition, school education and children's rights are discussed. At first, she was too shy to actively participate.

Our partner's staff recognized her interest and encouraged her classmates to involve Gita more. Over time, Gita became more open, asking in-depth questions about education, the environment and gender roles, and showed interest in finding solutions to problems in her community. She became increasingly self-confident, took responsibility and motivated her classmates to actively participate. Gita also supported the staff and led discussions on children's rights.

Gita's positive changes also inspired the parents, who initially were hesitant, to allow their children to participate. They began to get involved themselves and supported the organization of events such as the World Environment Day and Women's Day.

#### In 2024 we supported



about 200 children in seven homes



**55** young people on their way to independence



about  $\mathbf{5,000}$  children in  $\mathbf{90}$  locations



with over  $\ensuremath{\mathbf{\mathfrak{C}250,\!000}}$  project funds



Enakshi Dutta Director IDEA Northeast

"Enrich is more than just a project – it is our commitment to safeguarding children's rights in Assam. It is the laughter, dreams, resilience and potential of 1,800 children from 41 villages who have been positively impacted by the project that inspires us. For us, every empowered child is a step towards a brighter and fairer world."



# Qualification and income for a better future

#### **Vocational training**

In our project areas agriculture no longer feeds everyone. Without special qualifications, young people are often left with only odd jobs or labor migration. To improve life chances, we invest in vocational training.

#### **Demand-driven**

Our courses are geared towards the wishes of young people and the needs of the region. Our decentralized training approach is successful: we go to the villages with mobile teams and equipment. This saves costs and creates new opportunities locally.

#### Self-employed

Some work as employees after qualifying, but jobs are few and far between. That is why many of our graduates try their hand at small-scale entrepreneurship. We promote this with start-up funding, encourage the formation of cooperatives and offer support with business planning and start-ups.

#### What is next

Our successful large-scale vocational training programs in Assam and Nepal will come to an end in 2025. We are evaluating the results and carefully examining what has helped and what needs to be improved. We want to work even more closely with companies on new projects.



Laxmi Tamang comes from the Tamang community, one of the largest indigenous groups in Nepal. Members of this ethnic group are often disadvantaged. Laxmi lives with her family in a remote area and worked for a living in a brick factory under poor conditions.

When she found out about the Community Development Society's carpet weaving training, which is supported by Childaid Network and the Sunapati Rural Municipality, her life changed. For three months, she underwent intensive training in carpet making and business management. After the training, she founded the Dimipokhari Entrepreneur Group with other women.

Today, Laxmi weaves carpets from home and earns significantly more each month than before in the brick factory. The program promotes the creation of income opportunities, especially for women, and has already helped 16 of the 20 participants on the course to generate a sustainable source of income. Laxmi is an example of how targeted training measures can strengthen entire communities.

#### In 2024 we supported



over **10,000** young people in more than **20** vocational trades



almost **5,000** young people starting a business



approximately **50,000** family members indirectly benefited as a result



with over € 750,000 in project funding



**Krishna Shrestha**Project coordinator

"The Community Development Society gave me the opportunity to lead a project that provides vocational training to over 2,000 youth and farmers in Ramechhap. It has generated 45 entrepreneurs, 164 jobs, 143 self-employed entrepreneurs and established 42 model farms. This shows how skills can empower economic growth and marginalized communities."



#### **Health promotion**

#### Medicine is a luxury

In Germany, we offer medical care, health checkups, support during childbirth, vaccinations and dentistry across the board. For the children in our project areas, this is a luxury. Medical professionals and hospitals are difficult to reach in an emergency due to the distances involved. Local health stations are poorly equipped.

#### Improving basic care

Our expert analysis of the situation in Ramechhap (Nepal) in 2019 revealed the malnutrition of many children and the widespread prevalence of preventable diseases. Our project concept to fundamentally improve the health situation was quickly implemented and was very important during the pandemic.

#### Focus on prevention

Even after the pandemic, our local teams are in high demand and are committed to educating people about the risks and prevention of infections. At the request of the government, we are helping health centers throughout Ramechhap to improve their daily work. Preventive healthcare programs are being systematically set up in schools.

#### What is next

We are integrating the important aspects of hygiene and healthy nutrition into more and more programs and are looking for further partners in 2025.



Ranesha lives in remote, mountainous Nepal. The nearest health station is a three-hour walk away. The medical staff responsible rarely came to the village. This left the women alone with their health concerns. The village community therefore wanted their own health worker – someone they could trust. They chose Ranesha.

Our partner Green Tara Nepal trained Ranesha with knowledge about health and prepared her to lead a mothers' group. At the first meeting of the "Jalpa Devi Health Mother Group", the women were still skeptical. But Ranesha soon gained their trust.

Today, the group meets regularly. The women talk openly about hygiene, prevention and women's health issues – things that were often kept quiet in the past. The group has grown to 30 women. Now they know when a visit to the doctor is necessary. They are no longer alone with their worries.

#### In 2024 we supported



about **24,000** young people with awareness programs



about **18,000** children received health check-ups



over **7,000** mothers organized in **368** health groups



preventative health care at **234** schools



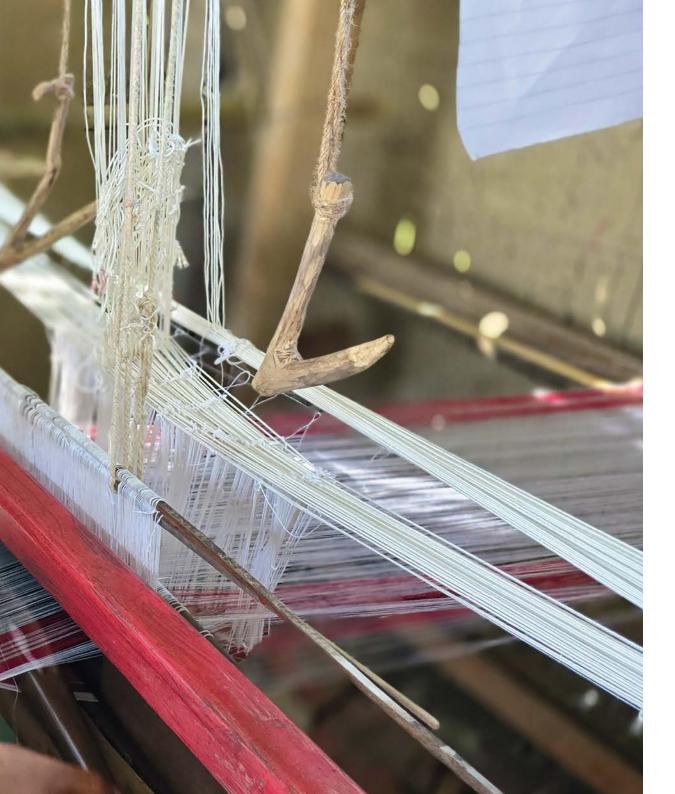
with about € 260,000 project funds



Dr. Sunil Kaul Health Advocate Assam

"Good health depends on factors that are mostly outside the remit of the authorities. Maternal education has been shown to be the single most important factor in reducing child mortality, improving nutrition and reducing disease through sanitation. Childaid Network actively and generously contributes to improving the health and therefore the happiness of children."





"Geniuses don't fall from the sky.
They must have the opportunity for training and development."

August Bebel

## Network with competent partners



#### Alliances with like-minded people in Germany

In Germany, we ally ourselves with qualified and experienced organizations to make our projects even more effective. These partners support us with their experience and in project monitoring, send staff or cooperate in the conceptual design of the programs. Ultimately, this benefits the people on the ground. In 2024, we started a new partnership with the Königstein-based tour operator IKARUS TOURS. The company takes on a project sponsorship and sponsors events. It also offers travel modules that can be combined with trips to Childaid Network project areas.



Nicolas Kitzki Managing Director Ikarus Tours

"We are delighted to be able to make a contribution to sustainable development in Nepal and Northeast-India with this partnership. By working with Childaid Network, our customers gain unique insights into the local cultures. With our travel modules, sponsors of Childaid Network's aid projects also can see what good they are doing on the ground. We hope that this will motivate many new donors to get involved in sustainable aid on the ground."



#### **Funding partners**

Some organizations have the financial means, but not the organizational resources, to spend them effectively abroad in line with their vision. Increasingly foundations, corporate trusts and other non-profit organizations choose Childaid Network to efficiently help realize their vision for needy children abroad. We are grateful for the trust and additional expertise we gain from these collaborations. In 2024, we received earmarked project budgets from approximately 40 funding partners.



Elisabeth Schmiedel Grant Manager Merck Family Foundation

"We have been supporting the work of Childaid Network since 2019 and appreciate the organization's clear focus. This has given us confidence in the quality and professionalism of the project implementation. In 2024, we therefore made a conscious decision to intensify the partnership: With a five-year lighthouse project, we want to help bring Childaid Network's vision of giving all children in Nepal access to good education a little closer. During our first visit to the project, we were able to see the sustainable approach for ourselves. The 10-strong team is doing a wonderful job there!"



#### Strong Partners abroad

In our project areas, we team up with reliable partners from the respective local areas. They know the needs of the people, speak their language, and know what is missing. Because they are rooted there and share our visions, our projects can be implemented effectively and quickly in close cooperation with the local people. In 2024, we had about 35 such partnerships with active projects and four other partners with whom we work together on conceptual designs.



**Dr. Keshav Shrestha** Honorary member Management Board Childaid Network Nepal

"I have been supporting Childaid Network in Nepal in an advisory capacity for many years. I am pleased to be able to contribute my many years of experience from other aid organizations. Childaid Network's work in Nepal has expanded considerably during this time. Instead of one, there are now 11 project partners, instead of just a few schools, 450 schools will be supported in their efforts to provide quality education in 2025. Childaid Network can be proud of this success!"

# Our criteria for selecting project partners

Childaid Network's projects are successful because we have competent local partners and motivate and support them personally.

#### Competence

We select new partners based on the fact that their team has successfully implemented comparable projects.

#### Culture

We look for partners who share our values, who subscribe to our vision, who are ideologically neutral and who help the poorest to receive good education.

#### Transparency

Nobody is perfect, we all make mistakes. But we demand open books, reliable audits, and honest analyses from our partners.

#### Communication

Our strength is that we are on the ground. We interact personally with our partners. We work together as partners, often on a friendship basis, to achieve success.

## Charity activities with partners



#### Companies get involved - here tecis AG

Childaid Network and tecis have had a close partnership for eight years. Almost 20 % of the sales representatives are monthly donors. In addition, donations are collected at conferences, celebrations and in the offices. These donations were recently used to finance a school wing and the expansion of the boys' boarding facilities in Amguri. In autumn 2024, a group of tecis representatives once again traveled to Northeast India for the inauguration. They were enthusiastically welcomed by the children, were able to take part in the Mini Olympics and experienced special cultural events.



Jan Kienast General Manager tecis financial services

"For me, the collaboration between the tecis AG and Childaid Network is much more than a donation project – it is a matter close to my heart. I have already been able to visit the projects in Northeast-India twice together with a total of 12 colleagues. The experiences have created a deep emotional connection. The close, trusting partnership with the foundation is reflected in our joint commitment – characterized by mutual respect, passion and a strong desire to make a lasting difference. I am happy to act as an ambassador for the good project work."



#### Charity yoga for Childaid Network

Naual Körner (3rd from left) has been closely associated with Childaid Network for several years. Already in the past, she has generously supported the foundation's projects for education and children's rights in South Asia with her charity yoga classes. In 2024, her classes at MTV Kronberg and in Eschborn in a special setting, the Ocean Salt Cave, attracted and inspired many participants. Childcare is also provided during the courses. The children can play or also do yoga! Participation is on a donation basis. Further charity yoga courses are planned for 2025.



Naual Körner Instructor of Yoga

"It gives me great pleasure to be able to do something good with my yoga events. I realize that it is also important for the participants to contribute. I do not only collect donations through my courses but also help to raise awareness of the work of Childaid Network. Supporting disadvantaged children is very important to me, and I am delighted to have found an organization in Childaid Network to which I am happy to hand over the donations from my course participants with a clear conscience."



# Family festival in the park

At the family festival in Bad Soden's Quellenpark, Childaid Network drew attention to the fact that children's rights are not yet being respected worldwide. Various booths offered hands-on activities that delighted the children. Regional partners supported the project with their own offerings. For example, the Königstein Kinderkunstwerkstatt created colorful flags on the topic of children's rights. A highlight were the interactive readings by children's book authors Angelika Glitz and Birgit Gröger. The charity raffle was particularly popular, with all proceeds going to educational projects in Nepal.



**Dr. Frank Blasch** Mayor Bad Soden am Taunus

"We were delighted to support the Childaid Network
Foundation's summer party. As mayor of Bad Soden am
Taunus, the future of children is particularly important to me.
Children should learn at an early age what rights they have
and be able to defend them. Childaid Network deserves
special thanks for its tireless efforts to improve the children's
rights situation in countries of the Global South. With the
summer festival, Childaid Network has helped to raise
awareness of the situation of children in other parts of the
world here in Germany too."

# We would like to thank more than 40 event partners, funding partners and sponsors









































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Taunus Zeitung 03.01.2024

## High Goals at the Foot of the Eight-Thousanders



Bad Sodener Zeitung 19.06.2024

## A Lot Going On in Bad Soden



Bad Sodener Zeitung 19.06.2024

### Providing 4,000 Children in Nepal with a Year of Education



You can find further interesting articles at: www.childaid.net

Königsteiner Woche 18.07.2024

## Giving Children a Future: Education Minister Stark-Watzinger in Königstein



Bad Sodener Woche 20.06.2024

## Childaid with a Successful Summer Festival and Fundraising Gala

#### Childaid mit gelungenem Sommerfest und Spendengala





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### Life Heroes Award



Königsteiner Woche 26.09.2024

#### Sponsorship Projects and a Deeper Understanding of Culture

#### Patenprojekte und tieferes Verständnis für die Kultur



In den abgelegenen Regionen Indiens und Nepals spieten lokale Traditionen eine wichtige Rolle

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## The Amguri Lighthouse **School Shines Beyond**



Taunus Zeitung 10.2024

#### The West Must Stick Together

#### "Der Westen muss zusammenhalten"

KÖNIGSTEIN Ex-Ministerpräsident Bouffier warnt vor Protektionismus und Gleichgültigkeit



Königsteiner Woche 17.10.2024

#### Appeals to Everyone's Unwavering Initiative

#### Trotz alledem - Volker Bouffier appelliert an die unerschütterliche Eigeninitiative aller



Grashüpfer 12.2024

### A Path That Changes Lives

## Ein Weg,

#### der Leben verändert

Unter dem Motto "Wir laufen gemeinsam und tun Gutes dabei" sammeln engagierte Läufer Spenden, um den Neubau von Kinder zentren und die Bildung von Kindern in Ne pal zu unterstützen. Der Spendenlauf finder vom 24.-30. August 2025 auf einer Teilstre

Die erlaufenen Spenden fließen in Projekti von Childaid Network, das sich seit Jahren intensiv für die Bildungsförderung in Nepal einsetzt. Dort ist die Lage nach wie vor kritisch: Nu eines von fünf Kindern erlernt grundlegende Fähigkeiten wie Lesen und Rechnen, Childaid Network ist die zentrale Anlaufstelle für Bildung in den schwer zugänglichen Bergregionen und erreicht dort bereits 35.000 Kinder.

#### Schritt für Schritt mehr Hoffnung

Um noch mehr Kindern eine Perspektive zu geben, will Childaid Network sein Engagemen verdreifachen. Der Spendenlauf 2025 soll hel möchte oder die Aktion als Pate unterstützer möchte, findet alle Informationen unter:

www.spendenlauf2025.de



#### Schutz gewähren, Bildung vermitteln KÖNIGSTEIN Wie die Childaid Stiftung und Wiesbadener Schülerinnen in Indien helfen

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## Improving Educational Opportunities

## Bildungschancen verbessern

#### KÖNIGSTEIN Childaid stellt Projekte vor

Wie fördert Childaid Network einsetzt, sind eingeladen zu die-

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Schulklasse in einem von Childaid Network geförderten Learning





"Children know neither the past nor the future, and – something that can hardly happen to us adults – they enjoy the present."

Jean de La Bruyère



# € 4.5 million adjusted income\*

Adjusted income grew 2024 by around 21%

# € 3.8 million foundation capital and reserves

The equity of the foundation grows to € 3.8 million



Hermann-Henrich Holtermann Former member of Management Board Member of Foundation Council Childaid Network

"I have been volunteering in responsible roles at Childaid Network since 2007, initially as Chief Financial Officer and since 2014 on the Foundation Council. I see my role in ensuring the transparency and reliability of our data and processes. For me personally, my involvement has been a unique experience, a valuable enrichment, even a stroke of luck. The gratitude of the people that I personally experienced on two trips and the positive development of the organization are proof of this: A vision is becoming reality. In our professional team, we achieve a lot with very little."

# € 3.5 million project investments

Despite challenges, Childaid Network invested more than € 3.5 million in 2024

# 5.9 % cost expenditure

According to the DZI definition, Childaid Network is again in the category of particularly frugal organizations



# Excerpts from the DZI evaluation of Childaid Network:



- Fundraising and public relations inform clearly, truthfully, objectively and openly.
- The share of fundraising and administration expenditure in total expenditure is low according to DZI standards ("low" = under 10%).
- The effectiveness of the use of funds is monitored and the results are documented and published.

The complete report of the German Central Institute for Social Issues (DZI) is available on our webpage.

<sup>\*</sup> Adjusted Income: donations and grants plus net result from taxable business operations and investment management

# A successful year

#### **Encouraging growth**

At € 4.42 million (previous year: € 3.65 million), Childaid Network's total income increased by 21 % in 2024. Childaid Network thus almost reached the record year of 2022.

#### Reliable network

The donation result is an expression of further increased trust. New funding partners were also acquired in 2024. Fundraising campaigns were carried out reliably. Commitments for BMZ grants remain at a high level.

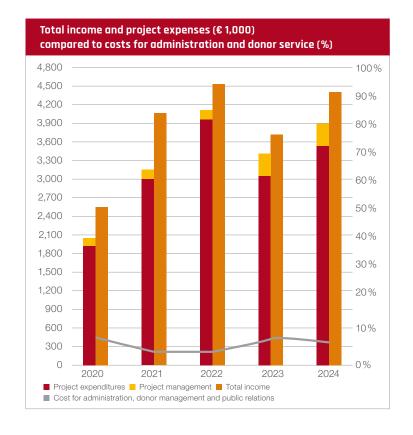
#### Low costs

The increased income and good cost management reduced the cost ratio. 5.9 % of income was spent on administration, donation management and public relations (see also p. 47).

#### Higher project investments

Investments in projects amounted to € 3.54 million in 2024 (previous year: € 3.09 million), an increase of over 14 %. At € 3,790,000 (2023: € 2,606,000), project transfers returned almost to the high level of 2022.

Profit and loss statement (EUR)						
	2023	2024				
Ordinary donations	1,848,994.39	2,671,108.60				
Other operating income	1,805,008.47	1,748,489.87				
Total income	3,654,002.86	4,419,598.47				
Project expenditures	-3,091,875.77	-3,537,560.08				
Staff costs	-378,699.07	-411,932.00				
Depreciations	-24,524.67	-18,425.26				
Other operating expenses	-148,401.88	-176,832.54				
Investment result	36,133.53	96,436.47				
• Taxes	0.00	-6,912.40				
Net income	46,635.00	364,372.66				
Withdrawals from reserves	471.00	7,196.87				
Allocation to reserves	-42,723.15	-321,670.34				
Carried forward from previous year	30,343.68	34,726.53				
Fund balances	34,726.53	84,625.72				



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per pupil and year is needed to provide good learning materials €100

are enough to provide an unemployed young person with a job qualification

€60

monthly is the amount for a scholarship to train talented young people in need €1.50

per day is enough to fully support a street child holistically

€90

monthly to support a former children's home child on the way to independence

€50

is what we need to prepare and equip a child from the slums for school



Christian P. Roos Partner Auditor Baker Tilly GmbH & Co KG, Wirtschaftsprüfungsgesellschaft



Markus Grötecke Director Auditor Baker Tilly GmbH & Co. KG, Wirtschaftsprüfungsgesellschaft

"We have been auditing the Foundation's financial statements for years without any objections.

Childaid Network has developed impressively.

This success is not accidential – it is based on a clear strategy, transparency and strong leadership."

# Strengthened substance

Assets	31.12.2023	31.12.2024	
Fixed assets			
<ul> <li>Intangible assets</li> </ul>	60,181.39	42,986.71	
Tangible assets	890.68	0.00	
<ul> <li>Investments</li> </ul>	2,478,303.19	2,545,613.25	
	2,539,375.26	2,588,599.96	
Current assets			
<ul> <li>Receivables and other assets</li> </ul>	344,020.82 72,78		
Cash at bank and in hand	1,565,876.60	1,896,871.82	
	1,909,897.42	1,969,656.54	
Accruals	0.00	0.00	
Balance sheet total	4,449,272.68	4,558,256.50	
Assets held in trust	606,312.91	564,000.57	
Liabilities	31.12.2023	31.12.2024	
Equity			
<ul> <li>Endowment funds and supplementary endowments</li> </ul>	865,500.00	865,500.00	
Reserves	2,580,925.10	2,895,398.57	
Fund balances carried forward	34,726.53	84,625.72	
	3,481,151.63	3,845,524.29	
Provisions	6,363.85	12,425.00	
Liabilities	961,757.20	700,307.21	
Balance sheet total	4,449,272.68	4,558,256.50	

#### **Growing substance**

At € 4,558,256.50 (previous year € 4,449,272.68), Childaid Network once again reported an increase in total assets for 31.12.2024. The foundation's equity was strengthened in 2024 primarily through an allocation of € 200,000 to the free reserves.

#### Decreased project liabilities

The liabilities are mainly due to BMZ grants received in 2024, where investment can only be implemented in 2025.

#### Foundation capital

The endowment capital remained unchanged.

### Supervision and non-profit status

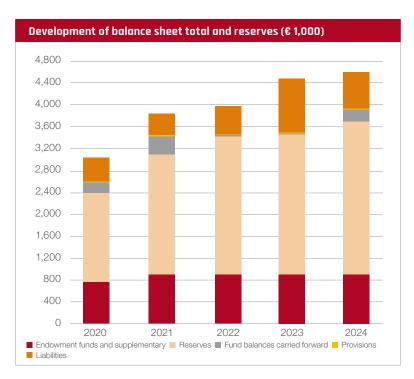
Childaid Network was recognized as a foundation with legal capacity by the Darmstadt State of Hesse Administration Office on April 27, 2007 with AZ I 13-25d 04/11(4)-146. The Bad Homburg tax office regularly confirms the foundation's charitable status, most recently on December 12, 2023.

#### **Bylaws**

Childaid Network revised its bylaws in 2022. The new version was approved by the Darmstadt State of Hesse Administration Office in March of 2023. The changes mainly concern a strengthening of the division of powers between the Foundation Council and the Management Board and certain adaptations to the new foundation law. The new bylaws are available on the website.

#### Audit of the annual accounts

Childaid Network voluntarily submits to various external audits. The annual financial statement of the Childaid Network Foundation for the financial year was again audited by Baker Tilly GmbH & Co KG, Frankfurt. On April 4, 2025, they issued an unqualified audit opinion. The DZI audits processes and expenditures according to transparent criteria. Upon request, we shall be happy to send interested parties the auditor's report, the annual financial statements, or the expert opinion of the German Central Institute for Social Matters (DZI). The documents are also available on our website.





# Key figures and analysis

#### Expanded project work

Due to the increase in income, the scope of projects increased significantly in 2024. Local contributions also continued to grow. In particular, the projects for basic education and vocational training in Northeast-India and Nepal were expanded further.

#### Wide reach for marginalized groups

With the four main project pillars (school programs, protection of children, vocational training, and health promotion), more than 200,000 young people are now directly supported, a fourfold increase compared to 2020. We focus particularly on children and young people from disadvantaged marginalized groups such as ethnic minorities, internally displaced young people, and youth in rural regions and areas affected by natural disasters.

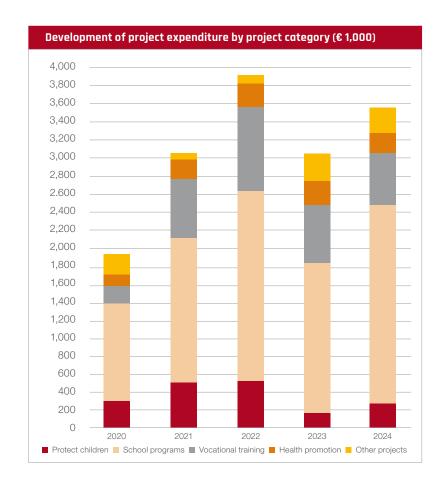


**Dr. Sven Damberger** CEO MVC Videra

"As an internationally successful company, it is important to us to give a little something back to those who are not on the sunny side. We are therefore very pleased that we can support Childaid Network's cost-efficient structures by offering the foundation's employees free workspace in our beautiful office in Kronberg. This is where project concepts are developed, events are planned, and bookkeeping is carried out. It's obvious: even in times of working from home and digital conferences, personal collaboration within the team contributes to a good team spirit and better results."

#### Principles for the use of funds

Most of our funds are used to pay teachers and social workers and provide them with further training. We also invest in infrastructure to a limited extent, 2024 for example for a boarding school extension in Assam, among other things.



#### Continued - a lean cost structure

Our administrative costs amounted to around € 97,700 in the reporting year, or 2.2 % (previous year: 3.1 %), while the costs for donor support including public relations amounted to around € 167,000, or 3.7 % (previous year: 4.0 %) of total income. Overall, we spent only 5.9 % of total income on the proper administrative handling and monitoring of our activities in accordance with DZI accounting standards last year (previous year: 7.0 %) due to growth and cost strict management.

### **Great honorary commitment**

Our administration cost is low because our foundation work is mainly carried out by volunteers. Management Board, Foundation Council, editorial staff, graphic designers, part of the project coordination work, web design and many other tasks are carried out by unpaid experts. A benevolent company provides us with office space free of charge. Auditors, banks, and suppliers grant us preferential conditions. The honorary team grew further in 2024.

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	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Donations	1,842,447.97	2,940,487.24	2,372,894.22	1,843,529.85	2,635,801.32
Grants BMZ	621,363.78	1,090,791.04	2,106,230.46	1,729,297.86	1,636,307.68
Other operating income	47,050.53	40,026.67	59,620.40	47,820.50	192,506.52
Total income	2,510,862.28	4,071,304.95	4,538,745.08	3,654,002.86	4,419,598.47
Adjusted Income*	2,489,089.96	4,062,074.92	4,519,200.86	3,620,648.21	4,464,615.52
Project expenditure	1,926,925.10	3,019,649.69	3,937,409.42	3,091,875.77	3,537,560.08
Project management costs	112,302.62	130,280.45	245,096.92	269,903.82	295,462.81
Project management costs in %	4.51 %	3.21 %	5.42 %	7.43 %	6.62 %
Donor services expenses	117,334.37	104,296.25	104,517.62	144,192.67	166,656.02
General administration expenses	63,937.54	65,634.74	85,327.15	110,796.89	97,733.70
Total expenses in %	7.28 %	4.18%	4.20%	7.0 %	5.9%

<sup>\*</sup> Adjusted Income: donations and grants plus net result from taxable business operations and investment management

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monthly are needed to train 40 to 50 young people in an evening school

**£150** 

maintain a pre-school class with three professionals and to additionally offer the children one healthy meal per day



#### Not included in the figures:

- several hundred thousand Euros from our project partners in Germany which are directly transferred to our projects
- Local contributions from the target groups, funds from the project partners and a share of the local management
- about € 70,000 of benefits in kind such as office rent, travel costs, catering, office supplies and postage
- about ten years effort annually of voluntary work by the core team for the foundation
- the involvement of thousands of friends and partners in Germany at events

We want to express a heartfelt thank you for this contribution to our lean cost structure.





Our vision

Every girl and every boy attends school.



Our goal for 2025

With our help, at least 200,000 children will receive a good school education.



Our promise

We invest your support effectively and sustainably in the education of deprived children.

# What comes next? A brief outlook for 2025

We started 2025 with a lot of momentum. The political upheavals are motivating many people to get more involved. Our team and our income will therefore grow significantly in 2025, bucking the trend.

#### Changed country focus

India's economy is developing dynamically and generating more government resources. As a result, we are increasingly able to integrate local contributions into our projects. Our goal is to implement changes and improvements with reduced external financial aid and to act as a catalyst only. In contrast, the programs in needy rural Nepal and northern Bangladesh are being expanded further. Fundraising campaigns for Nepal with many participants will focus on raising additional funds in 2025. Ten years after the major earthquakes, much remains to be done. In our project areas in Myanmar and Manipur in India violent clashes and the consequences of the earthquake are hampering the implementation of urgently needed projects.

#### **Quality education**

We have successfully completed our major learning gap project, but the education crisis persists. Thanks to reliable funding partners we can significantly increase the reach of our school quality programs. With more than a dozen experienced implementation partners, we are sought-after experts in sustainable school transformation processes, new pedagogical concepts and teacher training. The exchange of expertise and the expansion of relationships within the network will be at the forefront in 2025.

### Promoting entrepreneurial spirit

Unemployment in our project areas is still overwhelming and, as a result, migration is high. Our programs to promote vocational qualifications are therefore increasingly being supplemented with components to train young people to become entrepreneurs. We have had encouraging success in this respect. We will once again be awarding an innovation prize. We are seeking partnerships with German companies operating in India.

#### Protect children

Preventing child labor and child marriages, integrating the disabled, strengthening girls in their self-confidence and preparing them for a self-determined life – these remain core topics of our work. We support the empowerment of local communities and disadvantaged groups. To protect those affected, we cannot report on all programs in detail.

## Your donation helps

For 18 years now, we have been working with you to ensure that disadvantaged young people are granted their right to a good education. We are very grateful for the wide range of voluntary work, expert advice, sponsors, new contacts and donations in kind. With your support, we want to continue to grow in the coming years with lean costs. This will enable us to give even more young people the best possible prospects for a life in dignity.

Thank you very much for your loyalty and support.

# We say thank you to all the donors, partners and well wishers who supported us and make our projects possible!

# This is how you can help children to a good future:



#### Donation

Every help counts and reaches the poor. Donating online is the easiest way. If you need a donation receipt, please remember to provide us with your address details.



#### **Sponsorship**

A commitment to donate regularly by SEPA-Direct-Debit allows us to plan reliably and minimize administrative costs. Kindly send us your commitment, an informal note will do.



#### Action

You want to organize a charity run? Mobilize your colleagues? Combine the Christmas raffle with a good cause? This is meaningful and creates success. We happily help.



#### Celebrating for the benefit of children

Donations instead of presents – to ask for donations on festive occasions, such as weddings, jubilees or birthdays, brings lasting joy.



#### Last will donation

This is how you can have a lasting effect and help beyond your lifetime – leave a legacy to Childaid Network in your will.



# Supplementary endowments or trust foundation

You can increase the capital stock of the Childaid Network Foundation with a supplementary endowment. With a charitable trust foundation under the umbrella and trusteeship of Childaid Network you will help sustainably – and stay in touch.



Bettina Dilger Personal donor support

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