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"The world can be changed.
The future is not predetermined."

Robert Jungk



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Thanks, imprint, team



Dr. Martin Kasper
Honorary President

Dear friends, partners, and supporters of Childaid Network,

We are delighted to share with you this report on a successful year 2025. As always, it provides a comprehensive and transparent overview of our achievements, the growth of our team, and the changes within our projects.

Taking on challenges

Hardly a day goes by without troubling news. Around the world, there is a growing tendency to abandon agreements and withdraw from global partnerships. Narrow – and often short-sighted – national interests are coming to the fore. The uncertainty this creates impoverishes us all. Efforts to promote justice and quality education, on the other hand, are progressing only slowly. But we should not underestimate the power of civil society engagement. In Nepal and Bangladesh, the younger generation led protests against corruption and poor governance in 2024 and 2025, paving the way for a more accountable democratic process and calling for necessary reforms. They now need our support on the path to a better future!

Driving change with partners

Our goal has always been to mobilize local resources and serve as a catalyst for sustainable, far-reaching change. We are making real progress: For the first time, in 2025 we invested more project funds in Nepal than in India. With new partners and in close cooperation with the government, we are expanding our project regions in this country. In India, we have partnered with a national movement that works directly with state governments and utilizes their budgets to drive systemic improvements in education quality. Read more about this in this annual report.

High-quality projects

The COVID-19 pandemic has left a lasting mark. Globally, learning outcomes are declining measurably, and shrinking budgets at international organizations are putting essential programs under pressure. We are also finding that our partners increasingly need support in strengthening their planning and implementation capabilities to drive improvements effectively and at scale. As we grow and expand into new regions, our projects are becoming more ambitious. We also connect partners with one another and set high standards for quality. Read more about this on pages 16 through 31.

Organizational agility

Despite a decline in federal grants, 2025 was another year of growth for Childaid Network, driven primarily by the steadfast support of our donors, funding partners, and major fundraising campaigns. We were also able to strengthen our team, our network, and our projects – all while keeping our cost structure exceptionally lean. We welcome additional expertise, more volunteers, reliable sponsors, and expanding corporate partnerships. Read more about our strategy, our team, and our financials on pages 34 through 47.

We are deeply grateful for your companionship and your unwavering support. Together, we are sending a message of hope and confidence – and opening doors to a better future for ever more young people.

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 2025. We attach great importance to transparency, which you can also rely on in the future.

Organization Childaid Network 2025

Ambassadors



Daniel Fischer



Nicolai Friedrich



Sebastian Kienle



Mitri Sirin

promote
Childaid Network
in their
networks

Foundation council

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



Controls and advises the foundation on a volunteer basis

Management board

Sandra Hörbelt,
Dr. Martin Kasper,
Michael Legeland



Manages day-to-day business on a volunteer basis

Core team

12 employees, mostly part-time
50 volunteers, mostly part-time



Project support, public relations, support,
donation administration

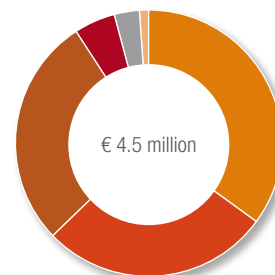
Project partners

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



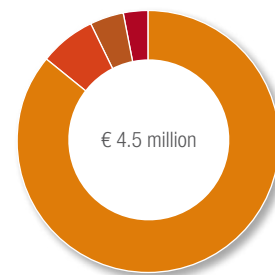
**Project realization in close cooperation
with the Childaid Network team**

Sources of funds 2025



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- | Income Source | Percentage |
|---------------------|------------|
| Government grants | 35% |
| Funding partners | 28% |
| Private donations | 28% |
| Corporate donations | 5% |
| Capital income | 3% |
| Other | 1% |

Uses of funds 2025



- 86% Funds available for projects 2025 and subsequent years
- 7% Project support
- 4% Public relations and donor service
- 3% Administration

200,000

We directly supported more than 200,000 boys and girls with our projects in 2025

1,500

At more than 1,500 project locations in four countries, we supported about 50 education projects in 2025

20,000

More than 20,000 donors and friends supported our activities

230

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

Warm welcome

Our project coordinators visit our partners regularly to assess progress and identify challenges firsthand – and are always warmly welcomed. The personal presence gives us a deep understanding of local realities and allows us to be particularly effective.



At the village school in Madhesh region of Nepal Svenja Sender is traditionally welcomed by the parents with flowers and garlands.

Focus on girls

Across our project regions – regardless of religious background – girls are still frequently expected to help with household chores and care for younger siblings. Ensuring they attend school regularly and succeed in their studies requires dedicated encouragement for both girls and their families.



With simple activities, the teachers liven up their classes and bring joy to school children at a small village school in the Madhesh region.

Learning with joy

Learning doesn't have to be dull. Creating a joyful classroom environment is at the heart of our partners' work – with visible results across many schools. Yet the journey from traditional, lecture-based teaching to an interactive, lively classroom takes time and commitment.



With focus and hard work – these girls in Sylhet, Bangladesh, appreciate the opportunity to learn.

January

February

March

Bright prospects

Across South Asia, young people are increasingly vocal about the lack of opportunities in the labor market. Many are choosing to emigrate. By offering vocational training and entrepreneurship coaching, we are helping to create pathways to a self-determined life close to home.



Across three states in Northeast India, we have trained 10,000 young people in their chosen professions (as seen here in Tripura) and supported many in starting their own businesses.

April



With beautiful weather and high spirits, the young cyclists from Wiesbaden ride many laps on the attractive course.

Cycling for children

The regular bike rally at the Helene-Lange-Schule in Wiesbaden – organized in support of their sponsorship project in Nepal – has a long and proud tradition. Its impact extends far beyond the funds raised: solidarity in action brings people together and inspires lasting commitment.

May

Safeguarding children's protection

Around the world, child marriage, violence against children, and lack of access to education remain deeply pressing issues. In 2025, our partners and friends mobilized over 32,000 people – the majority of them young – to champion children's protection through a range of campaigns.



At the Children's Rights Center in Frankfurt, representatives from many groups are gathering to present and coordinate their initiatives for 2025, with our ambassador Daniel Fischer (pictured on the right) moderating the event with his usual poise.

June

To the limits

Blisters and tired legs were part of the journey – but the days on the Camino de Santiago were an unforgettable experience for every participant. The diverse group, drawn from across Europe, not only forged lasting friendships but also raised significant donations for Childaid Network.



For the closing ceremony of the charity run, everyone gathered at the finish line in Santiago de Compostela.

Working together

Some 3,000 pupils from the Taurus region re-traced the long daily journeys that girls and boys in Nepal make on foot, during a joint hike up the Feldberg. The hike and the activities awaiting them at the summit brought home why continued support for education in Nepal remains so important.



The Frankfurt Skyliners, musical groups, and an exciting program await the young people at the summit.



Simple science experiments are fun and help deepen understanding.

Learn better

Our holistic, hands-on educational programs bring fresh energy to learning while nurturing social and emotional skills.

July

August

September



Circus art in the Himalayas

Our long-standing partnership with Circus Waldoni in Darmstadt continues to bring joy to young people in our project regions. In 2025, volunteers once again travelled to the area to help school children build self-confidence and experience a genuine sense of achievement through circus arts and acrobatics.

It's amazing what skills the pupils are able to acquire in just two weeks of training.



Dancing brings people together

The vibrant dancers at the #ChildaidNight in Bad Soden offered guests a captivating glimpse into the richness of Indian culture – and were met with tremendous enthusiasm and generous donations.

21 dancers from the Nisari Kalakshetra Dance Academy, led by our friend Shany Mathew, bring the colors and culture of India to the stage.

Team spirit makes a difference

Each of us has our own limits – but together we can move mountains. The Childaid Network team has continued to grow throughout 2025, and we are proud of what we have achieved together. Despite the many challenges, we look to the future with confidence and optimism.



Individuals - yet a work of art in its own right: the Christmas collage created by our core team.

October

November

December

Companies supporting Childaid Network



Jan-Berend Holzapfel

Managing Partner of J.T. Ronnefeldt KG

The Ronnefeldt brand is a staple wherever people enjoy an exceptional cup of tea – at work or at leisure. Jan personally travelled through the tea-growing regions alongside the founder of Childaid Network, a shared journey that has connected us for 15 years now. With great dedication, the entrepreneur ensures quality education for the younger generation in the tea gardens.

“Our company depends on well-trained people working for us in tea cultivation so that we can continue to produce good tea in the future. Our joint efforts with Childaid Network for families in the tea-growing region make a measurable difference. New employees in Germany are also made aware of these connections. We are proud to show them what we have achieved together for the children in Assam over the past years.”



Tanja Kliewe-Meyer

Head of Corporate Responsibility & Product Safety at Brax Leineweber

As a fashion brand, Brax is synonymous with high-quality, timeless clothing. Sustainability is embedded at every level of the company and forms an integral part of our corporate strategy. For many years, Brax has been donating unsold quality merchandise to Childaid Network’s volunteer-run sales – an environmentally responsible and highly effective way to fund quality education.

“We are happy to make a small contribution to the quality education of children who would otherwise have few opportunities for the future. We are deeply impressed by the multifaceted nature and commitment of Childaid Network. That is why we want to continue growing together and take our collaboration to a new level. Inspired by the fantastic charity run on the Camino de Santiago, we also want to develop joint projects that go beyond in-kind donations.”



Jan-Philipp Kienast

General Manager at tecis Finanzdienstleistungen AG

With nearly 8,000 sales partners, tecis helps millions of people across Germany find the right financial and insurance solutions. Social responsibility is equally central to everything the company does. Over 10 years, the tecis team has supported educational projects by Childaid Network, and several of the partners are involved in the foundation’s work on a volunteer basis.

“For us, the partnership with Childaid Network is much more than a donation project—it has become a cause close to our hearts. Nearly 1,500 colleagues donate a portion of their monthly commission. In addition, we collect funds for our sponsorship project at conferences, celebrations, and in our offices. On several occasions, we have been able to see the success of the work ourselves during personal visits to the sites.”



Dr. Walter Huber

Executive Director of the Merck Family Foundation

Each year, the founding family of the international pharmaceutical company Merck KGaA in Darmstadt uses contributions from dividends to support social engagement worldwide through the Merck Family Foundation. Since 2019, Childaid Network has received generous support for projects in South Asia. Since 2024, the foundation has been one of the strategic partners for a major five-year education program for 50,000 children in Nepal.

“What sets us apart from many large foundations? We trust in people! Trust is a vital asset in our business operations. This is how we attract motivated and dedicated employees. We are happy to help them implement important projects in the education and health sectors beyond their professional duties. Childaid Network has earned this trust. By trusting the team and the effectiveness of their work, we bring this partnership to life.”



Benjamin Teuber

Managing Director, CATAN GmbH

“CATAN” is one of the best-selling board games in the world. As the second-generation leader, Benjamin Teuber is now developing the company into a “global player” in digital channels as well. As early as its 20th anniversary in 2015, CATAN organized a rickshaw tour through the project areas of Childaid Network, developed a special edition of the game for the foundation, and has been generously supporting its educational projects ever since.

“With CATAN, we bring the joy of playing, a sense of community, and happy experiences to people all over the world. The game deepens relationships and fosters mutual understanding. For me personally, building bridges and friendships across borders is very important. That is why, for more than a decade, we have been happy to partner with Childaid Network in supporting children and striving for a bright shared future.”



Christina Raab

Chair of the Accenture Country Group for Central and Eastern Europe

Accenture is a global consulting firm that partners with leading organizations to build a digital core and unlock value through artificial intelligence across all levels of their operations. For its 786,000 employees, it is important to get personally involved in addressing societal challenges. As a partner for educational projects, Childaid Network has been cooperating with Accenture for 20 years.

“For our teams, solidarity with others is a key success factor. That is why it is also important for Accenture to go beyond business success and commit to positive development in civil society. We focus particularly on vocational training and the development of entrepreneurship, thereby helping millions of young people build a self-determined future.”





"Learning is like rowing against the current.
If you stop, you drift back."

Lao-Tse



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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 quality programs, vocational training, children's protection projects 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 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 quality education

Content-wise, we also have a clear focus: We want to provide young people with access to quality 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

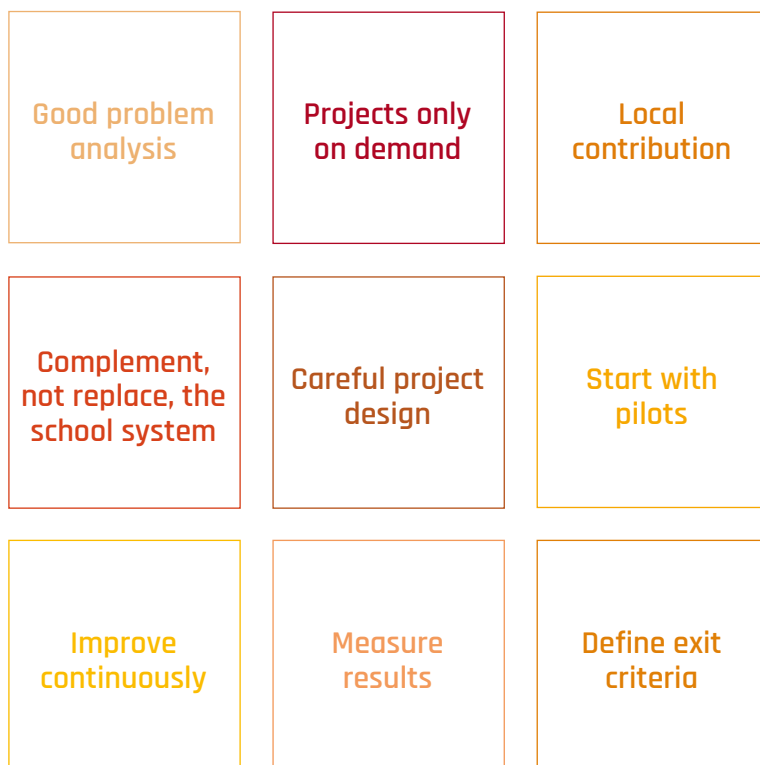


sustainable



transparent

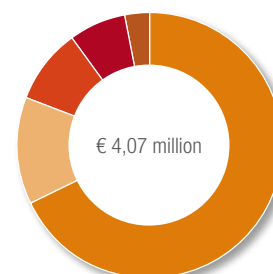
Criteria for project success



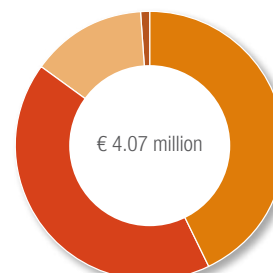
Dr. Thomas Prinz
Member of the Foundation
Board of Childaid Network

“During my time as German Ambassador to Nepal from 2021 to 2025, I had the privilege of getting to know Childaid Network up close. Education remains the most underdeveloped sector in the country – and yet it is education that holds the key to lifting people out of poverty. This is where Childaid Network steps in, opening doors for young people that can truly transform their lives. I am particularly impressed by the organization’s professional approach, its efficient use of resources, and its careful selection of capable local partners.”

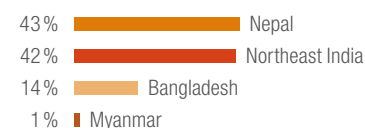
Funds spent in 2025



Projects



Regions



€ 32 million

Childaid Network has invested a total of approximately € 32 million in projects so far

60 %

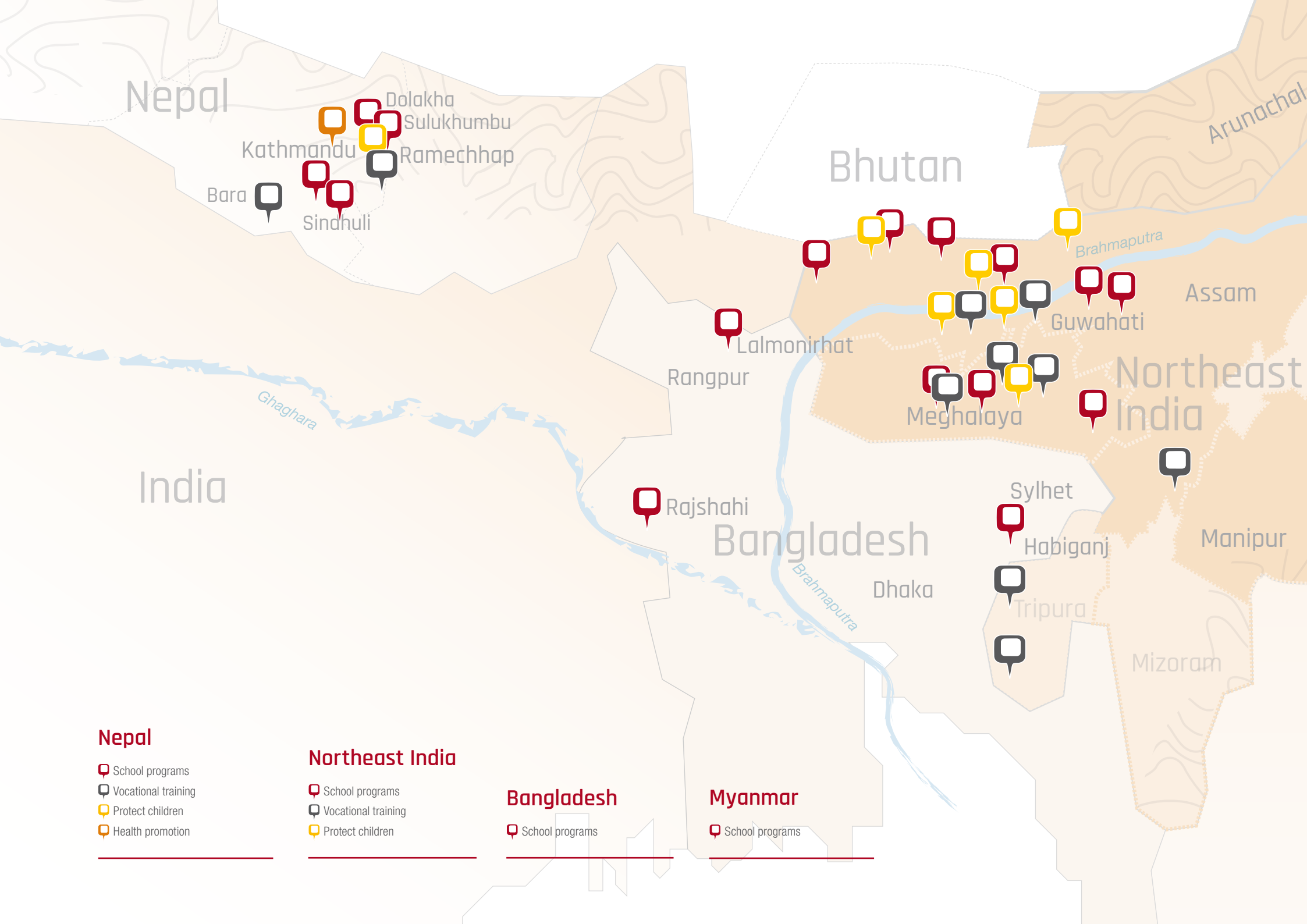
More than 60 % of the beneficiaries in the projects are girls and women

500,000

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

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 1,500 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 in improving the quality of education.

📍 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 102 (of 123) Global Hunger Index
- more than 35 % below the poverty line

Nepal

- twice the size of Bavaria
- 30 million inhabitants, 120 languages
- Position 72 (of 123) Global Hunger Index
- 20 % live below the poverty line

Myanmar

- almost twice the size of Germany
- 57 million inhabitants, 135 ethnic groups
- Position 75 (of 123) Global Hunger Index
- 50 % live below the poverty line

Bangladesh

- twice the size of Bavaria
- 174 million inhabitants
- Position 85 (of 123) Global Hunger Index
- 19 % live below the poverty line



Loikow



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.



Five-year-old Milan was a shy, reserved child. He frequently missed school, withdrew from group activities, and rarely talked about his experiences. While he communicated well at home, the school environment triggered anxiety and insecurity in him, which was a cause for concern for his family.

Our project “ECD Harmony: Building Bright Beginnings” changed everything. Early childhood education specialist Rita Bohara used child-friendly, play-based methods: group activities, songs, stories, dialogues, and a safe, supportive environment. She gave Milan space to ask questions, contribute his own ideas, and learn through play. Step by step, he opened up, took responsibility for materials, began to actively participate, and developed a love of learning.

Today, Milan regularly attends the center, plays with friends, asks questions, and actively participates in class. His parents say: “Before, Milan was reluctant to talk about school. Now he enthusiastically tells us about what he has learned and played. This change makes us incredibly happy.”

In 2025, we supported:

-  **400** facilities for preschool children
-  more than **10,000** preschool children
-  over **420** preschool teachers and social workers
-  with project funds of about **€ 500,000**



Maiya Basnet
Regional Project
Coordinator

“Working on the ‘ECD Harmony Project’ has been a very enriching and formative experience for me. Working with teachers, schools, parents, and local authorities shows just how important strong support is in early childhood. It is particularly moving to see how teachers gain more self-confidence and how families become more involved. This experience has further strengthened my commitment to quality early childhood education.”



A success story - learning gaps closed

Education emergency

Schools were closed in our project regions for 18 months during the pandemic. This has left a lasting impact. Initially with the support of generous funding partners, and later with federal funds, we were able to close these gaps for many children.

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. Only one in a hundred could perform a simple division.

Success with volunteers

The breakthrough was achieved because our partner trained more than 4,000 local volunteers to provide tutoring. Now more than 85% 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 specific program has been completed, but the experience gained is feeding into new projects in neighboring regions.



Gaurav

Before receiving support from our partner Aide et Action, the Doomni Bagan LP School was struggling with declining enrollment, the multi-lingual nature of the children, and low parental involvement. Many girls and boys speak Sadri at home and could barely follow the lessons taught in Assamese.

Thanks to Aide et Action's support, the school was transformed. Engaging lessons with plenty of hands-on activities and playful methods, creative teaching and learning materials, and cultural activities such as Assamese folk songs helped strengthen the children's language skills, pronunciation, and self-confidence. Principal Gaurav consistently implemented the new approaches, encouraged the participation of everyone, conducted home visits and meetings with parents, and thus sustainably expanded community collaboration.

Today, the children attend school with enthusiasm and engage actively in lessons. Through the school magazine "Nahor", they have a platform to share their own stories and poems. Education is visibly becoming an opportunity – and the school has become a true place of learning, culture, and community.

Criteria for success in our school projects:



Close collaboration with parents



Coordination with the government



Mobilization of volunteers



Motivation through youth groups



Improvement of learning materials



Sameer Dutta
Program manager

"Working as the manager in charge of the project 'Addressing Learning Gaps through Quality Education' in Assam has been a very enriching experience for me. With the support of Childaid Network, we worked with 312 schools, reaching 32,000 children and over 1,000 teachers. It was particularly moving to see how children gain self-confidence and actively participate in learning."



Support, empower, encourage

Shocking learning outcomes

Official statistics show a remarkable school enrollment rate of 97 % in our project areas. This seemingly good news masks other figures: Around 50 % of sixth graders still cannot read simple texts. The main causes are poorly trained teachers and inadequate resources. Often, there are no teachers at all.

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 presently support over 1,400 state schools in four countries. In this way, we are improving the quality of education in the long term and are 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.

What is next

Together with Mantra4Change, we are now aiming to scale up our activities to thousands of schools and improve educational quality across entire states by leveraging local budgets.



Sushila

Sushila Neupane (42) from Mainapokhari, Dolakha, taught English to children in grades three through ten using traditional lecture-style instruction methods. Her days were filled with lesson planning, textbook-based lessons, and standardized tests. Despite her strong commitment, her lessons and pupil engagement often felt monotonous, which left Sushila feeling exhausted and discouraged.

Everything changed with the six-day teacher training program offered by the Rato Bangala Foundation. She learned about creative and low-cost learning materials as well as hands-on activities. Sushila incorporated stories, morning messages, news, and class agreements into her lessons, and kept task and attendance charts. These innovative approaches made learning more exciting.

Today, the school children are more motivated, parents are involved, and the school benefits from the new learning environment. Sushila says, "The training has truly transformed my teaching, brought joy to my pupils' learning, and encouraged me to bring about positive changes in my classroom and school."

In 2025, we supported:

-  around **1,300** government schools
-  almost **200,000** school children
-  the training of **5,000** teachers
-  the mobilization of **thousands** of volunteers
-  with approximately **€ 2.4 million** in project funding



Eleena R. Subba
Executive Director

"The work of the Rato Bangala Foundation in early childhood education and teacher training is truly enriching. I was deeply inspired to see, in six schools in Baiteshwor, how children become curious, gain self-confidence, and learn with joy. Such supportive learning environments lay the foundation for their future and lifelong learning."



Protecting children

Children face growing existential threats

Millions of children worldwide are suffering from the consequences of war and environmental disasters. In 2025 the effects of climate change caused extensive damage in South Asia. Compounding this are civil war-like conflicts with deeply traumatic consequences in parts of our project regions. The younger generation is losing heart. Can education alone be enough?

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 protection, abolishing child labor, integrating young people with disabilities, preventing abduction and child marriage is more important than ever. We are significantly expanding our children's protection projects in Northeast India and Nepal.



Before joining the project, Ranjila was a 9th-grade student and knew little about her rights or the consequences of early marriage. In an emotionally stressful situation, she felt left alone. Running away with an older boy seemed to her like the only way out. But her father refused to let her return—her education and future were seriously jeopardized.

The Child Development Committee (CDC) supported Ranjila and her family with patience and empathy. Through conversations, they explained the health and legal risks of early marriage and strengthened Ranjila's awareness of her rights. They accompanied her on her safe return home and encouraged her to resume attending school regularly.

Today, Ranjila is continuing her education, feels accepted by her family, and looks to the future with hope. In the village understanding of the importance of girls' education has grown. "I was on the verge of losing my future—but the emotional and legal support and education changed everything."

In 2025, we supported:



more than **200** children in seven residential care homes



almost **5,000** groups for children and young people



the inclusion of **several hundred** children with disabilities



with over **€ 450,000** in project funding



Mr. Kalmul Haque
Project coordinator

"The most rewarding moments of my work are when I see children who were once shy find their voice, share their thoughts with confidence, and encourage others. These changes are inspiring and demonstrate just how important our work is. Thanks to Childaid Network, children have safe, supportive spaces where they can express themselves and build self-confidence."



Qualification and income for a better future

Vocational training

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

Demand-driven

Our courses are geared towards the preferences 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

We completed our successful large-scale vocational training programs in Assam and Nepal in 2025. Our evaluation showed that we need to increase our collaboration with larger organizations, the government, and businesses in order to achieve even greater success.



Saroj Aalam (24) from southern Nepal grew up in extreme poverty and lost almost all of his eyesight at age 17. With limited mobility and no income of his own, he felt isolated and a burden on his family.

His life changed when representatives of the BRAVE project came to see him. Through home visits, business skills training, and mentoring, Saroj learned how to run a small business on his own. He received a starter kit for his grocery store and was supported as he built his business.

Today, Saroj earns an above-average income, actively participates in family life, and is socially integrated. His store supplies the local community with groceries, and his courage inspires others.

Saroj says: “I want to show others, especially people with disabilities, that it is possible to run your own business and support your family. Don’t lose hope — take small steps, learn, and you can become self-reliant, just like me.”

In 2025, we supported:



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



several thousand young people starting their own businesses



nearly a thousand women's self-help groups



with over **€ 500,000** in project funding



Hari Narayan
Managing Director

“Start where you are right now, with what you have – support from others can guide you, but in entrepreneurship, success is ultimately earned through your own efforts.”



Health promotion

Health Care is a luxury

In Germany, we offer medical care, health check-ups, support during childbirth, vaccinations and dentistry across the board. For the people 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 key aspects of hygiene and healthy nutrition into an increasing number of programs and are seeking additional partners.



Aloka, 10 years old, is in the 5th grade at the elementary school in Goolni. She used to miss school often because she and her siblings were frequently sick. Her family had little knowledge of health, hygiene, and nutrition, and due to limited financial resources, they lived in unhealthy conditions.

The project “Strengthening Children’s Education in the Tea Garden Region” brought about change. At school, Aloka learned a lot about hygiene, healthy nutrition, and regular preventive care; she participated in health days and received support from her teachers. At home, her parents introduced new rules and began growing seasonal vegetables themselves.

Today, Aloka is stronger and healthier and is able to attend school regularly. Her family pays attention to hygiene and actively participates in health days. Aloka says, “Health is an indispensable part of our lives. Through this project, my family has understood how important it is to strengthen and protect our health.”

In 2025, we supported:

-  **272** health camps
-  **19,000** children received health checks
-  over **7,000** mothers organized **368** health groups
-  preventative health care at **hundreds** of schools
-  with about **€ 170,000** project funds



Sudipta Das
Project manager

“For a long time, education in the tea plantations was neglected; children went to work instead of going to school, and many were sick and uneducated. The project has changed the situation: parents and communities are living healthier lives and recognizing the value of schools. Teachers are teaching with renewed passion, and classrooms are filling up. School attendance is regular – that gives us hope.”





"We must make equal pay and equal opportunities for women and girls a reality, so that women's rights are human rights once and for all."

Hillary Clinton

Network with competent partners



Alliances with like-minded people in Germany

In Germany, we work alongside reputable, experienced organizations to make our projects even more effective. These partners contribute their expertise and project management skills, second members of their teams, or collaborate with us on project design. Ultimately, this benefits the people on the ground. In 2025, our partnership with the young artists from Circus Waldoni was once again a focus: For the first time, a group traveled to Nepal and inspired school children to learn a variety of acrobatic skills.



Vera Rausch
Circus Waldoni Instructor

"Circus Waldoni and Childaid Network have been closely connected for many years. Together, we have already implemented several successful circus projects in Northeast India. In November 2025, we traveled to Nepal for the first time: In Panchkhal, our team spent two weeks training 120 motivated school children. They then presented what they had learned in a grand final performance. The children playfully built their self-confidence, experienced team spirit, and surpassed their own expectations. We look forward to more joint projects and many beaming children's eyes!"



Funding partners

Some organizations have the financial means but not the organizational capacity to deploy them effectively abroad in line with their vision. Increasingly foundations and other nonprofit organizations are choosing Childaid Network to efficiently achieve their goals on behalf of children in need abroad. We are grateful for the trust placed in us and the additional expertise we gain from these partnerships. In 2025, we received earmarked project budgets from approximately 40 funding partners.



Dr. Nils Petersen
Board Member
Karmaraiders
e.V. Duisburg

"For 18 years, in close partnership with Childaid Network, we have been wholeheartedly committed to supporting children in Northeast India. It all began with a spectacular bike tour in 2008 through Germany and India. But the annual Ruhrpott Tour remains a highlight for us and a heartening sign of solidarity from hundreds of fellow cyclists. We hope that with an anniversary tour to Assam together with our families, we can further deepen our friendship there."

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.



Strong partners abroad

In our project areas, we work alongside reliable local partners. They know the needs of the people, speak their language, and understand what is missing. Because they are rooted in their communities and share our vision, our projects can be implemented effectively and swiftly in close cooperation with the people on the ground. In 2025, we had about 35 such partnerships with active projects and seven further partners with whom we collaborate on project design.



Santosh More
Founder and Managing
Director Mantra4Change

"Mantra4Change and Shikshagraha promote proven approaches. For twenty years, Childaid Network has been active in Northeast India, where it is deeply rooted and has built networks based on trust. Our partnership now combines the deep local expertise of Childaid Network with the nationwide mobilization power of the Shikshagraha movement toward an ambitious goal: high-quality education for two million children. We are proud to shape this future together with the entire Childaid Network family."

Charity activities with partners



Charity run for better education

The popular Monday running group at the Konstablerwache in Frankfurt had a very special guest at the end of August: Ironman World Champion and Childaid Network Ambassador Sebastian Kienle. Over 200 runners joined and enjoyed the chance to chat with and take selfies with the champion. Host and organizer Jost Wiebelhaus set the tone for the special cause: Sebastian Kienle promoted a fundraising project for Childaid Network. He was supported by a team from the strategy consulting firm Deloitte, which simultaneously organized a fundraising initiative with nearly 100 runners on the Camino de Santiago.



“As an ambassador for Childaid Network, I believe that education tackles problems at the root. There are few other areas where every euro spent has such a significant impact. When you send a child to school, you’re not only changing that child’s life — you’re setting off a positive chain reaction that touches entire communities.”

Sebastian Kienle
2014 Ironman World Champion,
Childaid Network Ambassador



Hiking for children's protection in Nepal

Through their hike up the Feldberg mountain, pupils from Taunusgymnasium Königstein and Altkönigschule Kronberg sent a powerful message of solidarity in support of children's protection. On the Feldberg plateau, they were greeted with a stage performance. A basketball challenge with the Frankfurt Skyliners and musical performances generated great enthusiasm. With this and other hiking events on the same day, the approximately 3,000 school children drew attention to the situation of children in Nepal, who often have to walk long distances just to be able to attend school at all.



“Two schools came together with a shared vision: All school children at Taunusgymnasium Königstein and Altkönigschule Kronberg demonstrated their solidarity with the children of Nepal through a long joint hike, while also raising funds for educational programs and children's protection. Our children and young people were fully engaged in the effort, and we are proud to have raised around € 50,000 with this campaign for Nepali children their own age.”

Thomas Brinkmann
Taunus High School
Königstein

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



Children's action day

About 100 children from the Otfried Preußler Elementary School in Bad Soden took part in the Children's Action Day. At four different stations, they were able to learn about their own rights and the situation of children in other parts of the world: Through a movie about a 12-year-old boy from Bangladesh, a writing workshop for heartfelt wishes, a craft station, and a reading by children's book author Angelika Glitz, they learned how much still needs to be done to ensure that all children have their rights upheld.



Angelika Glitz
Children's book author

"Children's rights mean that every child is seen and taken seriously. Stories can help make these rights understandable and come alive. When children realize that their opinions matter, their courage, self-confidence, and desire grow, and they want to shape the world."



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Taunuszeitung 03.01.2025

Planning your estate - the right way

Nachlass regeln – aber richtig

Kostenloser Info-Abend im ev. Gemeindezentrum am 29. Januar

Die Erstellung eines Testaments birgt viele Fallstricke. Bereits kleine Formalia entscheiden darüber, ob das verfasste Testament wirksam werden kann oder als ungültig erklärt werden muss. Oftmals ist sich der Verfasser gar nicht bewusst, Formulas nicht richtig eingegeben zu haben, und seine Erben stehen dann vor Problemen, die hätten vermieden werden können.

Das Thema der korrekten Testamentserstellung wird viele Fragen auf, die der Erbschafts-anwalt Thomas Maubetsch kompetent beantwortet wird (Foto: Childaid Network)

Auf Einladung der Stiftung Childaid Network gibt der Erbschafts-anwalt, Thomas Maubetsch, am Mittwoch, dem 29.01.2025, einen fundierten Überblick zum Thema. Der Abend ist als kostenloser und kostenloser Info-Abend geplant. Einlass ist ab 18 Uhr. Vortragbeginn um 19.30 Uhr im Gemeindeforum der Evangelischen Kirche in Bad Soden.

Der Abend bietet einen umfassenden Überblick über alle Aspekte der Testamentgestaltung und beantwortet Fragen zur Vermögensplanung, Nachlassplanung oder zu den Besonderheiten des Berliner Testaments. Anhand praktischer Beispiele werden verschiedene gängige Konstellationen nachvollziehbar erklärt und Besonderheiten aufgezeigt. Bei Interesse wird um Anmeldung unter www.childaid.net/evans gebeten.

Königsteiner Woche 06.02.2025

Fundraiser by 'Taunusgymnasium'

Spendenaktion des Taunusgymnasiums



Die Schüler und Lehrer des Taunusgymnasiums haben sich an der Spendenaktion beteiligt. (Foto: Childaid Network)

Königstein (Hr.) – Am 6. Februar fand die Spendenaktion des Taunusgymnasiums statt. Die Schüler und Lehrer haben sich an der Spendenaktion beteiligt. Die Spendenaktion wurde von der Stiftung Childaid Network organisiert. Die Spendenaktion wurde von der Stiftung Childaid Network organisiert. Die Spendenaktion wurde von der Stiftung Childaid Network organisiert.

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Radio FFH 17.02.2025

Charity Run on the Camino de Santiago

Idee aus dem Rhein-Main-Gebiet

SPENDELAUF AUF DEM JAKOBSWEG



Knapp 160 Kilometer sollen für den guten Zweck über den Jakobsweg gewandert werden (Gymnastik).

Königsteiner Woche 28.05.2025

Education as the key to a self-determined life

Bildung als Schlüssel für ein selbstbestimmtes Leben



Die Kinder und Lehrer des Taunusgymnasiums haben sich an der Spendenaktion beteiligt. (Foto: Childaid Network)

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Frankfurter Neue Presse 27.08.2025

Former triathlete now runs just for fun

Ehemaliger Triathlet läuft nur noch zum Spaß



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Taunus Zeitung 15.07.2025

Investing in education protects against poverty

Investition in Bildung schützt vor Armut

Ex-Botschafter Dr. Thomas Prinz spricht beim „Königsteiner Salon“ über Bangladesh



Dr. Thomas Prinz, Ex-Botschafter in Bangladesh, spricht beim „Königsteiner Salon“ über die Bedeutung der Bildung für die Entwicklung eines Landes. Prinz betont, dass Bildung ein Schlüssel zur Armutsbekämpfung ist und dass Investitionen in Bildung die Zukunft eines Landes sichern können. Er spricht über die Herausforderungen der Bildung in Bangladesh und die Rolle der Zivilgesellschaft bei der Verbesserung der Bildungssysteme.

WAZ 27.07.2025

XXL Donation for children: How Duisburg residents are raising money for children



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Königsteiner Woche 04.09.2025

Climate change - who pays the price?

„Extreme Wetterlagen werden zunehmen“

Königsstein – Gabe es eine schmerzende Verletzung zwischen dem Königsteiner Kreis und dem Frankfurter Hauptbahnhof, die entsprechende vertikale Ausdehnung jener Zone, in der sich unser Wetter abspielt, im Durchschnitt 15 Kilometer beträgt die Höhe der Troposphäre, innerhalb deren Niederschläge fallen, sich Wolken bilden, Winde wehen. Gemessen an der Größe des Planeten ist dies eine nur sehr kleine Gasse. Gleichwohl ist es eine hochbedeutende und sehr sensible Zone, wie Ökonomen bei Beginn eines Vorlesungsauftretens im Institut Zuntorf bemerkt haben und schätzten sie als Lebens auf der Erde. Diese Funktion kann sie jedoch nach den Worten des Meteorologen zunehmend schwerer erfüllen. Wissenschaftler dafür sei letztlich der Mensch, sagte Terli im „Königsteiner Salon“, an dem die Hilfsorganisation Childaid Network in den Hallen der Begegnung eingeladen hatte.

Kein Urteil zum Thema Stadtmitte

„Über 2000 Jahre sehen wir beim Gehalt von Kohlendioxid kaum Veränderungen“, sagte der Wetter- und Klimaforscher. Erst seit der Mensch im Zuge der industriellen Revolution in großen Maß Kohle, Gas und Öl verbrennt, anschauen sich nach neuen Werten „an der Wetterentwicklung“. Das so entstehende Kohlendioxid (CO₂) sammelt sich in der Atmosphäre und verändert das, was wir als Wetter erleben. Dagegen ist seit etwa 250 Jahren zu verzeichnen, dass sich die Erde erwärmt, hob Terli hervor. „Ein um 2,5 Grad höherer Temperatur reicht aus, das gesamte Wetterverhalten zu verändern“, meinte er als Konsequenz.

Der Aussage, dass sich das Klima im Verlauf der Erdgeschichte stetig verändert habe, stimmte der Meteorologe Bernhard Zirk-Wetterweg im Kern zu. Das sei jedoch vor der Industrialisierung immer nur sehr langsam geschehen und innerhalb bestimmter Grenzen, während sich die heutigen Veränderungen mit zunehmendem Tempo in einer Richtung abspielen. Erkomme werden, sei das schon in den 1970er Jahren, wie der Referent anhand von Ausschnitten aus damaligen Nachrichtenmeldungen belegen. Schon damals habe er, Zirk-Wetterweg, die Gefahr einer globalen Klimaerwärmung gesehen, das Urteil der Wissenschaftler zumindest in Zweifel zu ziehen, wenn nicht zu diskreditieren, könne man nicht als gutturaler Politiker.



Özden Terli ZIRK-WETTERWEG

schwer Lobbyarbeit und „anmassen Desinformations“, sagte Terli. Besonders ist in sein Blick in die Zukunft. Schneller als prognostiziert werde die Erwärmung des Planeten voran, Schätzungen, beispielsweise der Deutschen Physikalischen Gesellschaft und der Deutschen Meteorologischen Gesellschaft zufolge, belaufen sich auf den Anstieg bis zum Jahrtausendende um zwei bis drei Grad, bis zum Ende des Jahrhunderts auf bis zu fünf Grad. Das Ziel von UN-Gesamt ist nicht mehr zu haben. Terli: „Zunehmende Wetterextreme nehmen zu.“ Wärmere Temperaturen bedeuten mehr Wasserdampf in der Luft, was wiederum zu heftigeren Wolkenbildung und Regen führt. Diese Funktion kann sie jedoch nach den Worten des Meteorologen zunehmend schwerer erfüllen. Wissenschaftler dafür sei letztlich der Mensch, sagte Terli im „Königsteiner Salon“, an dem die Hilfsorganisation Childaid Network in den Hallen der Begegnung eingeladen hatte.

„Was wir beobachten, folgt nicht dem Gesetz der Physik“, unterstrich der Wissenschaftler und widmete Aussagen sogenannter Klimaforscher, sondern nach den Daten Paläontologen „interdisziplinäre Meinung“ sein könne. Während der Diskussion wies Terli mehrfach darauf hin, wie „jung“ das Geschehen sei. Was heute in die eine Richtung gehe, brauche Jahrhunderte, wenn nicht länger, sich wieder zurückentwickeln. „Weich die Erde erwärmt, werden die nächsten Generationen nicht persönlich begreifen.“ Angesichts des „epochalen Unfalls“ sei „Klimawandel“ ein nachgeordnetes, „nachgelagertes“ Problem.

Kritik an den Plänen, die Köpfe der Stadtmitte umzusetzen, rief der ehemalige AUK-Stadtvizepräsident Bernhard Zirk-Wetterweg im Kern zu. Das sei jedoch vor der Industrialisierung immer nur sehr langsam geschehen und innerhalb bestimmter Grenzen, während sich die heutigen Veränderungen mit zunehmendem Tempo in einer Richtung abspielen. Erkomme werden, sei das schon in den 1970er Jahren, wie der Referent anhand von Ausschnitten aus damaligen Nachrichtenmeldungen belegen. Schon damals habe er, Zirk-Wetterweg, die Gefahr einer globalen Klimaerwärmung gesehen, das Urteil der Wissenschaftler zumindest in Zweifel zu ziehen, wenn nicht zu diskreditieren, könne man nicht als gutturaler Politiker.

Kronberger Bote 11.09.2025

Hiking for children's protection: Pupils send a strong message of support for Nepal

„Wandern für Kinderrechte“ – Schüler setzen starkes Zeichen für Nepal



Die Kinder tragen Bannern und setzen ein Zeichen für Kinderrechte. Im Hintergrund: Eltern und Lehrer. Foto: El. M. M. M.

Kronberg (nd) – Rund 1.000 Schulkinder und Schüler des Tagungsprogramms „Kinderrechte“ und der Aktion „Wandern für Kinderrechte“ haben in den vergangenen Wochen ein wichtiges Zeichen für die Kinderrechte gesetzt und auf dem gemeinsamen Weg zum Pflanztag mit der Initiative „Wandern für Kinderrechte“ an der Universität Kronberg teilgenommen. Die Kinder haben dabei nicht nur einen wichtigen Schritt in die Zukunft gemacht, sondern auch ein starkes Zeichen für die Kinderrechte gesetzt. Die Kinder haben dabei nicht nur einen wichtigen Schritt in die Zukunft gemacht, sondern auch ein starkes Zeichen für die Kinderrechte gesetzt.

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Nachhaltigkeitsbericht Deutscher Tee & Kräutertee Verband e.V. 2025

Every school year in India increases life expectancy by three years

Jedes Schuljahr in Indien erhöht die Lebenserwartung um drei Jahre

In Asien ist Bildung für viele Kinder ein unerreichbarer Luxus. Im Mittel besucht selten bis keine Schule, und jeder zweite Entlassener verlässt die Bildungseinrichtung nach nur wenigen Jahren. Die Folge ist unter anderem die Analfabie, die häufig in den Slums der Großstädte endet. Gemeinsam mit der Stiftung Childaid Network beteiligt sich das Unternehmen Ronnefeldt an einem Bildungsprojekt, das den Familien wieder Bildungsperspektiven eröffnet. 50.000 Kinder erreicht dieses Projekt, das nicht nur die Lebenserwartung, sondern auch die Beschäftigung und den Wohlstand der Familien verbessert. Ein Interview mit der Leiterin Jan-Berndt Witzke.



„Unser Ziel ist es, den Menschen in den Tees- und Kräutertee-Regionen eine langfristige Perspektive zu bieten.“

Jan-Berndt Witzke

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Bad Sodener Zeitung 26.11.2025

Do dreams dream of being dreamed?

„Leben Träume davon, geträumt zu werden?“



Die Teilnehmerinnen der Kaffeezeit am 26. November haben sich für eine Zeit auf dem Boden niedergelassen.

„Leben Träume davon, geträumt zu werden?“ – Das ist die Frage, die die Teilnehmerinnen der Kaffeezeit am 26. November in der Tanzschule Pötzler diskutiert haben. Die Teilnehmerinnen haben sich für eine Zeit auf dem Boden niedergelassen und haben über ihre Träume und ihre Leben gesprochen.

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Bad Sodener Woche 20.11.2025

Children for children – “Children's protection” action day

„Kinder für Kinder“ – Aktionstag „Kinderrechte“ begeisterte Schülerinnen und Schüler der OPS



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Königsteiner Woche 18.12.2025

Hope, change, and the power of the younger generation

Hoffnung, Wandel und die Kraft der jungen Generation



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"Nothing we see or hear or touch can be expressed
in words that equal what is given to the senses."

Hannah Arendt



Dr. Margret Reynolds
Board Member,
Heinrich Weiss Foundation

"For several years now, the Heinrich Weiss Foundation has been wholeheartedly supporting Childaid Network's educational projects in South Asia. Thorough needs assessments, professional planning, and project monitoring form the foundation of effective programs. My husband and I were able to see this for ourselves on the ground. We were very impressed by the approach of helping people help themselves, encouraging initiative, and fostering entrepreneurial talent. It is in keeping with my late husband's wishes to continue this commitment in his memory."

€ 4.5 million adjusted income

Adjusted income
grew slightly in 2025

€ 4.5 million foundation capital and reserves

Equity, reserves,
and project funds
remained stable

€ 4.1 million project investments

Childaid Network
invested more than € 4 million
in projects in 2025

7.3 % cost ratio

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



Excerpts from the DZI evaluation of Childaid Network:



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- 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.

A successful year

Further growth

At over € 4.46 million (previous year: € 4.42 million), Childaid Network recorded a modest increase in total revenue for 2025, once again approaching the record levels of 2022. Project investments grew at a higher rate than income, resulting in a negative carryover.

Reliable network

The growth in donations reflects a further deepening of trust. Fundraising campaigns mobilized over 32,000 people and generated significantly higher contributions. Commitments for BMZ grants have declined slightly.

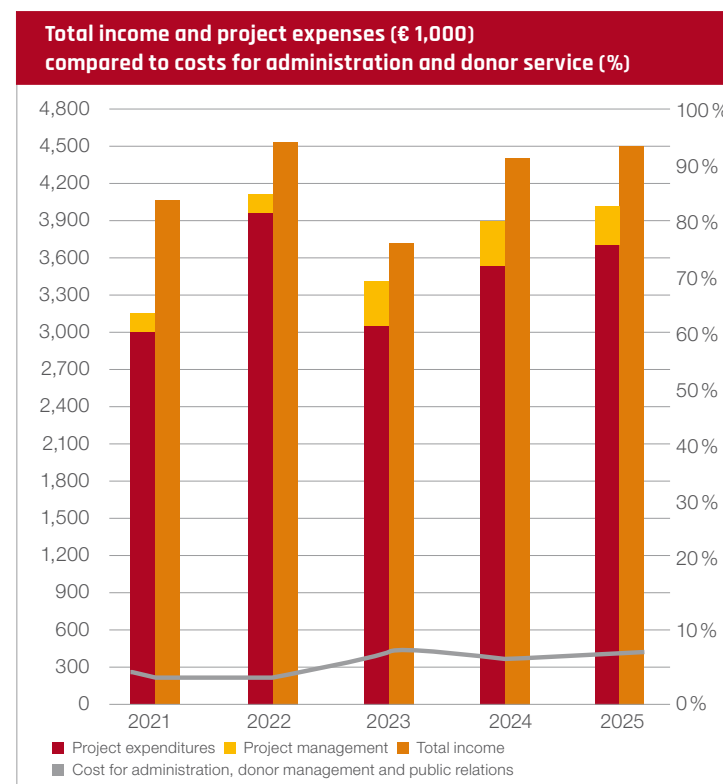
Low costs

The DZI cost ratio for administration, donor relations, and public relations rose modestly to 7.3 % (previous year: 5.9 %), keeping Childaid Network firmly in the top category of highly cost-effective organizations (see also p. 47).

Higher project investments

Program investments in 2025 amounted to € 4.07 million (previous year: € 3.54 million), an increase of approximately 15 %. Project transfers reached a new record high of € 3.9 million, with more than 95 % of all revenue directed to projects.

Profit and loss statement (EUR)		
	2024	2025
• Ordinary donations	2,671,108.60	2,729,357.92
• Other operating income	1,748,489.87	1,726,111.05
Total income	4,419,598.47	4,455,468.97
• Project expenditures	-3,537,560.08	-4,072,432.53
• Staff costs	-411,932.00	-504,356.10
• Depreciations	-18,425.26	-20,148.19
• Other operating expenses	-176,832.54	-178,516.40
• Investment result	96,436.47	80,922.21
• Taxes	-6,912.40	-4,600.00
Net income	364,372.66	-243,662.04
• Withdrawals from reserves	7,196.87	249,056.54
• Allocation to reserves	-321,670.34	-190,243.46
• Carried forward from previous year	34,726.53	84,625.72
Fund balances	84,625.72	-100,223.24



€5

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



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Baker Tilly GmbH & Co. KG,
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Director
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Baker Tilly GmbH & Co. KG,
Auditing Firm

"We have been auditing the foundation's annual financial statements for years, always without any reservation. Childaid Network has undergone impressive growth. This success is no accident – it is based on a clear strategy, transparency, and sound leadership."

Strengthened substance

Balance sheet (EUR)		
Assets	31.12.2024	31.12.2025
Fixed assets		
• Intangible assets	42,986.71	25,792.03
• Tangible assets	0.00	0.00
• Investments	2,545,613.25	2,351,152.78
	2,588,599.96	2,376,944.81
Current assets		
• Receivables and other assets	72,784.72	41,487.97
• Cash at bank and in hand	1,896,871.82	2,089,829.64
	1,969,656.54	2,131,317.61
Accruals	0.00	0.00
Balance sheet total	4,558,256.50	4,508,262.42
Assets held in trust	564,000.57	482,060.78
Liabilities	31.12.2024	31.12.2025
Equity		
• Endowment funds and supplementaries endowments	865,500.00	865,500.00
• Reserves	2,850,732.95	2,688,672.00
• Reallocation	44,665.62	147,913.49
• Fund balances and carryover	84,625.72	-100,223.24
	3,845,524.29	3,601,862.25
Provisions	12,425.00	57,128.73
Liabilities	700,307.21	849,271.44
Balance sheet total	4,558,256.50	4,508,262.42

Strong financial position

With total assets of € 4,508,262.42 as of December 31, 2025 (previous year: € 4,558,256.50), Childaid Network's financial position remains virtually unchanged.

High project liabilities

Liabilities consist primarily of grants from the BMZ received in 2025 which were not invested. Due to delays in project implementation, this amount has risen again.

Endowment capital

The endowment capital remained unchanged.

Supervision and nonprofit status

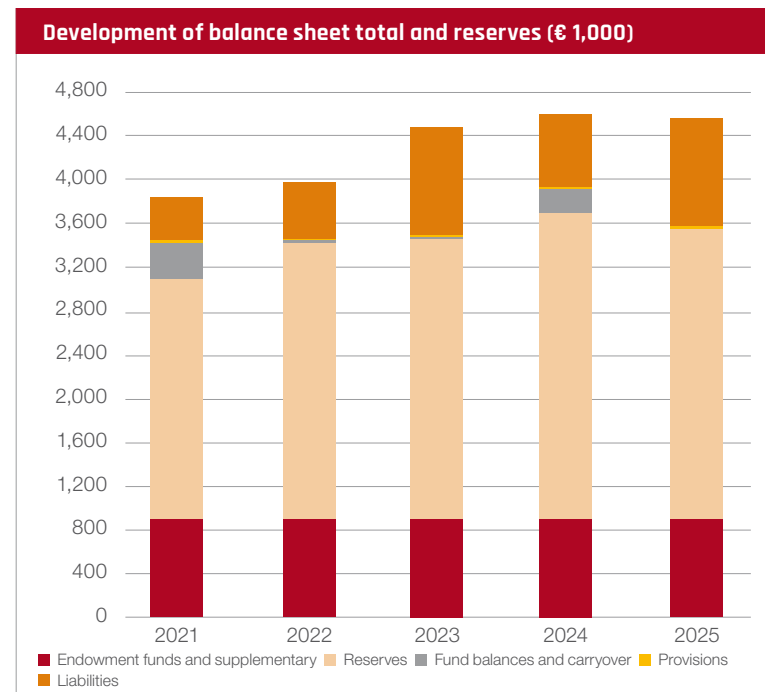
Childaid Network was recognized as a foundation with legal capacity on April 27, 2007, by the Darmstadt Regional Council under reference number AZ I 13 – 25d 04/11(4)-146. The Bad Homburg Tax Office regularly confirms the foundation's non-profit status, most recently on November 17, 2025.

Bylaws

Childaid Network revised its bylaws in 2022. The new version was approved by the Darmstadt Regional Council in early 2023. The changes primarily concern a strengthening of the separation of powers between the Foundation Board and the Executive Board, as well as adjustments to the new foundation law. The new bylaws are available on the website.

Audit of the financial statements

Childaid Network voluntarily submits various external audits. The annual financial statements of the Childaid Network Foundation for the 2025 fiscal year were once again audited by the auditing firm Baker Tilly GmbH & Co. KG, Frankfurt. On April 2, 2026, the firm issued, as in previous years, an unqualified audit opinion. The DZI reviews processes and expenditures annually according to transparent criteria. Upon request, we are happy to send interested parties the audit opinion, the annual financial statements, or the DZI's report. The documents are also available on our website.



Our employees and partners are asked to agree on the following principles:

- compliance with child protection
- corruption-free use of funds
- economical use of resources
- high data security
- honest and transparent reporting

We are happy to send you details on request.

Key figures and analysis

Significant expansion of project work

Project investments increased significantly once again in 2025. Local contributions also grew steadily. In particular, projects for primary and vocational education in Northeast India and Nepal were thus able to expand further. For the first time, the allocated and invested funds for Nepal exceeded those for India.

Wide reach for marginalized groups

Through our four main project pillars – school quality programs, children’s protection, vocational training, and health promotion – hundreds of thousands of young people continue to receive direct or indirect support. We focus particularly on children and adolescents from disadvantaged marginalized groups such as minorities, refugees, and rural youth who would otherwise have no access to education.

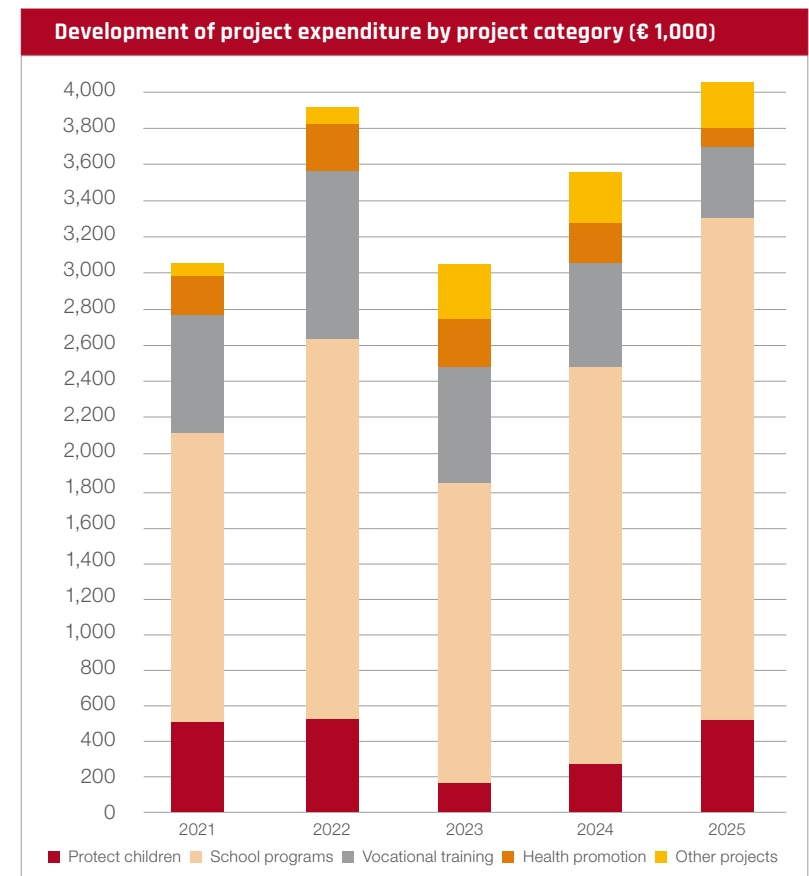


Hans-Theo Burtscheidt
Taunus Sparkasse

“The foundation’s professionalism and the wide range of activities—both large and small—that bring so many people together to support the wonderful work of Childaid Network never cease to inspire us. With its focus on educational equality and children’s protection, as well as effective on-the-ground partnerships based on mutual respect, the foundation achieves remarkable results. We at Taunus Sparkasse are committed to charitable activities in our region and are particularly proud to have been able to support Childaid Network in a variety of ways for many years.”

Principles for the use of funds

The vast majority of our funds is used to pay teachers and social workers, as well as for their professional development. We also invest a small portion of the funds in studies, conferences, and professional development for our partners.



Continued – a lean cost structure

Our administrative costs in the reporting year amounted to approximately € 149,000, or 3.3 % of total income (previous year: 2.2 %). Donor relations costs, including public relations, totaled approximately € 180,000, representing 4.0 % of total income (previous year: 3.7 %). Overall, and despite growth in our activities, we spent only 7.3 % of our charitable income on the proper administration and support of our work in accordance with DZI accounting standards (previous year: 5.9 %).

Great honorary commitment

Our costs remain low because our foundation's work continues to be carried out primarily by volunteers. The Executive Board, Foundation Council, editorial team, graphic designers, project coordinators, web designers, and many others fulfill their roles as unpaid experts. A partner company provides us with an office free of charge. Auditors, banks, and suppliers offer us preferential terms. The volunteer team has continued to grow in 2025.

€30

are sufficient for a pupil to receive quality education

€100

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

€150

per month is sufficient to 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.

Overview of income and expenditure in the past 5 years (EUR)					
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Donations	2,940,487.24	2,372,894.22	1,843,529.85	2,635,801.32	2,729,357.92
Grants BMZ	1,090,791.04	2,106,230.46	1,729,297.86	1,636,307.68	1,603,689.81
Other operating income	40,026.67	59,620.40	47,820.50	192,506.52	122,421.24
Total income	4,071,304.95	4,538,745.08	3,654,002.86	4,419,598.47	4,455,468.97
Adjusted Income*	4,062,074.92	4,519,200.86	3,620,648.21	4,464,615.52	4,506,313.99
Project expenditure	3,019,649.69	3,937,409.42	3,091,875.77	3,537,560.08	4,072,432.53
Project management costs	130,280.45	245,096.92	269,903.82	295,462.81	347,946.56
Project management costs in %	3.21 %	5.42 %	7.43 %	6.62 %	7.7 %
Donor services expenses	104,296.25	104,517.62	144,192.67	166,656.02	180,332.54
General administration expenses	65,634.74	85,327.15	110,796.89	97,733.70	149,308.13
Total expenses in %	4.18 %	4.20 %	7.0 %	5.9 %	7.3 %

* Adjusted Income: donations and grants plus net result from taxable business operations and investment management





Our vision

Every girl and every boy attends school and gets quality education.



Our goal for 2026

With our help, at least 2,000,000 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 2026

We enter 2026 with ambitious plans and great momentum. Our focus will be on further improving the quality and reach of our projects, on building a sustainable international team structure, and on deepening our collaboration with our partners – and with you.

Catalyst and advocate

As part of the “ShikshaLokam” and “One-Billion-Futures” movements – both committed to advancing quality education worldwide – we are working to achieve greater impact at scale. We are working to ensure that best practices and models gain greater visibility and wider adoption, helping us achieve higher quality in our projects. At the same time, together with our partner Mantra4Change, we plan to significantly scale up our project work in Northeast India and gradually improve as many public schools as possible across various states. The expansion of our activities in Nepal and Bangladesh, which began in recent years, will continue.

Networked team

Our team in India is now integrated into larger organizations that have reliable access to decision makers and numerous local resources and can implement innovative solutions. Our INGO team in Nepal will benefit from the spirit of optimism following the elections and gain momentum for impactful programs. For our team in Germany, we are seeking additional full-time and volunteer specialists. Already, many partners have announced new, high-reach charity campaigns. At the same time, we are strengthening our collaboration with international organizations that share our vision.

Holistic education

Learning to read, write, and do arithmetic is an important foundation, but it is not enough. That is why our project partners support young people in their personal development starting as early as preschool age. We help children unlock their talents and realize their career aspirations. In doing so, we also foster entrepreneurial skills and incorporate training on healthy lifestyles. Digital

tools are used in a supportive and cost-effective manner. In a world where knowledge and basic skills are increasingly provided by computers and AI, fostering values, adaptability, and initiative has never been more important – and preparing young people for a rapidly changing world is more essential than ever.

We need you and your support

Government aid funding is declining. The many crises unfolding around the world are also weighing on people’s willingness to give. We refuse to be discouraged – and we count on your continued support. You can be sure: Your donation will reach its destination and will be multiplied by local contributions. We guarantee professional execution. And if you would like to get involved: We welcome any form of support!

Thank you very much.

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

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



Donation

Every contribution 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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(For all members of the Foundation Council, see p. 7)

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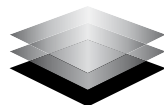
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