

WHO ARE WE?

The CIAO KIDS Foundation **was created in 2008** in Lausanne by Philippe de Preux, its president, with the main objective of helping disadvantaged tribal populations in India. The Swiss office is made up of 3 people and the CIAO KIDS team visits our Indian partners twice a year. A 5-member Board of Trustees meets twice a year to keep track of the projects.

The Foundation is officially recognized as being in the public interest and **therefore all donations are tax deductible**, and it is subject to the supervision by the Swiss Foundation Supervisory Authority, based in Bern. **All funds received are used for our projects in India**, and the overheads in Switzerland are covered by our president.

Our mission is to improve the living conditions of the Adivasi (disadvantaged tribal populations in India, significantly behind other rural communities at the social, educational and economic levels). We enable children and youngser to access education to guarantee them a professional future and we help mothers to take charge of their future through social, economic and awareness programmes.



OUR ACTIVITIES

130 young people aged between 6 and 18 are cared each year for at our **fostership homes**. For these children, who come from distant villages, living at the fostership homes allows them access to public school in the daytime, and means that they benefit from support with their studies and sporting / cultural activities in the evenings and during the weekend.

We train apprentices in the following courses: tailoring and office skills, each training for 6 months. General knowledge and English classes are also provided to them. All our learners are housed on-site and we accompany them in their job search after graduation.

Since the beginning, CIAO KIDS has created or renovated 16 **nursery schools** in the tribal hamlets where there was no infrastructure and in the Nagarhole National Park. Children aged between 3 and 6 are taught there, providing them with basic reading and writing skills so that they can join the Indian public primary school system. Every child receives a daily hot meal.

Schoolchildren aged between 6 and 18 are currently supported by the CIAO KIDS Foundation and receive an **educational kit** which is renewed each year. The educational kits contain all the material they need to study in good conditions as well as the annual school registration fees.

We already supported more than 5'200 mothers through **Self-Help Groups**: micro-entrepreneurship through training and the opening of a community savings account. The objective is to help these women develop their income-generating activity in order to make them become financially independent. The change is not just an economic one. It is also, and above all, a change to the social order and benefits the community as a whole.

We also support a center that can accommodate 60 **visually-impaired children**, in Jharkhand, northeastern India. These children who are often considered by their families to be a burden. These center being directed by nurses and specialised educators, the children benefit from appropriate educational support and can benefit from complete specialised material aimed at promoting their independence.

OUR PARTNERS IN INDIA

CIAO KIDS works directly with Indian NGOs. Each of our partners was selected for the quality of their services and their commitment to the Adivasi. All these NGOs have been established for a number of years and are **officially recognised by the Indian government**. Before working with them, a CIAO KIDS team visits them on-site to analyse the situation and discuss any future collaboration, before signing an official contract. Regular monitoring is done through conference calls and on-site trips. Our collaboration with each of the NGOs in India is based on transparency and mutual trust.

HOW TO SUPPORT US

To continue our mission with the Adivasi, we need you!
Here's how to support the CIAO KIDS Foundation:

Free donation: a sum of your choice that will be sent to where it is most useful.

Sponsor an educational kit: for CHF 15.00 you can give a child an educational kit containing everything he needs to attend school. This kits contain all the material he needs to study in good conditions as well as the annual school registration fees. You thus offer the possibility to a child to be educated and a have a better future.

Sponsor a sewing kit: for CHF 25.00 you can give a sewing kit to a tailoring apprentice, giving her a helping hand to start her career. This kit contains all the essential material for work, such as scissors, needles, pins, a tape measure, etc. and the apprentices can keep it after they have completed the course.

Sponsor a child: for CHF 400.00 a year, you can support a child for an academic year in one of our fostership homes in Hunsur, at school and education level. This sum covers all expenses for food, extracurricular activities, school materials and school registration fees.

Sponsor a village: for CHF 800.00 a year you can support a women's self help group, therefore changing the lives of an entire village.

All of your donations are sent to India for our projects and you will receive a certificate allowing your donation to be tax deductible.

ON BEHALF OF THESE 1'700 CHILDREN AND 4'000 ADIVASIS
WOMEN, WE SAY THANK YOU!



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