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Kenya: Jane (5) plays with a plastic bag outside her house. Rangala Family Helping Project; Christian Children's Fund

Keeping ourselves accountable

During 2003, there was much discussion about governance and accountability in the corporate world, which led in turn to a discussion of these issues in the non-profit sector, including endowed foundations like the Bernard van Leer Foundation. This is hardly surprising: endowed foundations make grants totalling many hundreds of millions of Euros per year, seeking to have a positive impact on the world around them. Foundations enjoy certain fiscal benefits in return for their contribution to society and Foundation money should not only be well spent, it should be seen to be well spent.

We welcome this challenge, but we do not underestimate its complexity. An endowed foundation does not have a bottom line as do corporations, nor do we have shareholders. We do not have an electorate, as governments do, to vote us in or out on the basis of perceived performance. This means that we have to take on the responsibility for much of the scrutiny ourselves, and hold ourselves to high standards of performance and transparency. To help staff to achieve this, the Foundation's Trustees – who include those with business backgrounds – take a critical stance. We also review our own benchmarks against those of our peer institutions, learning how similar organisations are approaching similar challenges.

We are helped in this by our origins and the philosophy of our founders. It was the wish of Bernard van Leer that the income earned by his legacy should be reinvested in charitable activity. In setting up the Foundation, Bernard van Leer did so using the same competencies and norms that he so successfully applied to his business enterprises. Bernard's son Oscar refined the focus of the Foundation, directing its resources to further the development of young children. Both men emphasised the importance of formulating clear objectives, investing money according to well-defined criteria, investigating whether the expenditure has been effective, and transparently reporting in the interests of improving performance.

This is why, since its early days, the Bernard van Leer Foundation has commissioned studies to measure the effectiveness of its projects, and has tried to apply the outcomes. We don't claim to be perfect in this, and like most foundations we find ourselves challenged to keep on top of the problems and the possibilities of this new millennium. But we do continually seek better approaches, and we try to convey what we have learned to a wide public interested in young children. Our annual reports, indeed, are a manifestation of our desire to communicate about our mission and our work – we have been publishing them every year since the early 1980s, long before it was common practice in Europe to do so. In this report we have tried to give a succinct but complete overview of our efforts to carry out the mission of the Bernard van Leer Foundation in 2003.

Tackling the social issues that confront young children is, of course, a great deal more complicated than merely presenting an annual profit and loss statement. However, when organising the Foundation's operations and management style, we have been, and still are, learning from the world in which the money that we spend is earned. Cost control is therefore high on our agenda. So is professionalism in a well-thought-through human resource policy: it is the professionals working within the Foundation who have built our reputation for thoughtfulness, innovation, and adding value.

The Bernard van Leer Foundation welcomes the current debate about the accountability of not-for-profit organisations; and, from the standpoint of our own specific history and cultural background, we shall continue to participate actively in the discussion about governance in this sector: it does justice to the source of our assets.

Much more important, it also does justice to the children we wish to help: the more scrupulous and professional we are in our work, the greater the benefit to them. Indeed in the end *they* are our shareholders.

Trude Maas-de Brouwer

Working for young children in 2003: the report of the Executive Director

The Bernard van Leer Foundation's mandate is to improve opportunities for children up to eight years old who are growing up in socially and economically difficult circumstances. The Foundation pursues this mandate through two interdependent strategies. First, we make grants to organisations working with young children, to promote culturally and contextually appropriate approaches to early childhood development (ECD). Second, we share knowledge and expertise in early childhood development with a wide audience through our print publications, our website and other media. The aim of this second strategy is to inform and influence policy and practice.

Within these two overarching strategies, the Foundation's activities are guided by a Strategic Plan. The main emphases of the current plan, for the period 2002-2006, are:

- to work with a clear learning agenda that informs our grantmaking and communications;
- to increase synergies between the work of our partners, our own work and the efforts of the broader ECD community working to address the needs of young children; and
- to enhance our communications function and strengthen our advocacy role.

Grantmaking

Grantmaking at the Bernard van Leer Foundation is largely the responsibility of the Programme Development and Management (PDM) department. In 2003, the Foundation made 157 grants in 35 countries, as well as across one region, with a total value of EUR 17,148,400. For more details of the Foundation's grantmaking activities, see 'An overview of the Foundation's grantmaking in 2003' which starts on page 19. Overviews of the financial aspects of our grantmaking can be found in the 'Financial Report 2003' which starts on page 14.

We continue to be one of the largest foundations in The Netherlands with our grantmaking in 2003 again reflecting a distinctive place within the European philanthropic community. That is, while many other foundations have multiple or broader areas of interest, for decades our focus has been specifically on the holistic development of young children. It is the 'golden thread' that runs through

all that the Foundation does, whether in early childhood education, parent and family support, children's rights, or in other related areas.

To this, we add a wide international coverage, with just three percent of funds being granted within the Netherlands and only 24 percent within the former fifteen-member European Union. As long-standing members of the International Committee of the European Foundation Centre, we believe strongly in the importance of grantmaking beyond, as well as within, the European borders. In 2003 23 percent of grants went to Africa, 16 percent to Asia, 24 percent to Europe, 20 percent to Latin America and 13 percent to North America/Caribbean. The remainder was made up of small grants not necessarily related to a country or regional programme.

During 2003, we pursued our objective of grantmaking that makes greater reference to existing knowledge and experience, through three issue-led Initiatives – comprehensive, multi-year programmes emphasising a theme significant for the development of young children. Two of the Initiatives, on 'Young Children and HIV/AIDS' and 'Respect for Diversity', were launched in 2003. The third, 'Growing Up in Indigenous Societies', started earlier, in November 2002. The Initiatives are honing our learning agenda, building a body of solid field experience, and preparing us to share our knowledge through a publishing and information management programme. For more details of the Initiatives, see 'The work of the Bernard van Leer Foundation in 2003' on page 11.

Communications

The Strategic Plan's emphases on the Foundation as a learning organisation, and on building a knowledge base that could contribute to an advocacy role, have had major implications for the Programme Documentation and Communications (PDC) department. In 2003, the Foundation's communications programme was therefore repositioned: we decided to broaden our publishing mandate from its traditional focus on publications arising from projects to include research institutions and other expertise in early childhood. Starting in 2004, we intend to rejuvenate our *Working Papers in Early Childhood Development* series in order to stimulate peer commentary and contribute to ongoing debates, or open up new ones. We will also seek to publish selective works that pull together and synthesise important issues in the field of ECD, including those addressed by the three Initiatives. In addition, we aim to renew and update the basic rationales for attention to early childhood, and make a growing body of information on topics of interest to the ECD community more widely available. We have also instituted information-gathering and sharing activities for each Initiative, and launched new partnerships with organisations specialised in research on early childhood and on topics within the Initiatives in particular.

The PDC department is also in the process of concluding two enriching experiences, the Effectiveness Initiative and the Tracer Studies programme. The Effectiveness Initiative started in 1999 as a three year research project to examine selected ECD programmes with stakeholders, mainly through the application of qualitative research tools. The point was to gain insights about the features of programmes that make them effective. In parallel, an international dialogue was facilitated to foster fundamental qualitative improvements in ECD programme planning. 2003 has been dedicated to synthesising and writing up the findings of this project for publication towards the middle of 2004.

The Tracer Studies programme has similarly been a multi-year undertaking, and is coming to an end in 2004. Ten studies have been produced to date, each following up on children and adults who had some years earlier participated in an early

childhood programme. While not rigorous scientific studies, they nonetheless seek to gain an idea of the influences that the programme had on the lives of participants, and illustrate a relationship between programme and outcomes which could eventually be tested by more formal research. The story of the Tracer Studies programme is told in the January 2003 issue of the Foundation's journal *Early Childhood Matters* which is available free of charge to read or download from our website (www.bernardvanleer.org). A manual entitled *Introducing Tracer Studies: guidelines for implementing Tracer Studies in early childhood programmes* was produced for publication in early 2004. Copies can be downloaded from our website (see address above).

Awards and events

The projects that we support continue to receive awards that recognise the value of what they do. For example, every two years, the Foundation bestows the Oscar van Leer Award – our 'Oscar' and our highest honour – on a partner organisation which has developed an outstanding programme. In November 2003, the award was presented to our Thai partner organisation MAYA, for its 'Isaan Bright Child' project, which promotes creativity and critical thinking among teachers and pupils. This project has much to teach us and other partners worldwide about how to bring learning, insight and joy into the classroom. MAYA's work will be reviewed in a special edition of *Early Childhood Matters* on critical thinking. This will be published in 2004 and, in line with the revamping of this publication, will set practice more firmly in a theoretical framework, relate it to contexts such as those defined by international agreements, and offer discussions that highlight relevance and importance.

For its part, Foundation partner the Association for Training and Resources in Early Education (TREE) was proud to receive the ABSA/SACECD Award for the 'Best Service Provider for ECD Training' in KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa; while in Mozambique, the Foundation-supported Associação da Criança Família e Desenvolvimento (CFD) in Nampula won the 'Race Against Poverty' prize for its community-based preschool work. The prize is worth USD 5,000; and CFD has committed this money to 10 preschools in Corrane (District of Meconta Nampula).

In March 2003, the Foundation sponsored a conference on fatherhood in Oxford, United Kingdom, which brought together a wide range of participants and experts concerned with the role of fathers in child development. The conference underlined how much the international discussion on fathers has been limited to Anglo-Saxon countries, particularly the United States, the United Kingdom and Australia, and also how rarely fathers are included in programmes focusing on young children. Within the context of ECD programmes, the Foundation aims to be more inclusive of fathers in culturally appropriate ways. The report of the conference has been published by the Foundation as 'Supporting Fathers' in its 'Early Childhood Development: Practice and Reflections' series. This is available free of charge on our website or in hard copy (see above).

In Berlin, Germany, the Foundation-supported Kinderwelten project organised a major end-of-project conference in June, focused on Respect for Diversity. This attracted a large audience that included representatives from the European DECET Network (see page 28). It covered a range of key themes including: respecting family cultures; listening to, being aware of and understanding the diversity of languages used by families; creating an anti-bias context; using Persona Dolls to bring diversity into communications; intervening where there is discrimination; and managing childcare centres while being aware of prejudice.

In Utrecht, The Netherlands, Foundation partner Bureau MUTANT organised a conference on the involvement of parents of young children in promoting diversity, to mark the end of its three-year project 'Parents and Diversity'. The conference reflected the fact that quality policies around this issue are high on the agenda of many schools and preschools; and focused on the practicalities, given factors such as the diversity of parents, and of their ethnic backgrounds, languages, social environments and lifestyles.

In Southern Africa, Foundation partner organisations gathered for a regional conference to explore major challenges in 'Early childhood development in nomadic pastoralist and hunter-gatherer societies'; while partner organisations

involved in HIV/AIDS work with young children gathered in Nairobi for their second annual workshop to discuss the most pressing issues that are arising in their work, and to identify ways forward.

The coming harvest

2003 was a year in which a substantial proportion of our grantmaking and communications work was consolidated around the three Initiatives discussed earlier. The impact of this was most evident on our communications side: we were sowing the seeds for a substantial publications programme linked to the themes of the Initiatives. We look forward to enjoying the fruits of this work in 2004: it should be a rich harvest.



Peter Laugharn



Photo: Jeanet van de Korpelaar

India: Activities (fish catching) in the preschool in a remote tribal village. Growing up in the Palani Hills; Society for Integrated Development of Tribals, SIOT



Photo: Courtesy INA

Germany: A child showing her own image on the photo wall.
Kinderwelten; Institut für den Situationsansatz (INA) gGmbH

The work of the Bernard van Leer Foundation in 2003

The Bernard van Leer Foundation supports the holistic development of young children growing up in circumstances of social and economic disadvantage through a programme of grantmaking to early childhood development projects and a communications programme.

One objective of the grantmaking programme in 2003 was to work towards an integrated approach to programme development. Within this approach, country programmes invest in a range of endeavours that contribute the kinds of outcomes defined in a country strategy paper. In this scenario, individual outcomes do not matter as much as their collective impact in relation to desired goals. The programme approach continues to support projects on the ground, but also supports a communication strategy, research, networking, dissemination, learning, evaluation and advocacy. This allows for a well-focused comprehensive and cumulative impact over time. In the coming years, the Foundation will continue developing and refining a process that leads to strategic objectives, starting from analysing trends among young children, and continuing through into evaluation.

Developing a country programme requires building alliances with key individuals and institutions, including other donor agencies with international stature and resource institutions such as universities. In most cases, a programme approach requires a mechanism in-country that allows the process to be steered and guided according to a plan, and ensures that the Foundation receives systematic feedback. In addition, developing such a programme requires in-depth attention to groundwork at the outset in order to work out a comprehensive vision. Gathering information, identifying resource people and institutions, scanning existing programmes and policies, and eventually piloting the first ideas are all part of this groundwork.

Of the total EUR 17 million granted for work to support young children in 2003, nearly

EUR 16.5 million was granted by the Department of Programme Development and Management (PDM). Around one third of the grants made were for planning grants or new projects, indicating a relatively healthy degree of regeneration in our portfolio. The average amount for major grants was EUR 195,000 – a robust figure.

While all of the work of the Foundation relates to young children, around 45 percent of total grantmaking in 2003, and the majority of our communications programme, was focused on three major themes: Growing up in Indigenous Societies; Young Children and HIV/AIDS; and Respect for Diversity. Each of these is now the subject of what we call an Initiative, something that is essentially a concerted effort to inform our institutional learning agenda, our grantmaking and our communications programme. Through these Initiatives, the Foundation is systematically referring to research, recognised experts, and other donors' programming in order to inform our own choices about where to add value to what is already on offer. In addition, we are seeking to engage more actively in dialogue with other agencies reaching out to children (especially young children), whether that is their primary focus or not. In short, the Foundation is building up an explicit frame of reference that allows us to make well-informed choices, and we are seeking complementarity with programmes and actors that are already operating on the ground.

Growing up in Indigenous Societies

In 2003, in line with our Growing up in Indigenous Societies Initiative, the Foundation made 16 grants focusing directly on indigenous children, totalling over EUR 2.3 million. Among the challenges facing the Initiative are that the projects are spread across regions, representing diverse languages and perspectives. Generally, support for indigenous children is often about overcoming obstacles to development which other marginal groups may also face, but where indigenous children have some

familiar features such as spiritual and historical relationships to territory, distinctive world views and the maintenance of knowledge systems (health, medicine, the environment, history and so on). Indicators on indigenous children continue to show that these children trail behind other groups in terms of educational outcomes, health and infant mortality rates.

One feature in many of the projects that we support is to mediate the tension between protecting the rights of children and the existence of practices and beliefs that may be inimical to children's well-being. Divergent views about the value of social diversity is reflected in various patterns of socialisation and services designed for young children. In addition, most of our project partners seek to reverse the low rates of school enrolment, low retention in school, and faltering school performance. In practical terms, projects supported by the Foundation develop pedagogies that build on existing knowledge and cultural traits that promote effective learning as they seek to remove or minimise these; and also work with primary schools to ensure that the advantages gained in early childhood programmes are retained over time. But underlying all of this, we see variable positions about the kind of education that is open to indigenous children, and about what are perceived as persistent barriers that indigenous children confront as they seek access to education and other rights.

We also observe that, while indigenous children are minorities both in number and status in Asia and Africa, their numbers and political presence are far more significant in Latin America. This fundamental difference has a major impact on the possibilities open to our project partners, and how they analyse and respond to the situations of their respective constituencies.

Young Children and HIV/AIDS

In 2003, the Foundation made 21 grants related to our Young Children and HIV/AIDS Initiative, totalling over EUR 2.1 million. In terms of geographic coverage, HIV/AIDS and our investment in Africa are closely interlinked: more than 90% of the Foundation's HIV/AIDS funding during the year was in Africa; and almost two-thirds of the Africa Desk's grants went to projects focusing directly on HIV/AIDS. Beyond Africa, the Asia Desk is supporting children affected by HIV in Thailand with

specific efforts to communicate directly with the children themselves.

The Foundation's programming has increasingly focused on two major areas: community based care and psycho-social support. The care issue is a pressing one because of its magnitude. The key approach in 2003 was to work through community based organisations to support fragile households, so as to improve or mitigate the situation of children affected by HIV/AIDS. In terms of psycho-social support, we sought to integrate attention to psychological and social well-being as an element in most HIV/AIDS grants. In doing so, we noted that the term 'psycho-social support' is quite commonly used by organisations working on HIV/AIDS and children but it is not always clear what it means in practice. Comparable situations (disaster relief, situations of stigma, lack of security) teach us that one key component of programming for children is to maintain normality. This means providing regular routines, predictability in daily life, and a sense of control and understanding of what will happen in the immediate future; and maintaining social contact and communication. We will continue to seek clarity about concepts and approaches that support the emotional development of children. To this end we are working with the Regional Psycho-Social Support Initiative (REPSI) in Southern Africa in 2004.

In terms of our communications programme, the Foundation has an important role to play within the community of funders concerned with children and HIV/AIDS, namely in promoting age-appropriate approaches to HIV/AIDS. Rather surprisingly, many funders focus on 'children' as a category without clearly acknowledging the differences between young children, school-aged children, and adolescents or indeed the differences within these groups. In its work with other funders, the Foundation seeks to make sure that these distinctions are made. More widely, the Foundation launched an extensive publications programme that will provide a complete survey of the early childhood-HIV/AIDS field, to help ensure that we and others can make better informed choices in our grantmaking, and to help maximise complementarity between the work of all agencies.

Respect for Diversity

In 2003, in line with our Respect for Diversity Initiative, the Foundation made 21 grants that

focus directly on strengthening the concept of respect for diversity in early childhood development programmes. These grants totalled over EUR 3.1 million. Traditionally, our support in this area has focused mainly on cultural dividing lines in Europe or racial divisions in the USA. More recently, as our programme in Israel encompasses respect for diversity, it is incorporating the notion of 'diffability' or respect for different abilities as a key element of an inclusive approach to all young children. Different aspects of the Respect for Diversity Initiative are at different levels of maturity but the Initiative itself is organised around four main questions: What different notions are there of how children develop? How can respect for diversity be promoted in private space (home) as well as public space (centres and preschools)? How can minorities structurally influence majority views and practices pertaining to young children? How can outcomes for children be assessed? These questions provide the focal points for both grantmaking and for developing a diversity framework.

Project work in 2003 centred on parent support in multiple media to create a dialogue between parents, professionals and the non-profit sector; research into children's outcomes (such as autonomy, negotiating skills and taking the initiative); and stories, trajectories, providing a qualitative picture of learning outcomes among children from diverse backgrounds; a review of policy and practice on inclusion; training and the development of materials on mainstreaming different views; and opportunities to bring children together to celebrate their differences that accommodate diverse perspectives within mainstream ECD strategies.

Much of the programming in Europe is fairly well established, and a number of the European partners are therefore focusing on consolidating their approaches, identifying and validating lessons learned, and distilling the main messages for wider dissemination. In the United States, we are now working to move beyond established and successful 'anti-bias' approaches within preschools and childcare settings. The Foundation is now exploring how bias and tolerance develop through socialisation in homes and in community. The work in Israel is newer, childcare or preschool services are seen as meeting places where not only different social groups interact, but also children with different capacities. Among other objectives,

we are identifying and documenting the benefits that emerge when children are exposed to multiple experiences in child-friendly, safe environments.

Other key topics in early childhood

Children's participation is a relatively new programme focus for the Foundation, but one which is gathering strength very quickly across the regions. Child rights are a traditional focal area, but one which requires ongoing attention to ensure that young children are as entitled to rights as are older ones. The same is true of children's participation, which is also enshrined as a right in the Convention on the Rights of the Child. Parent and family support is found across programmes in recognition of the fact that parents and families generally serve as the most important reference point in the lives of young children, and have the deepest stake in ensuring good outcomes for them. The relationships within families, including sibling and peer attachments, are integral to child survival and development. Support for parents seeks to provide safety nets (individuals, institutions, structures or information) in situations of high stress, high risk and lack of resources. It looks more at how children are socialised at home and in informal environments, as opposed to institutional services where certain groups are under-represented. Among the programmes included under parent and family support are those that support the children of imprisoned parents and promote the roles of fathers.

Financial report 2003

The 2003 income and expenses of the Bernard van Leer Foundation are shown in Table 1. Details of the Foundation's Income and expenditure are given below.

Table 1 Foundation income and expenditure 2003

Income	
Regular	21,225,500
Non-regular	2,961,200
Total	24,186,700
Expenses	
Grants	17,148,400
Foundation Managed Projects	880,000
Administration	5,245,000
Total	23,273,400

The Foundation's income

The regular income of the Foundation in 2003 amounted to EUR 21,225,500. The largest part of this amount – EUR 20,980,000 – came from the income from Bernard van Leer's legacy, the investment of which is managed by the Van Leer Group Foundation. About one percent of the Foundation's income came from interest on current accounts (EUR 179,300), and from co-funding of projects by the Verhagen and Liberty Foundations (EUR 66,200).

Non-regular income, which is budgetarily unpredictable, totalled EUR 2,961,200 and came from two sources. The most important of these derives from the Foundation's former practice of making its commitment to fund each project in us Dollars, for subsequent conversion into the currency of the country in which that project was operating. Conversion into the actual currency for the project was made at the time of payment of the grant and this could result in a gain or loss in us Dollar terms. In 2003, the strength of the Euro,

especially against the us Dollar resulted in a gain amounting to EUR 2,849,700. Starting in 2003, the Foundation now makes all its commitments to projects in Euros. This means that any future gains or losses from exchange rate fluctuations will be in relation to pre-2003 commitments only. The second source of non-regular income was the cancellation of existing commitments (projects that could not be completed). This amounted to EUR 111,500 in 2003.

Income exceeded expenses in 2003 by EUR 913,300. This amount has been added to the Foundation's reserve, effectively increasing the amount available for grantmaking in future years.

The Foundation's expenditure

The Foundation's goal over the period 2002-06 is to spend at least 70 percent of its budget on grants, approximately 5 percent on Foundation-managed projects, and up to 25 percent on administrative expenses. Actual expenses in 2003 were robustly in line with this goal: 73.7 percent went to grants, 3.8 percent to Foundation-managed projects, and 22.5 percent to administrative expenses. More details on each of these categories are provided below.

The Foundation's grantmaking

In 2003 the Foundation made grants for a total of EUR 17,148,400 in 36 countries. This amount reflects an increase of 15.9 percent over the 2002 total. The country distribution of this grantmaking can be seen in Table 2.

Details of the major grants made by the Foundation in 2003 can be found in 'An overview of the Foundation's grantmaking in 2003' (pages 19-36). This includes a list of all but the smallest grants, and technical grants such as those made to extend an existing project to, for example, enable it to complete its work. Starting from next year's Annual Report, every grant made will be included and will have a separate entry in the overview, as part of our move towards greater transparency.

Table 2 Amounts granted per country 2002-2003 (includes technical grants for project extensions, etc)

	2002*	2003*	2002 - 2003*	% of 2 year total
Argentina	0.146	0.000	0.146	0.457
Australia	0.584	0.000	0.584	1.828
Belgium	0.267	0.604	0.871	2.726
Botswana	0.278	0.180	0.458	1.434
Brazil	0.554	0.156	0.710	2.222
Chile	0.056	0.070	0.126	0.394
Colombia	0.187	0.900	1.087	3.402
Egypt	0.009	0.055	0.064	0.200
El Salvador	0.685	0.000	0.685	2.144
France	0.146	0.157	0.303	0.948
Germany	0.000	1.021	1.021	3.196
Greece	0.727	0.155	0.882	2.761
Guatemala	0.020	0.144	0.164	0.513
India	0.590	0.474	1.064	3.330
Ireland	0.034	0.020	0.054	0.169
Israel	1.428	1.214	2.642	8.269
Italy	0.218	0.000	0.218	0.682
Jamaica	0.567	0.765	1.332	4.169
Kenya	0.558	0.567	1.125	3.521
Malaysia	0.054	0.400	0.454	1.421
Mexico	0.377	1.058	1.435	4.492
Morocco	0.152	0.013	0.165	0.516
Mozambique	0.464	0.251	0.715	2.238
Namibia	0.061	0.669	0.730	2.285
Netherlands	0.866	0.552	1.418	4.438
Nicaragua	0.393	0.000	0.393	1.230
Nigeria	0.036	0.398	0.434	1.358
Palestine	0.000	0.012	0.012	0.038
Peru	0.519	0.358	0.877	2.745
Poland	0.031	0.450	0.481	1.506
Portugal	0.215	0.000	0.215	0.673
Slovakia	0.000	0.040	0.040	0.125
South Africa	0.990	1.031	2.021	6.326
Tanzania	0.409	0.000	0.409	1.280
Thailand	0.574	0.673	1.247	3.903
Trinidad & Tobago	0.030	0.106	0.136	0.426
Turkey	0.000	0.280	0.280	0.876
Uganda	0.105	0.364	0.469	1.468
United Kingdom	0.470	0.414	0.884	2.767
United States of America	1.177	0.266	1.443	4.517
Venezuela	0.152	0.688	0.840	2.629
Zimbabwe	0.249	0.502	0.751	2.351
Regional, Other	**0.423	2.141	2.564	8.026
Total	14.800	17.150	31.950	100.00

* Amounts EUR x 1,000,000 and rounded

** In the 'Financial report' section of the Foundation's *Annual Report 2002*, this figure included grants made in Tanzania and Uganda. These have now been given their own entries in the table for both 2002 and 2003.

Distribution of Foundation grantmaking over developing and industrialised countries

Since the Foundation makes grants largely in the countries where the former Royal Packaging Industries Van Leer (RPVIL) used to do business, we support activities in both developing and industrialised countries. The Foundation has sought to grant over time at least 60 percent of the grantmaking budget in developing countries, and up to 40 percent in industrialised countries. Over the last two years, the Foundation has awarded 63.3 percent of its total amount granted to projects in developing countries.

Table 3 Grants in developing and industrialised countries 2002-2003

	2002*	2003*	2002-2003*	% of 2 year total
Developing countries	8.6	11.6	20.2	63.3
Industrialised countries	6.2	5.5	11.7	36.7
Total	14.8	17.1	31.9	100.0

*Amounts EUR x 1,000,000

The Foundation follows the United Nations system for categorising its grantmaking into developing and industrialised economies, with one exception: we place Israel in the industrialised category. In the United Nations system, Central and Eastern European economies in transition are classified as industrialised.

Grants by amount

Table 4 gives a comparison between 2002 and 2003 in terms of the sizes of grants made by the Foundation.

Table 4 Comparison of grant sizes in 2002 and 2003**

Grant size in EUR	2002		2003	
	Number	Amount*	Number	Amount*
-	20,000	37	35	0.4
20,001	70,000	56	39	2.4
70,001	140,000	28	31	3.1
140,001	230,000	17	34	3.2
230,001	340,000	6	10	1.8
340,001	>	8	8	3.9
		152	157	14.8

*Amounts EUR x 1,000,000 and rounded

** Some projects received more than one grant during 2003 and each of these is included separately in this table. However, in 'An overview of the Foundation's grantmaking in 2003' (pages 19-36), entries for each of these projects have been consolidated to cover all grants made during the year. In addition, the overview excludes small grants and technical grants that are made to, for example, enable a project to complete its work.

Foundation managed projects

In 2003, the Foundation spent EUR 880,000 on activities that fall under the heading 'Foundation managed projects'. Of this, EUR 401,800 (45.7 percent) went to produce and distribute a variety of publications and other media which are provided free of charge to a wide mailing list. EUR 224,300 (25.5 percent) went to support three Initiatives that are focused on specific areas of interest: the Effectiveness Initiative; the Young

Children and HIV/AIDS Initiative; and the Growing Up in Indigenous Societies Initiative. The remainder – EUR 253,900 (28.8 percent) – supported the development, evaluation and documentation of work funded by the Foundation; networking opportunities to bring Foundation grantees into contact with one another and with sources of knowledge and know-how; the development of the philanthropic sector; and the Foundation's Oscar van Leer Award that is awarded every two years.

Administrative expenses

As mentioned above, Foundation administrative expenses in 2003 accounted for 22.5 percent of the total budget, well under the 25 percent ceiling initially set for the current strategic planning period (2002-06). This is the result of a concerted effort to hold administrative costs steady and to increase amounts for grantmaking: administrative expenses thus dropped from 27.7 percent in 2001 to 25.5 percent in 2002, to 22.5 percent in 2003.

The work of the Bernard van Leer Foundation is fairly personnel-intensive. The Foundation employs professionals who not only make grants, but actively monitor and support the funded projects, who work to make sure that impact reaches beyond the projects to inform policy and practice, and who share the lessons learned within the broad community of those working for the development of young children. These staff provide the Foundation with the profile it wishes to have: not just a funder but an organisation that adds value to its funding, learns from its own experiences and those of others, and shares the lessons learned widely. The Foundation puts all its salary expenses, including those of its programme staff, into its administrative budget. Names and positions of staff are shown on page 40 of this report.

The Foundation remains energetically committed to balancing the twin goals of adding value through its professional staff, and keeping non-grant costs at a reasonable level.

Table 5 Expenditure 2002-2003

	2002*	% of 2002 total	2003*	% of 2003 total
Grants	14.801	69.1%	17.148	73.7%
Foundation managed projects	1.156	5.4%	0.880	3.8%
Administrative expenses	5.476	25.5%	5.245	22.5%
Total	21.433	100.0%	23.273	100.0%

*Amounts EUR x 1,000,000 and rounded



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Ireland: A boy of Asian origin in a bilingual preschool learns Irish, along with his schoolmate. Eist Project; Pavee Point Travellers' Centre

An overview of the Foundation's grantmaking in 2003

The major part of the Foundation's income is spent on supporting projects for young children living in disadvantaged circumstances. To help ensure that projects are context specific, they are operated by local project partners and these may be public, private or community-based organisations.

Many of the projects that we funded during 2003 relate to one of three themes that are currently of special interest to the Foundation: Indigenous Peoples; Young Children and HIV/AIDS; and Respect for Diversity. Approximately 45 percent of the amount granted during 2003 was for projects associated with these themes, with approximately EUR 2.6 million for Indigenous Peoples (these have been marked (IP)); EUR 2.1 million for Young Children and HIV/AIDS (marked (HIV)); and EUR 3.4 million being granted for Respect for Diversity (marked (RfD)). Other grants focused especially on migrant, refugee or internally displaced children;

children of single or teenage parents; and children in conflict or disaster-stricken areas.

Generally, projects seek to improve the quality of care and education for young children by, for instance, focusing on the home environment and the community; seeking to enhance parenting skills; upgrading the quality of early childhood development programming; and engaging in public education and advocacy on behalf of vulnerable children.

This overview of major grants made during the year is largely organised geographically by region and then by country, with remaining grants appearing in the section 'Special Grants'. Generally, each entry includes the following information: Project title; Partner organisation(s); Location (the area in which the project is working, or the area over which it will have an impact); Grant amount; and Overall objective(s).

AFRICA

Botswana

Project title: (IP) Kuru Family of Organisations (FFO) Education Programme
Partner organisation(s): Letloa, for KFO
Location: Nationwide
Grant amount: EUR 179,992
Overall objective(s): To carry out training that supports ECD and education programmes for San children.

Kenya

Project title: (HIV) Children's Voices and HIV/AIDS
Partner organisation(s): Slums Information and Development Resource Centres (SIDAREC)
Grant amount: EUR 53,807
Overall objective(s): To enhance communication between adult caregivers and children and increase the capacity of caregivers to address the psycho-

social needs of children affected by HIV/AIDS. SIDAREC plans to use a participatory video production process on listening to children's voices in the context of HIV/AIDS.

Project title: Feasibility Study of Home-based Daycare Centres
Partner organisation(s): PREMESE – Africa Development Institute
Location: Korogocho
Grant amount: EUR 13,810
Overall objective(s): To assess the capacity of the daycare committee of a community-based organisation called TAK to sustain and manage the home-based daycare centres in Korogocho without the continuous support that it currently needs from the Regional Office of the African Network for the Prevention and Protection Against Abuse and Neglect (ANPPCAN), or on-going financial support from the Foundation when the current project comes to an end in mid 2005.

Project title: (IP) Indigenous Information Network
Partner organisation(s): Indigenous Information Network
Location: Nationwide
Grant amount: EUR 35,000
Overall objective(s): To document good ECD practice in nomadic pastoralist populations in East Africa.

Project title: (HIV) Integrated ECCD Programme
Partner organisation(s): Christian Children's Fund – National Office Kenya
Location: Western Kenya
Grant amount: EUR 189,120
Overall objective(s): To improve the well-being of children and families affected by HIV/AIDS.

Project title: (HIV) Mitigating the Effects of HIV/AIDS on Children
Partner organisation(s): African Network for the Prevention and Protection Against Abuse and Neglect (ANPPCAN), Kenya Chapter
Grant amount: EUR 150,000
Overall objective(s): To mitigate the effects of HIV/AIDS on children by raising the awareness of the community on children's rights, ensuring ECD provision, providing legal assistance on inheritance and will writing, and supporting families through small business enterprises.

Project title: Mwana Mwendu, Phase II
Partner organisation(s): Mwana Mwendu Child Development Centre
Location: Machakos and district
Grant amount: EUR 76,102
Overall objective(s): To enable the project to carry out a tracer study with young mothers and their children, to explore the impact of the interventions in the context of the relationship between early socialisation, gender and HIV/AIDS.

Project title: (HIV) Nutrition and HIV/AIDS
Partner organisation(s): Rural Outreach Program (ROP)
Location: Western Kenya
Grant amount: EUR 49,400
Overall objective(s): To explore indigenous knowledge about nutrition and healthy foods that exists in the communities, with a view to improving household food security of families with young children affected by HIV/AIDS.

Mozambique

Project title: (HIV) Apaixonados Pela Vida
Partner organisation(s): COOPIMAGEM
Grant amount: EUR 62,100
Overall objective(s): Through the production of HIV/AIDS education books, to equip young children aged 6 to 12 years with knowledge and skills related to HIV/AIDS that will reduce their vulnerability, particularly to infection.

Project title: Coastal Rural Support Program ECD
Partner organisation(s): Aga Khan Foundation – Mozambique Office
Location: Rural coast
Grant amount: EUR 18,059

Overall objective(s): To improve the well-being of infants and children below 8 years by addressing their health and developmental needs and increasing access to high quality organised activities at the family and community level.

Project title: (HIV) Integrating HIV/AIDS issues into ECD work
Partner organisation(s): Associação da Criança Família e Desenvolvimento (CFD)
Location: Nationwide
Grant Amount: EUR 4,433

Overall objective(s): To research and collate information on the way CFD designed its 'A curriculum of Living Well'. It will result in a publication describing the methodology and how CFD integrated HIV/AIDS issues into its ECD work.

Project title: New Path for Children, Final Phase
Partner organisation(s): Associação da Criança Família e Desenvolvimento (CFD)
Grant amount: EUR 166,530
Overall objective(s): To reinforce the capacity of local communities to respond to the development needs of their children.

Namibia

Project title: (IP) San Regional Education Programme
Partner organisation(s): Working Group on Indigenous Minorities in Southern Africa (WIMSA)
Location: Nationwide
Grant amount: EUR 450,383
Overall objective(s): To develop and implement a

culturally relevant pedagogy for San children; and to strengthen the San's identity as a people.

Project title: (IP) San Regional Education Programme in Southern Africa
Partner organisation(s): Working Group on Indigenous Minorities in Southern Africa (WIMSA)
Location: Nationwide
Grant amount: EUR 178,158
Overall objective(s): To develop and implement a culturally relevant pedagogy for San children as well as strengthen the San's identity as a people.

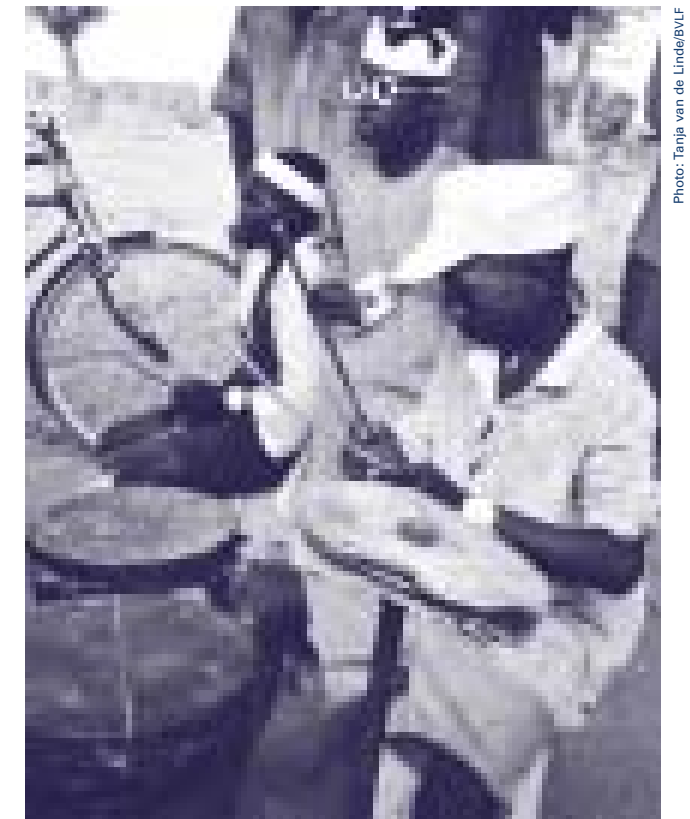
Nigeria

Project title: (HIV) Care and Support for HIV/AIDS Affected Children
Partner organisation(s): Health Development Agency
Grant amount: EUR 109,500
Overall objective(s): To provide psycho-social support for young children affected and/or infected by HIV/AIDS through community-based care groups using the Child-to-Child methodology.

Project title: (HIV) Child-to-Child Programme, Phase II
Partner organisation(s): Mother's Welfare Group
Location: Kaduna State
Grant amount: EUR 146,900
Overall objective(s): To implement a comprehensive Child-to-Child programme that includes strategies to help alleviate poverty, and improve the development of young children and the living standards of the target communities, with a special focus on families affected by HIV/AIDS.

Project title: Community Partnerships for ECD
Partner organisation(s): Development Research and Projects Centre
Location: Kano and Borno states
Grant amount: EUR 42,700
Overall objective(s): To improve the quality of life and increase the life chances of young children by facilitating dynamic partnerships between community-based organisations and governmental primary education and health services at the community level.

Project title: (IP) Documentation of Indigenous Knowledge in ECD



Nigeria: Children have set up their own band. Child-to-Child Programme; Mother's Welfare Group

Partner organisation(s): The Pastoral Resolve (PARE)
Location: Kaduna State
Grant amount: EUR 23,100
Overall objective(s): To undertake action research amongst the nomadic pastoralist Fulani, to evolve strategies for promoting community based, physical, emotional, and intellectual early childhood development interventions.

Project title: (IP) ECD in Pastoral Communities
Partner organisation(s): Pastoralist Development Initiative
Location: Nationwide
Grant amount: EUR 26,700
Overall objective(s): To develop intervention strategies for a longer term community-based ECD programme for the nomadic Fulbe children that is culturally appropriate and relevant to their situation.

Project title: Sustainable ECD in Kano
Partner organisation(s): Women Farmers Advancement Network (WOFAN)
Location: Kano State
Grant amount: EUR 48,980
Overall objective(s): To conduct a baseline study to assess knowledge, attitude and behaviour of parents and caregivers in ECD in order to design a participatory and community based ECD project

in four communities, and to build the institutional capacity of WOFAN.

South Africa

Project title: Capacity Building for Family in Focus (FIF) Project Management Committees

Partner organisation(s): Western Cape Foundation for Community Work (FCW)

Location: Western Cape Province

Grant amount: EUR 200,000

Overall objective(s): To equip each FIF Project Management Committee with the skills necessary to take control of the management and administration of the project to ensure continued access to ECD services and resources for young children who are outside any ECD provision.

Project title: (HIV) Children Affected by HIV/AIDS in the Media

Partner organisation(s): University of Cape Town Children's Institute

Location: Nationwide

Grant amount: EUR 24,796

Overall objective(s): To encourage sensitive and accurate reporting about children affected by HIV/AIDS, with a particular focus on children widely labelled as 'AIDS orphans' in South Africa.

Project title: Children First, Phase III

Partner organisation(s): Children FIRST

Location: Nationwide

Grant amount: EUR 110,000

Overall objective(s): To provide support and to research, monitor, advocate and disseminate information to role players in the children's rights field in its focus areas of HIV/AIDS; the criminal justice system; poverty and social security; and children's contributions/voices.

Project title: (HIV) Coordinate Orphan Responses

Partner organisation(s): AIDS Foundation of South Africa

Location: Nationwide

Grant amount: EUR 9,400

Overall objective(s): To continue to strengthen existing support systems for orphans and vulnerable children as a result of the HIV/AIDS epidemic and to ensure the necessary care and support from communities and the state.

Project title: (HIV) Limpopo Project

Partner organisation(s): AIDS Foundation of South Africa

Location: Limpopo Province

Grant amount: EUR 370,900

Overall objective(s): To limit new HIV infections; and to mitigate the impact of HIV/AIDS on vulnerable children and their parents and/or caregivers.

Project title: Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect

Partner organisation(s): Resources Aimed at the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (RAPCAN)

Grant amount: EUR 17,770

Overall objective(s): To promote and protect children's rights through training, awareness raising, provision of child support services and development of a range of materials and resources focusing on prevention of child abuse and neglect.

Project title: Softer Childhood, Phase II

Partner organisation(s): Masibambane Early Learning Centre

Location: Mpumalanga and Northern Province

Grant amount: EUR 298,500

Overall objective(s): To enhance community participation and capacities to promote and effectively meet the rights of young children.

Uganda

Project title: Community Support Oriwa

Partner organisation(s): Uganda Orphans Rural Development Programme (UORDP)

Location: Tororo district

Grant amount: EUR 108,534

Overall objective(s): To improve the well-being of young children and families affected by HIV/AIDS.

Project title: (HIV) Gender and HIV/AIDS

Partner organisation(s): African Network for the Prevention and Protection Against Abuse and Neglect (ANPPCAN) Uganda

Location: Nationwide

Grant amount: EUR 38,619

Overall objective(s): To generate appropriate information that will guide ANPPCAN in programming in the area of ECD, gender and HIV/AIDS.

Project title: (HIV) Grandparents as Caregivers

Partner organisation(s): Action for Children

Location: Nationwide

Grant amount: EUR 191,800

Overall objective(s): To strengthen the capacity of grandparents in providing care to children under eight years affected by HIV/AIDS.

Project title: Strengthening the Uganda ECD Forum and Task Force

Partner organisation(s): National Council for Children

Location: Nationwide

Grant amount: EUR 25,186

Overall objective(s): To promote multi-sectoral networking and advocacy within the relevant government sectors and civil society through the Task Force.

Zimbabwe

Project title: (HIV) Child Welfare Programme

Partner organisation(s): Inter-Country People's Aid (IPA)

Location: Informal settlements, Harare

Grant amount: EUR 23,296

Overall objective(s): To strengthen the capacity of caregivers and their supportive community structures to realise children's rights and to enhance individual and community problem-solving capacity.

Project title: (HIV) Community-based Orphan Care

Partner organisation(s): Farm Orphan Support Trust (FOST)

Grant amount: EUR 15,800

Overall objective(s): To enhance the capacity of farm worker and former farm worker communities to create a supportive and enabling environment for orphaned and vulnerable children, aged 0 to 8 years.

Project title: (HIV) Community Fostering, Phase III

Partner organisation(s): Child Protection Society (CPS)

Grant amount: EUR 91,500

Overall objective(s): To enhance the capacity of communities to take collective responsibility and action for orphans and vulnerable children, especially those affected by HIV/AIDS.

Project title: ECD Play Groups, Phase III

Partner organisation(s): Farm Community Trust of Zimbabwe



Zimbabwe: A father takes his child to the ECD play-site. Child Welfare Programme; Inter-Country People's Aid (IPA)

Location: Commercial farming communities

Grant amount: EUR 91,395

Overall objective(s): To improve the well-being of (ex) farm worker children in the continuing commercial farms, former commercial farms, and informal settlements.

Project title: (HIV) Home-based Orphan Support, Phase II

Partner organisation(s): Community Foundation for the Western Region of Zimbabwe (CFWRZ)

Location: The western region of Zimbabwe

Grant amount: EUR 279,900

Overall objective(s): To strengthen communities' capacities to develop and implement effective responses to deal with the impact of HIV/AIDS on families, and particularly their young children.

ASIA/MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA

Egypt

Project title: Children of the Nile, Phase II

Partner organisation(s): North South Consultants Exchange

Location: Nationwide

Grant amount: EUR 54,810

Overall objective(s): To continue planned activities;

to undertake an external review; to write a proposal for phase III; and to establish a national union of ECD-oriented NGO's as the prospective grantholding entity.

India

Project title: A Sense of Rhythm, Phase II

Partner organisation(s): Family Planning Association of India

Grant amount: EUR 83,630

Overall objective(s): To create awareness of reproductive health by conducting campaigns and providing information directed at married couples and adolescent girls in order to enable them to make informed decisions.

Project title: Children's Gardens, Phase III

Partner organisation(s): Deccan Development Society (DDS)

Location: Andhra Pradesh

Grant amount: EUR 145,001

Overall objective(s): To strengthen the project by forming a network of experienced teachers, improving the quality of teaching and further consolidating the existing strategy for local sustainability and control.

Project title: In Defence of the Child, Phase III

Partner organisation(s): The Committee for Legal Aid to the Poor (CLAP)

Location: Nationwide

Grant amount: EUR 214,400

Overall objective(s): To strengthen the position of children by building social capital through, one: reinforcing the actions and responses of civil society regarding the rights of young children, and two: the reform of child rights laws and policies.

Project title: Kattaikkuttu Sangam Video Production

Partner organisation(s): Tamil Nadu Kattaikkuttu Kalai Valarchi Munnetra

Location: Northern Tamil Nadu State

Grant amount: EUR 11,000

Overall objective(s): To create visual material for inclusion in educational activities in order to create awareness among Dutch children on the lives of Tamil children performing Kattaikkuttu theatre and for fund raising.

Israel

Project title: After-School Support for Young Children at Risk

Partner organisation(s): The Association for the Advancement of the Ethiopian Family and Child in Israel (ALMAYA)

Grant amount: EUR 141,300

Overall objective(s): To promote the all-round development of Ethiopian Israeli children aged 6 to 8 who are at risk of poor scholastic performance and problematic social behaviour, through an after-school support programme that is also aimed at strengthening parental and teacher support to the child.

Project title: (RfD) Building Blocks of Democracy

Partner organisation(s): Adam Institute for

Democracy and Peace

Location: The Negev

Grant amount: EUR 140,400

Overall objective(s): To encourage, among children in kindergartens in four communities in the Negev (spanning Bedouin Arab and various Jewish groups), an equality-based view of other people's freedoms, through activities appropriate to their ages and relevant to their lives and experiences.

Project title: CHERISH – Child Rehabilitation Initiative

Partner organisation(s): JDC – Israel

Grant amount: EUR 25,000

Overall objective(s): To address major unmet needs, by developing community-based counselling for children and their families on both sides of the border, who suffer from psycho-trauma, through a collaborative framework that encourages cooperation and co-existence.

Project title: Community Support for Disabled Children

Partner organisation(s): ALEH Center Bnei Brak

Grant amount: EUR 20,000

Overall objective(s): To enable children with relatively minor medical problems to live lives that are as normal and positive as possible.

Project title: Instructors for Bedouin Parenting and Community

Partner organisation(s): Regional Multidisciplinary

Center for Parenting

Location: The Negev

Grant amount: EUR 100,000

Overall objective(s): To enhance the social and emotional development of young Bedouin Arab children, by increasing awareness among their fathers and mothers of various issues involved in parenting, through participation in discussion groups with senior educators from Bedouin Arab communities who have received special discursive and practical training to this end.

Project title: (RfD) Jewish-Arab Preschool Programme

Partner organisation(s): Hand in Hand: Center for Jewish Arab Education

Location: Jerusalem

Grant amount: EUR 76,000

Overall objective(s): To add a preschool programme to the existing Jewish Arab school, that will serve up to 30 Jewish and Arab children from the vicinity, and in this way to extend a 'common space' to children aged 3 to 5 years, in the interests of optimal social development.

Project title: (RfD) Parents as Partners

Partner organisation(s): The Negev Institute for Strategies of Peace and Development

Location: The Negev

Grant amount: EUR 137,096

Overall objective(s): To provide young Bedouin children with a supportive home environment that bridges familiar and unfamiliar cultural ways, through the enhancement of their mothers' existing and potential parenting skills.

Project title: Reading Activities for Children Project

Partner organisation(s): Early Childhood Resource Center (ECRC)

Grant amount: EUR 12,000

Overall objective(s): To enhance the lives of children in deprived circumstances with books and creative material.

Project title: (RfD) Synergy in ECD for Arab children, Phase II

Partner organisation(s): Musharakah Trust for Arab ECCD in Israel

Location: Nationwide

Grant amount: EUR 427,400

Overall objective(s): To enrich the lives of young Arab children in Israel, by diversifying mainstream institutions of formal early childhood development in Israel.

Project title: The Active Nurturing Playground

Partner organisation(s): Ezer Mizion – Israel National Support Organization

Grant amount: EUR 130,300

Overall objective(s): To address developmental challenges among children aged 3 to 5 – especially very young boys – in the Chareidi community, by encouraging the development of skills and abilities through play, and by training kindergarten staff to recognise and deal appropriately with children's developmental challenges as they arise.

Project title: (RfD) Young Children and Animal Care Therapy

Partner organisation(s): The Tisch Family Zoological Gardens

Location: Jerusalem

Grant amount: EUR 5,000

Overall objective(s): To encourage children to work through problems of various kinds with animal care therapy, and to bring children from polarised communities together in a shared recreational space.

Malaysia

Project title: (IP) Snakes and Ladders, Phase II

Partner organisation(s): Partners of Community Organisations (PACOS)

Location: Rural and remote areas

Grant amount: EUR 400,000

Overall objective(s): To improve educational support for indigenous children so that their education becomes indigenised and more relevant to them.

Morocco

Project title: Project ADER

Partner organisation(s): Union des Femmes Marocaines

Location: Tanger-Tetouan

Grant amount: EUR 13,400

Overall objective(s): To produce a knowledge base concerning rural ECD needs, in preparation for a new project.



Photo: Courtesy MAYA

Thailand: the Isaan Bright Child project; MAYA

Thailand

Project title: (HIV) Home and Community Care Project

Partner organisation(s): Training Centre for Aids Awareness

Location: North Thailand

Grant amount: EUR 201,221

Overall objective(s): To strengthen the position of children whose parents have died from HIV/AIDS by developing children's capacity, confidence and independence through training and developing a support network; and to create awareness of reproductive health by conducting campaigns and providing information directed to married couples and adolescent girls in order to make informed decisions.

Project title: Isaan Bright Child

Partner organisation(s): MAYA: The Art and Cultural Institute for Development

Location: Isaan

Grant amount: EUR 66,000

Overall objective(s): To organise a two-day seminar for teachers to exchange knowledge and practices and advocate for government ECD-policies.

Project title: (IP) Programme for Displaced Burmese Children, Phase III

Partner organisation(s): Women's Education for Advancement and Empowerment (WEAVE)

Location: Chiang Mai

Grant amount: EUR 153,000

Overall objective(s): To improve the physical and emotional well-being of 2700 Burmese refugee children of nursery school age, via an integrated early childhood programme.

Project title: Southern Bright Child

Partner organisation(s): MAYA: The Art & Cultural Institute for Development

Location: Southern Thailand

Grant amount: EUR 252,500

Overall objective(s): To create a stimulating environment for the development of young children through curriculum development, creating networks and establishing a Southern ECD Council.

West Bank/Gaza

Project title: Let's Cheer

Partner organisation(s): EL Hanan Benevolent Society for Childhood & Mother

Grant amount: EUR 12,000

Overall objective(s): To support young children, mothers and childcare staff in areas affected by conflict with opportunities for creative activity using different media.

EUROPE

Belgium

Project title: EU-Foundations Cooperation

Partner organisation(s): Madariaga Foundation

Location: Europe-wide

Grant amount: EUR 420,000

Overall objective(s): To map the current programming in the fields of social development, civil society and good governance, of foundations and the European Commission delegations in a number of selected countries; to organise a number of thematic dialogues between above-mentioned stakeholders on foundations/EU collaboration, including discussion of the policy coherence and complementarity of different EU programmes in these countries; to pilot foundation

collaboration with EC delegations in the setting up and management of EIDHR (European Initiative for Democracy and Human Rights) micro-projects in these countries; to document ideas and, if possible, best practices, relevant to the collaborative promotion of civil society, social development, and good governance; and to disseminate the lessons learned from the field among foundations and EU policy and decision-makers in Brussels, and to plan possible follow-up

Project title: (HIV) HIV Funders Group

Partner organisation(s): Network of European Funders

Location: Europe-wide

Grant amount: EUR 50,000

Overall objective(s): To contribute to a fund established by the European HIV/AIDS Funders Group whose purpose is to promote European foundation activity in the area of HIV/AIDS.

Project title: (RfD) Informatieve DVD Productie over Kinderopvang

Partner organisation(s): Vormingscentrum voor de Begeleiding van het Jonge Kind (VBJK)

Location: Nationwide

Grant amount: EUR 30,600

Overall objective(s): To raise awareness among intermediary professional workers about the childcare needs of immigrant and other socially marginalised families, and about how these needs can be met by childcare centres which focus on quality and respect for diversity. To this end, a short film will be developed, which makes the parents' perspectives visible and which explains what good childcare practice is. It will be accompanied by a brochure.

Project title: Vaderbetrokkenheid bij Buurtgerichte Peuterspeelruimte

Partner organisation(s): Vormingscentrum voor de Begeleiding van het Jonge Kind (VBJK)

Location: Gent

Grant amount: EUR 23,500

Overall objective(s): To enhance the participation of fathers in childcare centres by developing a father involvement dimension in a new neighbourhood childcare centre in Gent; and to disseminate the outcomes of this case study within the childcare sector in Flanders.

France

Project title: Enfants - Parents des Mondes Ruraux

Partner organisation(s): Association des Collectifs Enfants-Parents Professionnels (ACEPP)

Location: Rural areas

Grant amount: EUR 229,800

Overall objective(s): To construct and bring together knowledge of diverse interventions in rural areas and to better understand the realities and perspectives of children and their parents living in rural areas.

Project title: EUROCHIPS Network

Partner organisation(s): European Action Research Committee on Children of Imprisoned Parents (EUROCHIPS)

Location: Europe-wide

Grant amount: EUR 300,000

Overall objective(s): To strengthen the European network so that it becomes a dynamic tool for EUROCHIPS members and partners to further their initiatives and activities on behalf of children of imprisoned parents.

Project title: (RfD) L'accueil de la Diversité, Phase II

Partner organisation(s): Association des Collectifs Enfants-Parents Professionnels (ACEPP)

Location: Nationwide

Grant amount: EUR 157,000

Overall objective(s): To support a better acceptance of diversity and the role of parents in childcare provision and in childcare policies within and outside the ACEPP network.

Germany

Project title: (RfD) Evaluation – Demokratie Leben

Partner organisation(s): Regionale Arbeitsstellen für Ausländerfragen, Jugendarbeit und Schule e.V. (RAA) Berlin

Location: Berlin

Grant amount: EUR 110,000

Overall objective(s): To research the operationalisation of the concept of 'Demokratie Leben' at the childcare centre level and in terms of outcomes on children.

Project title: (RfD) Evaluation – Demokratie Leben

Partner organisation(s): Regionale Arbeitsstellen für

Ausländerfragen, Jugendarbeit und Schule e.V. (RAA) Gelsenkirchen

Location: Nationwide

Grant amount: EUR 40,000

Overall objective(s): To provide in-service training for childcare workers on second language acquisition of preschool and primary school children and their mothers.

Project title: (RfD) In-Service Training for Second Language Acquisition

Partner organisation(s): Förderverein der Regionale Arbeitsstellen für Ausländerfragen, Jugendarbeit und Schule e.V. (RAA) Gelsenkirchen

Grant amount: EUR 40,000

Overall objective(s): To provide in-service training for childcare workers on second language acquisition of preschool and primary school children and their mothers.

Project title: (RfD) Kinderwelten

Partner organisation(s): Institut für den Situationsansatz (INA) gGmbH

Location: Regional and National levels

Grant amount: EUR 94,500

Overall objective(s): To produce a dissemination strategy and identify cooperation partners at regional and national level.

Project title: (RfD) Learning Stories

Partner organisation(s): Deutsches Jugendinstitut e.V.

Location: Nationwide

Grant amount: EUR 126,100

Overall objective(s): To adapt and pilot observation, documentation and assessment instruments for young children based on the concept of learning stories.

Project title: (RfD) Network of Intercultural Communication (NIC), Phase II

Partner organisation(s): Arbeitskreis Neue Erziehung

Location: Nationwide

Grant amount: EUR 410,620

Overall objective(s): To engage parents, professionals and members of the non-profit sector in a dialogue on parenting and childhood issues using modern information technologies.

Greece

Project title: (RfD) Dimitra Project

Partner organisation(s): SCHEDIA, Centre of Artistic and Pedagogical Training

Location: Elefsina, near Athens

Grant amount: EUR 130,200

Overall objective(s): In addition to working directly with Turkish speaking minority children through art, to lay within the community of Elefsina the foundations for an ongoing trajectory of change favouring respect for diversity.

Project title: (RfD) Respect for Diversity Publications in Greek

Partner organisation(s): SCHEDIA, Centre of Artistic and Pedagogical Training

Location: Nationwide

Grant amount: EUR 25,000

Overall objective(s): To enrich the documentation resources for trainers and practitioners by contributing to the production of Greek language editions of two books on Respect for Diversity.

Ireland

Project title: *The Power of Play*

Partner organisation(s): IPPA, The Early Childhood Organisation

Location: Nationwide

Grant amount: EUR 20,000

Overall objective(s): To support IPPA's Quality Improvement Programme by contributing to the production of the booklet *The Power of Play*.

The Netherlands

Project title: A Sense of Rhythm, Phase II

Partner organisation(s): University of Groningen

Location: Nationwide

Grant amount: EUR 19,500

Overall objective(s): To create awareness of reproductive health by conducting campaigns and providing information directed at married couples and adolescent girls so they can make informed decisions.

Project title: (RfD) DECET Network, Phase II

Partner organisation(s): Bureau MUTANT

Location: Europe-wide

Grant amount: EUR 396,100

Overall objective(s): To build a dynamic European network around issues of equity and respect for diversity in relation to early childhood education and training. DECET is a network of networks for peer support, knowledge exchange and materials development.

Project title: Haagse Peuterfestival Ollekebolleke

Partner organisation(s): Dienst Openbare Bibliotheek

Grant amount: EUR 3,000

Overall objective(s): To enable more young children to reap the benefits of reading, going to the theatre and movies, and using the internet.

Project title: Herziening Methodiek Samenspel Project

Partner organisation(s): Stichting Samenspel Op Maat

Grant amount: EUR 77,000

Overall objective(s): To improve the overall effectiveness of the Samenspel project by updating their methodology and the practice manual.

Project title: Landelijk Congres 'Het Kan Anders!'

Partner Organisation(s): Nederlands Instituut voor Zorg en Welzijn

Grant amount: EUR 5,000

Overall objective(s): To involve more children in an essay writing competition in order to gain a better understanding of their perspectives on education without violence.

Project title: (RfD) Onderzoek Ouders en Diversiteit

Partner organisation(s): Nederlands Instituut voor Onderzoek van de Gezondheidszorg (NIVEL)

Grant amount: EUR 150,000

Overall objective(s): To further ground the Ouders en Diversiteit project and to support further implementation.

Project title: Protocol Psychosociale Steun

Partner organisation(s): TNO Preventie en Gezondheid

Location: Three locations in The Netherlands

Grant amount: EUR 19,600

Overall objective(s): To measure the effects of 'Samen Starten', a parent and family support

programme which focuses on the development of children aged 0 to 2 years.

Project title: (RfD) Publication Anti-bias Approach in Early Childhood

Partner organisation(s): BV Uitgeverij SWP

Grant amount: EUR 20,000

Overall objective(s): The Overall objective is to disseminate reflection and practice linked to Respect for Diversity and Early Childhood Development.

Project title: Samen naar het Museon

Partner organisation(s): Museon

Location: The Hague

Grant amount: EUR 154,500

Overall objective(s): To take into account the perspectives and the learning needs of young children aged 4 to 7 years in the new exhibition of the Museon Children's Museum.

Project title: SamenRekenen Onderzocht

Partner organisation(s): Universiteit Utrecht

Location: Utrecht, Rotterdam and The Hague

Grant amount: EUR 120,000

Overall objective(s): To systematically investigate the effects of the SamenRekenen approach on the development and learning of young children.

Poland

Project title: CHANCES for Preschools

Partner organisation(s): Association CHANCE

Location: Nationwide

Grant amount: EUR 45,500

Overall objective(s): To review the experiences of the preschool training modules and reflect on future strategies, training methods and curriculum issues.

Project title: Comenius Foundation Project

Partner organisation(s): Comenius Foundation for Child Development

Location: Nationwide

Grant amount: EUR 338,000

Overall objective(s): To contribute to building better ECD environments for young children in Poland in cooperation with parents, teachers, local authorities, government bodies and civil society associations.

Project title: Where there are no Preschools

Partner organisation(s): Comenius Foundation for



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Turkey: Life for Children project; Ka-Mer Women Centre

traditional or educational practices which are harmful to women and children; and to develop models to support women's groups in raising their children while respecting their rights.

United Kingdom

Project title: Children in Europe
Partner organisation(s): Children in Scotland
Location: Europe-wide
Grant amount: EUR 99,850
Overall objective(s): To provide a European forum for childcare practitioners in various European countries for the exchange of ideas, practice and information.

Project title: Listening to Young Children
Partner organisation(s): Coram Family
Location: Nationwide
Grant amount: EUR 125,000
Overall objective(s): To inspire and enable adults to listen and respond appropriately to children under the age of eight; and to help them enable young children to participate routinely in matters that are important to them.

Project title: Publication of Alliance
Partner organisation(s): Allavida
Grant amount: EUR 30,000
Overall objective(s): To carry on publishing Alliance for the next three years; to expand its circulation; to explore other roles it might play; and to develop a model for long-term financial sustainability. Alliance is a forum for discussions and exchanges of ideas for people in international funding organisations, and between them and people in NGOs in developing/transitional countries.

Project title: (RfD) Respecting Diversity in Scotland
Partner organisation(s): CAF: Research and Development Centre
Location: Nationwide
Grant amount: EUR 142,700
Overall objective(s): To gather policy and practice information related to Respect for Diversity, social inclusion and integration in Scotland and in the rest of Europe; and, drawing on this information, to present and pilot fundamental action proposals for future policy and practice on children and families.

Child Development

Location: Nationwide
Grant amount: EUR 66,960
Overall objective(s): To strengthen the quality of the programme and prepare for a dissemination phase.

Slovakia

Project title: Peer Learning Benefiting the Whole
Partner organisation(s): Union of the Mother Centers (UMC)
Location: Nationwide
Grant amount: EUR 40,100
Overall objective(s): To create an operational structure for the network of Mother Centers; and provide coordination, capacity-building and communication resources.

Turkey

Project title: (RfD) Life For Children, Phase II
Partner organisation(s): Ka-Mer Women Centre
Location: Eastern and South-eastern Anatolia
Grant amount: EUR 279,700
Overall objective(s): To challenge cultural,

Project title: Spaces to Play
Partner organisation(s): Thomas Coram Research Unit
Location: Nationwide
Grant amount: EUR 16,800
Overall objective(s): To develop, apply and evaluate a method for listening to, and involving, preschool children aged 3 to 5 years in the process of changing outdoor spaces.

LATIN AMERICA

Brazil

Project title: Preparar em Vila Beira Mar
Partner organisation(s): Instituto Brasileiro de Inovações em Saúde Social (IBISS)
Location: Vila Beira Mar
Grant amount: EUR 5,000
Overall objective(s): To repair the infrastructure of the school and crèche and equip the crèche with small children's chairs and educational material.

Project title: Projeto Cuidar e Educar
Partner organisation(s): Prefeitura Municipal de Beberibe
Location: Rural locations
Grant amount: EUR 146,000
Overall objective(s): To consolidate and expand the multi-municipal management model of ECD services to children aged 0 to 5 years and their families in rural contexts.

Chile

Project title: Children, Clowning and Resilience, Phase III
Partner organisation(s): Circo del Mundo
Location: Nationwide
Grant amount: EUR 69,800
Overall objective(s): To foment protective factors (humour, creativity, self-esteem/respect and social support network) as coping mechanisms for children's resilience; to transfer the methodology of interactive clowning for working with children to local institutions; to promote the interest of private and public institutions in the theme of childhood development and humour, both regionally and locally; and to disseminate the knowledge acquired through the project among regional organisations.

Colombia

Project title: AMARTE
Partner organisation(s): Fundación Cultural Germinando
Location: City of Pereira
Grant amount: EUR 217,711
Overall objective(s): To create an organised community, in which parents and other caregivers, through innovative educational programmes, are made aware of the developmental needs of children, resulting in an environment in which children can prosper and develop their potentials.

Project title: Congreso Colombiano de Trabajo Social
Partner organisation(s): Consejo Nacional de Educación en Trabajo Social
Location: Nationwide
Grant amount: EUR 6,100
Overall objective(s): To organise a National Conference on Social Work in Colombia.

Project title: (RfD) Derechos de la Infancia y Desarrollo Humano
Partner organisation(s): Universidad del Norte
Location: Costa Atlantica
Grant amount: EUR 270,770
Overall objective(s): To address the problematisation of children (including displaced children) who lack adequate protection, taking as a starting point the Convention on the Rights of the Child; to provide activities for children, training and workshops for different groups, and information exchanges; and to undertake a series of studies that will provide a better insight into how children and their families deal with the daily situation of violence and lack of protection.

Project title: Infancia y Familia Rural
Partner organisation(s): Fundación para el Desarrollo Integral del Menor y la Familia (FESCO)
Location: Caldas Region
Grant amount: EUR 390,418
Overall objective(s): To create in rural areas an environment that is appropriate for children and enables them to develop their abilities and potentials, and mediate a situation of risks and vulnerability.

Project title: (IP) Programas de Educación en Comunidades Indígenas Uitoto
Partner organisation(s): Fundación Caminos de Identidad
Location: Uitoto communities
Grant amount: EUR 15,100
Overall objective(s): To build an environment that provides better opportunities for the women and children of Uitoto communities, via workshops and meetings.

Guatemala

Project title: (IP) Niños Indígenas Desplazados, Phase IV
Partner organisation(s): Enfants Réfugiés du Monde
Location: Departments of Quiché and Petén
Grant amount: EUR 143,500
Overall objective(s): To develop and bring to scale a preschool programme for indigenous children (3 to 6 years old) that respects their background and is recognised by the educational authorities in Guatemala.

Mexico

Project title: (IP) Centro Comunitario Citlalmina
Partner Organisation(s): Unidad de Capacitación e Investigación Educativa para la Participación (UCIEP)
Location: State of Mexico
Grant amount: EUR 12,521
Overall objective(s): To build a multifunctional community centre for UCIEP's programmatic activities in the State of Mexico.

Project title: Encuentro Chiapas
Partner Organisation(s): Unidad de Capacitación
Location: Chiapas
Grant amount: EUR 20,986
Overall objective(s): To update and then to share with the Foundation's Latin American partners, agendas for development and communication in the region, with a special focus on the themes of Violence and Living Together, Diversity and Multicultural Contexts, and Children's Voices and Participation.

Project title: Fortalecimiento del Foro Oaxaqueño de la Niñez (FONI)

Partner organisation(s): Niño a Niño México A.C.
Location: Oaxaca
Grant amount: EUR 13,660
Overall objective(s): To enable FONI to organise a series of workshops and implement the educational programmes of the association of NGOs in Oaxaca.

Project title: (IP) Fortalecimiento de Melel Xojobal
Partner organisation(s): Caridad y Educación Integral, A.C.
Location: San Cristóbal de las Casas, State of Chiapas
Grant amount: EUR 6,400
Overall objective(s): To initiate an internal reflection and evaluation process to strengthen the team's knowledge and to reinforce institutional and organisational capacities for a broad dissemination of the project's outcomes.

Project title: (IP) Melel Xojobal
Partner organisation(s): Caridad y Educación Integral, A.C.
Location: San Cristóbal de las Casas, State of Chiapas
Grant amount: EUR 1,700
Overall objective(s): To enable the project to organise a series of workshops with children and to publish a manual depicting the recordings of these children.

Project title: (IP) Melel Xojobal, Phase III
Partner organisation(s): Caridad y Educación Integral, A.C.
Location: San Cristóbal de las Casas, State of Chiapas
Grant amount: EUR 352,400
Overall objective(s): The overall goal of the project is to accompany indigenous children who make a living in the streets by offering them alternative, educational programmes that enable them to develop their potential and improve their chances for constructing a decent future in Mexican society.

Project title: (IP) Programa Citlalmina, phase III
Partner organisation(s): Unidad de Capacitación e Investigación Educativa para la Participación (UCIEP)
Location: Regional
Grant amount: EUR 396,050
Overall objective(s): To strengthen the design and

implementation of educational 'models' to improve the impact on the day-to-day quality of life of children and families; to develop and implement the learning and training schemes for community leaders and community organisations in order to ensure continuity and (financial) sustainability of projects at micro-regional level; to systematise and evaluate the UCIEP's educational approaches in order to disseminate these through a wide range of publications; to develop new strategies to obtain funding for UCIEP's institutional financial needs; and to establish and strengthen the networks at national and international level to influence and have an impact on the design of policies and actions favourable to indigenous children and communities at large.

Project title: (IP) Programa de Apoyo a la Niñez en Situación de Calle
Partner organisation(s): Centro de Apoyo al Niño de la Calle de Oaxaca, A.C. (CANICA)
Location: Oaxaca
Grant amount: EUR 129,800
Overall objective(s): To develop opportunities for an integral development of indigenous children, youth and families who make a living by working in the streets and/or are victims of violence and abuse; by providing professional support, education and services that allow and enable them to confront the conditions of life and seek ways to change these conditions, involving the broader community.

Project title: (IP) Programa de Atención a Niñas y Niños Indígenas en Situación de Calle
Partner organisation(s): Centro Interdisciplinario para el Desarrollo Social (CIDES) I.A.P.
Location: Mexico city
Grant amount: EUR 124,200
Overall objective(s): To develop and strengthen CIDES' educational programme for indigenous children and youth who make a living on the streets of Mexico City; and to prevent younger children from joining them.

Peru

Project title: Derechos del Niño desde Producción Creativa Infantil
Partner organisation(s): Panéz y Silva Consultores
Location: Nationwide

Grant amount: EUR 33,600
Overall objective(s): To disseminate the Rights of the Child to Spanish and Quechua speaking children aged 5 to 15 years, through the use of printed cards; to explore, through children's creative production their interpretation of these rights; and to publish a selection of children's art production in both a book and an electronic album.

Project title: (IP) Multi-sectorial Allin Tayta, Phase II
Partner organisation(s): Ministerio de Educación
Location: Departments of Ayacucho, Apurímac and Huancavelica
Grant amount: EUR 104,300
Overall objective(s): To carry on current activities; to evaluate the programme's achievements and methodology to foster fathers' contribution to the development of their children; and to reflect and debate about the effectiveness and efficiency of its organisational implementation strategy.

Project title: Protagonismo Infantil en el Ande Peruano
Partner organisation(s): Consorcio para el Desarrollo Integral de la Niñez y la Familia Andina (CODINFA)
Location: Nationwide
Grant amount: EUR 219,900
Overall objective(s): To incorporate the views of children in the development of policies and services that affect them; to strengthen mechanisms in the community to promote possibilities for young children to express their views; to transfer lessons learned to date at community level and among the six institutions comprising CODINFA; and to further research concepts of children's participation in the Quechua context and build them into ECD programming.

Venezuela

Project title: El Buen Trato Entra Por Casa
Partner organisation(s): Centros Comunitarios de Aprendizaje (CECODAP)
Location: Nationwide
Grant amount: EUR 176,600
Overall objective(s): To bring about a change in Venezuelan society concerning current views and practice on the use of physical and psychological punishment as a means to educate children and to solve situations of conflict.

Project title: El Maestro en Casa, Phase II
Partner organisation(s): Asociación Fundación Apoyo a la Familia y a la Infancia (AFIN)
Grant amount: EUR 235,530
Overall objective(s): To increase the impact of the project by consolidating, documenting and disseminating the family support methodology designed by El Maestro en Casa.

Project title: PROFADEIN
Partner organisation(s): Programa de Atención Comunitaria para la Familia y Infancia
Location: State of Falcón
Grant amount: EUR 46,300
Overall objective(s): To provide an integrated, community-based educational programme consisting of educational, health and nutritional services for disadvantaged families and children, that is also supported by public sector agencies, state and municipal authorities and private sector agencies.

Project title: PROFADEIN, Phase II
Partner organisation(s): Programa de Atención Comunitaria para la Familia y Infancia
Grant amount: EUR 229,168
Overall objective(s): To build on the integrating force of the family and community to mobilise the potential of children and enhance their overall development.

NORTH AMERICA/CARIBBEAN

Barbados

Project title: Caribbean Programme Development
Partner organisation(s): Caribbean Centre for Development Administration (CARICAD)
Location: The Caribbean region
Grant amount: EUR 226,200
Overall objective(s): To make small and medium grants and contracts for programme development functions such as documentation, training, networking and learning, and communications and dissemination.

Project title: Caribbean Support Initiative (CSI)
Partner organisation(s): Caribbean Centre for Development Administration (CARICAD)
Location: The Caribbean region
Grant amount: EUR 222,800
Overall objective(s): To cover operating costs for

coordination, administration, travel, and housing and equipment of the Caribbean Support Initiative.

Project title: Caribbean Support Initiative (CSI) Internship Pilot Project
Partner organisation(s): Caribbean Centre for Development Administration (CARICAD)
Location: The Caribbean region
Grant amount: EUR 18,100
Overall objective(s): To facilitate practical learning experiences for Caribbean students and simultaneously generate relevant research and documentation.

Project title: Caribbean Support Initiative (CSI) Support Functions
Partner organisation(s): Caribbean Centre for Development Administration (CARICAD)
Location: The Caribbean region
Grant amount: EUR 172,200
Overall objective(s): To support programme development functions such as documentation, training, networking and learning, and communications and dissemination; and to maintain the CSI website, issue a series of newsletters and operate D-group facilities.

Dominica

Project title: Replication of the Roving Caregivers Programme in Dominica
Partner organisation(s): Christian Children's Fund Dominica
Location: Dominica, Grenada and St Lucia
Grant amount: EUR 134,600
Overall objective(s): To replicate the concept and methodologies of the Roving Caregivers Programme, under the Caribbean Support Initiative (CSI) goal of increasing good practice in parent support in the Caribbean region.

Grenada

Project title: Experimental Mobile Caregiver Programme
Partner organisation(s): Grencase
Location: Dominica, Grenada and St Lucia
Grant amount: EUR 22,600
Overall objective(s): To replicate the concept and methodologies of the Roving Caregivers Programme,

under the Caribbean Support Initiative (CSI) goal of increasing good practice in parent support in the Caribbean region.

Jamaica

Project title: Child Support Programme
Partner organisation(s): Environmental Foundation of Jamaica (EFJ)
Location: Inner city areas of Kingstown
Grant amount: EUR 135,400
Overall objective(s): To implement educational and social development activities to effect positive changes in the lives of young children and their parents in the deprived inner-city areas of Kingstown.

Project title: Regional Radio Project on Parenting and ECD
Partner organisation(s): The Caribbean Child Development Centre
Location: The Caribbean region
Grant amount: EUR 157,700
Overall objective(s): To further collaboration between radio stations and communities in the development and production of radio programmes on parenting and ECD in the Caribbean region.

Project title: Resource Centre Upgrading Project
Partner organisation(s): Dudley Grant Memorial Trust
Location: Kingston
Grant amount: EUR 465,200
Overall objective(s): To enhance the capacity of two pilot centres to deliver integrated programmes, promote the Resource Centre concept, and evaluate the project.

Project title: Roving Caregivers Programme, Phase III
Partner organisation(s): Rural Family Support Organization
Location: Central Jamaica
Grant amount: EUR 164,800
Overall objective(s): To strengthen the Roving Caregivers Programme model in central Jamaica and replicate its methodology in the Caribbean region.

Netherlands Antilles

Project title: Parent Support and Storytelling
Partner organisation(s): Sentro di Informashon i Formashon na Bienestar di Mucha (SIFMA)

Location: Nationwide
Grant amount: EUR 60,600
Overall objective(s): To introduce and strengthen storytelling methods in childrearing and the daily care for infants and toddlers; and to create stories for and with children and make them widely available in written and audiovisual form.

St Lucia

Project title: Caribbean Heroes Project
Partner organisation(s): KiddiCrew.com
Location: Nationwide
Grant amount: EUR 9,000
Overall objective(s): To produce a television programme for and by children on the occasion of the International Children's Day of Broadcasting in December 2003 and to promote the programme for presentation on local television stations across the Eastern Caribbean region.

Project title: Replication of the Roving Caregivers Programme St Lucia
Partner organisation(s): Ministry of Education of St Lucia
Location: Dominica, Grenada and St Lucia
Grant amount: EUR 141,300
Overall objective(s): To replicate the concept and methodologies of the Roving Caregivers Programme, under the Caribbean Support Initiative (CSI) goal of increasing good practice in parent support in the Caribbean region.

Trinidad & Tobago

Project title: Toco Parenting Project
Partner organisation(s): Toco Foundation
Location: County of St David
Grant amount: EUR 106,200
Overall objective(s): To reduce the vulnerability and low parenting skills among deprived families and caregivers living in a remote area of Trinidad.

United States of America

Project title: Child Care Initiative, Phase II
Partner organisation(s): Mississippi Low Income Child Care Initiative (MLICCI)
Location: Mississippi
Grant amount: EUR 95,700

Overall objective(s): To assist in introducing quality childcare practice based on diversity principles in about 25 communities and training some 200 providers in culturally appropriate curricula.

Project title: Early Childhood Research & Practice Electronic Journal

Partner organisation(s): University of Illinois

Location: Nationwide

Grant amount: EUR 43,950

Overall objective(s): To make the on-line journal *Early Childhood Research & Practice* bilingual (English - Spanish) and strengthen its long term sustainability.

Project title: Medium and Long-term Effects of Early Childhood Programmes

Partner organisation(s): High/Scope Educational Research Foundation

Grant amount: EUR 30,000

Overall objective(s): To identify, describe and summarise results from selected early childhood studies.

Project title: MIHOW Dissemination Programme, Phase II

Partner organisation(s): Vanderbilt University

Grant amount: EUR 96,400

Overall objective(s): To implement and document the Commitment to Excellence Accreditation Programme (CEMAP) model, and to assist in the dissemination of its concept.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Project title: Worldwide Initiative for Grantmaker Support (WINGS)

Partner organisation(s): European Foundation Centre (EFC)

Location: Brussels

Grant amount: EUR 80,000

Overall objective(s): To support the strengthening of philanthropy worldwide.

Project title: (HIV) Reprint of *Coordinators Notebook* 26 on HIV/AIDS and Children

Partner organisation(s): Consultative Group on Early Childhood Care and Development

Grant amount: EUR 15,000

Overall objective(s): To reprint 5000 copies of the *Coordinator's Notebook* edition on young children

and HIV/AIDS (Number 26); and to disseminate the reprints to an HIV/AIDS audience in order to promote the importance of early childhood issues.

The Effectiveness Initiative

The Effectiveness Initiative is a five year, in-depth, qualitative look at what makes ECD programmes work for the people who take part in them, and for the communities that are intended to be enriched by them. It involves 10 diverse projects operating in a range of diverse settings. The Initiative is now in its dissemination of findings stage. More information about the Effectiveness Initiative is available on the Foundation's website: www.bernardvanleer.org.

Project title: EI Dissemination Cross-site Grant Project: The Emergent Indicators in EI

Partner organisation(s): Centro Internacional de Educación y Desarrollo Humano (CINDE) Bogotá

Location: Colombia

Grant amount: EUR 10,000

Overall objective(s): To determine the indicators that have emerged during the EI Initiative and the associated valuable information about different aspects of a programme, and gain a deeper understanding of their concept, use, construction, sources, interpretation and classification, while taking into account the various cultural settings.

Project title: Human Development in the EI Projects

Partner organisation(s): Centro Internacional de Educación y Desarrollo Humano (CINDE) Bogotá

Location: Colombia

Grant amount: EUR 15,000

Overall objective(s): To analyse what has emerged from the human development perspective, to relate it with its effectiveness, and to build up a cross-site vision that gathers the different meanings given to this perspective. In this way, a major understanding could be achieved that could be used in the formulation, execution, and evaluation of the programmes and projects addressing childcare.

Project title: Last phase EI project

Partner organisation(s): Centro Internacional de Educación y Desarrollo Humano (CINDE) Bogotá

Location: Colombia

Grant amount: EUR 10,000

Overall objective(s): To produce a final report and an analysis of the EI transition period.



Brazil: Children playing on a fishing boat on the north-eastern coast of Brazil. Projeto Cuidar e Educar; Prefeitura Municipal de Beberide

About the Bernard van Leer Foundation

The Bernard van Leer Foundation is a private foundation, established in 1949, and based in The Netherlands. It operates internationally. Its income is derived from the bequest of Bernard van Leer, a Dutch industrialist and philanthropist, who lived from 1883 to 1958. Bernard van Leer was the founder of Royal Packaging Industries Van Leer.

The Foundation aims to enhance opportunities for children growing up in circumstances of social and economic disadvantage, with the objective of developing their potential to the greatest extent possible. We concentrate on children 0-8 years because research findings have demonstrated that interventions in the early years of childhood are most effective in yielding lasting benefits to children and society.

The Foundation fulfils its objective through two interdependent strategies:

- making grants to culturally and contextually appropriate early childhood development projects; and
- sharing knowledge and expertise in early childhood development, with the aim of informing and influencing policy and practice.

Programme development and grantmaking

We currently support around 280 projects in almost 40 developing and industrialised countries worldwide. These projects operate in a variety of contexts, with a rich diversity of approaches. Our funding is guided by geographical and programmatic priorities, but we also focus on specific themes. Projects are implemented by local partners who may be public, private or community-based organisations.

Among the groups of vulnerable children we try to reach, special attention is given to:

- children growing up in diverse and multicultural societies;
- indigenous children;
- migrant, refugee or internally displaced children;
- children of single or teenage parents;
- children in conflict or disaster-stricken areas;
- children affected by HIV/AIDS.

The projects that we support seek to improve the quality of care and education for young children, by, for instance:

- focusing on the home environment and the community;
- seeking to enhance parenting skills;
- upgrading the quality of early childhood development programming;
- engaging in public education and advocacy on behalf of vulnerable children.

Documenting, learning and sharing

Another aim of the Foundation is to analyse and to disseminate, through a print and web publishing programme, the rich variety of knowledge, know-how and lessons learned that emerge from the projects that we support and from other key sources. Our audiences include practitioners, trainers, academics and policy makers. A list of our publications is available on request, or on our website: www.bernardvanleer.org.

Lasting benefits

All of our work is predicated on the belief that investing in young children, and strengthening the circles of support around them, yields many lasting benefits:

- Children benefit through enhanced survival chances, better health, improved social skills and school performance in later years, higher self-esteem and a positive outlook.
- Parents and caregivers are able to strengthen their capacity to support their children, and can enrich their own self-confidence and motivation.
- For communities, the gains include greater self-reliance and motivation to take on new tasks, and an improvement in the social fabric of the community itself. This can provide a springboard for wider social change and community development.
- For society at large, investing in early childhood can lead, in time, to better performance in the school system, lower delinquency rates, less need for welfare services, and a healthier and better educated population that takes part in productive employment and contributes to the development of society.

The Foundation's Mandate

The Foundation's Mandate is to improve opportunities for young children aged zero to eight years living in circumstances of social and economic disadvantage. It rests on a vision of a world that respects the rights, dignity and equality of children, their families and the communities they live in. This implies access to health care and education, social and economic justice, a sustainable natural environment, and opportunities for self-fulfilment.

The Foundation:

takes a **holistic** approach. We are concerned with young children's **overall development** – their physical, social, intellectual, cultural and emotional development.

Which leads us to promote multidimensional programming approaches. These are developed within a conceptual framework that integrates health, nutrition, care, learning, and social actions.

Believes that children's development is primarily the responsibility of **parents**.

Which leads us to promote initiatives that seek to increase parents' capacity to support their children's development.

Believes in the importance of the involvement of the **community** as a major factor in children's development.

Which leads us to encourage participatory approaches at the community level and initiatives that help to empower groups or individuals to participate.

Believes in the importance of **context**.

Which leads us to promote development strategies that are culturally, socially and economically appropriate.

Believes in the importance of creating a **broad, enabling environment**.

Which leads us to promote complementary strategies that focus respectively on the child, the family, and the community surrounding the child, as well as on policies and legal frameworks.

Believes in the importance of local ownership and capacity.

Which leads us to work through local public or independent organisations, rather than being a direct implementer of activities.

Believes in the importance of **partnership**.

Which leads us to promote participation, collaboration, networking and the sharing of experience with others in the development of projects and activities at many levels.

Believes in the importance of **learning from experience**.

Which leads us to support evaluations, comparative studies and participatory research activities that contribute to an understanding of ways to effectively support the optimal development of children.

Believes in the **sharing of knowledge**.

Which leads us to encourage documentation of experiences, networking, and exchange of ideas as a means to promote good practice.

Believes in the importance of **using learning to influence policy**.

Which leads us to promote activities that create an understanding of the rights and needs of young children, their families and communities, among NGOs, governments, international organisations, and the donor community.

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