



## Annual Report 2009



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# Letter of The President



**I**n 2009, about which you will find in the following pages, extensive and detailed reporting, as with other realities in the diverse non-profit world, has not been easy for our organization. The economic crisis has also weighed on our supporters and has been decisively more difficult to manage to maintain the commitments made with our partners and our beneficiaries.

*But one positive note in all of this, is that there was and is an increased sense of participation and attachment to the association that we have perceived from our supporters, even those who have been forced to reduce their contribution.*

*In many different ways, in the course of this difficult year, we have had ways to talk with our supporters; we have met many of them in person during organized appointments in the territory. Others have called us many times to explain to us their difficulties, to find, together with us, a new and different way to be able to continue to get their support. Thanks to this renewed confidence and increased warmth we have found the right incentives to continue with serenity and determination in our work. Because we know that many children, many women, many families still need of our support and our collaboration to be able to change their lives. For this, and forgive us if at times we may seem insistent, we will never stop asking, searching for new friends and associates and encouraging you to help us find them.*

*With the same determination we continue working also on inter-country adoptions, because we will never stop believing that each and every child has the right to grow within the love of a family and trying to give substance to this right. In 2009 we have also tried to improve the quality of our work, working on both the Italian and foreign front with professionals, but also with the families, before, during and after the adoption. We do believe in the quality of the adoptions completed; knowing that we are able to find a mom and dad also in many cases of more “difficult” children – older, with health problems, with a history of abuse or mistreatment, groups of three or more siblings who must not be separated fills us with pride.*

*Thank you to everyone who stayed near us and who shared our path in this not easy year. If you have the patience to read the pages that follow you will understand how much your efforts are worth.*

*The President*  
**Valeria Rossi Dragone**

# CIAI - Italian Association for Aid to Children Since 1968 to defend the rights of children

**C**IAI Italian Association for Aid to Children is an NGO (non-governmental organization) non-political and non sectarian that since 1968 fights to promote the recognition of the child as a person and to defend everywhere their fundamental rights, above all to grow in the love of a family.

The promotion of the culture of childhood is outlined in three principle streams of activity by CIAI which are:

- ✓ Solidarity and Cooperation in Development
- ✓ Cultural Activities and Research Center
- ✓ Inter-country Adoption

With our projects in favor of children we also try to promote processes of women empowerment through the

promotion of the right to training and the support in the initiation of activities that can allow for the achievement of economic independence.

To secure these rights we focus our projects on the related areas:

- ✓ Abandonment prevention and deinstitutionalization
- ✓ Children, adolescents and street children
- ✓ Education and Training
- ✓ Sanitary Programs

Added to these are, the Child Sponsorship Program, Inter-country adoption and the activity in Italy for the promotion of the rights of the child and of a correct culture of inter-country adoption.

## **Vision**

A world in which each child may develop their potential to grow aware of their rights and their duties.

## **Mission**

To promote the recognition of the child as a person and to defend their fundamental rights everywhere to life, health, family, education, play, and innocence.

## **Shared Values**

CIAI is an association that:

- ✓ Is always on the side of the child
- ✓ Is secular and pluralistic, considers difference a value
- ✓ Believes that all people have equal dignity and equal rights
- ✓ Is against war and all types of violence
- ✓ Aims for excellence in the implementation of its mission.



## Our History

**1968** Establishment of CIAI - Italian Association for Inter-country Adoption

**1971** CIAI organizes the 1st World Conference "Adoption and Family Foster Care" in Milan

**1975** CIAI starts its first solidarity project

**1979** During the International Year of Children CIAI organizes the National Conference on Inter-country Adoption in Milan

**1982** Is recognized as a Non-profit Organization

**1986** CIAI is entitled to carry out inter-country adoptions in 14 countries: organizes the conference "Child Sponsorship - A bridge between two cultures"

**1990** Founds Euradopt together with other European associations that deal with inter-country adoptions; organizes the 2nd World Conference on Inter-Country Adoption in Milan

**1998** Changes its name to: Italian Association for Aid to Children

**2000** Is acknowledged as NGO by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs; Opens an office in Cambodia in Phnom Penh

**2002** Opens the office in Ethiopia in Addis Ababa

**2004** Opens the office in Burkina Faso in Ouagadougou and in Vietnam in Hanoi; together with 8 other organizations establishes the coordination "Oltre L'adozione"

**2005** Is the first NGO in Italy to submit with positive results its social report for verification to the external certification company - SGS Italy

**2006** Is among the first 5 Italian organizations to be able to confer itself upon the symbol of the IDD, Italian Institute of Donation for the Correctness of Governance and for the transparency in the management of funds

**2008** Celebrates the first 40 years of life. Organizes the International Conference "Scenarios and Challenges of Inter-country Adoption" in Venice

**2009** Performs the first adoptions from China

## CIAI is part of

**NGO Association:** brings together 160 Italian organizations;

**CoLomba:** association of the organizations of the cooperation and international solidarity of Lombardy;

**Cipsi:** national coordination of non-governmental development organizations;

**Euradopt:** unites 20 authorized European institutions that work in the field of inter-country adoption;

**Coordinamento Oltre l'adozione (Coordination beyond the adoption):** grouping of 11 authorized organizations of the subsidiary of inter-country adoption;

**CRC, Work Group for the Convention on the rights of the child and adolescent:** network of 86 subjects of the third sector that deals actively with the promotion and protection of the rights of the child and adolescent;

**European Foundation for Street Children Worldwide (EFSTW):** European network that brings together 47 NGOs working in defense of the rights of street children;

**PIDIDA:** a free table for discussion and coordination on the reality of the third sector that works for the promotion and projection of the rights of the child;

**CoResad:** Regulation committee for Child Sponsorship;

**RSDPF:** Solidarity network for the rights and protection of girls, children in difficulty, street children: network of organizations that are occupied with these themes in Burkina Faso;

**Comitato per la promozione e protezione dei diritti umani (Committee for the promotion and protection of human rights):** network of 72 organizations active in the promotion and protection of human rights;

**CRIN, Child Rights Information Network:** international network of organizations engaged in the promotion of the rights of the child;

**ECOSOC, Economic and Social Council of the United Nations:** accredited with Special Consultative Status.

## Foreign recognition

**Foreign Ministry of the Royal Government of Cambodia -** Phnom Penh, February 2002, renewed 21 February 2008;

**Ministry of Justice of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia -** Addis Ababa, November 2003, renewed in 2006, renewed in 2009;

**Ministry of Territorial Administration and Decentralization of Burkina Faso** in 2003;

**Ministry of Economic Develop and government representative of Burkina Faso** in 2006;

**Ministry of Social Action and Solidarity of Burkina Faso,** accreditation on 19 January 2004 and operator of inter-country adoption;

**Central Authority for Adoption (Cara) - India,** March 2001;

**Ministry of Justice of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam -** Hanoi, ottobre 2004, renewed 24 November 2009;

**PACCOM (People's Aid Coordinating Committee) of Vietnam -** Hanoi 1 June 2007, renewed 17 September 2009;

**Ministry of Civil Affairs - CCA - Beijing, China** 17 June 2008;

**Internal Ministry - Territorial Affairs Direction - Abidjan, Ivory Coast** 30 June 2008.

## Focal Points of the Year

In 2009, the year of the twentieth anniversary of the adoption of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, CIAI as a development NGO and as an Authorized Entity for Inter-country Adoption has felt obligated to continue to assert the centrality of the child and to promote the culture of the child inside their cooperation projects and in the management and implementation of inter-country adoption. The strategic guidelines of CIAI are defined by a three-year plan 2007-2010 that was approved by the Executive Council and is currently still in force, confirming for 2009 the same guidelines of 2008: a review of the concept of "focalisation" seen in the previous plan was carried out, opening to examination all those interventions meeting the priorities which are described later, when they complied with specific criteria such as:

- ✓ An approach based on the centrality of the child and his rights in all the phases of the project, providing appropriate tools for understanding and facilitating the active participation of their community of reference
- ✓ The real need
- ✓ The ethics of the intervention
- ✓ Professionalism of approach
- ✓ The optimization of resources

In Italy, the participation in various coordinations such as PIDIDA, Gruppo CRC, CIPSI and CoLomba was continued. In November, under the Convention of Naples on the Rights of the Child in Italy, the CRC Group presented the 2nd Supplementary Report to the United Nations on the monitoring

of the Convention on the Rights of the Child and Adolescent in Italy, a report in which CIAI has directly delivered some sections. Under the international cooperation, the intervention activity of consolidation already in place was continued and identification of new intervention opportunities in the operating regions was done. As methodological guidance, the activities of dialogue and collaboration with local actors and institutions that represent the civil society were followed, in order to strengthen each actor in their own activity of protection of the rights of the child. The relationships with the decentralized cooperation of the Lombardy Region, Veneto and Tuscany were also further consolidated. With regards to the countries in which CIAI has focused for some time, in the major part of the activities we emphasize the presence of CIAI with medium-long term projects in Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, India, Cambodia, and Vietnam. More specifically: in Ethiopia there are 7 projects active, in Burkina Faso 4; in Vietnam 2; in Cambodia 8; in India 10.

With regards to inter-country adoption, besides the normal activity of completing the bureaucratic aspects of inter-country adoption practices and the daily interaction with the various stakeholders of the adoptive process (families, consultants, foreign partners and collaborators from CIAI offices abroad) the year 2009 has seen CIAI strongly committed to the implementation of the support activities for couples and families. The preparation activities, the accompanying activities of adoption, the efforts to help families in the post-adoption assistance and general interventions of psychological support at any stage of the procedure which are necessary were intensified for the couples aspiring to adopt. With respect to training, we tried to go deeper into the issue of the adult age adopted children, with the realization of public seminars and courses for practitioners.



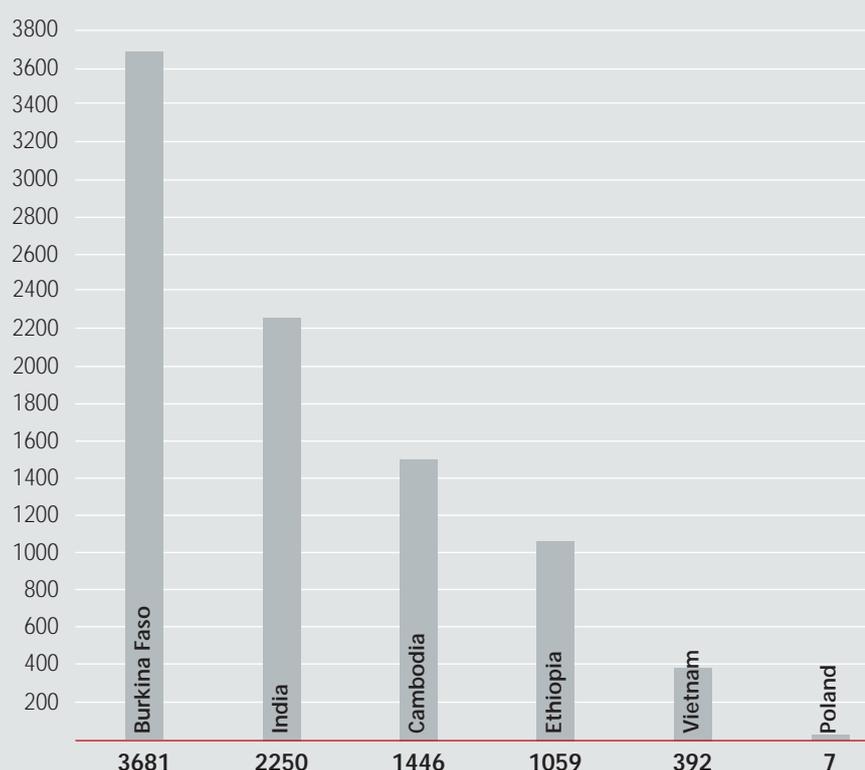
## Child Sponsorship

Child Sponsorship is the instrument through which CIAI ensures to the most disadvantaged children the opportunity to grow and develop harmoniously in their country of origin. A harmonious growth means having support from their family, access to education and healthcare. For us this means putting into practice the rights of children and to affirm that they are subjects and not objects within the society.

The Child Sponsorship program continues to play a fundamental role in the activities of CIAI to help children and communities in developing countries. With the support of the program, which mostly impacts on the individual and family level, CIAI can implement training projects with local managers on awareness and empowerment aimed mainly at women and adolescents and community development programs.

In 2009, despite the loss of registered supporters in the first half of the year, due to the effects of the economic crisis which reduced the capacity of commitment of our supporters, at the end of the year there was an overall increase in the total number of children supported through the child sponsorship program (7806) compared to the same data from the previous year (6752). This increase probably reflects a reduction of the critical, global economic conditions but it is also due to the great strength of the relationship between CIAI and its supporters who, also in difficult moments, continue to show their interest in the work that we do daily to help children all over the world.

These are the Child Sponsorships, divided by country, active in 2009:



## Development Projects

Also in 2009 the cooperation for development activities were focused on a greater involvement of the local institutions in the projects and training on the fundamental issues such as the prevention of abandonment, the mobilization of local resources to combat the AIDS, the rehabilitation of street children, and schooling and education policies. Of note is the first project in Italy launched in the Milan territory to offer a place of listening, welcoming and relational and behavior stimuli to Italian and foreign children belonging to problematic families.

In the following pages you will find the forms that, briefly but in enough detail, illustrate the various projects that CIAI has dealt with in the course of 2009.

The projects - implemented in Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Ethiopia, India, Italy and Vietnam - were subdivided in three categories: completed, ongoing and new. As you will note, some of the new projects resume work undertaken in the same structures in the previous years, remodeling them according to changing needs.

In the following pages, projects are marked with the following symbols:

-  Completed projects
-  Ongoing projects
-  New projects

**Identification of the project and objectives** To contribute to the augmentation of the training on offer to secondary schools in rural areas

**Beneficiaries** Direct: 204 boys and girls in the districts of Thyou and Sabou; 5 teachers. Indirect: 204 pupils' families; 300 inhabitants of Sogpelcé that have access to the new well structure; 30 women that provide a daily meal to the students; the village of Sogpelcé that benefits from part of the " Village Development Plan" (" Plan de Développement Villageois") of the main city of Thyou

**Expected Results** Creation of 80 new places at the secondary school each year until graduation with the BAC diploma for a total of 560 posts; improvement of the hygienic conditions for the students attending the college

**Planned Activities** School construction and delivery of 7 furnished classrooms, 1 administration office, 1 library, 2 latrine blocks and 1 room for the director; realization of lighting by a mixed supply of solar/electric energy with wiring of the offices; library and classroom equipment; well construction in the College of General Education (Collège d'Enseignement Général) (CEG) of Sogpelcé; creation of a committee for well management in the CEG of Sogpelcé

**Partners** Ministry and Regional Directorate of Secondary Schools and Scientific Research Centre-West (MESSRS e DRESSCO); Municipality of Thyou; Association of Parents (APE)

**Main results obtained in 2009** Creation of the Association of Parents (APE) of the Sogpelcé College; working library; opening of two sections (" a" and " b" ) in the VI<sup>e</sup> class for the scholastic year 2009/10; 204 pupils enrolled in total per scholastic year 2009/10

**Strengths** The profuse efforts of the supporting partners of the initiative and the national plans for promoting education in disadvantaged areas

**Weaknesses** Difficulty in finding teachers who are willing to transfer to the countryside in very poor conditions

**Complete costs of the project** 358,079 Euro

**Identification of the project and objectives** Based on the 2004 UNDP report, the Cambodian population that lives without sustainable access to water sources in 2000 was 70%; this percentage was augmented in rural areas where access to potable water is almost nonexistent. The nutritional state and the sanitary conditions of the population are closely linked to water. As noted by the UNDP 2004 report, the percentage of underweight children aged between 0 and 5 years in the period 1995-2002 was 45%. In the Pailin district potable water is one of the priorities for the rural population. The local authorities, the city and the local community have underlined the request for the construction of a potable water distribution system. The objective of the project is to improve access to water in quantitative and qualitative terms in the rural areas of Pailin and the local capacity to manage water and sanitary services

**Beneficiaries** Direct: 6 Villages of the city of O Tavau for a total 869 families, 4211 inhabitants of which 42.24% are children under the age of 15

**Expected Results** Quantitative and qualitative improvement of the access to water for approximately 5000 inhabitant families in the city of Ou Tavau. Improvement of water management within both the public structures and local stakeholders. Reduction of diseases related to water and hygiene (like diarrhoea and skin diseases) and improvement of health and hygienic sanitary conditions of the families in the intervention area

**Planned Activities** Installation of water and sanitary facilities. Program of capacity building for the management and maintenance of the water supply system and public awareness of the environment and health, with emphasis on water and hygiene

## Burkina Faso



### SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN RURAL AREAS

**Location** Province of Boulkiemdé - village of Sogpelcé

**Donor** Pistorio Foundation and Private Donors

**Foreseen duration of the project** 18 months

**Start date of the project** March 2008

**Cost incurred in 2009** 110,600 Euro



## Cambodia



### WATER , HEALTH , DEVELOPMENT

**Location** Pailin

**Donor** Mediafriends Onlus

**Foreseen duration of the project** 24 months

**Start date of the project** September 2007

**Cost incurred in 2009** 85,926 Euro



## Partners Municipality of Pailin

**Main Results Obtained in 2009** Built a small dam protecting the environment and normal flow of the river without affecting the villages downstream. Built 104 distribution points (public fountains), with meters to calculate the consumption of water and relative payment for each family. Filters distributed at the household level. Built the Water User Committee (WUC). All the members of WUC have participated in the election of the water management committee, composed of representatives from all the villages. The system of drinking water has been officially transferred to the City of O Tavau. Organized awareness campaign in the villages and in the schools of each of them

**Strengths** The good relationships established with the local authorities and the local population

**Weaknesses** Technical problems related to the construction of the dam have caused some delay in the project conclusion

**Complete costs of the project** 213,583.25 Euro

## Cambodia

### SPORT TO SCHOOL

**Location** Phnom Penh

**Donor**  
Seedorf Foundation

**Foreseen duration of the project**  
24 months

**Start date of the project**  
June 2007

**Cost incurred in 2009**  
14,756 Euro



**Identification of the project and objectives** In Cambodia it is almost impossible to see girl children doing sports activities at school during the recreational hours. Sport is a masculine prerogative; the project therefore aims to fight against this discriminatory conception in Cambodian culture. The project aims to contribute to the improvement of the quality of life of marginalised children and adolescents through sport, with particular attention to the practice of sport among girls and the development of sports activities as an alternative to drug use

**Beneficiaries** Direct: 350 children that join school football teams and participate in tournaments

Indirect: 13,709 students of 6 identified schools

**Expected Results** Increased capacity of the target school to involve girls and boys in sports activities resulting in a greater awareness of the importance of sport in child development. Increased awareness of the adverse consequences of drug use. Greater understanding and awareness about gender issues

**Planned Activities** Improvement of the sport structures of the 6 beneficiary schools through the creation or refurbishment of volleyball courts and football fields. Provision of sport equipment and material to the school and the STS centre. Distribution of sport material to the children of the school that participate in sports events (uniforms and shoes). Organisation of football and volleyball training in the school, tournaments between school teams and awareness raising campaigns for young people on the importance of sport

**Partners** Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport of the Kingdom of Cambodia

**Main results obtained in 2009** More opportunities for children to participate in sport activities within the scholastic context: construction of football fields and volleyball courts in 6 schools; creation of football and volleyball teams and equipped them with all the necessary materials for training and tournaments; Started training and organised 3 football tournaments in which non-target schools' teams also participated. During the training the children were made aware and informed about the dangers of using drugs and the importance of gender equality

**Strengths** The project allowed beneficiary children to come into contact with sports practices that promote their development. Although physical education is part of the scholastic curriculum of middle schools in Cambodia, the Ministry of Education has not made sufficient funds available for these lessons, and therefore the project's activities have been a great opportunity for children to practice sports disciplines

**Weaknesses** At completion of the project the schools were not able to continue training the teams due to a shortage of funds for the teaching staff

**Complete costs of project** 50,000 Euro

## Ethiopia



### CAPACITY BUILDING PROJECT

Location Addis Ababa

Donor CAI, Italian Inter-country Adoptions Commission

Duration of the project  
36 months

Start date of the project  
January 2007

Cost incurred in 2009  
48,455.18 Euro



**Identification of the project and objectives** The project arose from the observation that the living conditions of children living in the Almaz Children Home and Kebebe Tsehay institutions were heavily influenced by the lack of living space for playing and self-expression. Other relatively negative factors are the insufficient personnel and the absence of sufficiently prepared figures for understanding children's needs and for playing an effective educational role and providing psychological support. Specific objectives: the improvement of living conditions and promotion of "best practices" in nurturing the institutionalised child fighting against the phenomenon of abandonment through the promotion of alternative interventions to institutionalisation

**Beneficiaries** 360 institutionalised children

**Expected Results** To improve the capacities and the comprehension of the needs of institutionalised children by ACFSA and Kebebe Tsehay. To improve the capacities of the local administrations in managing the situation of abandoned children and providing alternative solutions to institutionalisation

**Planned Activities** Rental of an appropriate structure for the playground. Renovation of spaces. Purchase of supplies and consumables. Informal education service. Recreational Activities. Counselling. Assistance and sanitary training. Family reintegration. Training of Kabeles and Kifle Keteme personnel on alternatives to the institutionalisation of children. Organisation of a network of NGOs working in the children sector and workers of KK of Gulele

**Partners** The Ethiopian NGO Almaz Ashene Children and Family Support Association (AACFSA) and the government institute Kebebe Tsehay Children's Home

**Main results obtained in 2009** The new structure, the restructuring carried out and furniture purchased, equipment and indoor and outdoor play material. Strengthened and trained the staff involved in childcare. The nurses took advantage of a specific training course on the early childhood. The cook was trained on the treatment and conservation of food. To facilitate learning a small library and museum were created where typical Ethiopian craft products coming from different regions are conserved. Established informal education classes attend by an average of 32 children. Among the informal activities we note the institution of the acting club that involves all the children. The children were encouraged to know their city through weekly trips to the main monuments, museums and playgrounds. Established a permanent counselling service. The activities are organised in groups and individual interviews that are conducted by the psychologist only cases of particular necessity. 5 children were reintegrated into their family. The actions of training awareness raising and creation of the NGO workers network in Kifle Keteme of Gulele could not be implemented for the continues rotation of the governmental personnel involved in the actions. Training sessions were organised anyway for the publicity and dissemination of new guidelines concerning child protection and alternative measures to institutionalisation

**Strengths** The project is a model of good practice concretely applied

**Weaknesses** There is a lack of financial resources from the childcare institutions of orphaned and abandoned children

**Complete costs of the project** 136,000 Euro

## Ethiopia



### THE SONS OF THE NEW FLOWER

**Location** Addis Ababa

**Donor** Private donors

**Foreseen duration of the project**  
36 months

**Start date of the project**  
January 2007

**Cost incurred during 2009**  
104,770 Euro



**Identification of the project and objectives** The main components of the project, created in 1997 in partnership with IFSO, were three: microcredit, sponsorship and savings education. The microcredit activity was concluded in 2003 with the creation of the SAAC cooperative comprised of 60 female heads of household who are now engaged in selling their products at Chola Market of Addis Abeba. The sponsorship and savings education components were concluded in December 2010. The general objective was the prevention of child abandonment and alternatives to institutionalisation of children

**Beneficiaries** 500 children and 60 female heads of household

**Expected Results** School attendance of 500 children secured

**Planned Activities** Financial support for education; creation of a savings book for each child; house visits for monitoring; school visits for monitoring school attendance; 2 workshops per year for parents and guardians of children

**Partners** Integrated Family Service Organization - IFSO

**Main results obtained in 2009** In December 2009 the programme was concluded because it achieved its objectives. The majority of children sponsored are completing the primary and/or secondary school cycle and IFSO is able to autonomously manage the program due to increased expertise acquired over the years and the contribution of new donors. CIAI paid the fees for the 34 children still attending vocational courses and university

**Strengths** Good capacities of the NGO partner

**Weaknesses** Dependency on external aid by the beneficiaries

**Complete costs of the project** 314,063 Euro

## Ethiopia



### PRE-SCHOOL EDUCATION CENTER PROJECT

**Location** Kebele 8 e 9 Akaki Kaliti  
Sub City Addis Ababa

**Donor** Private Donors

**Foreseen duration of the project**  
12 months renewable

**Start date of the project**  
January 2009

**Cost incurred in 2009**  
17,468 Euro



**Identification of the project and objectives** In the past pre-school education was traditionally linked to the Orthodox Church but now this system is in crisis, especially in urban areas. Nurseries and kindergartens are nonexistent and the private schools are too expensive in relation to the income of the majority of the population of Addis Ababa. Given that access to state primary schools requires an admission exam in which pupils must demonstrate recognition of letters and numbers, children coming from the most disadvantaged classes are essentially denied the right to education. Based on these considerations, CIAI in collaboration with local the NGO LIDA, developed this project. The project area is one of the most disadvantaged neighbourhoods of Addis Ababa. The majority of the population that arrives from the country in search of work in the city stop in Akaki Kaliti; Some inhabitants of inner city areas were also forcibly displaced to Akaki Kaliti because their homes were destroyed in order to make room for big hotels and offices. One single, private nursery/kindergarten exists in the area whose fee is not sustainable by most families living in the area. To earn a living, many parents are forced to leave their children completely alone during the day, resulting in the exposure of the child to abuse and exploitation. The objective of the project is to contribute to the rise, in quantitative and qualitative terms, of the pre-school education system

**Beneficiaries** Direct: 247 children (0-6 years); indirect: 762 adults (children's families)

**Expected Results** Improvement of the quality of pre-school education. Insertion of children in the state school system. Improvement of the beneficiaries' psycho-physical health state. Creation of a child friendly environment within the school, family and community

**Planned Activities** Pre-school education (recreational activities and education, provision of services such as school materials and uniforms). Follow-up and provision of services (school materials and uniforms). Healthcare, counselling and provision of services (daily snacks). Psychosocial observation. Training of teachers. Home visits and community level meetings. Organisation of meetings with families about parenting issues, childcare and rights. Birth registration of children

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**Partners** Light for Generation Association (LiGA) Akaki Kality Sub City

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**Main results obtained in 2009** 212 children (121 girls and 91 boys) used the pre-school services. 24 children left the program due to relocation of the family, 43 (30 girls and 13 boys) were placed in state primary schools. All children received school materials. Group excursions to the Addis Abeba zoo and city playgrounds were organised. Extra-curricular activities were encouraged, and small recitals and plays were organised and presented during the Easter and Christmas celebrations. 43 beneficiaries placed in state primary schools also received uniforms in addition to school materials.

For the follow up activity, open afternoon classes were created for children in the 1st grade (final class of the kindergarten) that began to attend the state school. 94 children attended the evening classes.

Medical services were provided to 123 people (117 children and 6 parents). The reoccurring problems are mainly intestinal infection and lung diseases. 116 home visits were made to select new beneficiaries in order to follow the families the most in need. 6 meetings with parents of beneficiaries and local authorities were organised about the following themes: project scope, learning and teaching, the importance of school in life, health and hygiene issues, care of school materials and people. Individual issues related to children's behaviour problems were also addressed with single parents (507 parents involved)

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**Strengths** The project responds to the reference community's concerns and has mobilised local human resources

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**Weaknesses** The partners still need support from CIAI especially in terms of management and strategic vision of the activity

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**Complete costs of the project** 22,101 Euro

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**Identification of the project and objectives** The project is part of a multiyear collaboration between CIAI and Immaculate Heart of Mary Social Services Society (IHMSSS) in the Puducherry area and aims to increase the capacity IHMSSS in offering social services in the area. In particular, the action will seek to ensure access to education, to adequate medical care and a process of social rehabilitation for children with special needs in IHMSSS institutions in Puducherry and re-training for women belonging to vulnerable families

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**Beneficiaries** 33 disabled children; 133 girls coming from vulnerable families

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**Expected Results** Schooling for girl residents of the St. Xavier Home and for disabled children who are residents at the Joy Home; improvement of psycho-physical conditions and training of beneficiaries; improvement of hygienic conditions and medical care provided by the institute; definition of individual rehabilitation plans for each beneficiary; access to employment and income grown for 40 girls

**Planned Activities** For children: networking within the special schools of Puducherry to ensure the schooling of disabled children; activation of recreational programs outside the institution to promote the socialization of children; improvement of hygienic conditions and medical care provided by the institution; collecting data on families of children and implementation of activities to promote the child's relationship with the family; definition of a social rehabilitation plan for each child. For girls: computer course: Computer Basics (25 hours per week), English course (10 hours per week) and accounting (10 hours per week), Tailoring: cutting techniques, sewing and embroidery (25 hours per week)

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**Partners** IHMSSS - Immaculate Heart of Mary Social Service Society

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**Main results obtained in 2009** Schooling of 31 disabled children who are guests in IHMSSS; definition of individual teaching plans for each child; construction of recreational activities (2 sports days), yoga, dance, painting and karate; Activation of a medical service that monitors the health status of children with disabilities on a weekly basis; tracked 60% of the children's families (17) and organised a meeting in the centre; 80 girls completed vocational training: 40

## India



### EDUCATION AND REHABILITATION FOR SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN

**Location**

United Territories of Puducherry

**Donor** Private donors

**Foreseen duration of project**

12 months

**Start date of the project**

June 2008

**Cost incurred in 2009**

46,200 Euro



in tailoring and 40 in Computers. The 50 children who are currently in the centre (December 2009), continue to attend the special school (CERTH India) and follow an individual rehabilitation program

**Strengths** The issue raised by the project is of great interest in India in general and in the state of Puducherry in particular, the priority was to address the issue of mental disability and to define new methods of intervention for this issue

**Weaknesses** IHMSSS proves to have little capacity to address the problem of mental disability

**Complete costs of the project** 76,211 Euro

## Vietnam



### INSTITUTIONAL AGREEMENT

#### Location

Hai Phnong, Quang Ninh, Ben Tre, and Vinh Long provinces

**Donor** CAI, Italian Inter-country Adoptions Commission

**Foreseen duration of the project**  
36 months

**Start date of the project**  
January 2007

**Cost incurred in 2009**  
68,372 Euro



**Identification of the project and objectives** The actions are within the Vietnam Institutional Agreement 2007-2009, signed between the Commission for Inter-country Adoptions and 6 inter-country adoption agencies licensed in Vietnam in implementing the bilateral agreement signed between the two countries. The common objective of all interventions undertaken by CIAI is to improve the living conditions of children in the social centres of the partner provinces through measures to improve infrastructure and training for professionals working with children in the centres

**Beneficiaries** 30 street children and 14 professionals from the Hai Phong Centre; 150 children and 25 professionals from the Quang Ninh Centre; 93 children and 19 professionals from the Ben Tre Centre; 15 children and 10 professionals from the Vinh Long Centre

**Expected Results** Improvement of the lives of children who are guests in centres through renovation and equipping of spaces and environments where children are accommodated; enhanced access to formal and professional education for children in the centres; improvement of technical skills through specific training of the centres' staff on child care

**Planned Activities** Equipment of all centres with all the necessary equipment and furnishings and improvement of hygienic conditions; scholarships for vocational training classes; creation of school support classes for children; training for professionals on childcare and the prevention of diseases related the lack of hygiene

**Partners** The Social Centres of Hai Phong, Quang Ninh, Ben Tre, Vinh Long

**Main results obtained in 2009** Ben Tre Centre: equipped and restructured the class for support lessons; distributed school supplies to 40 children; support during the training to six children; support lessons for all children. Quang Ninh Centre: renovated the old structure of the centre; training on childcare from the physical and psychological point of view for 26 caregivers with a good final assessment; exchange path for professional growth in two different provinces for 15 caregivers. Hai Phong Centre: renovated and made safe the entire electrical system of the centre; gave training to 20 people (both caregivers and the centre management staff) on how to respond to physical and psychological needs of children guests of the centre, with good final evaluation. Vinh Long Centre: equipped with the new structure, specific training was given to the centre staff by hospital staff on the treatment and prevention of diseases related to hygiene

**Strengths** The training provided to operators was considered very satisfactory by them and their performance was considered optimal by trainers

**Weaknesses** The restructuring interventions can be considered as positive only in the short-term and without any funding available to local authorities, maintaining the environments and equipment will not be guaranteed

**Complete costs of the project** 260,000 Euro



## Burkina Faso



### EDUCATION PROJECTS

**Location** Province of Boulkiemdé-  
villages of Tathyou, Savilli, Bourou,  
Nibadgo, Villa, Soula, Ouettin and  
Konkinaaba

**Donor** Private donors

**Foreseen duration of the project**  
12 months

**Start date of the project**  
January 2009

**Cost incurred during 2009**  
437,475 Euro



**Identification of the project and objectives** Promoting access to primary education in the province of Boulkiemdé (consisting of Sabou 1, 2 and Thyou) and in the province of Ouagadougou through the strengthening of the partnership between the public and private parties, economic and social actors in the partner villages and the implementation of financial interventions toward the development of the decentralized territorial education system

**Beneficiaries** Direct: 3,681 village people; 117 children noted by the Ministry of Social Affairs (MASSN) to be at social risk; 150 secondary school pupils; 51 village school teachers; 64 member fathers of the management committee of the schools (APE); 106 member mothers of the management committee of the schools (AME); 12 village clinic nurses  
Indirect: 20,000 village inhabitants

**Expected Results** Facilitated access to educational services in the constituencies involved in the project (CEB Sabou 1,2 and Thyou, Boulkiemdé province and Kadiogo/Nahouri province for SAD MASSN); improvement of the nutritional conditions and health through access to the national health service and to the school canteen; promotion of an awareness raising and mobilization program in eight partner villages on the rights of the child through training and recreational activities

**Planned Activities** Construction of 3 school rooms equipped with a warehouse, 1 class hangar, 1 school kitchen, 2 latrines, 1 library, 1 shaft, annual distribution of scholastic and pedagogic materials, and stationary to schools, the districts and beneficiaries; activation of 8 new "Clubs Sport" and support of their activities; collaboration with the Ouagadougou university of studies, department of Sociology; activation of 8 "club d'hygiène et santé" (Hygiene and Health Clubs) and distribution of hygienic and general cleaning materials; provision of a diagnostic and medical service; organization of a training program on oral hygiene; support in the school canteens; organization of training on nutrition and the preparation of food, training and awareness raising on human rights and training on statutes, internal regulations and the function of the partner associations; realization of films and documentaries on CIAI's Burkina activities; organization of summer camp 2009; participation in the external initiative of awareness raising on childhood (African Child Day 2009 and other initiatives)

**Partners** Parents and Mothers of the pupils associations (APE and AME); Regional Director or the Ministry of Education and Basic Literacy (MEBA); Regional Director of the Ministry of Health

**Main results obtained in 2009** 3664 pupils had access to primary education, 292 to secondary, 165 children completed the primary studies cycle, 2 secondary education with access to the higher education system; 350 pupils trained directly at the school on sports, 160 on hygiene; 12 health officials trained; 8 "Educating Mothers Associations" trained on the correct preparation of food; 1500 inhabitants of the village made aware in public meetings about adoptions and the use of the model "Foyer amélioré" (Improved Home); 63 people participated in the training workshops and activity exchange on Child Sponsorship; 8,640 children benefited from consumption; 1 school fully realized in Ouettin, 1 library and social room realized in Villa, 1 well constructed in Ouettin, 4 traditional class hangars realized in Ouettin, Sabou, Nibadgo, Soula; renovated and integrated 20% of the furnishings in 8 schools; 202 pupils participated in the summer camp 2009

**Strengths** CIAI has worked in Boulkiemdé in various years, this has allowed us to know well the reality in which we work and to consolidate the relationship with various partners of the project, among which the involvement of the pupils' parents is highlighted, "engine" of the activities

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**Weaknesses** The scarce human and economic resources from the Ministry of Education and Basic Literacy very often causes delays in the allocation of teachers to the reference schools, sometimes for months, at the beginning of the courses. This is moreover compounded by possible epidemics. Another critical factor is the lack of birth certificates.

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**Complete costs of the project** 427,440.39 Euro

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**Identification of the project and objectives** This project represents a continuation of the collaboration, initiated in January 2005, with the Camilliani fathers that deal with pediatric HIV in Ouagadougou. In January 2009 an 18-month financing from the Lombardy Region finished and that, together with others, ensured the support of the project for a total of four years. The object of the project is to improve the living conditions of around 640 children beneficiaries (children of HIV positive mothers, HIV positive or HIV negative children in social unrest due to HIV) through healthcare assistance and the promotion of access to education

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**Beneficiaries** Direct: 165 children of the program PTMB, 176 HIV+ children, 300 "vulnerable" children. Indirect : 275 families impacted by HIV

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**Expected Results** The guarantee of medical treatment and healthcare to the children of the PTMB program to prevent transmission; to maintain a mortality rate below 15% in pediatric HIV+ patients of the CMSC of Ouagadougou; improvement of the socio-economic conditions of 300 children vulnerable (infected/affected) to AIDS and their families in Ouagadougou through sponsorship

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**Planned Activities** Admission to hospital for infants of HIV+ mothers during the post-partum period for observation and care; clinical monitoring and outpatient care for neonatal patients born to HIV+ mothers; outpatient clinical monitoring and opportunistic infections (IO) prevention/care for pediatric HIV+ patients; admission to hospital for pediatric HIV+ patients; financial contributions to the families of 300 vulnerable children (infected/affected) to AIDS; a contribution for the scholastic fees and materials; monitoring of children: home visits, individual problem prevention and resolution

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**Partners** AEM Association, Aide-moi à être mère; Medical Centre of San Camillo of Ouagadougou; University of Brescia- Spedali Civili- Pediatrics East

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**Main results obtained in 2009** 1,474 pre-HIV test counseling activities aimed at pregnant women at the S. Camillo medical centre; 1,474 HIV test were performed, 100 HIV+ women registered; 101 patients were placed under TARV. 173 HIV+ women followed during the PTME healthcare path in 2009, of which 73 gave birth in 2008 but the child continues to be followed for breastfeeding

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**Strengths** The great experience and capacity of the partners in caring for HIV+ patients and in preventing the transmission of AIDS from mother to child

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**Weaknesses** HIV+ children must receive continuous treatments and therefore the problem of needing to continuously allocate funds presents itself

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**Complete costs of the project** 121,286.12 Euro

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## Burkina Faso



### PEDIATRIC AIDS PREVENTION AND CARE

**Location** Ouagadougou

**Donor** Lombardy Region and Private Donors

**Foreseen duration of the project** 12 months

**Start date of the project** January 2009

**Cost incurred in 2009** 147,061 Euro



## Burkina Faso



### PAEDIATRICS DEPARTMENT

**Location** Nanoro - Province of Boulkiemde

**Donor** Mediafriends Onlus, private donors

**Foreseen duration of the project** 18 months

**Start date of the project** April 2009

**Cost incurred in 2009** 92,515 Euro



**Identification of the projects and objectives** Contribute to the prevention and treatment of diseases in paediatric patients, against the more common diseases including malnutrition, meningitis, and malaria

**Beneficiaries** Direct: 3000 children of the Nanoro district; indirect beneficiaries: 90,000 inhabitants of the district

**Expected Results** Creation of paediatric facilities for paediatric diagnostic visits, hospitalizations for the most serious cases and outpatient visits

**Planned Activities** Creation of 40 new beds for hospitalization of the most serious cases and outpatient visit room; a refectory for hospitalized patients and their mothers and a game room; construction of toilets and showers

**Partners** Nanoro Sanitary District; Fathers of Camilliani Delegation; Meyer Paediatric Hospital of Florence

**Main results obtained in 2009** Implemented 6 new hospital rooms, 2 paediatric clinics, 1 game room for children, 1 refectory room, 1 space with showers and sinks; air-conditioned and equipped field and outpatient clients; initiated health activities. The children who arrive at the clinic are hospitalized or treated as outpatients according to the severity of their disease: 60 paediatric admissions / month ; 2- children per month followed as outpatients after hospitalization for nutritional recovery.; 20 outpatient visits per day for a total of 600 visits per month

**Strengths** The valuable collaboration of the paediatricians of Meyer that allows for the transfer of appropriate skills to local staff in caring for paediatric patients

**Weaknesses** The extreme poverty of the families of the Nanoro area that prevents one from taking responsibility for the care of children

**Complete costs of the project** 256,795 Euro

## Cambodia



### CHILD FRIENDLY SCHOOL

**Location** Province of Phnom Penh and Kampong Cham

**Donor** European Commission, private donors

**Foreseen duration of the project** 48 months

**Start date of the project** January 2007

**Cost incurred in 2009** 216,257 Euro



**Identification of the project and objectives** Between 2004 and 2006 CIAI implemented the pilot project "Child Friendly School" in 12 Cambodian schools with the objective of promoting the "Child Friendly" teaching methodology to address the problems of the education system. The optimal results obtained in these 12 schools led CIAI, in close collaboration with its partners of the project (Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport and KAPE) and following the policy of the ministry itself, to present a wider proposal for the implementation of the project in another 40 Cambodian schools. The objectives of the project are: to improve the capacity of the Ministry of Education to build a national "Child Friendly" education strategy, to improve the educational practices as essential components of the national strategy for poverty reduction, to develop a "rights-based" and participatory approach to education that promotes inclusion, awareness and gender equality, and to improve the study environment and results of the students

**Beneficiaries** Direct: 45,114 children of 80 primary schools in 6 districts of the municipality of Phnom Penh and Kampong Cham province and their teachers (1390 teachers/700 females). Among the governmental counterparts: members of 3 departments of the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport, Municipal Office of Education of Phnom Penh, Provincial Office of Education of Kampong Cham, 1 Provincial College for Training teacher, 6 District Offices of Education and 40 primary schools

**Expected Results** To improve access, attendance and retention in primary schools, making the education service more inclusive, particularly for the poorest and girls (or for boys if the trend is reverse discrimination). To develop an environ-

ment adapted to the psychophysical needs of children, in the classes and in the schools, as essential to the development of children. To reinforce in the schools and in the communities good practices related to the environment, HIV/AIDS, hygiene, and other health related issues. To raise awareness about gender equality among the staff of the school and among boys and girls. To increase involvement of children, parents and community members in educational activities. To improve the capacity of the educational system staff at all levels, with consequent improvements in the process of teaching/studying in the management of the schools

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**Planned Activities** Mapping schools to identify the children that do not attend; scholarships for children in the target areas; training of trainers and teachers; remedial classes; market simulation; awareness raising about health, hygiene and HIV/AIDS; minor interventions for the improvement of scholastic infrastructure; promoting gender equity; recruitment and training of community teachers; skills modules; CFS surveys and education planning; training school staff, community members and children/teenagers on the concepts; Evaluation test following the national standard curriculum for students of the 3rd and 6th classes

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**Partners** Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport of the Kingdom of Cambodia; local NGOs (KAPE- Kampuchean Action for Primary Education)

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**Main results obtained in 2009** The mapping of target schools allowed for the identification of 232 (F 168) new children to whom to assign scholarships in addition to the 2623 (F 1279) that were identified in the previous years. The training about child friendly modules was given to 411 educators and teachers in 25 schools; in the province of Phnom Penh 52 teachers were trained on support classes where there are 110 support classes.

89% of children in the first year were promoted and 99% of children in the second year. In Kampong Cham, where 61 support classes are active, 85% of the participants were promoted. 90% of the target schools were provided with a corner for hygiene; 49 trainers and 357 teachers and 25 school directors received training on health, hygiene, and HIV/AIDS.

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In both provinces both parents and representatives of the local authorities participated in the representation of the activities, over two days. In Phnom Penh 25 school directors, 29 members of various education departments and 357 teachers participated in self-assessment on the learning and application of the child friendly methodology. The same procedure was followed for 591 teachers in 20 schools in the province of Kampong Cham

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**Strengths** The excellent collaboration established with partners and all the stakeholder enables a continuous exchange and confrontation ensuring the continuous coordination of the activities in an effective manor. The ongoing training provided by the project to education and government personnel represents an excellent opportunity to capitalise on the knowledge, skills and educational material, ensuring continuity to the beneficiaries of the project

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**Weaknesses** Financial sustainability of some of the activities after the conclusion of the project appears to be critical. The supply of necessary didactic materials for the implementation of some activities may be less and undermine the results achieved to date

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**Complete costs of the project** 1,015,903 Euro

## Cambodia



### KHMER YOUTH ORIENTATION PROGRAM

**Location** Province of Phnom Penh, Kandal, Takeo, Kampot, Kampong Cham, Kep e Pailin

**Donor** Private donors

**Foreseen duration of the project**  
12 months

**Start date of the project**  
January 2009

**Costs incurred in 2009**  
9,109.79 Euro



**Identification of the project and objectives** Since the end of 2005, the decision was made to organise an orientation program for young Cambodians to the world of work. This concern is found in all young people that have finished their regular school, and who are entering the work world without having access to the tools with which to navigate themselves within the new Cambodian labour market. Hence the idea to create a communication channel between the education/professional training world and the labour market. The project has the objective to promote access to higher education and vocational training and to the labour market for young Cambodians and to set common guidelines for all NGOs working on vocational guidance of young people in Cambodia

**Beneficiaries** Direct: 2000 young Cambodians accessed the website or participated in orientation meetings in the schools

**Expected Results** Improved awareness and knowledge among the young people about the importance of training

**Planned Activities** Maintenance of a website with information in 3 different languages on opportunities for university and professional education in Cambodia; orientation meetings with the young people of the secondary schools; production and airing of an orientation video about the choice of studies

**Partners** Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport, Enfants du Mekong, Agir pour le Cambodge

**Main results obtained in 2009** Increased awareness and knowledge among the young people about the importance of training: 50 institutes of higher or university studies are available online in English and there were more than 2000 accesses to the website registered; 1774 final year students of the high school participated in orientation seminars about professional and university studies in various provinces; produced and aired the video that promotes informed choice of higher and university studies to be taken. The video was aired on one national TV at 9 different times for 4 months of 2009

**Strengths** The instruments designed and made available to the young by the project effectively address the needs of the beneficiaries and are highly appreciated by them

**Weaknesses** Currently the continuity of the activity depends almost exclusively on external support and there is no strategy for the takeover of the activity by the Ministry of Education

**Complete costs of project** 12,007.54 Euro

## Cambodia

SOA - SCHOOL OF ART

Location Province of Siem Reap

Donor Private donors

Foreseen duration of the project  
12 months renewable

Start date of the project  
January 2009

Cost incurred in 2009  
60,625 Euro



**Identification of the project and objectives** This project stems from the fact that after 30 years of war, in which 90% of the artists were exterminated in the Khmer Rouge camps and in which the conditions for recovery of the knowledge held by very few artists still "alive" were lacking, there is a strong concern to preserve the Cambodian artistic and cultural heritage. A process of this type must pass through the young people so that they recover knowledge of the cultural heritage of their country. The strengthening of cultural identity, enables it to act as a transmission vehicle of knowledge to children and at the same time to exploit the knowledge gained in their growth path. The project aims to promote the active participation of children in various forms of Cambodian art; facilitating the transmission of the knowledge of the old Cambodian masters to the new generations, in the schools and villages

**Beneficiaries** Direct: 250 children; 16 people among teachers and managerial staff. Indirect: 1139 people that live in the area

**Expected Results** Increased opportunities for children to study the ancient Cambodian arts; promotion of the knowledge of Cambodian arts among the youth in the province of Siem Reap in particular and in all the national territory

**Planned Activities** Dance classes, music, theatre, music theory and art history; recruitment of new teachers among final years students; workshops on Cambodian arts in public schools; performances within the art school to promote Cambodian art

**Partners** Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport

**Main results obtained in 2009** Improved opportunity for young people to study Cambodian art: in the school of art 250 children participated regularly in the lessons of the school; 8 of the students from the 2008-2009 scholastic year were recruited as teachers in the school. Awareness raised about Cambodian art among the youth of the province and in the national territory: the students of the art school performed dance and music performances in 10 elementary and middle schools in the province; on 5 different occasions the students of the school performed dance and music performances in the school for students and workers of various education departments from other provinces (522 people)

**Strengths** The school of art offers an excellent training in Cambodian Arts and as such it is formally recognised by the competent authorities

**Weaknesses** Currently the continuity of the activity depends almost exclusively on external support and with the lack of external funds the Ministry of Education is not able to provide the current services

**Complete costs of the project** 81,877.32 Euro

## Cambodia

### STS - FROM THE STREET TO THE SCHOOL

**Location** Districts of Boeung Tra-bek ed Andong, provincia di Phnom Penh

**Donor** Mediolanum Foundation, Private donors

**Foreseen duration of the project**  
12 months renewable

**Start date of the project**  
January 2009

**Incurred costs in 2009**  
98,751 Euro



**Identification of project and objectives** In Cambodia, the access rate to primary school has increased over the last five years to 83%. Unfortunately, however, the dropout percentage remains high, especially in the second and third grade. This phenomenon is particularly common in urban areas among children that come from families with social problems and economic difficulties. This urgency has recently worsened as a result of building development that has caused a forced transfer of inhabitants of entire neighbourhoods from downtown Phnom Penh to the more disadvantaged outskirts. CIAI therefore opened two daytime recreation centres with the following objectives: improve access to education and reintegration into the basic educational system for children from disadvantaged urban environments; to reduce situations of social and educational exclusion through the provision of basic services

**Beneficiaries** Direct: 424 children that attend the centre. Indirect: 1272 members of the children's families that attend the centre

**Expected Results** Improved access to education for children from 3 to 12 years old that actively attend the centre. Improvement of the economic and social conditions of the most disadvantages households through direct help or orientation to institutions working in specific sectors. Improvement of the awareness about the prevention of HIV/AIDS, drug use and improved hygienic-sanitary behaviour of children and their families

**Planned Activities** Kindergarten classes; support classes; dance, design, sewing recreational activities; basic health support; psychological and social support in the social office to families in difficulty; awareness and informational campaign in the community on the importance of education, hygiene, etc.

**Partners** Provincial Department of Education

**Main results obtained in 2009** 23 children regularly attend the Kindergartens in the centres; 194 children attended the support classes; 54 children were reinserted in the public school system; all the children participate in recreational activities in the centre. In the social centre, 65 families were helped by workers who facilitated their access to credit, to work opportunities, and direct aid. 340 children participated in an information campaign on hygiene and basic health in the centres. All the children of the centres receive basic health services through the clinic that stays open 6 days per week where all the children of the centres have access

**Strengths** The centres offer excellent service especially to children really excluded from the public education system, making possible their inclusion or reinsertion in the system

**Weaknesses** Beyond the lack of economic sustainability of the services for both centres, there is a need to coordinate in a timely manner the other non-governmental organisations operating in the areas, not only to avoid duplication of activities, but also to create synergies and identify a strategy for how local authorities can take charge

**Complete costs of the project** 133,359.52 Euro

## Ethiopia



### SUPPORT FOR HIV POSITIVE ORPHAN CHILDREN

Location Addis Ababa

Donor CAI, Italian Inter-Country Adoptions Commission

Foreseen duration of the project  
36 months

Start date of the project  
April 2007

Costs incurred in 2009  
101,738 Euro



**Identification of the project and objectives** In 2005 the prevalence of HIV was 3.5%. In the same year, 21,000 children under the age of 14, including 1800 in Addis Ababa alone, died. The number of orphan children due to AIDS passed from 79 in 2003 to 109,000 in 2005 (MOH 2004-MOH 2006). In the capital Addis Abeba the prevalence of HIV+ in adults is 11.7% and it is estimated that there are 14,000 orphan children under the age of 15. For these children the problems worsen if they themselves are HIV+ because also close family (grandparents and aunts and uncles) often do not acknowledge and take care of them. The objectives of the project are to create a long-term strategy for the prevention of transmission from mother to child and to develop a welcoming environment for HIV+ children and/or children with AIDS

**Beneficiaries** Direct: 140 HIV+ orphan or single parent children. Indirect: 250 families of the Arad woreda

**Expected Results** Improved access to essential services for HIV+ children; strengthening of the capacity of the family/guardians that address the problems and needs of orphan and HIV+ children. Acquisition of knowledge and awareness in the community about the themes related to the pandemic

**Planned Activities** Provision of services to children (food, clothing, medicine, medical check-up, education, counselling and recreational activities) and to the family (food when necessary, medical support and counselling). Awareness raising and training on the themes related to the pandemic and to children's needs (workshops and seminars). Awareness raising and training for children on issues related to hygiene and care for the surrounding environment. Training of personnel. Family reintegration activities. Community involvement

**Partners** AHOPE Ethiopia, Arada Sub city, Region 14, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

**Main results obtained in 2009** 70 children were admitted in the Centre, of which 43 are under ARV therapy. Thanks to the awareness activity of the project: 38 children regularly attend the public school and 10 are awaiting admission; 33 children entered in the home care program (22 are in ARV therapy and 11 are under antibiotic therapy); 28 children regularly attend the public school and 5 are awaiting admittance. 6 trainings on hygiene and health for parents and enlarged families of resident children of the Centre and those assisted at home were held. The activity involved 104 children (70 internal and 34 external) in training on personal and environmental hygiene. 7 Members of the project staff were involved in training activities (6 sessions)

**Strengths** The project manages to positively involve the reference community

**Weaknesses** There is a need for more professionalism from the project staff

**Complete costs of the project** 277,685 Euro

## Ethiopia

### SUPPORT AND CARE FOR THE CHILDREN OF THE INTEGRATED COMMUNITIES

**Location** Ambo - West Shoa - Oromo Region

**Donor** Private Donors

**Foreseen duration of the project**  
12 months renewable

**Start date of the project**  
April 2009

**Cost incurred in 2009**  
13,631 Euro (includes the first quarter of 2010 because the funds are sent in advance)



**Identification of the project and objectives** The collaboration with the AACFSA Association is a decade old and was primarily developed in Addis Ababa. Given that the majority of abandoned children accepted at the Institute managed by AACFSA come from the West Shoa zone (Oromia region), it was agreed to implement a support childcare activity through the creation of a Protection Act to discourage child abandonment by the family. The project activities mainly concentrate on promoting the most disadvantaged children's access to primary school (orphans, semi-orphans and marginalised family members), awareness raising about children's rights and training parents on income generating activities. The overall objective is: education of 150 children and training of 300 families in income generating activities

**Beneficiaries** Direct: 150 selected children (i.e. belonging to large and low income families, one parent families, families without income, orphans, workers, with disabled parents). Indirect: the families and/or guardians of supported children

**Expected Results** Continuity in school attendance; access to basic sanitary services for children and their parents; increased knowledge of parents and guardians about children's rights; creation of cooperative

**Planned Activities** Payment of school fees and training; afterschool; individual and group counselling; medical check up and supply of medicines if the family is not able to provide them; organised meetings of experts with parents and guardians; training about saving and credited aimed at parents of the children and at 300 households without income; on-the-job training for the project staff

**Partners** Almaz Ashene Children and Family Support Association (AACFSA), Local NGOs legally recognized

**Main results obtained in 2009** Reached the target beneficiaries in 9 months of activity. 150 children and adolescents included in the program (3 preschool, 106 primary school, 29 secondary school, 2 universities, and 10 vocational training). Regular school attendance (only 1 child left the school for health reasons). Afterschool programs (117 children participated in the period April-June and 93 in the period September-December). Special English courses attended by 93 children. 35 children identified as needing counselling (service began in October, treating the first 12 most serious cases). Medical check up conducted on all beneficiaries. 77 children and 42 adults used the public and private health services. In terms of awareness and prevention, the following meetings were organised: HIV/AIDS, and personal and community hygiene that involved 94 adults (51 women and 43 men); 2 community forums about gender issues (56 participants) and on the role of parents/guardians in stimulating children to study (81 participants). The Abdi Gudina Saving and Credit cooperative society was constructed, composed of 86 women that received an informational course on savings and credit mechanisms for bookkeeping and marketing. At the end of the training a forum was organised to explain the benefits of cooperative management in terms of access to credit to the beneficiaries who decided not to join (72 participants)

**Strengths** Community participation

**Weaknesses** There is a need for more professionalism of the staff

**Complete costs of project** 14,384 Euro

## Ethiopia

### WELFARE OF INSTITUTE CHILDREN

Location Addis Ababa

Donor CAI, Italian Inter-Country Adoptions Commission

Foreseen duration of the project  
36 months

Start date of the project  
November 2007

Cost incurred in 2009  
38,058 Euro



**Identification of the project and objectives** The project connects and tries to implement the final recommendations of the "The Lonely Child" conference working groups organised by CIAI in February 2007. During the three days of work the issues concerned with the institutionalisation of the child and the services that must be guaranteed to him were addressed. The general objective is to improve the childhood protection system in the best interest of the child. Specific objectives: strengthen the competencies of the Civil and Social Affairs Bureau (SCAB) in terms of knowledge of the services actually offered to children in the shelters; improve the monitoring system; review and upgrade the facilities and staff; promote the institutionalised child's emotional, personal, social and psychological development through training and professionalism of the institute staff; and the creation of stable psycho-social team

**Beneficiaries** Direct: 2500 resident children of 35 shelters for orphaned and abandoned children and 10 psychologists that receive specific training. Indirect: management and workers of 35 institutes

**Expected Results** Creation of a system for monitoring childcare facilities effectively and efficiently; realisation of a permanent emotional and psychological support for institutionalised children; empowerment and training of personnel in care facilities involved in childcare

**Planned Activities** Creation of a database for the monitoring of the childcare facilities; preparation and dissemination of a final research document of the results; identification of the urgent needs concerning the necessary equipment and restructuring to create a safe, hygienic and suitable environment for children; Training of the psycho-social team; psychological support for institutionalised children; theoretical and practical training for staff in childcare facilities; networking and capacity building for the management of the childcare facilities

**Partner** Direct implementation

**Main results obtained in 2009** Dissemination of the results of the research presented at the Workshop of Addis Ababa in October 2008; identification of the most urgent needs of 24 childcare facilities; creation of 4 training courses related to adoption, child development, play therapy, consequences of child sexual abuse for the psycho-social team (involved 23 psychologists); 280 individual and 220 group counselling sessions were conducted by the psycho-social team; Play Therapy for 180 children; two training sessions for caregivers (144 people); creation of a networking system between the childcare facilities involved in the project

**Strengths** The project created the first psychology team specialised in children and a stable relationship system between the childcare institutes

**Weaknesses** Difficulty connecting with SCAAB that, following the administrative reorganisation, no longer has competency in the projects concerning children. Currently the project became the competency of the Women Affairs Bureau Children's Right Protection Care and Support Service

**Complete costs of the project** 280,000 Euro

## Ethiopia

### SHELTER AND SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

**Location** Kifle Ketema: Arada, Kirkos, Yeka e Bole - Addis Ababa

**Donor** Private donors

**Foreseen duration of the project**  
12 months renewable

**Start date of the project**  
October 2007

**Cost incurred in 2009**  
135,861 Euro



**Identification of project and objectives** This project aims to ensure the access to services provided by the NGOs and government institutions and in particular facilitate and promote the use of existing services in terms of education, professional training and health. General objective: to contribute to the complete and harmonious development of the child's personality within their family of origin considered as the natural environment for his growth. Specific objectives: ensure the access to basic services, schools and health, for 397 children, social reintegration of 30 street children

**Beneficiaries** 397 children aged 0-12 coming from disadvantaged families (hiv+, no income or single parent); 30 street adolescents

**Expected results** Families acquire knowledge about the importance of education; knowledge and better use of the sanitary services of the territory; creation of a family environment ideal for child development; social reintegration of 30 street adolescents

**Planned activities** Home visits and visits to the schools; organisation of support classes; health education and assistance; savings education; psychosocial support and individual, group and family counselling; follow up for beneficiaries that leave the program; seminars and training meetings for local administrations

**Partners** Women Affairs Bureau e Children's right protection Care and Support Service - Addis Ababa

**Main results obtained in 2009** 367 children included in the program; 14 attend professional government courses, 4 are placed in the state University and 1 obtained the diploma; of the 348 children that attend the primary and secondary school only 11 were rejected and 9 had unsatisfactory performance; reduction in the number of health interventions; there were only 21 specialist visits during the year, 28 reimbursements for the purchase of medicines were made because of 19 informative sessions on health, one of which was dedicated to issues related to HIV, in which 82 mothers participated; 10 children needed continuous psychosocial support; the counselling sessions involved 38 children and 8 families; the emerging issues are essentially regarding: parental concern for bad scholastic performance (33 cases), behavioural problems (3 cases); inclusion in the program of 21 street adolescents (of these, 15 attend the secondary school with excellent results, 4 the university and 1 the Vocational Training in accounting); 1 beneficiary graduated and in the next year will leave the program

**Strengths** The program is strongly shared with the beneficiaries and local authorities

**Weaknesses** Institutional sustainability

**Complete costs of the project** 650,575 Euro

## India

### PREVENTION OF CHILD ABANDONMENT

**Location** Cuddalore and Kanyakumari, Tamil Nadu

**Donor** Private donors

**Foreseen duration of the project**  
24 months

**Start date of the project**  
June 2008

**Cost incurred in 2009**  
78,319 Euro



**Identification of the project and objectives** Following the Tsunami, ICCW in partnership with CIAI, implemented a rehabilitation program in areas affected by the tsunami, which ended in July 2007. Program evaluation has shown that although the emergency and rehabilitation phases have finished and the economic conditions in the affected areas have strongly improved, the number of abandoned children each year is not decreasing because the reasons for abandonment are primarily due to social problems (alcoholism, broken families, etc.) rather than economic reasons. Some families still face difficulty in ensuring the necessary care and access to education and medical care to their children. These difficulties mean that many children continue to be abandoned or left in an institution. For this reason, ICCW and CIAI decided to transform the post-tsunami rehabilitation program into a social development program aimed at supporting the most vulnerable families in their ability to care for children. In particular the project will be followed by families with only one adult reference (in general a woman widowed or abandoned by the husband) or the families who care for children who were orphaned or abandoned by their parents (in general, it is the grandparents or uncles/aunts or sisters who follow the children). The action will focus on strengthening the capacity of the actors that may have a bigger positive impact on child abandonment prevention: the parents/guardians of the most vulnerable families; the village institutions and the children and adolescents themselves that must become aware of their rights. General objective: to prevent the abandonment of children and ensure family care and a safe environment to children belonging to vulnerable families in the Cuddalore and Kanniyakumari districts (tsunami-affected areas)

**Beneficiaries** 3810, of which: 361 children, mostly orphans or semi-orphans and their parents/caregivers; children, adolescents, parents and caregivers of families, Village Committees for the Development of Education and village organisations

**Expected Results** Families in difficulty and at risk of child abandonment supported in children's education expenses; identification and care of children with serious health problems; parents and caregivers in difficulty received psychological support and assistance; training of Village Educational Development Committees (VEDC), aimed at school monitoring and managing a revolving fund to help families pay for education; training of a village committee for each village of the Cuddalore district to create effective institutions for the protection of children's rights; development of an integrated educational program for children and adolescents; awareness raising program for adolescents in the Cuddalore district aimed at raising awareness of their role and value in society

**Planned Activities** Setting up of a program to ensure schooling for orphaned and semi-orphaned children and children at risk of dropping out of school. Training of the ICCW workers to ensure proper support and social assistance to vulnerable families; training the local institutions on issues regarding children's rights; integrated educational program for children and adolescents; providing psychological support to parents or family guardians in need through home visits and organisation of group sessions; psychological support for orphaned or semi-orphaned children through group sessions

**Partners** ICCW - Indian Council for Child Welfare

**Main results obtained in 2009** The families of 196 children in the Cuddalore district and 165 children in the Kanniyakumari district were economically supported to ensure the children's schooling and access to adequate medical care; the ICCW staff was trained on issues regarding social assistance and psychological support to families in need and project management; orphaned children, semi-orphaned children and the families benefited from psychological counselling; 13 village committees for Education Development (VEDC) and 134 members

of village organisations (SHG, teachers, local authorities) benefited from a program for monitoring of school abandonment (dropouts), and were trained to become effective institutions to protect the rights of children; 399 children and adolescents in the Cuddalore district had access to an integrated education program in 15 afterschool programs; 400 children and girls participated in cultural events and sports competitions, themed exhibitions and summer camp; 200 adolescents benefited from pedagogical orientation and a course on adolescent issues (sexuality, drugs, family)

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**Strengths** Strength of local partners in the Cuddalore area; strong involvement of local institutions in implementing project activities

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**Weaknesses** In the areas in question it is very difficult to find specialists able to provide quality psychological counselling to parents in difficulty and vulnerable children; the motivation of ICCW to work in the Kanniyakumari area is limited; difficulty in helping to monitor; presence of a high number of Christian NGOs already active in the territory that monopolise social action

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**Complete costs of project** 196,000 Euro

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## India

### SOCIAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

**Location** Karaikal District, U.T. Puducherry

**Donor** Private donors

**Foreseen duration of the project**  
24 months

**Start date of the project**  
May 2008

**Cost incurred in 2009**  
132,317 Euro



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**Identification of the project and objectives** Based on experience gained in post-tsunami interventions done since 2005, this project aims at improving opportunities for children and adolescents of the most marginalized sections of society in the Karaikal district through a built-in support for families, village councils, schools and the children themselves

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**Beneficiaries** 1100 children; 430 women

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**Expected Results** Ensuring access to education (through sponsorship) of the most vulnerable children; improving educational opportunities and decreasing the dropout rate in the villages concerned; ensuring better access to health services for children and their families by improving basic health concepts; taking an active role by local institutions and actors of civil society in creating an environment conducive to the psycho-social development of the child; improving the enjoyment of rights and offering an environment rich with cultural stimuli; improving the financial conditions of the beneficiaries of microcredit activities

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**Planned Activities** Education: Support for the education of 662 children in 13 villages; selection and training of local staff (teachers and after-school social workers); creation of 10 centers for after-school activities for 1100 children; meetings with parents; creation of a support class for 17 children; school placement and educational support for 5 disabled children; Health: coverage of medical expenses for 19 children; organization of a medical camp for 477 children; monitoring of government health services programs. Society: meetings with village councils and participation in meetings; organization of 10 Children's Clubs; activation of a counseling service for families; activation of a pre-school service in 3 villages; organization of summer camps for 1100 children. Economic Development: creation of a support cell for microcredit activities; monitoring of the 250 micro-enterprises created and supported by the management and improvement of economic development

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**Partners** IHMSSS - Immaculate Hearth of Mary Social Service Society

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**Main results obtained in 2009** Education: 662 children have access to basic education including 5 disabled children who have received special support; 1100 children attend after-school classes in 13 villages. Health: 1100 children have access to basic medical care and regular health checks. Society: institutions and local communities involved in creating a protective environment for children and adolescents; improved capacity of families to provide access to education and health to their children; improved cultural opportunities for children and adole-

scents in Karaikal district. Economic development: improved economic conditions of 430 beneficiaries of micro-credit

**Strengths** Thorough knowledge of the local reality because of extensive previous experience; a trusting relationship with local government authorities

**Weaknesses** Difficulty in triggering mechanisms of long-term social transformation

**Complete costs of the project** 393,963 Euro

**Identification of the project and objectives** This project is the continuation of a previous CIAI and ICCW project in the same area to combat the practice of infanticide. In the Usilampatti district today the phenomenon of infanticide has disappeared, but it is necessary to strengthen and consolidate the results achieved by enhancing women's role in the creation of real opportunity for economic improvement for young people

**Beneficiaries** 252 adolescent girls at risk of gender discrimination, belonging to vulnerable households; 800 boys and girls in the town of Chellampatti; 3,924 women participating in women's associations and micro credit programs

**Expected Results** 252 at risk families receive care and support in the growth of female children by supporting education, health and the development of parenting skills (component of child sponsorship); capacity and skills building of teenagers in the town of Chellampatti on awareness of their role and value in society and respect for the value of women; creation of a vocational training centre to ensure the best skills to young people who belong to women's and microcredit groups; organization of federations at the Panchayat level of the women's Self Help Group (SHG) of Usilampatti

**Planned Activities** Girls' education program; training adolescent females; training adolescent males; development of income generating activities for women; vocational training: agriculture, conversion of paper materials, tailoring

**Partners** ICCW - Indian Council for Child Welfare

**Main results obtained in 2009** 252 girls of school age, chosen from the poorest households were included in the educational program or have continued their higher education and had access to medical services; continued the education cycle in the town of Chellampatti, 16 new villages were covered during 2009; 96 training sessions for female adolescents were held and 460 girls were trained; 96 training sessions for adolescent boys were held and 430 boys were trained; 800 children and girls participated in thematic summer camp exhibitions; 40 women and girls were trained in tailoring; 100 women of the Self Help Group (SHG) participated in a course on agricultural training (10 days); 80 girls and women of the Self Help Group (SHG) participated in the paper conversion course; 480 SHG members were trained in Federation management; 50 members of SHG at the regional federation level (PLF - Panchayat) were trained in leadership and management of associations; 12 SHG federations at the regional federation level (PLF - Panchayat) were followed in their activities and more than 3,000 women have had access to the microcredit bank

**Strengths** The awareness program for teenagers has touched all designated areas. The results were very positive and replicable in other contexts where social problems related to negative cultural phenomena and discrimination against women is experienced

**Weaknesses** The project will end in May next year. The main difficulty is defining a strategy to ensure the functioning of the vocational training centre and

## India



### A NEW FUTURE FOR THE CHILDREN OF USILAMPATTI

**Location** District of Usilampatti, Madurai, Tamil Nadu

**Donor** Private donors

**Foreseen duration of the project** 36 months

**Start date of the project** June 2007

**Cost incurred in 2009** 79,080 Euro



which enables us to offer to beneficiaries real and lasting opportunities for economic and social independence

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Complete costs of project 280,000 Euro

## India

### CHILDREN LEADERS

Location Andamane Islands and Nicobare (3 islands)

Donor Cariplo Foundation

Foreseen duration of the project  
30 months

Start date of the project  
February 2009

Cost incurred in 2009  
105,707 Euro



**Identification of the project and objectives** To ensure the protection of children and the protection of their rights, urging the local institutions (Panchavat Raj Institutions), schools, community and the children themselves to development a greater knowledge of children's rights

**Beneficiaries** Direct 7646 (adult members of 22 village counsels and of 28 scholastic counsels, 1632 children and their parents)

**Expected Results** The members of the village counsels, the teachers and members of the VEC are made aware of children's rights and are mobilised for their defence; improvement of the general culture of parents; the rights situation of children is documented; support for the creation of sustainable local organisations; the children assume a proactive role in the defence of their rights

**Planned Activities** Awareness of village council members and educators on their duties and responsibilities in protecting the rights of children; monitoring the school structure situation on 3 islands; preparation of local development plans designed by children for the village development and presentation of these at village assemblies; creation of the " Butterflies Children Club" in each village; awareness raising events organised by children on issues relevant to the defence of children's rights; bi-monthly publication of the local newspaper " ANI Children's Time" prepared by the children of the islands

**Partners** NGO Butterflies

**Main results obtained in 2009** Prepared awareness material for the village counsel members and held regular meetings with them on awareness of their rights/duties toward children. Completed data gathering to measure the consciousness level and knowledge of the village counsel on the issues of children's rights; the village committees adopted resolutions for detailed plans from the children's committee and continued their efforts to enforce laws on the territory for the protection of children; committees for women and children within the village counsels were created; prepared awareness material for the members of the VEC, together with practical materials on how to respect children's rights and held meetings with them for the dissemination of materials; at the end of the meetings an evaluation by questionnaire was carried out; the members of VEC, after having evaluated the level of scholastic infrastructure, sent the village committees a report; meetings between teachers and pupils' parents regularly take place, as well as meetings between parents and the staff of Butterflies; relatives actively participate in the activities organised by CDC; training courses for pupils' parents on primary healthcare and nutrition were completed; the Butterflies Children Clubs were created in each village; the preparation of Child led plan to bring attention to panchayat is running smoothly; the monthly publication ANI Children's time proceeds regularly

**Strengths** Strong roots in the local context through the work of local partners and previous use of local personnel native to the islands in activities with children; experienced local partners in the defense of children's rights

**Weaknesses** Objective difficulties given the strong isolation and limited communication infrastructure, difficulty in damaging negative practices (corporal punishment), fixed in local mentality

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Complete costs of the project 344,297 Euro



## Cambodia



### BOREY NATIONAL BABIES AND CHILDREN CENTRE

Location Phnom Penh

Donor Mediafriends Onlus, private donors

Foreseen duration of the project  
29 months

Start date of the project  
January 2009

Cost incurred in 2009  
69,473 Euro



**Identification of the project and objectives** The Borey Centre, as a government institution, houses abandoned children with psychophysical handicaps and children with HIV. From 2000 the CIAI collaborated with the Cambodian government authorities that are part of the care and welfare of abandoned children with the aim of improving the living and health conditions of children that live in institutions. Because of recent dramatic Cambodian history, the country still today lacks trained personnel to meet the various needs of institutionalised children, especially with mental and physical needs. The intervention of CIAI at the centre aims to improve the living conditions of the children living in the centre, with particular attention to the needs of handicapped and HIV/AIDS positive children through the provision of suitable services. The project also aims to strengthen the professional, management and organisational capacities of the centre's personnel

**Beneficiaries** 120 children and 56 staff members of the centre

**Expected Results** Improvement of the health conditions of 75 children with handicaps and 30 children with HIV/AIDS; improvement of the sanitary hygienic conditions within the centre for 120 children of the centre; increased involvement of children in recreational activities; improvement of the professional capacity for 56 staff members of the centre

**Planned Activities** Provision of basic medical services within the centre; provision of specific medical services of physiotherapy for children with handicaps and specific treatments for malnourished and HIV/AIDS children; organisation of recreational activities for children; specific and continuous training for the centre's staff on the care of children

**Partners** Ministry of Social Affairs, Veterans and Youth Rehabilitation

**Main results obtained in 2009** Common illnesses such as colds, ear infections, cough, diarrhoea, etc.. were treated at the centre; hygienic materials distributed monthly for all the children: 29 children with HIV/AIDS receive monthly ARV specific care; 50 children receive physical therapy services within the centre; of the 7 malnourished children treated this year in the centre, 4 no longer present the conditions of malnutrition; 14 children participate in a traditional dance course; 26 children participated in the summer recreational activities like swim, dance and design; all the caregivers of the centre received training in turns on nutrition, physiotherapy and stimulation of children with and without health problems

**Strengths** The continuous training of the centre's staff guarantees the maximum efficacy in the interventions for the guest children

**Weaknesses** The shortage of funds allocated by the government make economic sustainability of the centre difficult in absence of intervention by non-governmental organisations

**Complete costs of project** 153,582.13 Euro

## Ethiopia

### FEKAT CIRCUS CLUB COOPERATIVE

Location Addis Ababa

Donor Private donors, Altamane Foundation, EU Delegation in Ethiopia

Foreseen duration of the project  
12 months

Start date of the project  
May 2009

Cost incurred in 2009  
7,310 Euro



**Identification of project and objectives** Since 2004 CIAI supports a group of 25 adolescents of both genders interested in circus activities and coming from the most disadvantaged and marginalised areas. These training activities and support have given life to the "Fekat Circus". Circus activities were combined with the participatory theatre. From 2006 to 2008 the Fekat Circus has performed over 100 public events primarily directed at raising awareness of young people about gender issues, sexually transmitted diseases, TBC and promotion of education. Given the constancy and commitment of the young, CIAI decided to implement this present project to provide a formal framework for their activities through the creation of a youth cooperative. The general objective is to promote the social reintegration of disadvantaged youth and develop their potential. The specific objectives are: the creation of a self-sustainable youth cooperative and the promotion of artistic activities as a fundamental educative element for harmonious development of personality and the potential of the child

**Beneficiaries** Direct: 25 adolescents of both sexes (9 females and 15 males). Indirect: 120 children in the adjacent neighbourhood to the Circus, 2500 institutionalised children, and 10,000 spectators

**Expected Results** Creation of the cooperative; improvement of the artistic performances; gained ability to create relationships with the donors and external "clients"; gained administrative knowledge and management of the cooperation

**Planned Activities** Obtaining necessary permits and approvals; organisation of the cooperative centre; construction of a gym; training on the child's psychological development, psychomotor, group management, clownery, choreography, art, social exchanges and English; training on communication and networking, fund raising, project writing and computer; training in administration and cooperative management; exchange of experiences with local and international artists; promotion of the cooperative's activities through the distribution of flyers and creation of a website

**Main results obtained in 2009** The cooperative was formally constructed and was recognised by the administrative authority of the sub city of Piazza. During the six-month project a forum for the group's activities and work was founded and constructions works were started to build a gymnasium using traditional, environmentally friendly materials (mud). Creating an important partnership with the European Community delegation, which enable the Fekat Circus to perform in 20 cities in Ethiopia with Circus and Participatory Theatre performances. For the promotion of girls' education. The two-month tour involved more than 100,000 people. The website was completed and is available at the address [www.fekat.circus.com](http://www.fekat.circus.com). A documentary on the activity of the cooperative was created. Thanks to the availability of international artist groups who have lent their works for free it was possible to organise clownery, marionette and participatory theatre training. Thanks to the contacts with the Altamane Foundation, the Fekat Circus currently presents every Sunday at the Government Hospital Bleak Lion doing clownery activity and games for young patients in paediatrics. Finally, the cooperative is on track to achieve financial autonomy

**Strengths** Great motivation from members and strong involvement in activities aimed at the promotion of the rights of children

**Weaknesses** Uncertainty in the relationship with international donors and the need to further develop the public relationships autonomously still managed on their behalf by CIAI

**Complete costs of the project** 10,269 Euro

## Ethiopia



### MYSCHOOL

**Location** Southern Nations, Nationalities, and People's Regional State (SNNPRS) Gamo District, Gofa Zone - Woreda of Chencha, Dita, Bonke and Arbaminch Zuria

**Donor** Mediafriends Onlus, private donors

**Foreseen duration of the project**  
24 months

**Start date of the project**  
June 2009

**Cost incurred in 2009**  
91,516 Euro



**Identification of project and objectives** Originally the project was in collaboration with the local NGO Tsalke and was focused on the fight against the exploitation of migrant/trafficked children from the district of Gamo Fonfa to the district of weavers in Addis Abeba. As a second step we redesigned the project and focused on primary education. The feasibility study carried out in the district of Gamo Gonfa showed a high rate of dropouts in the primary school and difficult access to secondary school. The causes lie in the difficult economic situation and the dependency of the family on subsistence agriculture that obligates the child to work in the fields and take care of livestock.

The general objective is to contribute to the reduction of the child labour phenomenon by promoting access to primary education in rural and remote areas (MDG universal access to primary education by 2015), as outlined in Ethiopia's National Plan of Action for Children 2003-2010 and the Education Sector Development Program III 2005/2006 2010/2011. Specific objectives are to promote the access to and attendance of primary school by increasing the quality of the education system and support to the family in 4 woreda (districts) of the Gomo Gonfa Zone - SNNPRS

**Beneficiaries** Direct: 2904 children that attend the Kodo schools (Dita woreda), Garban Areche school (Bonke woreda), Zute school (Chencha woreda) and Zigiti Elo school (Arbaminch Zuria Woreda); 80 head of household women and/or guardians of these children, and/or numerous disadvantaged families; 54 teachers; 6 public officials of the zone and the woreda, at the department of education level; 750 parents/community members. Indirect: the general community

**Expected Results** The selected families of children that attend the 4 schools are supported in improving their economic conditions; quantitative and qualitative improvement of education services; local workers parents and scholastic committee members are sensitized and understand the importance of education and the rights of the child

**Planned Activities** Preliminary study on the AGR (Income generating activities) presented on the territory; promotion for the establishment of the cooperative constitution; selection and orientation of beneficiaries; orientation and formal establishment of the cooperative; training and formal establishment of the cooperatives; establishment of new classrooms and renovation of the old ones; supply of equipment and educational materials for the schools and individuals; follow-up of the children and the family situation; study on training needs of the teachers and officials of the Woreda; training centred on education methods, child development and health; monitoring of the activities of teachers; definitions in collaboration with school committees of the actions for the advocacy and awareness to be implemented at the woredas level

**Partners** Direct implementation in collaboration with the Finance and Economic Development Department and the Department of Education of the zones that will facilitate the relationships at the woredas level

**Main results obtained in 2009** The project just started and the activities are primarily focused on: organisation of the local CIAI office in Arbaminch; conclusion of agreements with the authorities; completion and approval of the project itself; selection of consultants to entrust with the research on AGR; call for the allocation of construction and renovation works of 2 of the four planned schools; visits to officials and families to promote education enrolment in the first year of school and collect data on the beneficiaries; planning the first training session for teachers

**Strengths** To be verified in the future

**Weaknesses** Commitment of the Department of Education to provide the necessary teaching personnel for the new classes

**Complete costs of the project** 314,304 Euro

## India

### EDUCATION SERVICES FOR CHILDREN AT RISK

Location Bangalore, State of Karnataka

Donor Private donors

Foreseen duration of the project  
12 months

Start date of the project  
January 2009

Cost incurred in 2009  
61,232 Euro



**Identification of project and objectives** Provide educational services for children in the most vulnerable and marginalised areas of Bangalore

**Beneficiaries** Direct: 1016, of which 309 children that attend the Neelbagh school, 130 migrant workers children in the kindergartens, 473 in the juvenile justice system, 77 children and 33 HIV+ mothers

**Expected Results** Access to primary education for the most vulnerable children; creation of professional opportunities and secondary education for children that attend the school; awareness raising for families on the importance of education; changing of the police attitude toward young offenders at the Observation Home (OH) of Bangalore; improvement in self-perception of the guests and provide for their planning of the future; provide school locations in the vicinity of the construction sites; the migrant families and the builders are aware of the importance of education; augment the survival median of HIV+ children residents in the Baby Jesus Home and improvement of educational opportunities for them; allowing for alternative solutions to institutionalisation for HIV+ children residents in the centre

**Planned Activities** Selection and recruitment of 309 school children of the poorest and marginalized groups; provision of living aids for children residents at school; providing courses for children; organising courses in carpentry, pottery, electronics, tailoring; preparation for final exams for the final class; organisation of sporting and cultural activities; maintenance of a computer lab; educational meetings with the families, meetings with the staff of the Observation Home; meetings with all the actors involved in the management of the OH and presentation of the results achieved; counselling activity with the children of the OH and organisation of cultural activities aimed at the development of their self-esteem; organisation of Vocational training; assessment of the situation of the children in four sites responsible for the construction and activation of kindergartens in preselected locations; organised monthly meetings with the families and with workers to make them aware of the child's rights to education and child safety; offer medical checks on a regular basis and therapeutic treatments for HIV+ mothers and children; regular monitoring done on the HIV progress indices for children in the Infant Jesus Home; organisation of cultural activities for residents of the Baby Jesus Home; facilitation of access to school for all HIV+ children; writing personalised pedagogical plans for each child guest of the Baby Jesus Home; adoption for HIV- children

**Partners** Ashraya Children's Home

**Main results obtained in 2009** 309 of the poorest and most marginalised children were selected and placed in the program and aids were provided for the school. Courses in carpentry, poetry, electronics and tailoring saw the respective participation of 43 boys and 45 girls; 13 children in the last class were prepared for final exams; sports and cultural activities were organised, including dance performances and basketball and cricket tournaments; a computer laboratory was maintained; meetings with the staff of the Observation home and all the actors involved in its management and presentation of the results achieved; counselling activities with the children of the OH and organisation of cultural activities were carried out successfully; evaluation of the situation of the children at four construction sites of the Creches were completed and the pre-schools were started in selected areas; organisation of monthly meeting with the families and workers on the awareness of the right to education and child safety; Monitoring of the health conditions and therapeutic support was offered to 33 mothers and 77 HIV+ children; monitoring of the HIV progression indices where done on a regular basis for children in the Infant Jesus Home; various cultural activities were organised for residents of the centre, including dance performances and poetry competitions

**Strengths** Considerable experience and roots in the local area of Ashraya

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**Weaknesses** Difficulty in changing the perception of the police force regarding the guests of the OH, slowing down the orders in the construction sites due to global economic conditions, economic sustainability

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**Complete costs of the project** 70,044 Euro

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## India



### REHABILITATION OF CHILD AND YOUNG WORKERS

**Location** Srivillupatur, District of Virudhunagar, Tamil Nadu

**Donor** Private donors

**Foreseen duration of the project**  
14 months

**Start date of the project**  
January 2009

**Costs incurred in 2009**  
34,275 Euro



**Identification of project and objectives** The action is part of the multiyear intervention of the ICCW in the area. Although 52% of the population is still employed in agriculture, in recent decades there has been significant industrial development in the district, with the birth of textile companies, cement factories and small and medium-sized family enterprises. In particular the district is famous for the production of matches, with a production that covers 60% of the Indian demand, realised in more than 4000 small units of production. Within these companies, child labour is still widespread, despite the prohibition by the Indian government with the law of 1986 (Child Labour Prohibition and Regulation Act). Within this context is the multiyear action of the ICCW that began to intervene in the zone of Srivilliputur in 1992 for the prevention of school abandonment of working children, and thanks to the Indian and international government funds, it has achieved important results over the years, including the total elimination of child workers for children under the age of ten. The reason for this success is the strategy used by the ICCW that is based on an EU approach for developing local resources, particularly through the enhancement of women's self-help groups and village institutions. The project CIAI promotes is part of this ICCW strategy with the scope of activating effective child labour prevention mechanisms based on ensuring access to quality basic education for children in Srivilliputur, professionally retraining the child workers and strengthening the capacity of local institutions

**Beneficiaries** Direct: 426 children, 100 members of village institutions (VEC), 7,965 women members of the Self Help Group (SHG), 73 children

**Expected Results** Improvement in the quality of primary instruction for 400 children (11-13 years of age); strengthening the capacity of village institutions (school, education committees and women's unions) in the prevention of school abandonment and child labour; professional requalification for young people in the Srivilliputur area already employed in unskilled or dangerous jobs

**Planned Activities** Monitor the scholastic participation of children and activation of a rotational credit fund, managed by the village institutions (VEDC) to support educational costs; improved school infrastructure and activation of 15 after school classes; construction of a training programme aimed at strengthening the capacities of women's groups in monitoring the condition of children in villages (child protection, right to education, hygiene); strengthening of their capacity to organise themselves into associations and to access credit; management of a community college that offers professional qualified training courses and issues diplomas

**Partners** ICCW - Indian Council for Child Welfare

**Main results obtained in 2009** 426 at risk children for school abandonment that attend the government schools benefited from 15 afterschool centres (2 hours per day from 17 to 19), to supplement their training and improve their academic performance in 15 district villages; the free credit fund for education managed by 19 communities (VEDC) was used for 365 primary and secondary school students for a total of 4200,000 Rupee (7000 Euro); 300 children from 30 rural schools participated in cultural events and sports competitions; 100 women members of the women's group followed a training program aimed at strengthening the capacities of SHG to monitor the conditions of children in villages

and to strengthen their capacity to organise themselves into associations and access credit; 437 self-help groups were supported by the project in 110 villages (7965 women) when applying for funds through the government loan program (Mahalir thittam); 6 new self-help groups were created in 5 villages; 70 self-help groups obtained a loan for a total of 5,467,000 Rupee (90,000 Euro) through government programs (Bank Government scheme Mahalit thittam); professional requalification for 73 young workers, between 16 and 23 years of age, with the following courses started: Print Technology (23 people trained), Fashion Design and Tailoring (23 people trained), Computer-Hardware (20 people trained), Lathe and Machinery (7 boys trained). 100% of the students from the 2008-2009 academic year passed the final exam (University of Tamil Nadu) and found work

**Strengths** Strength and capacity of local partners; strong involvement of local institutions in the project; starting of a high quality professional school that was recognised by the Indian government and is able to issue official diplomas

**Weaknesses** The actual capacities of the ICCW are insufficient to sustain the cost of the Sudar Centre without external economic aid

**Complete costs of the project** 52,035 Euro

**Identification of project and objectives** CIAI has already implemented a reconstruction program after the earthquake but the population was still having great difficulty. In this district, the economy is mainly based on herding and agriculture, which is made difficult by the lack of water. The communication difficulties and lack of services exacerbate the already difficult situation of the population. The project aims to improve the situation of women and children in eight villages in the Kutch district providing support for the access to education and health for the most vulnerable groups

**Beneficiaries** Direct: 2524, of which 330 disadvantaged children are supported through sponsorship, 862 disadvantaged children that benefit from afterschool programs, 220 that attend school reintegration courses, 700 people reached by the mobile clinic, 250 adolescents, 50 adolescents that participate in vocational trainings, 80 women members of Self Help Group in eight villages, 32 afterschool and public school teachers

**Expected Results** Ensuring access to education for 350 children, reducing school dropout rates and improving the level of education in target villages, improving the level of pre- and post-natal care and during childbirth, improving participation in social life of marginalised groups (youth and women); providing new opportunities for women and adolescents

**Planned Activities** Selection of children to sponsor and management of the documentation related to sponsorship; distribution of clothes, books and payment of school fees for sponsored children; afterschool classes for 640 sponsored and non-sponsored children in 8 villages; creation of a reintegration class at the school for 45 children; awareness raising meetings on the importance of education; summer camp for all children; training for local and afterschool school teachers; determination of the needs in terms of educational aids for the public school and providing needed aids; distribution of a snack to the children of the afterschool program; promotion of primary immunization against the 6 most widespread diseases through 2 awareness campaigns per year; awareness sessions in villages for women and adolescents on mother-child health and nutrition; support for the women and adolescents of the villages in accessing public services; training local staff on health and prevention; awareness among women and adolescents at the village community level on mother-child healthcare, HIV and hygiene; creation of women's and adolescent's unions; strengthening of these groups through

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**India**

**SOCIAL ECONOMIC IMPROVEMENT OF DISADVANTAGED KUTCH COMMUNITY**

**Location** Kutch District, Gujarat State

**Donor** Private donors

**Foreseen duration of the project** 24 months

**Start date of the project** July 2009

**Cost incurred in 2009** 74,835 Euro



training courses for leaders, visits and participation in panchayats; creation of internal village groups with representatives from the local SHGs; computer training for adolescents; creation of a unit to support the marketing of local handicraft products; promote the marketing of handicraft products through the creation of a catalogue; definition of a long term sustainability plan of the unit

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**Partners** Premnivas IHMSSS

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**Main results obtained in 2009** The selection of children for sponsorship and the related documentation management was completed; the distribution of clothing and books to sponsored children was launched; the afterschool programs for 640 children, sponsored and non-sponsored, in 8 villages were regularly carried out as well as the support program for 220 children for scholastic reintegration; awareness meetings on the importance of education saw a good turnout; snack distribution to 862 children that attend afterschool lessons regularly takes place; 700 people participated in the promotion of primary immunization and in awareness raising sessions for women and adolescents on mother-child health and nutrition in the villages; the support for women and adolescents in villages to access public services continues as scheduled; awareness of women and adolescents about mother-child health, HIV and hygiene reached 110 people; the creation of women's and adolescent's SHG was launched

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**Strengths** Credibility of local partners involved and the active involvement of beneficiaries

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**Weaknesses** Poor commitment of local government authorities throughout the district. Very difficult geographic conditions (arid zone bordering the desert)

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**Complete costs of the project** 167,880 Euro

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## India

### EDUCATION INTERVENTIONS FOR CHILDREN OF MIGRANT WORKERS

**Location** Rapar Block, East part of the Kutch district, Gujarat state

**Donor** Private donors

**Foreseen duration of the project**  
12 months

**Start date of the project**  
August 2009

**Cost incurred in 2009**  
10,279 Euro



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**Identification of project and objectives** To facilitate access to public school for children of migrant workers in the Rapar Block through the creation of hostels managed by the local community. Advocacy with local and district authorities on issues of basic education by improving the quality of the education system on site

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**Beneficiaries** 65 children of migrant workers; 260 family members

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**Expected Results** Enrolment and regular school attendance of children of migrant workers; involvement and awareness raising of the children's families on the issue of the importance of education; local community involvement in management of the hostels; awareness raising of the local authorities on the issues of the importance of education especially regarding that of migrant worker children

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**Planned Activities** Creating and managing seasonal hostels for 65 children, in which before and after-school activities are carried out to prepare children to enter school; creation of a care giver system among children's relatives; empowering parents in the hostels to be in charge of financial and monetary donations; aid to migrant families in the bureaucratic process to obtain birth and caste certificates and the social card of the local authorities; the establishment of a village level committee for the management of hostels, with awareness raising activities in every village; regular meetings with local authorities to achieve greater government commitment to the issues of migrant communities, with transmission to local and district officials of the report on the situation of children

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**Partners** Samerth Trust

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**Main results obtained in 2009** Creation of two hostels, giving asylum to 65 children, in which pre and after-school activities are carried out. The activities are followed with considerable parent involvement, who contribute by participating in cultural activities of the hostels that provide the necessary materials; the pro-

cess for obtaining birth certificates and the social card was started and led to the production of those documents for 10 families and continues apace; the two management committees of the hostel were created and meet regularly, leading to a continued involvement of parents; district and local authorities are involved in the awareness raising process

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**Strengths** Considerable experience and establishment of NGOs in the territory, with strong credibility at the regional level

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**Weaknesses** Logistical difficulties inherent in the region, arid and isolated; little governmental interest in migrant communities

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**Complete costs of the project** 19,618 Euro

## Italy



### EDUCATION CENTRE

Location Milan, Stadera Quarter

Donor Private donors

Foreseen duration of the project  
18 months

Start date of the project  
January 2009

Cost incurred in 2009  
15,831 Euro



**Identification of project and objectives** Many metropolitan suburbs were indicated by institutions as marginalized areas with widespread social unrest, and activation of activities to promote social cohesion and social regeneration were indicated as a priority, with particular attention to the situation of the families and children. Children turn out to be one of the least protected categories and are more subject to various kinds of risks: school dropout, phenomenon of gangs, bullying, abuse, family abandonment, neglect, etc. CIAI after an initial analysis phase of the Milan area has turned its attention to the Stadera district, in the southern outskirts of Milan. The district is characterized by the lack of space and social areas: even the smallest are often found only in courtyards and streets. The activities of the Stadera Educational Centre aim to prevent and / or detect situations of distress and discomfort of Italian and foreign children through educational opportunities and relationships by creating a safe place where children can spend time after school time, find reference figures that supplement the shortcomings of the parents (often absent, weak or unprepared to effectively take care of children) and where they can receive educational-type support

**Beneficiaries** Direct: 25 children from the age of 8 to 11 years old and their parents; 28 primary school teachers. Indirect: 280 children from the age of 8 to 11 years

**Expected Results** Consistent frequency of children in all activities offered by the centre; improvement of children's social skills in interacting with adults and peers; fruitful collaboration with teachers at coordination and project meetings; support to parents of children that attend the centre on their educational role

**Planned Activities** Support for tasks carried out by educators, also accompanied by some kind of peer support to enhance learning through collaboration; creative workshops of various kinds led by educators and volunteers: music, drawing, cooking, theater, etc.; coordination meetings between educators and teachers to share the objectives of the project identified for each child; organization of outings for the children for their knowledge of the neighbourhood and organization of entertaining events for children and parents; individual meetings between parents and educators to involve families in the activities of the Centre

**Partner** Education Directions "C. Battisti", Santa Maria Annunciata parish in Chiesa Rossa

**Main results obtained in 2009** High participation of children in the centre's activities; improvement of the trust relationship between educators and children

**Strengths** The project consists of different types of tasks, each of these aims to accompany, support and stimulate the growth path, offering educational opportunities and tools for growth and socialization; the project relies on close cooperation with schools allowing for a constant exchange and discussion with teachers ensuring more effectiveness of the activities

**Weaknesses** The complexity of family life in particular in vulnerable socio-economic contexts entails substantial difficulties in involving families in "unnecessary" activities; the intervention provided by the project involves the implementation of educational support activities, together with the constant collaboration with educational institutions sometimes causes confusion for families about the roles each one

**Complete costs of the project** 33,000 Euro



# Inter-country Adoption

The table reported on this page shows the situation of 2009 in relation to the arrival of children adopted through CIAI.

There were 95 adoptions performed, but in total 138 children arrived in Italy, including 72 boys and 66 girls. This shows the presence of numerous nuclei of siblings (19 nuclei of 2 siblings, 9 of three, 2 of four).

Of the 138 arrived children, 81 are between the ages of 5 and 11 years old. In 2009 the first 10 adoptions from China were successfully completed and works started on fifty new CASES that will be improved in the course of two/three years.

To the list of countries in which CIAI is authorized to work, Guatemala and Ivory Coast were added. In this preparatory phase, adoptions have not yet been realized in these two countries. Colombia and Ethiopia are the two countries from which the most numbers of our children come. As shown in the table, this includes primarily school age children. The younger children fre-

quently presented health problems and/or health risk. The main pathologies found: effects of malnutrition, heart disease, hepatitis b and c, seropositivity, cleft lip and palate, psychomotor retardation, etc. A significant number of older children presented with past abuse, family neglect, including sexual abuse.

We can take inspiration from these elements for a brief reflection on the adoptions of children with special needs, adoptions that for the major part characterize the activity of CIAI and of other authorized entities.

In the course of the last years the activity in the adoptions sector has had a steady trend toward adoption of older children (from 5/6 years and up), of nuclei of 2 or more siblings, of children with previous family neglect, maltreatment, abuse, of children impacted by pathology or serious physical problems or disabilities.

Regardless of the various and complex motivations that characterize this "phe-

nomenon", it is necessary to take note of the increasing difficulties in these cases of adoption, and then initiate a profound reflection that can lead to the establishment – thanks to a dialogue and ongoing discussion with foreign partners – of some points in our activity beyond which it is not appropriate to go, in order not to risk straining that could lead to a serious crisis and even to the failure of the adoption. At the same time, it is increasingly imperative that the organization reinforces the activity of awareness raising, informing and training of the families, so that the availability of their offer in favor of a reality so complex is the fruit of deep reflection and knowledge of one's own resources and limitations.

2009 was therefore heavily focused on the intensification of training and support designed to make couples increasingly aware of the specifics and complexities of the adoption path, not only in the realization phase and completing of the adoption procedure, but above all in the various phases of the child's growth and his integration into

Country	Gender		Tot.	Age on arrival (years)									Tot.	Siblings				N° of Adop.
	F	M		0-1	1-2	2-3	3-4	4-5	5-7	7-9	9+	2x		3x	4x	5x		
Burkina Faso	2	2	4		1	1	1				1	4						4
Cambodia		2	2		2							2						2
China	10		10	3	7							10						10
Colombia	41	38	79		6	8	4	8	21	15	17	79	15	6	2			46
Ethiopia	9	23	32	2	6	1	2	2	2	9	8	32	3	3				23
India	2	4	6				1		1	3	1	6	1					5
Thailand	1	2	3						3			3						3
Vietnam	1	1	2		1	1						2						2
<b>Children</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>95</b>

the Italian society. We remain firmly convinced that the inter-country adoption is a legal act that in involving a couple and one or more children who become family, goes toward investing in a strong social value, certainly enriching but also potentially destabilizing.

Besides the performance of the adoptive procedures, in 2009 the adoption sector promoted and/or organized a series of seminars aimed at families and

also personnel, on the issues of resilience, health, use of customs and traditions in China, origin, and post adoption support interventions. Two meetings of friendly families were also held (China and Vietnam). This was in addition to what was proposed and organized by the Research Centre of CIAI.

Constant and intense participation in various events organized by the Commission for Inter-country Adoptions

(Country tables: Vietnam, Cambodia, Guatemala; two joint missions into Cambodia in February 2009 and in Burkina Faso in December 2009).

All the countries with which the adoption sector collaborates were visited by the head of the sector or by the coordination desk. In 2010 there will be intensified relationships with the newly acquired countries (Ivory Coast and Guatemala).



# Fundraising and Communications

## COMMUNICATION INITIATIVES

### Campaign 2009

Thanks to the collaboration with Ogilvy & Mather, a campaign - articulated in print ads, a TV spot (30") and a radio announcement ("30) - has been set up for the promotion of Child Sponsorship. Two testimonials: the actress Maria Amelia Monti and Angela Finocchiaro. The TV spot was broadcast by several local television networks; the three Mediaset channels (June 15 to 21) and the three RAI networks (November 6 to 12). The 'cinema' version of the TV spot was distributed in May to 195 theatres.



### Travel

To meet the needs of a growing number of supporters to visit the projects during 2009 two trips were realized, one at the end of August in Cambodia (24 participants) and another one in October in Burkina Faso (22 participants). In both cases, a preparatory meeting with the participants preceded the trip.

### Publishing Activities

During the year three editions of the L'Albero Verde magazine were sent to all supporters. Now, as it usually happens now every two years, the Social Report was created in 2008 (translated in English, French and Spanish) and distributed to major donors and foreign partners; a summary was included in the No 3/2009 edition of the L'Albero Verde.

### Video

During a mission to Burkina Faso for the inauguration of a school, the movie "The Country of Men of Integrity" was made with the aim of documenting the association's activities in that country in the fields of the cooperation such as adoption.

### Press

19 press releases were distributed to news agencies, radio, television, newspapers and periodicals. The press review includes a total of 61 cuts subdivided in the following: 24 dailies, 24 weeklies, 1 fortnightly, 11 monthlies and 1 periodical.

### Web

During the year 2009 the CIAI website reported 53 thousand visitors and more than 100 thousand visits. The good visibility of the website is due to the Google Grants program that offered the possibility to publish announcements free in the Google search engine. During the year, the e-newsletter was sent 20 times to 7900 supporters.

### The Member's Meeting

The 2009 meeting (held in Cervia on the 25 and 26 April) was also an opportunity to formalize the new CIAI Territorial Groups (Gruppi Territoriali CIAI

- GTC) that have the main purpose of diffusing the knowledge of CIAI and their activities in the territory, fundraising for cooperation projects of the Association and to raise awareness for issues related to childhood hardship. The first GTC are: Catania, Pescara, Turin, Genoa, Rome, Trieste, Monopoli.

### Supporters Meetings

In order to forge a more direct relationship with our more distant supporters, some meetings were organized in different Italian cities. In the course of the year, ten meetings were held in the following cities: Alessandria, Bari, Lecce, Messina, Naples, Perugia, Saronno, Trieste and Treviso.

## FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES

### La Fabbrica del Sorriso

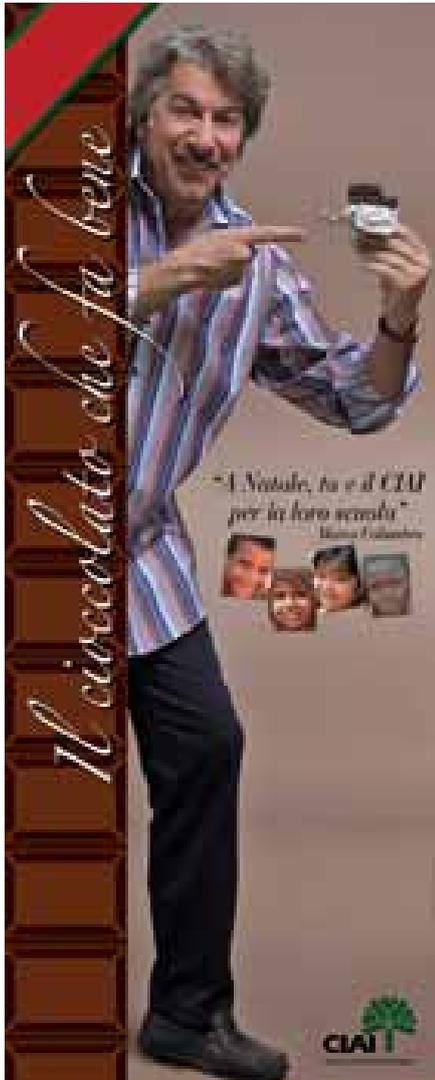
Also for the 2009 edition, the Association was the recipient of funds organized by Mediafriends Onlus through the initiative "La Fabbrica del Sorriso" that allowed for the construction of a new paediatric ward at the St. Camillo of Nanoro Medical Centre in Burkina Faso.

### Saporbio

The traditional festival of organic food production and eco-sustainable products named Saporbio, was transferred to Milan. Also in this edition CIAI has had the opportunity to showcase their activities (with particular reference to projects in Cambodia) and to distribute the products from recycled materials created by a Cambodian cooperative.

### Plaza Initiative

On the 12th and 13th of December, in 89 centres throughout Italy, an initiative was organized which included the distribution of donations in a cloth bag containing two bars of chocolate (cacao



fair and inclusive). The actor Marco Columbro, a testimonial of the initiative, made his image available and recorded a radio spot. Around 800 volunteers were involved; 3 projects were supported by the initiative: in Burkina Faso, India and Cambodia.

### Christmas Initiatives

For 2009 the fundraising activities related to Christmas (cards, calendars, donation gift letters) were promoted through the internet, e-newsletter, L'Albero Verde magazine and sending a

mail to about 1150 companies (650 in some way already connected to CIAI and 500 already operating in childhood). The campaign "Solidarity Gift" was replicated, particularly directed to individuals.

A dedicated listing was sent to a sample of 500,000 email addresses.

### Premium Points

The collaboration between CIAI and different companies of the CDO continues. We note in particular:

GS: the collaboration which began in October 2007 was closed at the beginning of 2009. CIAI was represented in the catalogue of premium points with the Cambodian project From The Street to The School.

Coop Centro Italia: from 1 April 2009 to 31 March 2010 CIAI will be present also in the catalogue of the premium points of Coop Centro Italia. The clients will be able to transform the accumulated points into a donation toward the project "In School not at Work" which aims to prevent and combat the phenomenon of child labour in some parts of Tamil Nadu in India.

### Membership Campaign

Also for 2009, CIAI membership was promoted.

These are the results: 190 Friend Members; 1375 Member Cards.

### Web

Free space on the web portals for the launch of the Child Sponsorship campaign. The campaign has provided 16,000,000 impressions. Nearly 14,000 clicks were registered with a click through rate of 0.08%.

Two Direct Mail (DM) campaigns were also activated for a total of 650 thousand addresses.



### Various

*Support Favours* through its site, CIAI proposes to transform the celebrations of the most important occasions in solidarity. In 2009 a brochure was developed that brings together all the proposals related to this and the promotion took place through the traditional channels (branches, regional groups, supporters, and members).

*Solidarity Gifts* The "catalogue" of alternative gifts offered by CIAI throughout the year has been notably enriched, reaching over 12 items.

### Shows

Also throughout 2009 the volunteers of CIAI have followed some actor "friends" during their tours with an information and fundraising stand.

### 5x1000 Law

To promote fundraising through the donation of 5x1000, special leaflets were realized with a dedicated letter to all the supporters. The informative material about the possibility to donate the 5x1000 to CIAI was also inserted in each outgoing communication from the central and local offices.

### Emergencies

On the occasion of two particular situations we launched some targeted fundraising campaigns. The first one, mainly addressed to couples that had adopted children coming from Colombia, was finalized to supplying milk to the Institute La Casita de Nicolas, unexpectedly deprived of a state contribution regularly received until then. The second one, launched on our site as well, allowed us to promptly intervene in favor of the families of Ouagadougou affected in September by a violent cloudburst. In both cases, the answer of our well-wishers has been quick and generous.

## Cultural Activities and Research Centre

During 2009, the Cultural Activity and Research Centre sector of CIAI has actually carried out numerous initiatives in diverse intervention areas that were identified as priorities in 2007 and

then launched in a more systematic way in 2008: the promotion and protection of the rights of children, adoption training, childcare and family support and the research activity.

In this table, the summary presentation of the various activities.

Intervention Area	Typology	Description	Beneficiaries/ Participants
<b>Promotion and protection of the rights of children</b>	Publication	<b>Scenarios and challenges of inter-country adoption</b> , by M. Chistolini and M. Raymondi, FrancoAngeli	First edition: 500 copies
	Publication	<b>2° Supplementary Report on the monitoring of the UN Convention on the Rights of Children and of Adolescents in Italy</b> , by the CRC work group	3000 copies of the book and web version
	Conferences and Seminars	<b>The Child Rights Based Approach and its application in cooperation projects</b> , National Seminar in collaboration with CIPSI. Milan	35 participants between NGOs experts, educators and trainers
	Conferences and Seminars	<b>Seminars on Child Labour</b> , Milan	25 participants (CIAI advisors and experts)
	Conferences and Seminars	<b>Children, teenagers, the Ombudsman for Children and Adolescents</b> , Forum and Study Seminar - coordination PIDIDA Lombardy, Milan	Forum: 5 secondary school classes; seminar: 85 participants
	Conferences and Seminars	<b>Lifetime: in search of a better time. The word to the boys and girl</b> , seminar realized by the PIDIDA Veneto's coordination in collaboration with the Public Guardian of Veneto. Venice	40 participants
	Conferences and Seminars	<b>Routes of Worldwide Education</b> for children and teenagers of the primary and secondary schools on the themes of promotion and protection of childhood rights. Vermezzo (Mi), Boltiere (Bg), Torre Pedrera (Rn), Schio (Vi)	120 children; 285 teenagers; 200 people from teenagers, families, CIAI partners and supporters
	Work Groups	<b>CRC Group</b> : participation at the working tables for the monitoring of the implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child in Italy	2 plenary meetings
	Work Groups	<b>PIDIDA Coordination (national and regional authorities in Lombardy, Veneto and Lazio)</b> : Participation at the working tables for the promotion and protection of the rights of the child and adolescent	23 meetings
	Work Groups	<b>Eas Lombardy NGOs Group</b>	7 meetings

Intervention Area	Typology	Description	Beneficiaries/ Participants
Adoption Training	Publications	<b><i>We see each other later. Travel without pretension of Inter-Country Adoption</i></b> , by M. Camiolo and M. Bassanesi, EMI, Bologna. Story illustrated for children. Versions in French, English, Spanish, and Khmer to use as an instrument for the preparation of the child in the adoption in his country of origin	First edition: 3000 copies
	Publications	<b><i>Return to the Origins. A modern fairytale</i></b> , by S. Ghelardoni Koli, CIAI Sviluppo, 2° reprint, Milan, 2009	Second edition: 150 copies
	Conferences and Seminars	<b><i>In Adoption House</i></b> , cycle of training seminars on adoption for parents and workers, Padova	115 participants
	Conferences and Seminars	<b><i>The Saturdays of Inter-Country adoption</i></b> , cycle of training seminars on adoption for parents and workers, Florence	39 participants
	Conferences and Seminars	<b><i>Being Adopted Adult Children</i></b> , National training seminar on adoption for parents and adopted children (co-financed by Lombardy Region). Milan	115 participants between parents and adult adopted children
	Conferences and Seminars	<b><i>To tell, tell about yourself...The adoption meeting of stories</i></b> , cycle of training seminars on adoption for parents, adopted children and professionals. Milan	310 participants
	Conferences and Seminars	<b><i>The management of information and pre-adoptive history</i></b> , Training seminar on the management of information relative to the previous history of the adopted child. Milan	20 participants
	Conferences and Seminars	<b><i>The Hague Convention and...what do we parents have to do with that? We could...we should</i></b> , training seminar for adoptive parents and adopted children, Genoa	25 participants
	Conferences and Seminars	<b><i>The right of the family: Adoption, custody. Custody: an additional resource for a child in difficulty. Adoption: meeting of stories.</i></b> meeting to go deeper on the theme of organized family rights, Spilimbergo	30 participants
	Conferences and Seminars	<b><i>Schools and Adoption</i></b> , training encounter for social workers and teachers, organized by Institute of the Innocents Florence	80 participants
	Training Courses	<b><i>To be Adult Adopted Children</i></b> , training course for psychosocial experts, with ECM accreditation for psychology. Milan	30 experts
	Training Courses	<b><i>Evaluation Course for adoption candidate couples</i></b> , training course for psychosocial experts with ECM accreditation for psychology. Milan	30 experts
	Training Courses	<b><i>Meet through the body</i></b> , Psychomotor course for couples awaiting adoption. Milan	10 couples
Training Courses	<b><i>Evaluation course for candidate couples for adoption</i></b> , training course for psycho-social experts with ECM accreditation for psychology; sponsorship by the City of Monopoli and collaboration of the D.S.S.12 ASL Bari	28 experts	

Intervention Area	Typology	Description	Beneficiaries/ Participants
<b>Adoption Training</b>	Training Courses	<b><i>The preparation of the couple awaiting adoption through psychomotor interventions</i></b> , training program at the Institute of the Innocents, Florence	80 experts
	Working Groups	<b><i>Psychological Order Project Emilia Romagna</i></b> , implementation guidelines for psychological evaluation of parenting capacity. Bologna	Second edition: 150 copies
	Psycho-social support	<b><i>Project A team game - support in post-adoption</i></b> , (co-financed by Cariplo Foundation). Toll-free support line two times a week, for parents and children. Online forum for children	9 telephone contacts; 6 psychological interviews in 2009; 21 enrolments to the online forum
	Psycho-social support	<b><i>Pilot projects of support to the adoptive family - Veneto Region</i></b> , Padua, Camposampiero (PD), Vicenza, Belluno	- Padua: 8 meetings for 32 participants; - Vicenza: 27 meetings for 20 participants; - Belluno: 20 participants
	Comparison Groups	<b><i>Adult adopted children group</i></b> , coordinated by the scientist in charge of CIAI	2 meetings, 24 participants
	Educational Activities	<b><i>CIAI Adolescent boys and girls group, Summer camp</i></b> on globalization education for boys and girls from 14 to 18 years old (with 4 educators and 2 volunteers) <b><i>Adolescent group meetings</i></b> , education activities on globalization with an adolescent group and 2 educators <b><i>Calendar 2010</i></b> , realization of CIAI boys and girls 2010 calendar on the theme of the rights of the child	Summer camp: 30 boys and girls; Adolescent group meetings :12 meetings around 12 participants per meeting; calendar: 250 copies
<b>Research Projects</b>	Collaborations with Universities and Research Institutes	<b><i>Research project on mirror neurons</i></b> , in collaboration with the Neuroscience Department at the University of Parma	4 adopted children participants in the project

# The fundamental indices

To verify the degree of achievement of the mission and the strategic guidelines provided by the Governing Council we chose to continuously measure some key indices. Here to follow, the results of the analysis.

## Index of Independence

This is the indicator that analyses the nature of the origin of the economic resources collected by the NGO. It is widely believed that a higher presence of funds from private sources corresponds to greater political independence in the choice of territories and contexts in which to operate.

The Governing Council of CIAI confirmed also for this year the call to maintain an index of equal or greater than two. This means that for each Euro collected from public donors they must

match this with two or more Euros from private sources.

This year the index measurement assumes connotations of irrelevance since the percentage of private funds stood at 98.68 percent.

## Gender Indices

Obviously CIAI as an NGO must, especially in terms of local personnel, pay close attention to the compliance to the gender index. The graphs represented below substantially confirm those presented in previous years and, where there is evidence of a slight decrease in percentage related to personnel abroad, we can refer exclusively to expatriates.

## Indices of Local Identity

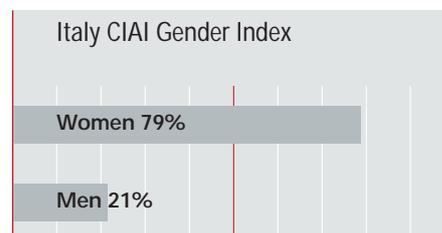
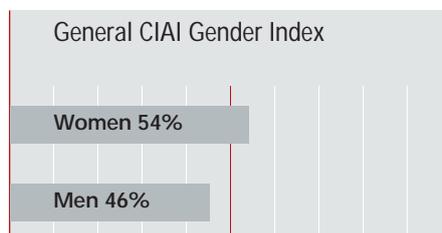
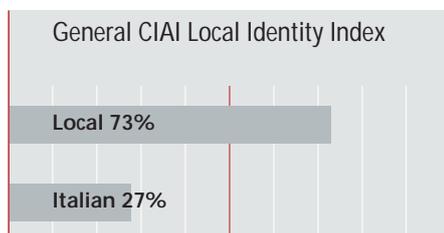
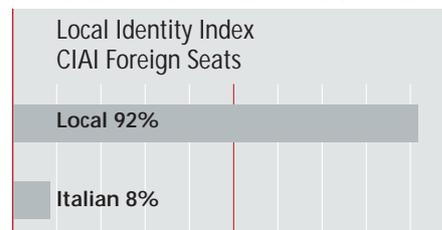
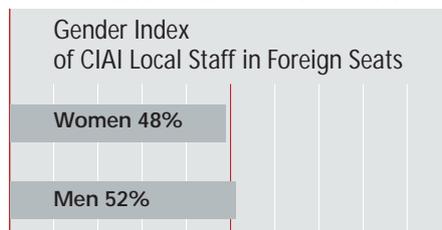
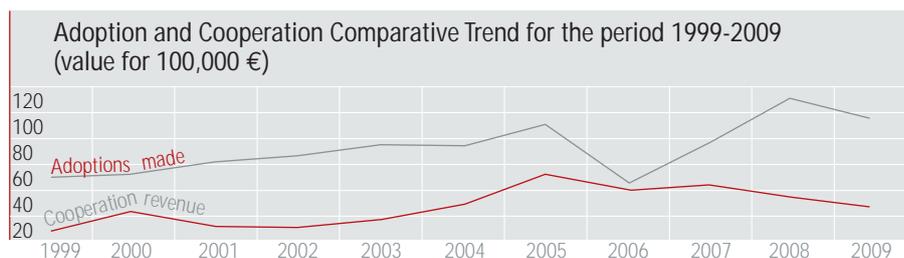
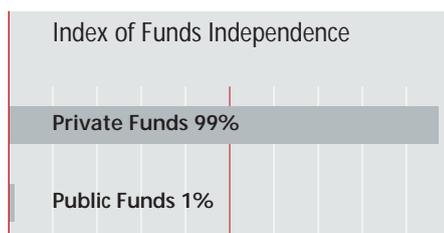
These indices concern the relationship between local and expatriate personnel. The higher the incidence of local per-

sonnel, the more the same actor plays a part in the development. 73% of personnel on CIAI payroll are natives of the countries in which CIAI operates.

## Comparative trend between Adoptions and Cooperation in the period 1999 - 2009

This graphic allows to compare the trend, within the last decade, of the two CIAI main activities: inter-country adoption and cooperation for development. Despite some minor differences, the two activities have substantially followed the same growth, with the exception of inter-country adoptions that have experienced a substantial reduction in 2006 due to the temporary interruption of adoption procedures in Colombia.

The same trend uniformity was present in 2009.



BALANCE SHEET as of DECEMBER 2009 **ASSETS**

31/12/2009

31/12/2008

Present Balance  
was certified by

*Figures expressed in Euro*



A) Membership issued and not yet paid		
B) Fixed Assets		
4. Patents, concessions and similar rights	22,803	31,335
<i>I. Intangible Fixed Assets</i>	<b>22,803</b>	<b>31,335</b>
1. Land and Buildings	1,160,970	1,200,458
2. Office Equipment and Installation	95,188	94,587
3. Vehicles	32,734	1,891
4. Other assets	21,091	25,348
<i>II. Tangible Fixed Assets</i>	<b>1,309,983</b>	<b>1,322,284</b>
1. Shareholdings	2,049	2,862
2. Receivables	6,316	7,569
4. Others	84,000	84,000
<i>III. Financial Investments</i>	<b>92,366</b>	<b>94,431</b>
<b>TOTAL FIXED ASSETS (B)</b>	<b>1,425,151</b>	<b>1,448,051</b>
C) CURRENT ASSETS		
5. Goods donated for fund-raising activities	13,689	8,128
<i>I. Inventories</i>	<b>13,689</b>	<b>8,128</b>
1. From private and institutional sponsors	506,469	1,562,542
5. From others	266,350	173,534
5a Credit from Investment Bank	-	1,785,834
5b Crediti garanzia per fideiussione	-	-
5c Treasury	323,962	6,872
<i>II. Receivables</i>	<b>1,096,782</b>	<b>3,528,783</b>
1. Bank and postal deposits	3,350,849	1,471,749
3. Cash on hand	24,944	97,911
<i>IV. Cash</i>	<b>3,375,793</b>	<b>1,569,660</b>
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS (C)</b>	<b>4,169,311</b>	<b>5,106,571</b>
D) ACCRUED INCOME AND PREPAYMENTS	16,479	54,529
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>5,927,894</b>	<b>6,609,151</b>
MEMORANDUM ACCOUNTS		
Goods belonging to third parties	7	7
Guarantees given by third parties for adoption procedures	233,736	239,055
Guarantees given by third parties	-	74,988
Conditional promises to make donations	65,002	19,335
Tangible assets held under concession	144,120	211,288
<b>TOTAL MEMORANDUM ACCOUNTS</b>	<b>442,865</b>	<b>544,673</b>

BALANCE SHEET as of DECEMBER 2009 **LIABILITIES AND OWN FUNDS**

	31/12/2009	31/12/2008
<i>Figures expressed in Euro</i>		
<b>A) OWN FUNDS</b>		
1. Net operating results from current period	(13,198)	(8,393)
2. Reserves	104,901	109,725
3. Allocation	400,937	451,864
4. Other funds	220,687	229,080
<b>II. Unrestricted funds</b>	<b>713,327</b>	<b>782,276</b>
1. Restricted funds for international cooperation and child sponsorship	3,562,819	4,561,516
2. Restricted funds for sponsor retention and social campaign	28,134	26,106
3. Restricted funds for international adoption	183,600	82,800
4. Restricted funds for research centre	52,527	59,457
<b>III. Restricted funds</b>	<b>3,827,079</b>	<b>4,729,879</b>
<b>B) FUNDS FOR RISKS AND BURDENS</b>	<b>23,700</b>	<b>23,700</b>
<b>C) STAFF LEAVING INDEMNITY</b>	<b>282,707</b>	<b>237,657</b>
<b>D) PAYBLES</b>		
<i>Medium and long term</i>		
2. Mortgage bank loan	406,132	434,163
<i>Short term</i>		
6. Suppliers	156,933	193,975
7. Taxes	35,912	38,133
8. Social security institutions	40,838	38,325
12. Other	105,707	105,244
	<b>745,523</b>	<b>809,841</b>
<b>E) ACCRUED EXPENSES AND DEFERRED INCOME</b>	<b>335,558</b>	<b>25,798</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND OWN FUNDS</b>	<b>5,927,894</b>	<b>6,609,151</b>
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INCOME STATEMENT for the year ended 31 DECEMBER 2009 **INCOME**

31/12/2009

31/12/2008

Present Balance  
was certified by



*Figures expressed in Euro*

	31/12/2009	31/12/2008
<b>1. INCOME FROM OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES</b>		
<i>International Adoption</i>		
1.1 International Adoption	883,050	857,427
1.2 Donation from members for international adoption	210,063	63,235
1.3 Use of international adoption funds	55,752	68,662
<i>International Cooperation</i>		
1.4 International cooperation and child sponsorship	2,740,504	3,459,844
1.5 Use of international coop. and child sponsorship funds	2,690,060	2,377,116
<i>Research Centre and Cultural Activities</i>		
1.6 Donations for Research Centre and Cultural Activities	46,083	86,340
1.7 Donation for Res. Centre and Cultural Activities projects	51,395	219,589
1.8 Use of Research Centre and Cultural Activities funds	30,556	51,078
<i>Sponsor retention and social campaign</i>		
1.9 Donation from member and associated	105,707	99,882
1.10 Contribution for sponsor retention and social campaign	77,298	200,100
1.11 Use of sponsor retention and social campaign funds and social campaign	12,985	4,773
<b>TOTAL INCOME FROM OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>6,903,453</b>	<b>7,488,047</b>
<b>2. INCOME FROM FUND-RAISING ACTIVITIES</b>		
2.1 Donation from fund raising activities	163,599	243,958
2.2 Donation from private	92,159	88,504
2.3 Donation according to "5 x 1000" law	254,537	-
<b>TOTAL INCOME FROM FUND-RAISING ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>510,295</b>	<b>332,462</b>
<b>3. FINANCIAL INCOME</b>	<b>65,604</b>	<b>115,323</b>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>7,479,352</b>	<b>7,935,831</b>

INCOME STATEMENT for the year ended 31 DECEMBER 2009 **EXPENDITURE**

	31/12/2009	31/12/2008
<i>Figures expressed in Euro</i>		
<b>1. EXPENDITURE FOR OPERATIONAL</b>		
<i>International Adoption</i>		
1.1 Personnel	318,980	350,953
1.2 General operating expenditure	800,339	676,198
1.3 Amortization	38,186	35,753
1.4 Distribution of restricted funds for International Adoption	-	-
<i>International Cooperation and Development Projects</i>		
1.5 Personnel	222,152	159,330
1.6 General operating expenditure	104,587	136,630
1.7 Amortization	37,744	16,677
1.8 Erogazioni per Progetti e Sostegni a Distanza	3,288,665	3,150,120
1.9 Distribution of funds for child sponsorship and development projects	1,691,364	2,202,968
<i>Research Centre and Cultural Activities</i>		
1.10 Personnel	70,421	84,433
1.11 General operating expenditure	42,486	47,505
1.12 Amortization	10,450	10,741
1.13 Distribution of funds Cultural activities and projects	58,325	212,242
1.14 Allocation of restricted funds for Res. Centre projects	23,626	58,425
<i>Sponsor retention and social campaign</i>		
1.15 Allocation funds of sponsor retention and soc. campaign	15,013	10,599
1.16 Distribution funds sponsor retention and soc. campaign	12,985	4,773
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE FOR OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>6,735,322</b>	<b>7,157,346</b>
<b>2. EXPENDITURE FOR FUND RAISING ACTIVITIES</b>		
2.1 Personnel	148,179	159,373
2.2 General operating expenditure	184,164	186,319
2.3 Amortization	14,164	15,218
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE FOR FUND RAISING ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>346,506</b>	<b>360,910</b>
<b>3. EXPENDITURE FOR GENERAL OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
3.1 Personnel	268,345	248,093
3.2 General operating expenditure	65,040	62,146
3.3 Amortization	18,811	16,453
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE FOR GEN. OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>352,196</b>	<b>326,692</b>
<b>4. FINANTIAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>47,353</b>	<b>65,506</b>
<b>5. TRIBUTARY EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>2,612</b>	<b>3,187</b>
<b>6. EXTRAORDINARY ESPENDITURE</b>	<b>6,465</b>	<b>27,315</b>
<b>7. OTHER EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,100</b>
<b>8. TAXES</b>	<b>2,096</b>	<b>169</b>
<b>PROFIT/LOSS</b>	<b>(13,198)</b>	<b>(8,393)</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>7,479,352</b>	<b>7,935,831</b>

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