



HAND IN HAND SWITZERLAND ASSOCIATION

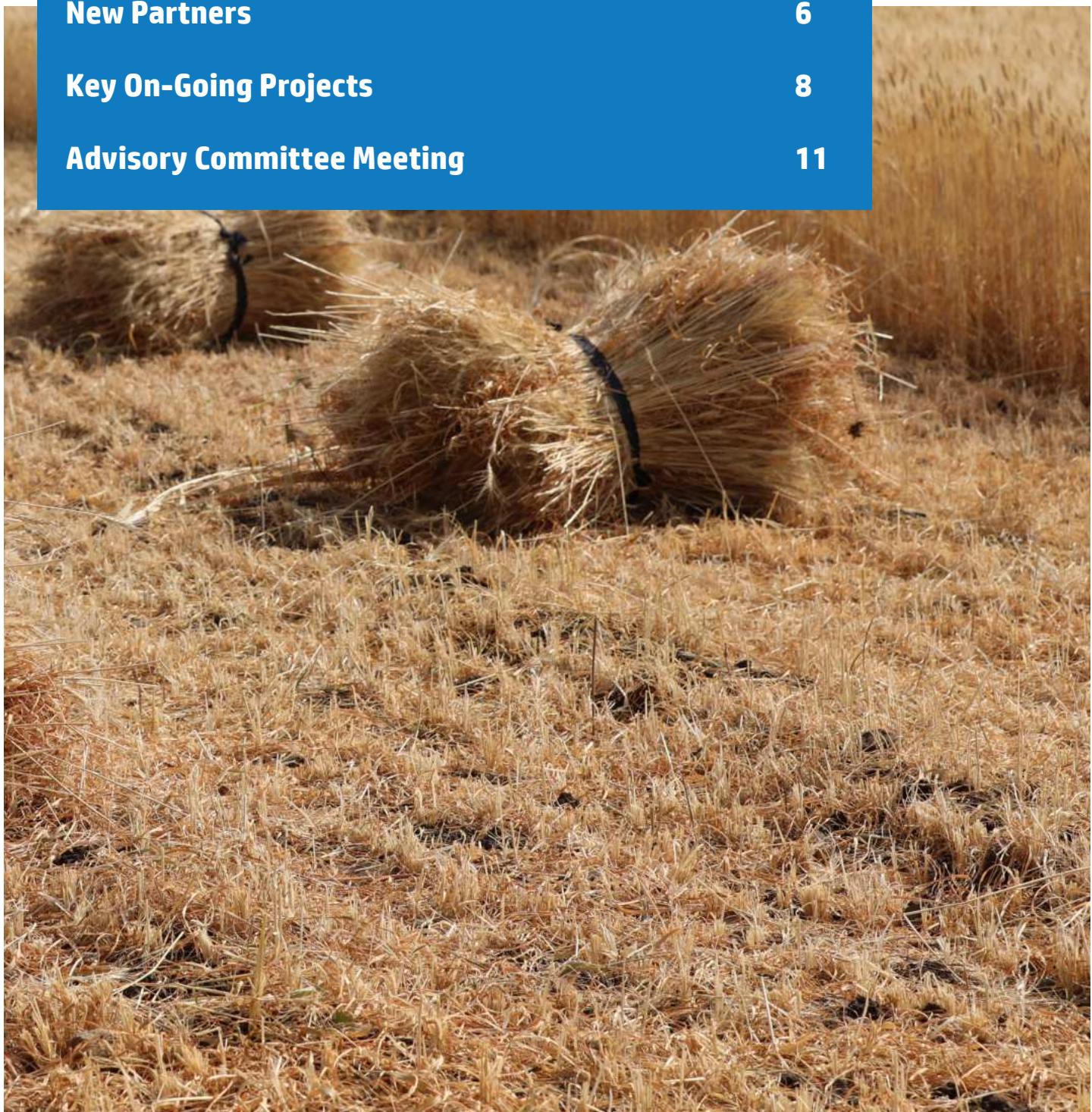
ACTIVITY REPORT 2018





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INTRODUCTION

Hand in Hand Switzerland Association is a registered, tax-exempt, non-profit association governed by statutes and by Articles 60 et seq. of the Swiss Civil Code.

The association was set up in 2013 with the objectives of

- Raising grants for Hand in Hand India and its group institutions
- Arranging for and/or providing managerial and technical support and specialized services such as research, monitoring and evaluation
- Promoting the Hand in Hand brand in the development sector
- Networking and collaborating with organizations with similar goals etc.

Hand in Hand Switzerland Association believes in:

- Pro poor and bottom up approach
- Participatory learning
- Mainstreaming gender in all actions
- Transparency and accountability in all actions
- Partnership and coordination with local institutions
- Fostering global cooperation





Hand in Hand Switzerland Association supports and promotes Hand in Hand India's vision, mission and goal.

Vision: Hand in Hand India envisions to alleviate poverty through job creation and integrated community development

Mission: To work for the economic and social empowerment of women, and thus of society, by creating enterprises and jobs. To follow this with an integrated community development programme that creates sustainable communities.

Goal: Hand in Hand India's goal is to create 5 million households by 2020



Executive Committee

Dr. Kalpana Sankar, President
Mr. Amitava Tripathi, Secretary
Dr. N Jeyaseelan, Treasurer

Advisory Committee

Mr. Amitava Tripathi, Chairman
Mrs. Vera P. Weill Halle
Mr. Todd Wade

Management Team

Mr Sandip Mookerjee, Geschäftsführer
Mr. Arndt Soret, Chief Executive Officer
Ms. Sahaana Sankar, Development Officer

Key Meetings of 2018

Bordier Bank
ILO
Lombard Odier Foundation
Humanium
UBS - Optimus Foundation

Auditors:

M/s Michel de Preux & Associés SA

Accountants: M/s Consima Treuhand

Volunteers:

Emilie Compigne,
Fundraising & Development Specialist
Olivia Raison and
Guilia Welge





NEW PARTNERSHIPS

I) Humanium supports with non-residential special training centre at Madhya Pradesh

Understanding the pressing issue of rampant child labour in the Indian State of Madhya Pradesh Madhya Pradesh, Humanium stepped in to support its alleviation in the region. With Hand in Hand India as the implementation partner, **three** Non Residential Special Training Centres (NRSTC) were established at **Nalchha, Mandav** and Panchgati respectively at Dhar District, Madhya Pradesh in January 2018.

The three NRSTCs accommodate out of school children between the age groups of 6 -14, thus enabling them with a chance to return to school and therefore a second chance at life itself. **Apart from focusing on education, the centres also focuses on improving psychological, intellectual and physiological development** of the children.

A few key initiatives:

- Building effective relationships with communities and stakeholders through a robust social mobilization programme
- Group motivation meetings every month where staff visited homes of parents with children not enrolled in schools. A total of 65 children were enrolled at the end of this drive!
- A medical camp and screening benefitting 63 children
- Children encouraged to engage in indoor and outdoor sports
- On World Day Against Child Labour, the children stood up for their rights to 'end child labour and start education'! Local Government officials participated in a rally along with children and staff
- Children were allowed to come face to face with technology through computer classes
- Teachers were trained in Activity Based Learning methodologies through a Teachers Improvement Programme

The smile says it all



Jamna, Kandipura, 14 years

Jamna is a pretty girl and once you tell her that, her dimpled smile adds more beauty to her round face. She is the eldest of six siblings and was trained early in life to do household chores and look after her younger brothers and sisters by her mother. Her father is a farmer, who owns one acre of land and sows wheat on it and a few other seasonal crops. In addition, in agricultural off-season, he travels to the adjoining State of Gujarat to serve as labourer in mining sector. Till about few years ago she was studying in a Govt. school near her village. In eighth grade, she had a bout of Chicken Pox and was asked to take leave of absence for a few weeks by the doctor. She never returned to school after that.

“We are a big family and my mother needed help with managing daily affairs. She wanted me to stay back and take care of my younger siblings. Anyways, she they were planning to take me off school for some time, this pox served as a perfect opportunity,” recalls Jamna.

It was only after repeated requests and counselling session by the mobiliser and other staff members of the NGO including teacher of the Mandu NRSTC, Malti that Jamna was allowed to resume her schooling at the centre. “We had to do quite a bit of counselling and follow-up sessions with Jamna’s parents. They just weren’t willing to send their daughter to school,” shares Malti.

Over the last one year, Jamna has been attending the NRSTC regularly and tells us she enjoys coming to the centre, meeting friends and studying along with them. She does take time out to help her mother at home.

Jamna idolises her teacher and says she would like to become one when she grows up.

II) Humanium supports in creating a child friendly village at Perumpakkam

As a continuation of the previous project supported in 2017, Humanium has further supported a children education component of the child friendly village at Perumpakkam in the Indian State of Tamil Nadu.

The project was formally launched in June 2018 at the village premises. After an intense door to door survey, the details of the school going and drop out children with the reasons for the same were gathered. This project strives to help all children residing in the area to be mainstreamed into formal education.

Smart Classrooms are technology enhanced classrooms that foster opportunities for teaching and learning by integrating learning technology, such as computers, specialized software, audience response technology, assistive listening devices, networking, and audio/visual capabilities. To aid the methodology of learning Perumbakkam Government Middle School, a Smart Class facility was created and with a finger touch smart boards.

Two **child learning centres (CLCs)** were initiated, one at Thandalam and the other at Perumbakkam colony. Village youth themselves have volunteered to teach the children! The CLCs are a boost to slow learners as they are given additional coaching to read, write and perform arithmetic calculations.



III) Erbacher Foundation supports for the second time

With the major objective to enhance agriculture production for **60 farmers** by training on organic farming techniques, the enhancing Sustainable Organic Farming Promotion has been granted a second phase of funding by Erbacher Stiftung. The project is being implemented at Villivalam village panchayat, Walajabad block, Kanchipuram district since July 2018. The Natural Resource Management team of Hand In Hand India has conducted series of awareness creation programmes on the ill effect of chemical farming and advantages of organic farming methods in the project villages. 60 eligible farmers have been identified as well. Crops and variety have been chosen in consultation with farmers by conducting focused group discussions. As 80% of the yield is decided by the use of quality seeds, the team has taken efforts to source quality seeds that are organically grown from the major seed growers and distributed to the farmers with training for nursery raising.

 ERBACHER STIFTUNG

Key On-Going Projects

I) Innovative Eco Farms at Perumbakkam

Agriculture plays a vital role in India's economy. Indiscriminate use of synthetic fertilizers and plant protection agents in conventional farming led to the contamination of the food chain, soil and environment. With awareness on organic produces world over, there is renowned interest in growing agricultural produces and maintaining animal husbandry in a more natural and ecologically sustainable way. In line with this, Humanium has come forward to foster **organic farming** in Perumbakkam village!





Key Achievements:

- Promotion of ecological farming among marginal /small farm holders
- Awareness programmes in ecological farming and eco-input preparation
- Training on Animal husbandry with native breeds, cattle, goats and native chicks
- Providing seeds/stocks, native chicks, goats on a subsidized cost for the selected poor farmers or members in SHGs with micro credit
- Tie up with Indian Council of Agricultural Research institutes for extension education to the farmers
- Facilitation of market tie ups, forming them or aligning into farmers producers' company
- Ensuring guaranteed income generation
- Creating an eco-farm school, where the neighboring villagers visit and practice ecological farming.

Model Eco Farm

As per the project design, 0.51 acres of cultivable land with an open well has been leased for two years towards developing a model farm school which helps farmers with hands on experience, allows them to be motivated and provides a platform to adopt eco farming in their own farm land.

II) Mothers collectives at Tamil Nadu and Madhya Pradesh

Hand in Hand Switzerland Association facilitated the partnership between UBS Optimus Foundation and Hand in Hand India. the project with UBS Optimus Foundation 40 support groups called 'Mothers Collectives' of mothers of children aged 1-6 years have been formed. Each comprises of 40 to 60 members who, on a rotation basis, would look after the children in the centre with the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) worker.

A set of mothers have been identified for skill training as well in trades such as detergent making, crochet and tailoring so that they are productively occupied with a steady income source from the comfort of their homes!

Mentoring the Mothers of Korkkai

Korkkai village in Thiruvannamalai district is like any other village in Tamil Nadu with livelihoods revolving predominantly around agriculture. Families are run on a daily wage basis with both parents heading for work. Accessing the Government run facilities such as the Anganwadi becomes a tedious and sometimes dangerous task, considering the distances.

Hand in Hand India with the support of UBS Optimus Foundation Switzerland has formed a unique family support systems called 'Mothers Collective'. With more than 40 young mothers in Korkkai, the Mothers Collective (MC) has proved to be a boon in many ways. Korkkai Village now has two such collectives of young mothers.

Since they didn't have an Anganwadi (rural day care centre for infants) , they decided that they would stand up and demand an Anganwadi in their own colony. Today, while they might not have their own building, the women have rented a building for this purpose. With HiH India's training, they have understood how the Anganwadi is to be run and also ensure various Government schemes such as the mid-day meals reach the children. Anaemia and malnutrition are common issues in villages, both in mother and child. HiH India's regular paediatric camps have helped spot health issues on time.



III) Clothing for children

Hand in Hand Switzerland Association partners with Impashion, a socially conscious clothing and retail brand. The contribution received goes to support Hand in Hand India's child labour elimination programme.



IV) Training on Child Rights

As a part of the NRSTC project with Humanium, this year witnessed **Mr. Arndt Soret and Mr. Raul Carvajal** of Evol-Be to conducting a training on children's rights at Kanchipuram, India. The training that spanned an entire week, covered over 50 child rights protection committee volunteers, staff and community members. Each of them went back with valuable lessons on children's rights and the importance of connecting personally with children and parents.



Advisory Committee Meeting

The 4th Advisory Committee Meeting of Hand in Hand Switzerland Association was conducted on 10 Sept 2018

Participants:

Hand in Hand Switzerland Association : Management

Dr. Kalpana Sankar, President

Dr. N Jeyaseelan, Treasurer (over zoom call)

Mr. Sandip Mookerjee, Managing Director

Mr. Arndt Soret, Chief Executive Officer

Ms. Sahaana Sankar, Development Officer

Hand in Hand Switzerland Association : Advisory Committee

Mr. Amitava Tripathi, Chairman

Ms. Vera P. Weill-Halle, Member

Mr. R Todd Wade, Member

Special Invitee : Ms. Emilie Compigne (over zoom call)

The meeting was a productive one that included several discussions on funding in the pipeline, fundraising strategy, potential events on October 2019 and digital strategy

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Donor visit: 'People behind the Project'

Ms. Emilie Compigne, Fundraising Specialist, Humanium, visited all the 3 NRSTCs at Nalchha, Panchagati and Kannadipura on 27th of July 2018. She interacted with the staff members and had discussions with the children. During her visit she also attended a CRPC meeting at Bheel Barkeda (where 15 CRPC Members were present) and interacted with the parents of the NRSTC Children.





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