



CHILD PROTECTION

INDIA: FIGHT AGAINST CHILD LABOR

DURATION: OCTOBER 2007 – DECEMBER 2016

3RD PHASE: JANUARY 2015 – DECEMBER 2016

BUDGET : €134,690

INTERVENTION ZONE : SOUTH OF DELHI: KHANPUR, MADANPUR KHADAR AND SANGAM VIHAR



OBJECTIVE:

- Carry on conducting actions for the children's rights from the poorest communities of New Delhi.
- Evaluate the success of the first 2 phases of the program, in order to create an effective and easily transposable model in the fight against child labor.



INDIA – GENERAL INFORMATION

Capital: New Delhi

Surface: 3,287,263 km²

Population: 1,311 million inhabitants (2015)

Population density: 411 inhabitants/km² (2015)

Government: federal republic

Demographic growth: 1,2% (2014)

Life expectancy: 68 years (2015)

HDI: 0,61 (2014) (135th place)

GDP: \$2,049 billion

GDP per capita: \$1,595,7 (2014)

Sources: Unicef, World Bank, France diplomatie, French National Institute for Statistics and Economic Research

Plan International has been operating in India since 1979.

CONTEXT:

- India is the first country suffering from child labor across the world. In 2011, there were around 4.35 million children working.
- Most of these children work in the informal sector: 20.3% work as rag pickers (collect garbage for its resale), 15.18% sell goods in the streets and 6.24% work in popular restaurants. Other children (15%) beg for money to survive. Furthermore, in 2010, New Delhi gathered more than 50,000 children living in the streets (20% of girls).
- Working children are exposed to many risks which violate their rights to self-development and protection.
- Since they do not attend school they are unable to fit with the society and to find a decent job.



APPROACH:

- The program is part of the Child-Centered Community Development approach developed by Plan International. It gives children the opportunity to express themselves on decisions affecting their lives and informs them on their rights and duties.
- The program was also guided by the **United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child** which is based on several aspects such as the elimination of extreme poverty, the promotion of gender equality or the guarantee of a primary education for all.
- Between 2007 and 2010, Plan International has been implementing **the first phase of the program** to fight child exploitation. According to the final external results of this first phase, in June 2010, **90% of the children enrolled** in the Centers of Knowledge Enhancement stopped working.
- As the intervention zones face a constant influx of migrants, it was strongly recommended to keep the program running.

4,35
MILLION
CHILDREN WORK IN INDIA

BENEFICIAIRES:

- Around 1,500 working or « at risk » children in the Centres of Knowledge Enhancement.
- Between 90 and 120 parents.
- Between 70 and 140 children, trained to raise awareness among their peers and communities in turn.
- Around 180 adolescents and young adults, for advocacy actions towards the government.

EXPECTED RESULTS:

Reinforcing and pursuing actions in order to enable working and vulnerable children to know and to defend their rights:

Empowering the Centres of Knowledge Enhancement and the quality of the services offered, thanks to additional funding and new associative partners.

Reinforcing the involvement of children groups in the decision-making process and consolidating their networks with other children groups.

Officially involving parent-student associations by including them to the School Management Committees (which is subject to legal obligation in India).

Reinforcing laws and rules on child protection to help working and vulnerable children as well as their communities:

Making concrete existing partnerships with other NGOs and establishing new ones with actors in order to help children and communities in various fields (health, psychological support or career guidance).

Reinforcing advocacy actions towards the government in order to achieve sustainable improvements in terms of populations' living conditions.

50% OF RECIPIENT
CHILDREN ARE GIRLS

PARTNERS:

- Plan International India
- CASP-Plan, an Indian NGO established in 1975, dedicated to child, family and community welfare

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