

2020-2021 ANNUAL REPORT

Children's Care International



OVER 152 MILLION CHILDREN ARE
EXPLOITED AROUND THE WORLD.

THERE ARE THEREFORE 152 MILLION
REASONS TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT.

A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT AND THE MANAGING DIRECTOR

FIGHTING CHILD
EXPLOITATION
FOR THE PAST
20
YEARS

The COVID-19 pandemic has plunged the world into an unprecedented crisis. It has exacerbated the flaws in our world's inequitable global system, disproportionately affecting the most vulnerable populations and jeopardizing the social gains made in recent decades. Child laborers and victims of human trafficking, especially women and girls, are among those most affected by the pandemic. Containment measures have drastically impoverished the poorest families, increasing the number of working children and the risk of early marriages. In response to the urgent need, our local partners have quickly mobilized to support our project's beneficiary families and defend their rights, thus avoiding losing several years of progress already made in the fight against child exploitation.

As CCI celebrates 20 years of operation, we would like to highlight the important progress that has been made, but also the fragility of these changes, and the considerable risks that exist of backsliding. CCI will continue its struggle for access to education, equal rights and social protection, the last being more important than ever.

Christine Durocher
President

Eloïse Savoie
Managing Director



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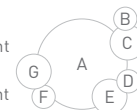
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ABOUT CHILDREN'S CARE INTERNATIONAL

Our Vision

CCI envisions a world where all children and their families have the opportunity to thrive and live a decent life, free from exploitation.

Our Mission

CCI fights against the exploitation of children around the world while empowering local people to take action to promote the rights of all children.

Our values



SUSTAINABILITY

Creating positive, sustainable changes for children and communities by focusing projects on capacity building.

JUSTICE

Respecting the rights of all children to live a dignified life and upholding the universal nature of these rights.

SOLIDARITY

Supporting communities and advocating for the most vulnerable populations in partnership with local communities.

EQUITY

Equality for all children who are victims of injustice and discrimination, with a focus on girls and marginalized populations.

Sustainability, justice, solidarity and equity are core values that enable CCI to lead the fight against child exploitation, resulting in lasting positive changes for children, families and communities.



Special mention

Since 2011, CCI has enjoyed special consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). This status permitted access to the UN platform to bring to the fore CCI's vision regarding child labor, thus contributing to the awareness of the international community.

Our Team

Founded by Roxana Robin in 2000, CCI is now composed of a diverse team of workers.

Board of directors

Ensures the prosperity of the organization and its projects while maintaining its good governance.

→ Christine Durocher – President

→ Hélène Masson – Vice-President

→ Amanda Rosebush – Treasurer

→ Lyne Leblanc – Secretary

→ Carolyne Lassonde – Administrator

Managing Director

In charge of day-to-day business coordination, remaining in constant direct contact with CCI's local partners so as to maintain its present projects against child exploitation and develop new ones.

→ Eloïse Savoie

Fundraising Officer

Ensures the financing and operational viability, here and overseas, of CCI's projects against child exploitation.

→ Dorian Mouketou

Communications and Educational Projects Officer

Responsible for communicating to the public the international solidarity issues involved in CCI's mission and the efforts made by the organization and its partners, thus encouraging committed individuals to join the CCI team in building a more just and equitable world.

→ Émilie Jodoin

Information Assistant

Seconds the Awareness and Communications Officer in developing and facilitating global citizenship education activities.

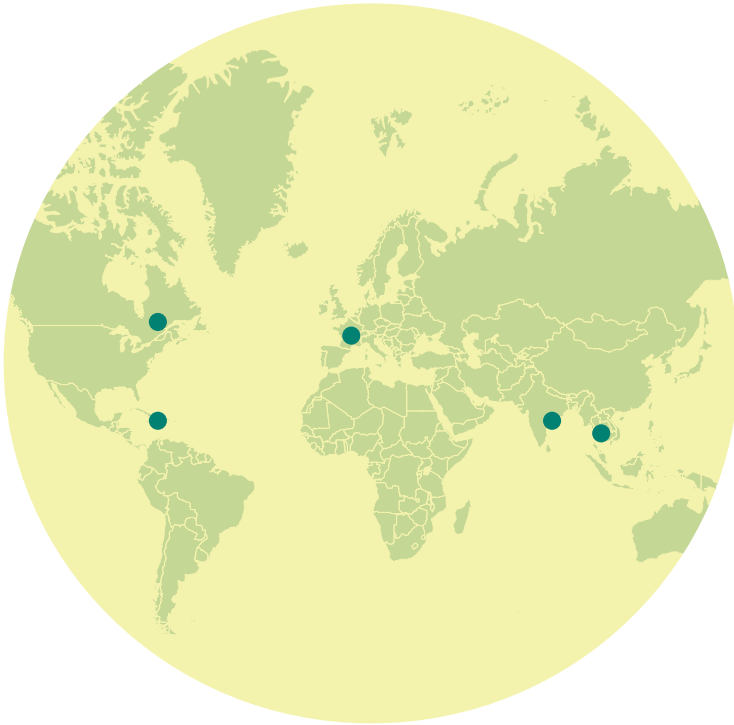
→ Claudelle Leduc-Boudreau

Interns and Volunteers

CCI would like to acknowledge the work of its volunteers and interns. It is because of their involvement and dedication that it is able to pursue its mission of combatting child exploitation. As years go by, CCI has been fortunate to be able to count on their deep commitment and loyalty.

OUR OPERATIONS

For over 20 years, CCI has been active internationally through sustainable partnerships with local organizations in several countries, including India, Thailand and Haiti. In terms of local involvement, CCI is active in global citizenship education (GCE) in raising awareness on issues of social justice, human rights, climate justice and gender equality.



- 5 countries of operation: India, Thailand, Haiti, France and Canada
- 8 international projects in 3 countries
- 5 local partners
- 57 individual donors
- 15 patrons
- 19,100 people reached through our international projects
- **20 years' fighting against child exploitation throughout the world**

CCI and its local partners work in the following focus areas:

1. Empowerment of people and communities

- A. Education
- B. Vocational training
- C. Social and economic reintegration of young people rescued from situations of exploitation
- D. Gender equality

2. Social protection

- A. Health
- B. Microcredit

3. Advocacy and promotion of human rights

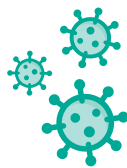
- A. Legal support services
- B. Community awareness
- C. Promotion of human rights (and children's rights in particular)





Partner initiatives in the context of COVID-19

As in the rest of the world, COVID-19 led to a country-wide lockdown in March 2020. Schools closed, thereby depriving poorer children of their education—since distance learning is unattainable in their case—as well as cutting off several essential services such as the provision of meals. Indeed, many children in the region depend on schools for their lunch, which is often their only full meal of the day. Our partner has been very proactive in working with local communities to help those most critically affected, and to meet the urgent needs of families. For example, it prepared bags of non-perishable food once a month for 25 primary school children and 15 pre-school children in the village of Thammayapalam, near Vizianagaram in Andhra Pradesh. These bags provided the families with nutritious food such as nuts and pulses, as well as hygiene products such as soap during the confinement.





Social and economic reintegration of children released from indentured slavery (debt bondage)



Location
Vizianagaram,
Andhra Pradesh

FOCUS AREAS

Empowerment of individuals and communities

Social protection

Advocacy and promotion of human rights

COURSES OF ACTION

Social and economic reintegration of young people rescued from exploitation

Gender equality

Health

Community awareness

Key facts

- Worldwide, 152 million children are forced into labor.
- In 2016, there were 18 million children trapped in debt bondage in India.
- There are 12.9 million child laborers between the ages of 7 and 17 in India, making it the country with the largest child labor population in the world.

Project impact

- In 2003, at the very beginning of this project, CCI freed 60 young girls and boys from indentured slavery.
- 80% of the children in the program have graduated and have joined the workforce.
- In 2020-2021, 10 young persons are still being supported and are the last of the group.
- Most of them are pursuing a technical or university education.
- Every young person has attended gender equality training at least once each year.
- The role of women is increasingly valued.
- All parents of these young persons have been sensitized as to the importance of educating girls.
- The tradition of early marriages has been completely eradicated in these villages.

This project was the first one implemented by CCI in India in 2003, notably with the opening of the Rainbow Center, which had as its mission the sheltering of children freed from debt bondage. These children received health care and a quality education throughout their schooling years.

This project is a resounding success. Every year, more and more young people are completing their training and joining the workforce. They develop skills that allow them to access jobs they like and earn a better income. Moreover, this project has a ripple effect on their families, as these youths are able to help their parents pay off their debts. Therefore, the entire family benefits from their children's success.

Project objectives

- Enable the reintegration of children into society.
- Break the cycle of poverty by ensuring the education of children from primary school to university, according to their individual career preferences.
- Offer support and a listening ear to the children, and guide them in their professional choices.
- Increase the standard of living of families in the long term through the education of children.

Combating violence against women and girls

As part of the project to support the social and economic reintegration of young people released from debt bondage, CCI and RES are working to combat violence against women and girls. CCI and RES have set a number of objectives for themselves in the fight against this type of violence including:

- educating young people on gender equality and the important role women play in society;
- sensitizing parents so that the schooling of girls is as valued as that of boys;
- decreasing the number of early marriages by sensitizing parents and educating girls.

RAYATHI

Rayathi Ankamma, a young Indian girl who used to work as a domestic when she was little, was taken in by CCI's Rainbow Center when it was time for her to start primary school. Fatherless and living with her sick mother and sister in Barripeta village, her entire family depends on her two brothers' income.

Rayathi completed her final year of University at LENDI College in Bhogapuram. She wrote her final exams last November and should get her results in November 2021. She would like to continue her studies in computer science to maximize her chances of getting a job. When the lockdown began in March 2020, Rayathi had to stay home in her village with her mother, one of her brothers and her sister.



Financial autonomy for underprivileged women and families through microcredit



Location
Vizianagaram,
Andhra Pradesh

FOCUS AREAS

Empowerment of people and communities

Social protection

COURSES OF ACTION

Gender equality

Microcredit

Health

Key facts

- To support their families, women are often forced to take on debt.
- Their children's work is a way to bring in additional and essential income.

Project impact

- Mothers see their monthly income increase on average by 50%.
- 20 women are taken in hand each year.
- Mothers can now ensure that their children receive an education.

The goal of this project is to support women who want to increase their income by starting an income-generating activity, thereby ensuring that their children can attend school. Through an interest-free loan program, women can start their own businesses and make them prosper. Then they use their profits to support their families and especially to make sure that their children go to school.

Women's economic empowerment and gender equality

This project strengthens women's economic power, thereby making them agents of social and economic progress in the community. Financial empowerment and increased economic power also enhances their status in society, a fact that contributes to reducing the marginalization of women. The promotion of gender equality, including women's participation and contribution to economic activity, also benefits the entire community.

Project objectives

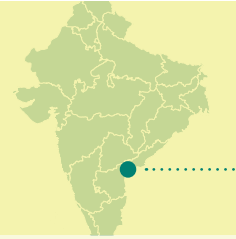
- Make it possible for the women targeted by the project to start their own business without having to go into debt.
- Promote the development of a community of mutual aid between the women entrepreneurs in the ten villages where this program is implemented.
- Increase the income of participating women.
- Accompany and support women in the creation and development of their businesses.
- Ensure the schooling of their children.

Access to health care for families of women entrepreneurs

The microcredit program aimed at strengthening the economic power of women through income-generating activities also enhances the possibility of their accessing health care for themselves and their families. This is essential since most people in the community get into debt due to health care costs; it is very common for families and their children to fall into indentured slavery in order to pay off these debts.



**Educating girls with family responsibilities
(Anganwadi School)**



Location
**Thammayapalam,
Andhra Pradesh**

FOCUS AREAS

Empowerment of individuals and communities

Social protection

COURSES OF ACTION

Education

Gender equality

Health



Key facts

- In India, nearly 3 million children do not attend school.
- Older sisters are often responsible for taking care of the family's younger children during the day and therefore do not attend school.

Project impact

- 10 children aged 3 to 5 years have a safe place to learn and play.
- There are less children out-of-school in Thammayapalem village.

Early Childhood and Girls' Education

CCI and RES opened a preschool called an Anganwadi School in 2019.

This type of school is a safe and vibrant educational space where children can thrive and learn basic English and Telugu, maths and civics. It was set up to make it easier for young girls, especially those with family responsibilities, to attend school. Indeed, the preschool's taking over the care of toddlers frees up their older sisters who were previously not able to go to school because of their domestic chores and having to care for their younger siblings.

Project objectives

- Provide schooling of young children in the village of Thammayyapalem.
- Ensure access to education for girls.
- Promote the academic success of school-age girls and boys.
- Contribute to child development in the village.

Nutritional health

The Anganwadi School provides children with a meal and snacks. Providing this food helps to combat child hunger and malnutrition. Since nutritional health problems can be a hindrance to the education and social development of children, our approach is to prioritize healthy eating so as to provide an environment that encourages the development of young children.

Women's sexual and reproductive health

In Indian villages, the preschool teacher—over and above teaching children—is traditionally responsible for providing one-on-one support to pregnant women, postpartum mothers, and those with children between the ages of 1 and 3.

Koramma, the teacher at the Anganwadi School, therefore underwent a two-week intensive training in maternity-related topics (post-delivery care, breastfeeding, baby feeding, etc.) in order to be able to offer her support to pregnant women and mothers with young children in the village.

THE CREATION OF THE ANGANWADI SCHOOL

In those poor families living in India's slums, older sisters are often responsible for looking after younger siblings when parents go to work. In the village of Thammayyapalem, parents therefore used to let their children play together while they were at work, leaving the younger children under the supervision of the older ones. A few years ago however, a three-year-old child was left unsupervised and fell, an accident that could have been fatal. This situation caused a great deal of concern in the village, questioning the wisdom of leaving young children at home in an unsafe environment while adults were away during the day.

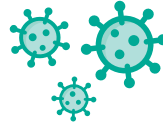




Partner initiatives in the context of COVID-19

A. Measures taken by the Boisar Complex

Drop-in centers like the Boisar Complex were deemed an essential service by the Indian government. As a result, the young women boarding there did not have to leave the compound during the pandemic. Our partner responded quickly to the situation so as to adapt its intervention program. As soon as health measures were put in place, the complex stocked up on food and medicine to have a three-month inventory in case of closure or shortage. In addition, all non-essential staff at the center stopped traveling to and from their workplaces and homes to reduce the risk of spread. As a result, some resources and training were adapted to a virtual format, such as online tutorials. For essential employees, they split their shifts over 15 days, minimizing travel outside the complex and the risk of contagion.



B. Initiatives for the communities surrounding the facility

In addition to taking the necessary steps to make the shelter safe and continue their work with survivors of sexual exploitation, the Rescue Foundation implemented several initiatives in the community where the Boisar Complex is located. For example, a month's worth of food and essential goods were distributed to nearby tribal communities to help them cope with the pandemic. Tribal communities in India are made up of vulnerable and generally very poor populations. In addition, to assist in the implementation of health measures, the organization provided protective equipment, such as protective masks and gloves, to the Mumbai police. This initiative is a testament to the good relationship between our partner and the local police, who are working together to help sexually exploited girls in the area.





Guidance and support for girls freed from sexual exploitation



Location
Boisar,
Maharashtra

FOCUS AREAS

Empowerment of individuals and communities

Social protection

Advocacy and promotion of human rights

COURSES OF ACTION

Gender equality

Vocational training

Health

Legal support services

Key facts

- Human trafficking is the second largest organized crime network in the world, generating revenues of approximately \$150 billion in 2018.
- Maharashtra is the State with the most reported cases of human trafficking in India.
- One-third of those trafficked into modern slavery are exploited for sexual purposes, such as prostitution and child pornography.
- 71% of human trafficking are women or girls.

Combating violence against women

CCI is working together with our partner to combat the sexual exploitation of young girls. The Boisar Complex is one of four Rescue Foundation reception centers. It takes in an average of 150 young women each year.

The girls have the opportunity to participate in numerous activities in order to regain their confidence and serenity after the horrors experienced in brothels. Freed from sexual exploitation and welcomed at the Boisar rehabilitation center, they can rebuild themselves mentally and physically, having first and foremost access to medical care and psychological support.

Project objectives

- Enable young women to rebuild themselves mentally and physically by providing them with access to medical care and psychological support.
- Make it possible for them to be repatriated to their country of origin where indicated.
- Provide legal assistance to the young victims and prosecute their kidnapers.
- Provide a place of refuge and a listening ear, without discrimination, in addition to a healthy and complete diet.



Rehabilitation of young girls released from sexual exploitation

The Boisar Complex provides a safe place for women to grow through a variety of activities. For example, art therapy, dance and yoga are some of the ways our partner helps sexually exploited girls to reclaim their bodies.

Legal recourse in the fight against sexual exploitation

Our partner provides access to legal assistance to the young women it takes under its wing. In addition and where possible, it initiates legal proceedings against the alleged perpetrators of sexual exploitation. This legal recourse is part of a comprehensive rehabilitation process for the young women that includes psychosocial and health care, training in various trades and skills, and court-ordered repatriation of survivors to their home countries when warranted.

Project impact in 2020

- 150 young women taken in at the Boisar Complex (in total 374 are welcomed annually by the combined 4 centers administered by the Rescue Foundation, including Boisar).
- 146 investigations were carried out by our partner.
- 32 rescue operations were executed.
- 107 girls were released from sexual exploitation.
- 41 police arrests were made thanks to our partner.

Vocational training center

Among all the activities at the Boisar Complex, CCI is particularly invested in the training offered to young women. This training, apart from imparting some basic knowledge, allows them to develop their curiosity and an interest in pursuing their studies at the end of their stay.

Project objectives

- Maintain a vocational training center for girls exiting sexual exploitation.
- Educate and train the girls at the Boisar Complex so that they may acquire skills and competencies to facilitate their social and academic reintegration.

Project impact in 2020

For all 4 complexes, including Boisar, in number of participants for each type of training.

- Sewing: 89
- Aesthetics: 156
- Information technology: 91
- Bag-making techniques: 65
- Arts and crafts: 98
- Yoga and Zumba: 116

SAMA*, ILLEGALLY BROUGHT TO INDIA FROM BANGLADESH FOR SEX TRAFFICKING

Because he was unfaithful, Sama left her husband at the age of 17 after 3 years of marriage. She got a job in a clothing store but it did not pay enough. So her cousin offered to take her illegally to India, promising her a similar job for twice the salary. She accepted. Her cousin then drove her to Gujarat and introduced her to a man who locked her up in a room where he brought her a series of clients every day. She could not refuse or her abuser would leave her without food or drink.

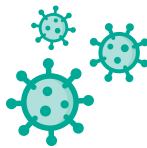
After a year of exploiting Sama, the man allowed her to contact her family. Despite the shame she felt about her situation, she jumped at the chance to seek help from one of her aunts in Bangalore. They agreed on a plan to get her free. However, her aunt betrayed her as well, and in turn forced her to receive clients again. After enduring these two exploitative situations, Sama fled her aunt's home to become a prostitute in Mumbai on her own terms. It was at this point that the Rescue Foundation rescued Sama and brought her to one of the organization's compounds. With the support she received from our partner, she was able to return to her family in Bangladesh, find a job and remain free from exploitation.

** Fictitious name to protect the identity of the victim.*



Partner initiatives in the context of COVID-19

The slum children education project targets populations living in very precarious conditions. When the lockdown began in March 2020, our partner soon became quite concerned about those children's situation. Quickly, they identified 80 families in need and, with financial support generated by CCI's emergency fundraising, were able to distribute to them bags of food and essential goods. The bags contained rice, sugar, tea, fresh vegetables, soap and laundry detergent, among other things. This distribution took place three times between the beginning of April and the end of May.





Educating children living in slums



Location
Visakhapatnam,
Andhra Pradesh

DOMAINES

Empowerment of people and communities

Social protection

TYPES D'ACTION

Education

Gender equality

Health

THE HOPE AND LOUISE GRENIER SCHOOLS

Key facts

- Less than half of India's third-grade children can read at a first-grade level.
- In all of India, nearly 25% of children have no access to education.
- In the slums of Andhra Pradesh, still one million children live in extremely precarious conditions.

Project impact

- This year, 20 children aged between 6 and 10 attended classes at the Hope and Louise Grenier schools.
- 18 students from Hope School and 11 students from Louise Grenier School were able to integrate the regular school system.

The Louise Grenier and Hope schools were designed in 2012 and 2014 as transitional (remedial) schools with the main goal of making it possible for out-of-school children to eventually join the regular public school system. The children mainly learn maths, biology, Telugu (the local language), but also some English. Traditional teaching methods are complemented by more playful approaches in order to help focus the attention of those children who are not used to going to school.

The importance of educating girls

The Louise Grenier and Hope schools particularly promote the education of girls. CCI and its partner also focus on girls' education in their effort to advance gender equality and give girls the same opportunities as boys in accessing education.

Project objectives

- Provide schooling for children in the two slums where the schools are located.
- Promote access to education for girls.
- Develop children's social skills.
- Provide a safe and dynamic place where children can thrive, free from exploitation.
- Sensitize families and communities to the importance of education.

Children's nutritional health

The Louise Grenier and Hope schools provide supplies and snacks to children attending their establishments. The food they provide, in addition to addressing child hunger and malnutrition, also serves as an incentive to attract children to the schools.

ASANALA AKSHA, 10 YEARS OLD

Asanala Aksha is 10 years old. She was adopted at a very young age; no history is available on her biological parents. Her adoptive parents stopped caring for her properly once their own biological children were born. They do not send her to school with their biological children and even refuse to keep her in their home. So her adoptive father's parents have taken her in, despite living in poverty themselves. They sell items on the street to raise money, but this is not enough to provide for Aksha's education.

Aksha has been attending Louise Grenier school for a few years. She is very enthusiastic and wants to learn new things. She can read and write small sentences in English and Telugu, and is also able to do simple algebra and multiplication tables. Because of her background, she is very vulnerable and at risk of begging on the street or being married off at a young age. CCI's educational support allows Aksha to continue her education and look forward to a better future.



SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM (NEW SUB-PROJECT)

Key facts

- Although the Hope and Louise Grenier schools act as a transition point between the street and the regular school system, some children do not continue their education.
- The closest public school to Louise Grenier is about 5 km away. Therefore to continue grade school, children graduating out of Louise Grenier have no choice but to attend a low-cost private school.
- In the case of Hope school, a public school is located nearby. However, there is no clear syllabus through grade 5 and once in grade 6, it is difficult for young people to follow the imposed syllabus, thus leading to a high dropout rate.

Project impact

- Nine children are benefiting from a scholarship.
- These children would not have continued their studies in regular school without financial support.
- This financial aid makes it possible for young people to join the regular school system. The Hope and Louise Grenier schools can thus welcome new children living in precarious situations.

Access to education

This scholarship program is a new sub-project which is linked to the initial project of educating children living in slums. While many children enter regular school after attending one of the remedial schools financed by CCI and Kidpower, some poor families are unable to send their children to regular school due to their lack of financial resources. These scholarships help children to get an education despite their families being unable to face the inherent costs.

Project objectives

- Ensure the continuation of grade-school education for the most vulnerable children in the two aforementioned slums.
- Reduce the school dropout rate among slum youth to prevent child labor such as begging and garbage collection.
- Enable children to join the best low-cost private schools in the area.
- Prevent early marriages by promoting the education of young girls.

Financial autonomy for young women and mothers through sewing courses



Location
Visakhapatnam,
Andhra Pradesh

FOCUS AREAS

Empowerment of people and communities

COURSES OF ACTION

Vocational training

Key facts

- There are over 300 million people living in poverty in India.
- In India's slums, all families survive in extremely precarious conditions.
- In the Ekalavya district of Visakhapatnam, mothers and girls spend several hours a day picking through trash collecting waste and materials for resale.

Project impact

- A second sewing school opened in 2020 on the premises of Hope school.
- 36 women benefit from taking these sewing courses.
- Most women participating in this training are unemployed or collect garbage for a living.
- Their training is an opportunity to earn a decent living with their new sewing skills.

Project objectives

- Make it possible for young women and mothers from the slums of Ekalavya and Chittibabu colony to learn a trade.
- Facilitate their access to the job market thanks to their acquired training.
- Promote better social cohesion and the creation of a self-help group thanks to the support that the participants give each other.
- Foster the financial empowerment of young women and mothers, which will have a direct impact on their children, families and communities.

INAUGURATION OF THE SEWING CLASSES AT HOPE SCHOOL

Following the success of the Louise Grenier school's sewing classes, several women in the Chittibabu slum showed interest in being trained as well. Our partner therefore obtained the necessary authorizations and purchased new sewing machines in order to make this training available in Hope school. The inauguration of these classes at Hope school took place on October 23, 2020, and 19 participants enrolled, over and above the 17 participants already enrolled at the Louise Grenier school. This doubled the number of women taking sewing classes.





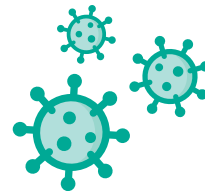
Partner initiatives in the context of COVID-19

Faced with the challenges created by the pandemic, members of the Burmese community, with our local partner's support, set up a system to help and protect each other from the spread of the virus. Living conditions in this community are not conducive to social distancing, so regular hand washing, wearing masks, and keeping the community clean are habits that have been put in place and are respected since the beginning of the pandemic.

FCD quickly partnered with other local organizations such as the Rak Thai Foundation, which looks after the health of the community, as well as with the Mask Making organization to produce masks for the community.

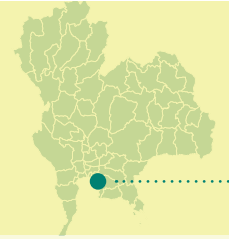
Our partner also mobilized local community leaders, pleading that they provide the assistance and information the community needed to properly protect itself. FCD also prepared informational posters and purchased dry food in anticipation of a price increase.

As FCD and the entire community coordinated to counter the effects of the pandemic, youth leaders were also involved in all of these efforts to teach the community's children following school closures.





Support and protection for children and families who are members of migrant community



Location
Saphan Pla,
Samut Sakhon

FOCUS AREAS

Social protection

Advocacy and promotion of human rights

COURSES OF ACTION

Health

Community awareness

Promotion of children's rights

Legal support services

Key facts

- Thailand is a haven for hundreds of thousands of families who migrate there illegally each year in the hope of finding better living conditions.
- Police raid bars and public places in search of illegal immigrants.
- Sudden deportations separate children from their families. Children are often deprived of education, become victims of exploitation, or get caught up in prostitution or drug trafficking networks.

Project impact

- 1000 people from a migrant community are reached each year through activities aimed at preventing child trafficking.



Empowerment of children

Children who participate in FCD activities have the opportunity to attend educational workshops regarding their rights, prevention of child trafficking and sexual exploitation, hygiene and health, safety at work, the Thai language, etc. They can also develop through artistic, sporting and cultural projects. Moreover facilities are available where children can play, rest and have fun ... in short, take the time to be children.

Project objectives

- Protect and support migrant child workers.
- Promote access to education for migrant children of various nationalities.
- Raise awareness regarding children's rights and encourage the mingling of children during activities, in a spirit of tolerance and mutual respect.
- Provide scholarships to children to cover school fees, uniforms and transportation.

Legal support as a way to fight against child exploitation

FCD helps the families by offering them legal support in order to regularize their status on Thai territory. Thanks to this legal support, children who were left without papers and without money, notably because of expulsions and the resulting separation of families, can have access to health care, and avoid having to work in menial jobs or to beg in order to survive. As a result, access to basic services reduces migrant children's vulnerability to exploitation.

Lobbying decision-makers on the rights of the community

In order to help members of the Burmese migrant communities in Bangkok, especially concerning their access to basic services, FCD works in a coordinated way with governmental authorities to regularize the status of members of these communities. These individuals can, in certain cases, obtain proper documentation, find shelter and go to school.

Raising awareness of the Thai community regarding the rights of migrant communities

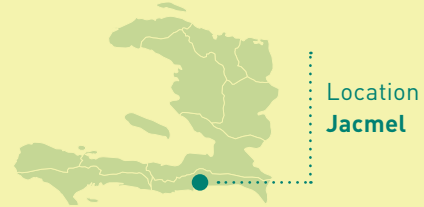
In addition to accompanying the Burmese immigrant community, FCD carries out actions to raise awareness as to the rights of migrants, and to fight against racism in the Thai community. The organization transforms mentalities, as well as the image that Thais have of migrants, the latter often being victims of intimidation and violence.

Ensuring medical follow-ups for children and families from migrant communities

Children who participate in FCD activities have the opportunity of attending educational workshops on hygiene and health. FCD also offers basic medical follow-ups for children and members of the Burmese community it serves.



Helping to defend children's rights



Location
Jacmel

FOCUS AREAS

Empowerment of individuals and communities

Advocacy and promotion of human rights

COURSES OF ACTION

Education

Promotion of children's rights

Community awareness

Key facts

- Over 6 million people in Haiti live below the poverty level, and over 2.5 million have fallen below the extreme poverty level.
- This precarious situation, plus the social, political, economic and climatic crises which are ravaging the country, mean that children are often victims of abuse, exploitation and neglect.

Project impact

- Strengthen children's capability and knowledge so they may defend their rights.
- Teach children to recognize situations of violence in which they may be victims and teach them how to react.
- Allow children to express themselves freely.
- Contribute to the good development and health of children.
- Reduce instances of violent behavior by parents and other adults in the community toward children.

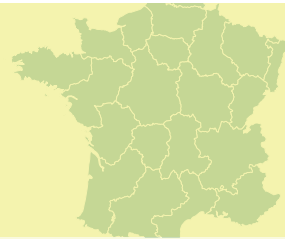


The COVID-19 situation

This project is currently on hold since in-person activities cannot be held. The project will resume once circumstances permit it.



Education for Global Citizenship (EGC)



Location
France

FOCUS AREAS

Advocacy and promotion
of human rights

COURSES OF ACTION

Promotion of human rights, and
of children in particular

Since 2017, CCI has established a business association in France. This organization, led by CCI founder Roxana Robin and now president of CCI-France, holds several activities geared to EGC aimed at several audiences, especially children and teens in schools.

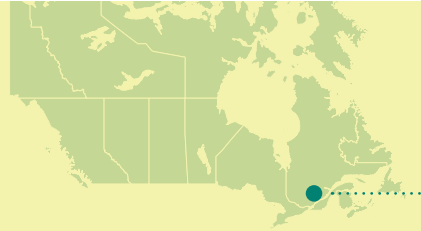
Indeed, CCI-Canada and CCI-France have a common objective: to mobilize the general public, particularly children and teens, in a movement of global solidarity. To do this, several activities— including workshops in the school environment—are led by the CCI team to raise awareness of the inequalities and injustices experienced by many children around the world.

Following these global citizenship education activities, some school children and teens, touched by shared stories and information, decide to organize fundraising activities to support the organization's international projects.



IN CANADA

Education for Global Citizenship (EGC)



Location
Québec,
Canada

FOCUS AREAS

Advocacy and promotion
of human rights

COURSES OF ACTION

Promotion of human rights and
of children in particular

WHY CONCENTRATE ON EGC?

In a globalized society where the dominant economic and political systems, but also the actions we take every day, have consequences felt by people living thousands of kilometers away, it is important to inform and persuade everyone to act as a responsible person and show solidarity.

This is why CCI, active in EGC since its inception, develops activities and projects to raise the public's awareness on various issues close to its mission such as:

- the exploitation of people (children, women and families) such as debt bondage, human trafficking for forced labor or sexual exploitation, modern slavery, etc.;
- children's rights, particularly those of girls;
- social justice and socio-economic inequalities (poverty, debt bondage, responsible consumption, solidarity-based and social economies);
- gender equality and women's rights (access to education, fighting sexual exploitation, etc.);
- climate justice.

These workshops aim to empower participants to become responsible and engaged citizens involved in building a just, sustainable and equitable world.

This year's achievements

- 21 activities related to EGC
- 539 people reached through workshops
- 13 local partners (community and international cooperation organizations, educational institutions such as schools, community colleges and universities)
- 4 community networks involved (regional committees and regional roundtables)

ACTIVITIES

Quebec days of international solidarity (*Journées québécoises de la solidarité internationale -JQSI*)

Since 1996, the *Association québécoise des organismes de coopération internationale* (AQOCI) —an association of organizations in Quebec who work in international cooperation—of which CCI is a member, has been organizing the JQSI with the support of the Ministry of International Relations and the Francophonie of the Province of Québec.

Within the framework of these days, events and activities aimed at promoting understanding of international solidarity issues and discovering how to get involved in them are organized in about ten regions around Quebec.

CCI has been mandated to organize the JQSI in Montérégie since 2014. In 2020, CCI organized EGC activities around the theme of migration justice, highlighting in particular the situation of children and women and how they are more at risk of being victims of injustice during their migration journey.

Activities actualized this year

- 11 youth workshops facilitated (8 in-person and 3 virtual)
- 1 podcast available online
- 1 online quiz night
- 1 online photo exhibit
- 28,938 people reached through social networks
- 375 interactions on social networks

CCI campaigns

CCI develops and deploys its own awareness campaigns on social networks and through various educational activities:

- International Day Against the Use of Child Soldiers
- World Day of Fight Against Sexual Exploitation
- International Women's Day
- World Day Against Child Labor
- Fairtrade Month
- World Children's Day

CCI's annual literary contest

Ever since 2009, CCI has organized an annual and unique literary contest. Children everywhere, teenagers, young people and adults, are invited through this key event to express themselves around various issues relating to children's rights and global disparities.

In 2020, CCI held its 11th literary competition which had as its theme: 'A climate that is just and fair for all children.'

Photo exhibits

CCI's photo exhibits, appropriate for all ages, are intended to raise the public's awareness about various issues of international solidarity, in particular the issue of child labor in the world. Indeed, the image makes for a more realistic visual perception of the living conditions and hardships that the populations concerned must face and overcome.

In 2020, CCI adapted the format of its exhibits to be more suited to online publication. Each of CCI's international projects had an explanatory exhibit on *Facebook* and *Instagram*, in addition to a specific exhibit as part of JQSI (see above), also available on the website.

Conferences and workshops

For the past twenty years, CCI has held conferences and workshops in primary and secondary schools, community colleges, youth employment centers, universities, libraries and religious congregations, community organizations (women's centers, perinatal centers, family homes, etc.), as well as during special public events.

Each of the activities, regardless of the main theme, is a gateway to addressing issues of children's rights, human dignity, poverty, gender equality and the importance of access to education. These activities also provide participants with avenues to develop their power to act in some way, in order to become agents of change capable of participating in the creation of a more just, more equitable and more sustainable world.

COMMUNICATIONS

To increase the visibility of its actions and reach more people, CCI also relies on its communications, by regularly updating its website, sending newsletters, preparing promotional tools, as well as using social networks.

We thus distribute various content to share CCI's successes and challenges in the context of its local and international projects, to arouse interest and promote understanding of international solidarity issues, but also to encourage the commitment of people in general.

Over the past year, we have particularly worked to strengthen and expand these channels and methods of communication, including the use of new social networks such as Instagram and an extensive website redesign. We also took advantage of our platforms to raise our first online fundraiser, to provide for the basic needs of 82 Indian families at the beginning of the pandemic.

This year's social network outcome

- **Facebook**
 - "Likes": 1539 (+ 53)
 - Postings: 110
 - Audience: 41,104
- **Instagram**
 - Followers: 115 (+ 59)
 - Postings: 59
 - Audience: 24,448
- **Twitter**
 - Followers: 221 (+ 1)
 - Tweets: 44
- **LinkedIn**
 - Followers: 311 (+ 42)
 - Postings: 16

Impact of COVID-19 on CCI's activities

Public health measures put in place to curb the spread of the virus greatly affected CCI's education activities during the 2020-2021 year. In an effort to maintain social distancing and thus reduce contact, most schools we contacted were not allowed to host speakers in their classrooms. This made it impossible for CCI to facilitate workshops in these schools. In addition, the school closures and the partial use of distance learning led to significant delays in teaching, making extracurricular activities impossible.

However, the pandemic and the inability to keep up with our regular programming has allowed us to look at various educational activities that can be held online. We now have a regular and increased presence on social networks, in addition to producing more informative written and video content accessible to all, free of charge.



FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Results - fiscal year ending January 31, 2021

| | 2021 | 2020 |
|---|----------------|----------------|
| | \$ | \$ |
| Revenues | | |
| Donations | 134,911 | 156,486 |
| Subsidies from Ministry of International Relations and La Francophonie | | |
| Plan de soutien aux organismes de coopération internationale (PSOCI) | 48,000 | - |
| Programme d'éducation à la citoyenneté mondiale (PÉCM Phase 1) | - | 45,000 |
| Programme d'éducation à la citoyenneté mondiale (PÉCM Phase 2) | - | 4,500 |
| Contributions AQOCI | 9,450 | 9,800 |
| Conferences / school projects | 1,106 | 1,550 |
| | 193,467 | 207,536 |
| Expenses | | |
| Contributions to international projects | 109,134 | 80,634 |
| Education and public awareness | 46,760 | 51,137 |
| Supervision of international projects | 2,862 | 5,653 |
| Management and planning | 14,969 | 24,186 |
| Training fees | 80 | 1,699 |
| Rent | 6,324 | 6,772 |
| Marketing and fundraising | 5,000 | 7,000 |
| Office expenses | 5,920 | 4,400 |
| Office supplies | 1,197 | 1,650 |
| Audit fees | 4,299 | 4,150 |
| Promotional tools | 887 | 962 |
| Telecommunications | 851 | 862 |
| Insurance | 2,101 | 2,098 |
| Dues | 650 | 1,024 |
| Depreciation of fixed assets | 619 | 155 |
| Banking fees | 48 | 38 |
| | 201,701 | 192,420 |
| Excess of revenue over expenses (expenses over revenue) | (8,234) | 15,116 |

THE CCI TEAM WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS ITS THANKS TO ALL ITS DONORS !

CCI has now been fighting against child exploitation around the world for over 20 years. It has also made a great effort to sensitize Canadians about using the power of their actions to promote the rights of all children. However, CCI cannot achieve its mission without the wonderful generosity of its major donors and individual patrons. Indeed, for several years CCI has been able to count on the contribution of its various donors to carry out its international projects and efforts here in Canada.



2020 Major donors

\$5,000+

Quebec Ministry of International Relations and the Francophonie (MRIF)

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Congregation of Notre-Dame (CND)

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\$1,000 to \$5,000

Fondation Edward Assh

The R.R. Smith Memorial Fund Foundation

Fédération interprofessionnelle de la santé du Québec

Ursulines de l'Union Canadienne

Below \$1,000

United Way of Greater Montreal

IBM Employees' Charity Fund

Sœurs de Notre-Dame du Saint-Rosaire

Société des Soeurs Auxiliatrices

GETTING INVOLVED

1. Make a financial contribution

There are many ways to contribute to CCI's day-to-day work in Canada, France, India, Thailand and Haiti to combat child exploitation and bring our cause to the public's mind.

Support CCI's mission

- **Make a one-time donation***

Through your donation, you can contribute to the continuation of projects and programs to combat child exploitation that CCI and its partners are implementing around the world. Your donation will allow defenseless children, marginalized women, as well as vulnerable families and communities, to live decently, free from exploitation. Should you prefer, you can also make a donation for a specific project.

- **Make a monthly sponsorship* donation**

Your monthly support helps to meet the basic needs and school fees of a young person in India. Your participation in the sponsorship program will promote social inclusion and the potential development of your sponsored child.

- **Don't spend a penny: Use *Lilo***

By using *Lilo* as your search engine, you accumulate drops of water that you can then 'pour' into CCI to fund its projects.

* Note: In Canada, donations and sponsorships are tax deductible. Consult the provisions in force for more information.

2. Make a commitment

There are many ways to do something concrete to fight against child exploitation. Every action is important and your commitments are precious!

Become a member

You can support CCI by becoming a member. Your membership allows you to stay informed about the organization's projects, show your support and get involved in the organization's causes. In addition, your participation in general meetings allows you to contribute to decisions on the direction of the organization's efforts and operations.

Participate in our campaigns

Throughout the year, we suggest different ways you can do something for the causes related to our mission. While some actions (such as fund-raising) require financial involvement, others include no monetary commitment at all, and sometimes only require an online signature or a 'share' on social media. Follow us on social networks to find out about, and participate in, our various campaigns.

Become a volunteer

It is thanks to the motivation and involvement of its volunteers and interns that CCI can continue its mission of fighting child exploitation. Whether it is through the organization of awareness raising or fundraising events, or the voluntary contribution to various projects (in communications, education, or administration), there is bound to be a task made just for you!







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