

ENGLISH VERSION



# CIAO KIDS

FOUNDATION

DISADVANTAGED CHILDREN  
IN THE SOUTH OF INDIA



## WHO ARE WE?

Founded by Philippe de Preux in Lausanne in 2008, **the CIAO KIDS Foundation was set up primarily to help disadvantaged tribal populations (Adivasis) in Southern India.**

The CIAO KIDS Foundation is a recognised non-profit organisation and is subject to surveillance by the Swiss Foundations Supervisory Authority, based in Bern. **We work in the field in close partnership with two Indian NGOs — Parivarthana and DEED.** These organisations are run by two brothers who have been actively committed to recognising the rights of Adivasi populations vis-à-vis the Indian authorities over the last 35 years.

**Adivasis are the indigenous people of India** who live in tropical forests, and who have been driven from their natural habitat without any form of compensation. **These populations lag significantly behind other rural communities in terms of their social, educational and economic standards.** They represent nearly 9% of the total population of India (approx. 100 million people).

# WHAT DO WE DO?

**Our mission: To help more than 1000 Adivasi children gain access to a school education and a future career.**

- **6 kindergarten** have been established in tribal hamlets and 8 have been rebuilt. This allows 300 children between the ages of 3 and 6 to have access to a basic education.
- **Education kits**, containing all necessary school material, which is provided new each year, as well as tuition fees, are distributed to 700 schoolchildren in the villages.
- **Our fostership homes** house 140 young worthy students who also receive food and support with school work, and can partake in extra-curricular activities.



We also support more than **1800 mothers from nearby villages with pilot micro-economic management programmes** named Self Help Groups. Our social workers supervise, monitor and provide training to these community savings groups. As a result, participants are able to generate a considerable amount of capital, which we top up after one year, giving them the opportunity to develop their social, economic and healthcare standards.



Based on the **transfer of knowledge and competencies**, we have launched a similar programme for **200 women in the poorly developed state of Jharkhand** (Northeast India), including literacy courses. The results are heart-warming and the considerable help that allows these families to improve their quality of life, motivates us to drive this programme forwards.

# HOW YOU CAN HELP

**Your help is essential if we are to continue developing our social and education program for the Adivasis.**

You can make a one-off donation of your choice to support our projects, or you can support us over the long-term by sponsoring a child. An annual sum of CHF 400 allows us to cover the entire costs of your sponsored child for a year.



**100% of all donations are used to finance our projects in India** (all costs incurred in Switzerland are covered by a sponsor). A donation certificate is issued for tax deduction.

We would like to thank you for your support, which allows more than **1000 young people and 2000 mothers** to regain a good quality of life and have confidence in the future. Your support enables them to take their future into their own hands.

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