



Childaid Network strives hard to build a good future for children-in-need in South-Asia.

Our guiding principles



Cooperative and at eye level



Focused



Proven to be effective



Professional



Sustainable



Transparent

A Network for Children

In a nutshell – basic information on Childaid Network

Childaid Network is a medium-sized, independent and unaffiliated children's aid organization from Germany. It provides needy children and youth with access to education, enables child rights, and offers vocational training and selected health services operating through a network of local partners in four countries in South Asia (Northeast India, Nepal, Bangladesh and Myanmar).

In 2020, despite the constraints resulting from the Corona pandemic, 36 education and child rights projects in about 600 project sites directly benefited almost 50,000 children and adolescents. Nearly € 2 million have been invested in projects in the past year and we will increase this budget in 2021 by at least 30%.

How it all began

Childaid Network was founded in Germany 2007 by the married couple Dr. Cladders / Dr. Kasper with their own capital as a charitable foundation for children in need. Childaid Network supports children and adolescents in South Asia regardless of gender, ethnic background or religious beliefs in order to eliminate poverty and to create a perspective for them for a better future, focusing on education as a key to transformation.



A small part of the Childaid Network core team, consisting mostly of volunteers.

Our education projects in Nepal



Rebuilt after the earthquake – solid and earthquake proof.



Early development promotion lays the foundation for successful learning.



In small groups, teachers are trained in child-centered pedagogy.

Childaid Network track record

From 2007 to 2020, over € 14 million were invested into projects serving over 200,000 direct beneficiaries. By helping more than 20,000 youth without basic education to learn reading and arithmetic, improving education quality in several hundred government schools, qualifying more than 20,000 youth for a trade and helping them start a business, integrating 6,000 children born in refugee camps and about 10,000 street children into school and work sustainable transformation was achieved.

Our vision - education for all

Childaid Network believes that only through access to education the poor will have a chance to build a better life for themselves, their families and their village communities. Therefore, we are committed to enable access to quality education for all young people and thus aim at sustainable improvements in their overall living conditions through structural change. We do not give alms, but support the development of local communities and leadership, aligned with the government.

A strong network – in Germany and South Asia

The Childaid Network team in Germany has an honorary management board of three and a professional core team of about 50 people, mostly also volunteers. More than 150 helpers and 10,000 active donors, funding partners and companies support the organization united by the vision to provide access to education for all children. Also, Childaid Network is a preferred partner of the German government.

In South Asia, Childaid Network currently works with 32 reliable and trustworthy partners. They understand the situation of the children, speak their language and know what is needed. They share our vision. We also work in close cooperation across borders, ensuring cross fertilisation from the experiences of our partners in different regions.

The History of Childaid Network in Nepal

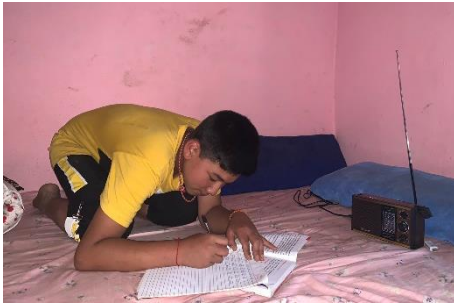
Deep roots and close ties – especially in times of crisis

The Nepal project of Childaid Network in the Ramechhap district grew out of the long-standing work of two small German NGOs, *Children of Bhandar* and *Initiative Kronberg 96*, which are now part of Childaid Network.

In spring 2015, devastating earthquakes hit Nepal destroying buildings, schools and infrastructure in the region almost completely. Within two years, Childaid Network and its partners succeeded in helping to rebuild 10 solid and earthquake-proof school buildings.

There's still a lot to be done – we are committed to continue

Our work will not be complete until all children receive good basic education, only few suffer from preventable diseases and the youth are skilled to lead independent lives. This is why, over the last six years, Childaid Network's annual project budget in Nepal has quadrupled from 125k€ in 2014 to more than 500k€ in 2020. The partner network has grown from one to nine partners.



During school closures, the radio lessons organized by our partners were the only source of education in the region.



Thanks to equipment and awareness raising, schools are now safe.

Our vocational project in Nepal



The modern training courses are popular with young men and women.



Budding seamstresses design their patterns for colourful fashion.

Taking the next step - starting an INGO

In close cooperation with the Government of Nepal, we are committed to further expand our operations in Nepal. For this, we have taken the next step and officially registered as an INGO in Nepal. Based on a highly motivated team, lots of personal relationships with Nepal and a great love for the people and the country, we are committed to a long-term partnership.

Childaid Projects – Cooperative, Holistic and Sustainable Ramechhap - a remote mountain region

Our project area is located in the mountains of Nepal about 230 km north-east of Kathmandu. Although much has improved, the region is still relatively poor. Many people live from the yields of agriculture only. The simple network of unpaved roads can only be used in the dry season by tractors or trucks, but is not reliable in the rainy season. With few doctors, a lack of good schools and jobs, people often struggle. Many young people therefore migrate to the capital, to India or the Gulf States for work.

With increased funds, Childaid Network has expanded the project region

Since the beginning, our projects have supported children and young people in two northern rural districts of Ramechhap. Lately, we have also been working in the two rural districts of Doramba and Sunapati in the southwest. There, we have piloted a project that focuses on mobilizing village communities to improve the quality of education.

Our focus: school quality, early child-hood development, vocational training and health promotion

These are the four areas of Childaid Network's work in the region. In the education sector, we focus on improving the quality of education by involving the community. Our vocational training project brings opportunities for more than 1,000 young people. In addition, we have launched a multi-year project to promote the health of children, youth and women in the region and to counter the dramatic consequences of the Corona-pandemic.

Next step: Quality Education – successful pilots about to be scaled-up

In 2019 and 2020, we have piloted two education projects for early childhood education, quality development in schools and community mobilisation for better education results. Starting in October 2021, the projects will be scaled-up with the help of the German government, also to counter the negative effects of the school closures during the Corona-crisis.

In northern Ramechhap, the first project will sustainably improve the quality of education for 5,500 preschoolers to third graders in the rural community of Gokulganga. By intensively involving parents and local authorities, we are bringing early childhood education more into focus. This project is also benefitting from the model Montessori-Center Childaid Network has been running for the past three years in Bhandar. In the southwest of the Ramechhap district, the second project aims to give 4,900 children access to high-quality, inclusive education. This will be made possible through the close involvement of children, young people and adults from the village communities as ambassadors for good education.



Off-season vegetable farming course.

Helping people generate income in rural areas

This is the vision of our vocational project. By Spring 2022, a total of 600 young people will be trained in vocational training courses. At the same time, 400 young people who want to set up their own business are learning the basic business management skills needed to set up their own company and are being supported in 25 groups of young entrepreneurs. In addition, 500 farmers receive further training through intensive agricultural courses and their conversion to progressive farming methods is accompanied by 20 experienced trainers.



One of the many success stories - Yangze Sherpa in her salon.

We are planning to implement a similar project in neighbouring rural municipalities starting in 2022.

Sustainable health promotion and awareness raising

In January 2020, we have started a pilot project to improve the health situation in the region. Then the pandemic hit. Together with our partners, we immediately provided emergency aid. In coordination with the local government, 29 health stations were equipped with materials such as protective suits, masks and disinfectants, and staff were trained. SMS campaigns and flyers also promoted awareness among the population and countered fake news.

Impressions of our health promotion and awareness raising project in Nepal

In addition, the project supported schools to safely reopen, worked with 67 mothers' groups and 1,000 adolescent girls regarding menstrual hygiene. In December 2021, we extended funding and - upon request of local authorities - started a multi-year health project to strengthen resilience during the pandemic with training and awareness raising and to promote sustainable health promotion also in the Umakunda and Gokulganga districts. Similar health promotion projects in neighboring rural municipalities are needed and part of our planning.



Safe during the pandemic - Equipped with PPE and trained by our partners.

Our Vision for Nepal

The overall vision of Childaid Network in Nepal is to support and empower children and youth as well as all stakeholders in order to "ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all" as lined out in Sustainable Development Goal No. 4.

To realize this vision, a threefold approach is used:

- ⇒ Quality Education through high quality interventions like teacher training and community mobilization in close cooperation with the government, especially to curb the long-term effects of the pandemic.
- ⇒ Demand-led, local vocational training, entrepreneurship and intensive agricultural courses to provide a path to independence for needy adolescents and young adults in remote, rural areas of Nepal.
- ⇒ Sustainable health promotion through basic trainings, highlighting important issues and improved coordination between officials and stakeholders in the health system to gradually improve step-by-step the



Under instruction, many children brush their teeth properly for the first time.



The mothers' groups provide a valuable opportunity for women to share, learn and empower themselves.



Washing your hands has to be learned as well.



The FCHVs are the central pillars of the health system.



Meetings with local stakeholders are an essential part of our projects.

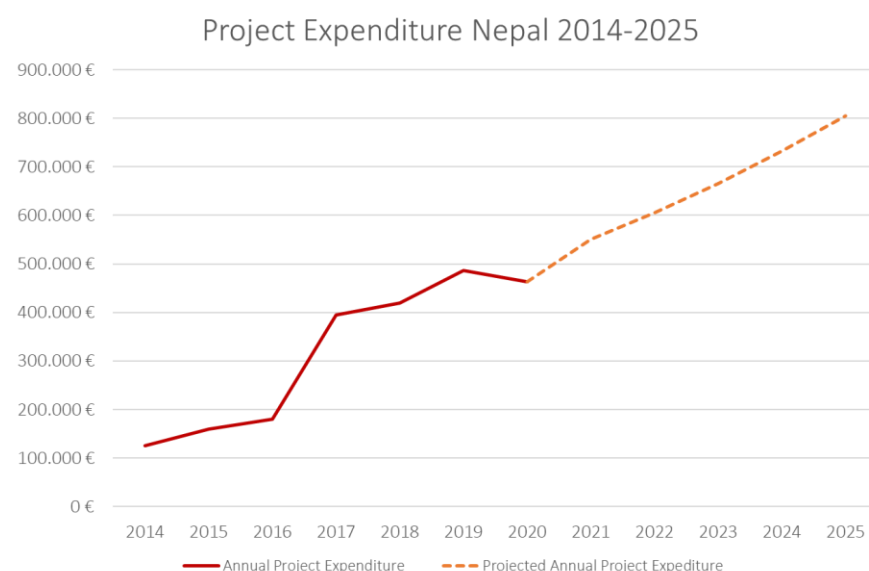
health and well-being of all children, young people and women in the region.

Regional Focus

Ramechhap will remain our main working area in the next three years. Since we believe in the benefit of strategic and focused development of our work, the neighbouring rural municipalities within Ramechhap as well as neighboring districts will be the next areas to be supported - in line with government priorities.

Realistic and sustainable growth

In Nepal, we have spent almost € 2.5 million cumulatively over the last five years. Our plan is to invest more than € 3.5 million in the next five years. With the overall development of Childaid Network's funding resources, in part from the German government, we project our engagement in Nepal to systematically increase over the next years to an annual budget of 800,000 € in 2025. The graph below visualizes this development:



Networking in Nepal

Along with the registration as INGO in Nepal, we plan to increase our collaboration with the Nepalese government and our networking efforts with other (I)NGOs. Only as friends and close allies, we can bring about sustainable change to needy communities in rural Nepal – benefiting from each others expertise, knowledge and mutual support.

Extending the Network

We look for a significant expansion of our network and solicit proposals from NGOs and request consultation from people that share our vision.

Conclusion

The team of Childaid Network loves Nepal, loves the Nepalese people and is dedicated to bring sustainable change in particular to the young people in the country.

Dr. Martin Kasper, honorary president, April 2021