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Reflection on Progress

We are pleased to present to you Children's Care International (CCI)'s 2023-2024 Annual Report. This document chronicles our organization's significant achievements in the fight against child exploitation over the past year.

The report reflects our unwavering commitment to providing a promising future, free from exploitation, to the most vulnerable children. It highlights the progress made and showcases the outcomes of our initiatives.

Over the last twelve months, our numerous educational campaigns have reached a substantial number of individuals, raising awareness among the Quebec population about various human rights and social justice issues. The excellent work of our local partners has also been instrumental in providing crucial support to an increasing number of children facing exploitation. Their dedication and professionalism have ensured the safety and well-being of these vulnerable children.

Together, we are determined to intensify our efforts to secure a safe and flourishing future for every child. This report not only celebrates our past accomplishments but also underscores our ongoing commitment to being a catalyst for change in the fight against child exploitation.

Eloïse Savoie, Executive Director

Christine Durocher, President



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Our Vision

CCI dreams of 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 encouraging the people here to develop their power of action to promote respect for the rights of all children.

Our Values

SUSTAINABILITY

Creating positive and sustainable change 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 universality of 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 particular emphasis on girls and marginalized populations.

Our Team

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

- President: **Christine Durocher**
- Vice-President: **Hélène Masson**
- Treasurer: **Amanda Rosebush**
- Secretary: **Lyne LeBlanc**
- Administrators: **Monica Montour, Véronique Williams**

EMPLOYEES

- Executive Director: **Eloïse Savoie**
- Fundraising and Education Project Manager: **Émilie Jodoin**
- Education Officer: **Fannie Charette Lemieux**

VOLUNTEERS AND INTERNS

CCI would also like to acknowledge the work of its volunteers and interns. It is thanks to their dedication, involvement and motivation that CCI can pursue its mission to fight against child exploitation. Year after year, CCI is fortunate to be able to count on their deep commitment and loyalty.

“ Working within Children’s Care International has strengthened my conviction regarding the importance of advocating for the rights of the most vulnerable. I have been honored to be part of the team ”

Aishwarya
intern in v2023



Meeting with Marie-Victorin member of parliament Shirley Dorismond at CCI's offices.



One Year in Numbers

3

countries: Canada,
India, Thailand

41

individual
donors

23

volunteers

4

local
partners

8

international
projects

26

donors

Actions

- Education
- Gender equality
- Vocational training
- Entrepreneurship
- Nutrition
- Healthcare
- Legal support



Communications

DIGITAL PRESENCE

The team works continuously to be active on its various social networks and uses them as its main means of communication. Its presence on different platforms allows it to raise the audience's awareness of various international solidarity issues and to generate interest and participation in the various activities offered throughout the year.

Social Networks 2023-2024

Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, X, Tiktok

109

new followers

204

posts

194

stories

Website

10,100

visits

42,060

pages views

Associative Life

DISTINCTIONS

Since 2011, CCI has had a special consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). This status gives CCI access to the United Nations to bring its vision of child labor to the international community and contribute to raising awareness.

COMMITTEES

CCI is very active in its associative life. Indeed, its involvement with associations and consultation tables makes it possible to exchange on current issues and to learn about good practices through exchanges with other organizations sharing the same values.

CCI's involvement in the following groups:

Association québécoise des organismes de coopération internationale

Journées québécoises de la solidarité internationale's committee

Working Group on Global Citizenship Education

Working Group on Communications.

Corporation de développement communautaire de l'agglomération de Longueuil

Quebec Coalition Against Human Trafficking

Fairtrade Canada

In **Vizianagaram,** Andhra Pradesh, India



CHILD LABOR IN COASTAL VILLAGES IN ANDHRA PRADESH

Child labor differs by context or geographical region. In villages such as those on the coast near Vizianagaram, most families survive off of the fishing industry or agriculture. Children therefore usually work with their parents. Little girls shell shrimp in factories and boys fish with their fathers on dangerous boats or clean boat holds. While child labor and early marriage were common in this region 20 years ago, practices have changed significantly in recent years. In particular, CCI's partnership in working with families has raised awareness on the importance of education, which has significantly reduced child exploitation and delayed the average age of marriage in these villages.

THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENT AND EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT

National Environment and Education Development (NEED) is an Indian non-profit organization working in the Vizianagaram region of Andhra Pradesh. Through its work with communities in precarious situations, NEED fights poverty by providing quality education to children and adequate health care to families, in addition to encouraging their financial empowerment. CCI has been working with members of the NEED team for over twenty years, a trusted partnership that has improved the lives of hundreds of children through their education.



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

Location: Vizianagaram + villages

Partner: National Environment and Education Development

Year: started in 2003

Actions: education, gender equality, vocational training

A TRANSFORMED GENERATION

These children were freed from slavery and several arranged marriages were prevented or postponed. Now adults, these young people have benefited from a quality education and work in the field of their choice, earning decent wages. The project has educated more than a hundred children since its inception and the last two students will complete their studies in the coming year.

Dhana and Karthik

A YOUNG FAMILY SAFE FROM EXPLOITATION

Dhana and Karthik met at the Rainbow House during their childhood. Thanks to CCI's support, they were able to continue their studies in the field that they were passionate about. Today, Dhana serves her community as a police officer, while Karthik works in accounting for a private company. Their stable employment ensures them decent living conditions, allowing their newborn to grow up in a safe environment, free from any form of exploitation.



Financial autonomy for underprivileged women and families through microcredit

Location: Vizianagaram + villages

Partner: National Environment and Education Development

Year: started in 2006

Actions: gender equality, entrepreneurship

WHAT IS MICROCREDIT?

Microcredit is an alternative financial solution to traditional loans granted by banks. People, especially women, receiving this type of financing are often excluded from bank loans because of their unstable economic situation. This project therefore provides financial support to women entrepreneurs in the region through a small interest-free loan used to start an income-generating occupation.

Laxmi 

PORTRAIT OF A RESILIENT WOMAN

Surada Laxmi is a 49-year-old woman and mother living in Barripeta, a coastal village in India. Her husband passed away in a road accident 20 years ago, leaving her alone with three teenagers and in debt. A participant in the microcredit program since 2016, her jewelry business has seen significant growth in recent years, allowing her to renew her loan several times. Having now completed the repayment of her last loan at the end of 2023, her business is now financially independent, ensuring her a good income to live comfortably.



Educating girls with family responsibilities (Anganwadi Schools)

Location: Ramachandrapeta, Andhra Pradesh, India

Partner: National Environment and Education Development

Year: started in 2019

Establishments: 2 schools

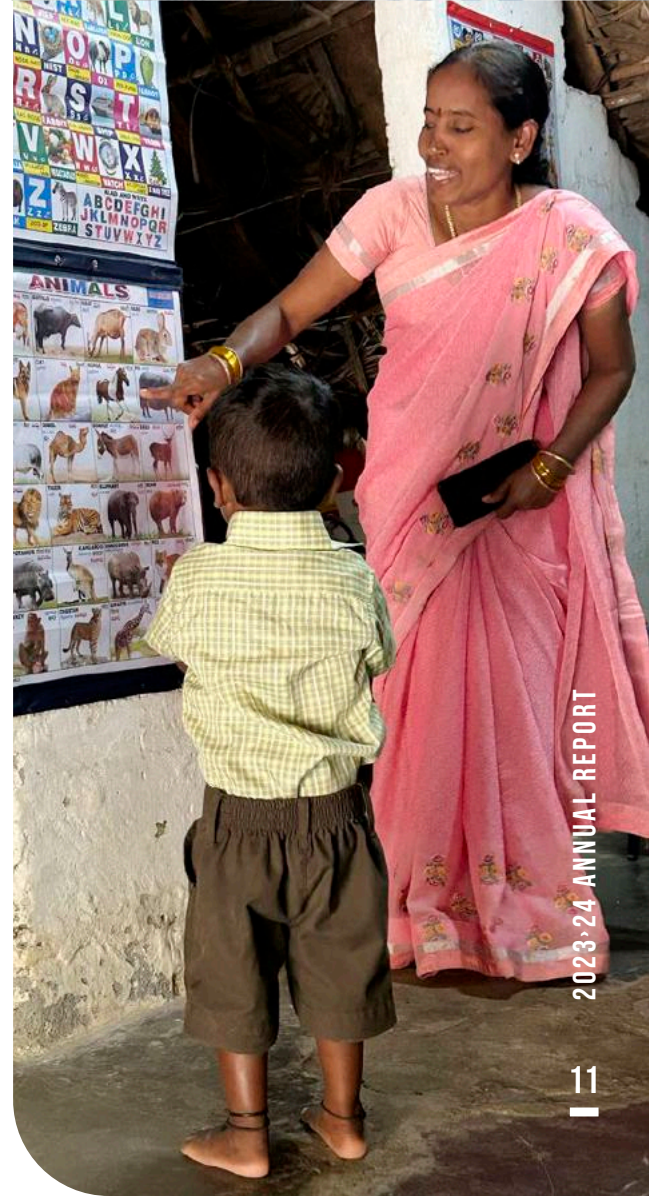
Actions: education, gender equality, nutrition

CREATING DAY-CARE TO EDUCATE GIRLS

Anganwadi schools are Indian preschools. However, some small villages do not benefit from this public service. Therefore, older sisters are responsible for looking after their siblings while the parents go to work. Anganwadi schools thus provide a concrete solution for the care of toddlers, thereby allowing young girls to prioritize their education.

ADVOCATING TO THE INDIAN GOVERNMENT

For the second time, CCI and its partner's work has proven the importance of an Anganwadi school in a village despite the small number of children attending it. Less than seven months after the establishment of a new school in the village of Ramadasupeta, in February 2023, the government once again decided to operate the school itself. The government's involvement in our schools, which are normally a service provided by the Indian state, is excellent news for the community.



In **Visakhapatnam**, Andhra Pradesh, India



LIVING IN A INDIAN SLUM

Visakhapatnam is a coastal town in the Bay of Bengal in Andhra Pradesh. It has a population of more than 2.2 million inhabitants whose socio-economic situation varies greatly. Within the city, there are both luxurious neighborhoods and slums where hundreds of thousands of people in precarious situations live. CCI and its partner work with children living in slums. These children are deprived of education due to the poverty of their families. To support themselves, they usually have to beg on the street or work as ragpickers, that is, find metals and objects in the waste in order to resell them, just like their parents do.

KIDPOWER INDIA

Established in 2007, Kidpower India is a local branch of Kidpower International whose mission is to help people of all ages and abilities learn how to use their own resources to stay safe, act wisely and believe in themselves. The objectives of Kidpower India are to create an enabling environment for youth development as well as to provide support and guidance for children in difficult situations. Concretely, Kidpower India acts locally with children in hazardous situations and whose rights are violated.



Financial autonomy for young women and mothers through sewing courses

Location: Visakhapatnam

Partner: Kidpower India

Year: started in 2019

Actions: gender equality, vocational training, entrepreneurship

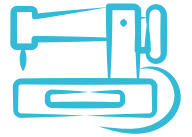
LEARNING THE TRADE OF SEAMSTRESS

The sewing training program provides women from the two slums of Visakhapatnam with short and accessible vocational training. They will then be able to practice a trade in a factory or as a self-employed worker at home. Sewing allows them to earn a good income in addition to deciding on the working conditions that suit them.



Pratheeka

ESCAPING POVERTY THROUGH SEWING



At 15 years old, Vadapalli Pratheeka comes from a family of rag pickers. Due to her parents' low income, she grew up in poverty. Although she attended CCI's LG school, she was unable to continue her education in a regular public school. However, determined to forge a different path from her family, Pratheeka developed a strong interest in sewing. She thus completed a vocational training in sewing, offered for free thanks to the partnership between AIPE and Kidpower India. With her tenacity and desire to succeed, she makes clothes for both her family and herself, earning her about 5000 rupees per month (approximately \$80).

Educating children living in slums

Location: Visakhapatnam

Partner: Kidpower India

Year: started in 2012

Actions: education, gender equality, nutrition

TRANSITIONAL SCHOOLS TO BRIDGE FORMAL EDUCATION

Esplor and LG schools are schools that bridge the gap to regular elementary school. These two schools located in the slums offer basic education to children to develop their cognitive and social skills in addition to teaching them Telugu and English, both orally and in writing.

Pendra Kishore

A MOTIVATED STUDENT



Pendra Kishore is a 7-year-old boy who has been diligently attending LG school since August 2022. His parents, indebted and unemployed, did not plan to send their son to school but the teacher strongly encouraged Kishore's mother to enroll him so that he could acquire basic knowledge. She agreed, leading to his schooling in one of CCI and its partner's transitional schools.

Kidpower's team is currently supporting Kishore and his family so that he can enroll in a regular primary school starting next year.



Scholarship program

Location: Visakhapatnam

Partner: Kidpower India

Year: started in 2021

Actions: education,
gender equality

BURSARIES TO SUPPORT ACADEMIC SUCCESS

The scholarship program supports children from Hope and LG schools who are unable to attend regular elementary school due to the associated costs. This project makes it possible to ensure the schooling of children in unstable situations and thus avoids parents having to choose which family child will attend school.

Keerthana

PORTRAIT OF A RESILIENT YOUNG GIRL



At the age of 8, Keerthana had to leave her home because her parents, heavily indebted rag pickers, were unable to meet her needs. She now lives with her grandparents in a slum, but they are also unable to finance Keerthana's school fees. After spending two years at CCI's LG school, she now attends Vidya Vikas school thanks to a scholarship program. This private school not only offers better supervision but also has a team that is sensitive to the socio-economic reality of its students. Keerthana achieves excellent academic results and has integrated well into her new school.



Support for street boys: Sankalpam Home

Location: Visakhapatnam

Partner: Kidpower India

Year: started in 2022

Actions: education, vocational training, nutrition, healthcare

HOUSING CHILDREN AT RISK OF HOMELESSNESS

Sankalpam Home was established in the spring of 2022 to help street boys. These children, usually aged 10 and 17, are more often orphans; their parents have abandoned them, or they have fled a situation of violence and/or exploitation. Homelessness deprives these young boys of their rights, such as access to daily meals, clean water, decent housing and education. This puts them in a vulnerable position and increases the risk of exploitation.

Mekala John



FROM BEGGAR TO TOP OF HIS CLASS

John's parents are very poor ragpickers and beggars. They leave the family home all day to collect a few rupees, leaving John alone for long hours each day. Without access to formal education, John often found himself begging or collecting waste with other children, just as his parents do. However, in 2022, he joined the Sankalpam Home to gain access to better conditions in which to thrive. He was also enrolled in

the nearby private school Sri Vidya Vikas. He shows a keen interest in his studies and even achieved a result of 99% in his latest exam.



A few children from the Sankalpam home at the beginning of the 2023-2024 school year.



In **Boisar**, Maharashtra, India

SEXUAL EXPLOITATION IN INDIA

India is one of the countries with the highest rate of human trafficking cases in the world. Many of the victims have been forcibly displaced from neighboring countries such as Nepal and Bangladesh. This reality affects thousands, if not millions, of young girls who are abducted or sold by relatives and exploited for sexual purposes. While the youngest of them are sometimes as young as 12 years old, these victims are sexually exploited by a dozen customers a day in motels or brothels, in addition to being malnourished and beaten. They live in dangerous conditions on a daily basis and are frequently at risk of contracting diseases or becoming pregnant.

THE RESCUE FOUNDATION

The Rescue Foundation is an Indian organization that has been fighting human trafficking since 1993. Through its four shelters, the team provides a safe space for victims of sexual exploitation to rebuild their lives once rescued. Their work is possible through rescue operations carried out by their team of experts, including social workers and an extensive network of informants, while working in partnership with the local police.



Guidance and support for girls freed from sexual exploitation

Location: Boisar, Maharashtra

Partner: Rescue Foundation

Year: started in 2010

Actions: education, vocational training, gender equality, healthcare, legal support

A NEW BEGINNING FOR SURVIVORS

The work carried out by the Rescue Foundation, with the support of CCI, helps to rescue girls who are victims of sexual exploitation in the region and provides them with health care, formal education and vocational training. Survivors can therefore rebuild their lives post-trauma and equip themselves with the necessary tools for a safe return to the community.



Latika*

THE STORY OF A VICTIM OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Latika, originally from Nepal, was seduced by Amol who promised her love and a better life. She followed him to Delhi, then to Pune, where she was abandoned and sexually exploited. Rescued by the Rescue Foundation, she spent nearly a year at the Boisar Complex, receiving healthcare and psychological support. She was recently repatriated to Nepal, where she returned to her loved ones. Despite the distance, she maintains friendly relations with the other survivors she met at the Complex, with whom she regularly speaks on the phone.

*Fictitious name to protect the victim's identity.



In **Bangkok,** Thaïlande

THAILAND, HOME TO BURMESE FAMILIES

Historically known as a safe haven for many neighboring communities, Thailand hosts thousands of Burmese migrants every year. Just as thousands of people from Laos and Cambodia have done in the past, Burmese citizens cross the land border in search of safety, fleeing their homeland that has been embroiled in civil war for decades. In February 2021, the military coup led to an upsurge in violence across the country, again pushing thousands of families to flee their homeland. Once in Thailand, these thousands of Burmese citizens are denied refugee status, forcing them to work informally in dangerous conditions and depriving them of services such as health care and access to education.

THE FOUNDATION FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT

The Foundation for Child Development (FCD) is a Thai organization headquartered in Bangkok. Through their many activities and initiatives, the team helps Burmese migrant families integrate into the Thai community. The play-based approach is favored in order to make children aware of their rights and to fight against discrimination and racism. The FCD facilities thus become a safe place for children to grow up free from exploitation.



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

Location: Bangkok

Partner: Foundation for Child Development

Year: started in 2009

Actions: education, gender equality, healthcare, legal support



WELCOMING MIGRANT FAMILIES

This project aims to provide long-term support to the Burmese migrant community of Saphan Pla. The work carried out helps families become aware of their rights and fight against child labor in the community. Play-based and artistic learning are pioneering methods in Thailand and are greatly favored by workers.

LEARNING THROUGH PLAY

Learning through play is essential for children's development. Thanks to activities organized by the FCD and young community leaders, children discover new skills and learn to solve problems at their own pace. The numerous activities offered allow children of all ages to develop their social skills by interacting with others, thus promoting community living and openness.



In **Quebec,** Canada



Global citizenship education

AWARENESS AND PREVENTION **AT THE HEART OF OUR MISSION**

CCI is active in the Quebec community, raising awareness of human rights and the importance of civic engagement. Through a multitude of global citizenship education activities, CCI animators travel across Quebec to meet hundreds of elementary, high school and college students each year. They raise awareness on issues such as economic justice, child exploitation, women's rights and climate change. Public activities for adults also raise awareness on these issues among the general public.

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

7 activities in
primary schools

27 activities in
high schools

3 activities
in Colleges

More than **1,300** people
sensitized

Our three most popular workshops:

- Food sovereignty
- Fair trade, beyond the label
- Children's rights

PUBLIC ACTIVITIES

6 public
activities

3 photo exhibitions
in libraries

1 new
podcast

“ Poverty is something much more present and real than we think, and learning more about the subject is a big step forward. In my opinion, microcredit is revolutionary and if it continues like this, a significant change will take place! ”

Evelyne, 16 years old

Participant in the
microcredit workshop



Financial Statements

FISCAL YEAR ENDING JANUARY 31, 2024

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Income		
Subsidies from the Ministry of International Relations and La Francophonie	—	—
Quebec Without Borders Program	60,000	60,000
Subsidies from the Ministry of Labor, Employment and Social Solidarity	2,871	11,713
Grant from the Assoc. québécoise des organismes de coopération internationale	14,600	14,600
Donations - Institutions	133,845	179,015
Donations - Individuals	11,864	23,375
Donations - Schools program	824	69
Fundraising activities	8,319	6,000
Interests	1,381	623
	233,704	295,395
Expenses		
Operating costs	29,113	36,110
Contributions to international projects	93,736	119,292
Education and public awareness	53,745	70,539
Management and planning	25,160	24,926
Marketing and fundraising	43,651	43,371
	245,405	294,238
Excess of income over expenses (expenses over income)	(11,701)	1,157

Acknowledgments

OUR DONORS

CCI'S GOLF TOURNAMENT



On June 14, 2023, the second edition of the CCI's Golf Tournament took place. On this day, 26 players participated in a round of golf at the Royal Bromont course, followed by a dinner at the Cellier du Roi restaurant. The event raised \$4,200 for the various CCI projects.

Thank you to our donors:

- Centraide du Grand Montréal
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- Congrégation des Soeurs de Notre-Dame du Bon-Conseil
- Congrégation du Très-Saint-Sacrement
- Fédération interprofessionnelle de la santé du Québec
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- balnea spa + réserve thermale
- Daniel Melançon
- duProprio
- ewool
- La Table à Mo

On behalf of all the children and their families supported by CCI's projects, we would like to thank the donors who have helped make this past year a success. Through your support, you are substantially fighting against the exploitation of children in the world, making the world in which we live a better place. Thank you for your generosity.









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