



Annual Report 2021



ChildsLife chances for children

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Message from the Director

We all look back at another year predominated by Covid which impacted the lives of so many, especially of the vulnerable.

Yet again our organization proved resilient in the face of a continued unpredictable situation. ChildsLife continued to do what it does best, reaching out and supporting the most disadvantaged communities. Where needed, we were able to reprogram and reshape our ongoing activities to address the fall-out of the pandemic.

But despite the many challenges and setbacks brought upon by Covid, we are grateful that many areas of the program could resume after a full year of disruption in 2020. We were able to equip many schools with water tanks and hygiene products so children could return safely after long lock downs; we continued the construction of a desperately need clinic with the Maasai; we saved 600 girls from FGM practices; we provided hundreds of families with kitchen gardens so that they can grow their own vegetables; we supported thousands of families and institutions with essential goods; we strengthened 180 hiv+ mothers so they regained control over their lives and can look forward to an independent future with their children, just to highlight a few.

2021 was also a remarkable year for our organization. ChildsLife kicked off its 25th anniversary year in a new office in Haarlem. 25 years of working for over 2 million vulnerable children and marginalized communities, giving them the tools to improve their lives and create a future for themselves without poverty. That is a tremendous milestone!

We thank our founder Patricia Korver-Kicak, all our donors, supporters, partners, employees, volunteers and our trustees for their commitment to ChildsLife without whom none of these achievements would have been possible.

We look forward to 2022, our 25th anniversary year and hopefully a year with plenty of new opportunities and chances for children.

Thank you all!

Carljan v. k.

Carljan van Klarenbosch & the ChildsLife team
Director ChildsLife The Netherlands





Partnering with communities to develop sustainable futures

ChildsLife Kenya Director Paul Sugut

Our Mission, Vision and Values

Our Mission

Partnering with communities to develop sustainable futures

Our Values

Compact & transparent

ChildsLife is a compact yet highly influential organization. With short lines between the donor and beneficiary ChildsLife works efficiently, effectively and transparently.

Reliable & trusted

ChildsLife is committed to the highest standards of integrity. ChildsLife utilizes its reliable and trusted local staff with local knowledge and years of experience to identify existing needs and possible solutions.

Inclusive & respectful

ChildsLife encourages and respects local ownership and responsibility, and always works in partnership with local people, communities, organizations and local governments.



ChildsLife Romania Director Florian Ivan



Our vision: A life for a child filled with hope, full of pride and freedom from poverty

Sustainable & tailor made

ChildsLife tailor made and small scale programs are designed to address the specific needs of communities and create sustainable solutions to local problems.

Powerful & practical

ChildsLife provides simple yet effective solutions, sensitive to local culture. No frills, practical help with a powerful impact on local communities.



ChildsLife Kenya team

Our Work

ChildsLife is a catalyst for change and strengthens children and communities with sustainable solutions for a better future.

ChildsLife in Africa and Eastern Europe

ChildsLife runs a tailor-made program in sustainable development aid in slums, urban and rural regions of Africa and Eastern Europe. ChildsLife offers grassroots support and works based on the principle that programs need to be effective, practical and fully suited to local needs. Investing in women and girls particularly is an effective way to bring about change. Empowered women contribute to the health and productivity of whole families and communities.

ChildsLife partners with communities, schools, institutions, organizations and local governments to reach the target population. Encouraging local ownership and responsibility is key to the success of the ChildsLife program. Years of in-country experience, detailed knowledge of the countries and its many inhabitants,

and understanding of local problems ensures ChildsLife and its staff is respected and trusted by beneficiaries and partners alike.

Impact of Covid

In the year 2021 ChildsLife continued to do what it does best; reaching out and supporting the most disadvantaged communities. We had to adjust to the new normal occasioned by Covid-19 in all our programming. Paying attention to all laid down protocols, and preventive measures by the relevant Ministries of Health, we continued discharging our mandate with a lot of zeal and care for the sake of humanity.

Many countries have slowly recovered from the scourge of Covid-19, including Kenya. The pandemic resulted in high inflation and prices of basic commodities reached all-time high in 2021. Thousands continued to lose their jobs as companies and organizations wound up and others scaled down due to Covid-19 disruption. Small scale businesses closed down and those earning daily wages continued to feel the purge as they could no longer go out to fend for their families. Sadly, these included people that ChildsLife serves from the slums of Kibera and Mukuru. More effort was put to assist these people as we continued to encourage and give them more hopes in their daily struggles.

ChildsLife is all about providing Chances for Children

Often, however, this is not as straight forward as it would seem. To provide a chance for a child, you might need to provide chances to his/her parents; it could mean helping their community, it could mean building a school, a greenhouse or digging a well. To provide chances for children, ChildsLife's delivery is focused on three components: Live, Learn and Earn.

Live

Water, Sanitation & Hygiene

Inadequate access to clean water and sanitation kills and sickens thousands of people every day, irrespective of the corona



School Feeding Program

Water is Life

A photograph of two young girls with dark skin, smiling and washing their hands at a public water tap. The girl in the foreground is wearing a blue sweater, and the girl behind her is wearing a pink shirt. They are standing in front of a wall made of light-colored square tiles. Water is splashing from the tap onto their hands.

pandemic. Lack of proper sanitation, water and hygiene has many other serious consequences. Children - and particularly girls - are denied their right to education because their schools lack private and decent sanitation facilities. Women and children are forced to walk long distances and spend large parts of their day collecting water. Extreme thirst and diseases result in children's diminished learning. Crops fail, livestock die and people are less productive due to illness. Without W.A.S.H., sustainable development is impossible. Access to clean water, decent sanitation together with hygiene practices, reduce child mortality, improve health and education outcomes, and contribute to reduced poverty and sustainable development. Hence, it is high on the ChildsLife agenda.

Water

Since 1998, ChildsLife has been involved in borehole and irrigation projects. In extremely dry areas of Africa wells are drilled, water storage tanks are built and if possible irrigation lines are installed. Wells of up to 180 meters deep are sometimes the only way water can ever be found. Since 2002, ChildsLife also installs water tanks and water catchment systems at schools in several regions of Kenya. In most cases, a couple days rain is able to fill four 10,000 litre water tanks which is enough water to prepare lunches, allow for good hygiene practices and for the children to take home a little water to their families.

Sanitation & Hygiene

Together with water systems, ChildsLife equips schools with toilets and hand washing basins. ChildsLife's work doesn't stop there. ChildsLife works closely with school teachers and communities so they can bring about change in local hygiene practices like hand washing. As part of the covid response program, advice and products for the prevention of Covid19 were high on the agenda in 2021. Protective supplies and hygiene products were in huge shortage and controlling the corona virus, particularly in slums where people are packed together in unhygienic circumstances, posed a serious threat.

ChildsLife field staff distributed mouth masks and products such as soap, gel and chlorine to many vulnerable families in slums and rural areas. They also gave advice on hygiene practices and information about the virus. Many schools were equipped with hand wash stations and additional hygiene products so children were able to return safely after the long closures in 2020.

Food Security

Together with local communities ChildsLife fights hunger and improves access to food. On a daily basis, school children are offered healthy school meals, which often is the only meal they will receive in a day. ChildsLife stimulates and gives people tools to look after themselves. Therefore, vulnerable mothers in slums are provided with their own kitchen gardens to grow their own vegetables. Also, greenhouses are installed at schools to supplement the lunch program but also to sustain and financially empower schools. Food security is increasingly under threat; the corona pandemic and climate change have a huge impact. In 2021 ChildsLife continued to provide school lunches, built greenhouses and supplied kitchens to schools and communities.

Care

Clinic project at Oloropil Community

At the beginning of 2021 ChildsLife was able to resume the construction of an urgently needed clinic at the Maasai Oloropil community of Olepolos. There is no clinic in Oloropil and the nearest small clinic is over 15 kilometres and nearest hospital over 60 kilometres away. An ambulance for emergencies is not existent in the area. The area suffers an extremely high infant mortality rate. With the generous support of multiple donors ChildsLife was able to commence this project. Unfortunately, the construction had to be put on hold during lock downs in 2020. Despite the challenges brought on by the pandemic and subsequent significant increases in costs of construction materials, the clinic is nearly finished and due for completion in 2022.



Gifts in Kind Support

ChildsLife has found that a very effective way to work in Eastern Europe is through the distribution of goods. ChildsLife, in cooperation with the Romanian Child Protection office, has developed the ESSENTIAL Support program. With this program ChildsLife provides material support to institutions providing social care (such as homeless shelters and centers for handicapped), schools, hospitals and families in need. Living conditions in institutions are structurally improved by providing furniture, hygiene & household supplies and household appliances.

Educational materials, furniture and toys are sent to kindergartens and schools. Families in need receive much needed food packs, hygiene products, clothing and household supplies. ChildsLife sends regular transports with goods in support of the program in Romania and Moldova. Also programs of partner NGOs in various countries such as Congo, Ghana and Burkina Faso are supported with relief goods from the ChildsLife warehouse.

Learn Education

Poverty is still the biggest barrier in access to education. To learn to read, write, do math and to improve knowledge and understanding should be part of every child's life. Education is the key to a better future. ChildsLife makes education accessible to children and adolescents; from kindergarten, to secondary school or a vocational training institute. ChildsLife also runs afterschool education centers in Eastern Europe. In Kenya, ChildsLife builds and renovates schools in slums, remote rural regions, such as Makueni, and various Maasai communities. ChildsLife supplies teaching aids, school materials, books and school furniture. ChildsLife assists with school meals which are often the only meals children will have a day. In addition to the school curriculum, ChildsLife works with girls, boys, parents and schools to prevent FGM practices in rural parts of Kenya. Schools and other learning institutions that remained closed for a better part of the year 2020 due to Covid-19, reopened their doors at the beginning of 2021 but were challenged to deal with the children's learning deficits.

Education Projects with Maasai

For a traditional tribe like the Maasai, education has become vital. Due to changing climates and modern lifestyle encroaching on their traditions, a future is no longer only in keeping a herd but by educating children. Unfortunately, Kenya does not have enough schools to provide an education for everyone. In addition, in the poorest of Maasai communities the costs of an education are too high for parents. That is why ChildsLife has supported various communities and a range of schools, both primary and secondary, in these remote areas. ChildsLife has conducted a five-year multiple schools' development program in the Maasai region of Olepolos which benefits close to 1500 children. Five primary schools were fitted with new classrooms, old classrooms are renovated, school furniture and school supplies were provided. The schools were also fitted with water tanks including water catchment systems.

In addition, we supplied emergency food and additional Covid-19 hand washing stations, water storage tanks and hygiene products.

Education Projects in Makueni

Makueni is a remote, dry and barren region east of Nairobi. ChildsLife has been active in this region for many years with education and water programs. Makueni suffers with widespread poverty and illiteracy as many of its inhabitants never attended school. Parents know that it is important for their children to have an education to be able to provide them with means to escape this poverty. Currently ChildsLife works with primary schools of three communities in Makueni who benefit from the water and school renovation program, reaching over 1300 children. The schools are fitted with rainwater harvesting systems and water tanks and classroom renovations take place. In 2021, we supplied additional Covid-19 hand washing stations, water storage tanks and hygiene products.

Education Projects in informal urban settlements

ChildsLife has worked in slums in the Kenyan capital Nairobi since 1998. Well over 1 million people live in Kibera and Mukuru slums in small 3x3m homes, without access to clean water, sewerage or electricity. Extreme poverty, limited access to education, diseases like HIV/AIDS and high unemployment rates make it a place from which it is hard to escape. ChildsLife supports 3 primary schools which provide an education to the children of the poorest of families.

The ChildsLife Vocational Centre was built in 2011. It gives youth from Kibera slum between 14-25 years old the opportunity to learn a trade and empowers them to promote their own socio and economic development. A range of courses are on offer such as tailoring, health & beauty, electrical engineering, computer graphics, business administration, catering and early childhood development. To date, over 2500 students took courses at the centre, 90% of whom found employment afterwards. In 2021, the centre had a student population of 370 and was

also supplied with additional hand washing tanks to improve handwashing and hygiene standards due to Covid-19. In 2021, we supplied additional Covid-19 hand washing stations, water storage tanks and hygiene products.

Scholarships for Girls at ChildsLife Vocational Centre

For girls from disadvantaged backgrounds, a chance at a good future, without poverty, is very limited. The ChildsLife Vocational Centre runs a scholarship program for these girls. The centre offers a range of courses such as hairdressing, tailoring, electrical installation and computer courses, etc. All designed to provide the student with the opportunity to either find a job or set up their own business. A scholarship covers registration fees, all learning materials, a school uniform and the National Kenya Exam for trade certification.



Scholarships for Girls



FGM Eradication Program

In 2021, ChildsLife began its second FGM eradication program. We engaged a cohort of 600 school girls from six schools in Kenya's Kuria Subcounty, Migori County. We work with girls, boys, their parents, community leaders, schools, social service providers, Ministry of Education, Anti FGM board Kenya and even the police. Extensive tailor made course material has been developed with which the 2 program coordinators, the 5 field officers and the 2 nurses (recruited from the community) reach out to a broad target group to provide information and counseling, run workshops, conduct personal conversations and interviews. In addition, a series of monthly meetings and stakeholder conferences are held to sensitize community members (boys, parents and community opinion leaders) on the negative effects of FGM. After which the participants and the clan elders sign declaration forms promising to end FGM in their clans and to sensitize their own community members on the negative effects of the Female Genital Mutilation. An approach that has proven very successful!



FGM Eradication

Education Projects in Romania

Young children in Romania only attend school a few hours a day, yet the country lacks afterschool facilities. That is why in 2008 ChildsLife opened its first AnneNoor Education Center for children aged 5-10. Now ChildsLife operates 7 centres, which open at 12 noon, after children have finished school, and run until 6 PM.

Children are given educational and homework support, engage in all sorts of recreational activities and they receive a hot lunch and a snack. The centers are run by qualified teachers. To date, nearly 2848 children were offered a place in this structured program which is fun, safe but also provides for their educational needs. Furthermore, child labour at the countryside is prevented. With their children taken care of, parents can work and structurally improve their economic situation. In 2021, 328 children attended the ChildsLife AnneNoor Education Centres.



Earn

When ChildsLife begins working with a local partner or beneficiary the focus is on guiding and equipping them towards self-sustainability. With very few exceptions, the goal is for beneficiaries and local organizations supported to no longer need ChildsLife. Only by becoming self-sustainable the way out of life in poverty can be reached. ChildsLife helps communities, schools, local organizations and individuals to plan further and develop creative solutions for becoming self-sustainable.

Greenhouses

ChildsLife implements greenhouse projects in a bid to sustain and financially empower schools in Kenya. The installation of greenhouses has proven to be an effective method to improve self-reliance and self-sustainability of schools and communities.





Greenhouses provide a reliable source of income and vegetables especially in drought stricken regions in Kenya. Usage of greenhouse harvests is twofold: first for the school lunch program and secondly for vegetable sales so that profits can be utilized to maintain schools and purchase school materials and food, such as maize and beans which is used to make 'githeri', an affordable staple food for most Kenyan schools. Over the last few years ChildsLife has built a number of greenhouses, both in slum and rural settings in Kenya. In order to optimize greenhouse crops, ChildsLife has a partnership with international growers who share their expertise and provide training, on site advice and supply high quality seeds to schools and communities in the ChildsLife greenhouse program.



Give a school a herd

In 2012 ChildsLife started the project 'Give a school a herd' which aims to provide schools with a source of income and become self-sustainable. ChildsLife donates cows or goats to a school. Each school looks after and grows the herds in order to be able to sell offspring after some time. The income this generates is used for the purchase of school materials, food for school lunches, furniture, teachers' salaries or school repairs.

ChildsLife Live, Learn, Earn HIV+ mothers program

The goal of the ChildsLife Live, Learn, Earn program is to create a self-sustainable future for HIV+ mothers who thought they no longer had a future. This unique program provides women with support in 3 phases (Live, Learn, Earn): social support, medical care, food supplements, counselling, training and business training. Upon successful completion of the program the women receive a business grant, allowing them to start their own business. This program has proven highly successful and has supported nearly 4200 women and their 21000 children to regain their independence and rebuild a future for themselves and their children. In 2017, ChildsLife introduced the Health Care Provider Network and mobikits within the LLE program. Mobikits are solar powered backpacks with information communication technology, which allows health workers to reach every woman at the point of care in the slums, provide medical care and connect women to local clinics. This innovative technology allows ChildsLife health workers to significantly increase the number of HIV+ women and girls reached. In 2021, 90 mothers participated in the program and are due to graduate in early 2022.



Kitchen Gardens

ChildsLife provides mothers and their families in Kibera and Mukuru slums in Nairobi and rural areas with Kitchen Gardens so they can grow their own vegetables at home. The Kitchen Garden consists of a firm grow bag filled with good, fertile soil and high quality seeds. Onions, kale and spinach can be grown and provide good quality and healthy food for the family. This project has proven to be a very successful solution for families struggling with neither enough money for food nor fertile soil in their surroundings to grow on. As part of the covid response program and food security initiatives, ChildsLife expanded the program into the rural and remote area of Makueni where 300 women and their families received kitchen gardens, including the relevant training on how to optimise their crop.



Our Work in The Netherlands

ChildsLife Support Network

ChildsLife's goals can only be reached with a large group of loyal supporters. Private donors - young to old; foundations - family to corporate; businesses - small to multinational; schools and churches; all consciously involved in ChildsLife's work. ChildsLife is a compact organization and is therefore able to offer supporters close involvement with the organization and, more importantly, with beneficiaries. At ChildsLife, lines between the donor and the beneficiary are short which makes the impact of supporters' help clearly visible.

Donors

To be able to implement life-changing programs worldwide, ChildsLife depends on monthly or yearly donations and one time gifts. ChildsLife has an active donor program and focuses on obtaining multiple year donations from new and existing donors, converting regular donations to direct debit donations and obtaining periodical gifts, and legacy commitments. Websites, social media, e-newsletters and direct mail are used to inform the general public and to obtain gifts from new donors.

Corporate Relations

Support from the business world is very important to ChildsLife's activities. Over the years, ChildsLife has been building relationships with businesses and established a network of loyal supporters from multinationals to local businesses. Whether their support is in cash, gifts in kind, via preferred partnerships or cause related marketing, businesses find working with ChildsLife is a win-win.

Corporate Sponsors

ChildsLife can rely on the loyal support of numerous sponsors who are willing to donate their time, skills and expertise in areas such as graphic design, copy writing, printing, IT, advertising etc. Minimizing costs in these areas allows ChildsLife to maximize expenditure on the program, thus giving more children the chance to a brighter future!

Foundations

ChildsLife continues to work with national and international foundations for project implementation in target countries. This ensures that projects have a proper funding base and with regular monitoring and evaluation ChildsLife shows the impressive results a project grant can yield.

Schools

ChildsLife promotes working with primary, secondary schools and universities in the Netherlands. By giving guest lectures and interactive presentations ChildsLife strives to make development aid part of the curriculum and engages students and teachers in worldwide issues. This motivates them to organize fundraising events and activities for ChildsLife.



Churches

Churches support ChildsLife's work thru donations and collections. ChildsLife is supported by a number of church communities and involves them with ChildsLife projects and the ChildsLife mission.

Volunteers

In the day-to-day operations ChildsLife is assisted by volunteers. They work on individual basis or as part of their company's social responsibility program and are active in IT, logistics, fundraising and communications departments. Also, some specific fundraising projects are run by volunteers. ChildsLife appreciates their support immensely.

Communications with supporters

ChildsLife takes great care when engaging with supporters; we act in compliance with rules and regulations, respect our audience and listen to our donors.

ChildsLife informs and encourages open communication with supporters and partners by sharing impact reports, beneficiary stories, program updates, and other relevant news. Communication channels include the website, social media channels (Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn and YouTube), annual reports, e-newsletters and the press.

Through press releases ChildsLife informs the general public about its work and emphasizes other specific campaigns, events or partnerships. ChildsLife aims to contribute to public awareness and change of attitude towards the situation and environment many children have to grow up in worldwide. In addition to press releases, ChildsLife runs sponsored advertising campaigns to raise awareness or raise funds for specific programs. All adverts are fully sponsored and are featured in regional and national newspapers on a regular basis.



Thank you for your support!



And all others without logos or wishing to remain anonymous.





ChildsLife Kenya Program Manager John Maina

Our Organization

International Organization

ChildsLife is an international nongovernmental organization with offices in the Netherlands, Eastern Europe, Africa and the USA. ChildsLife started its operation in 1996 and has since developed into a mature and experienced organization without losing its compact and lean structure. ChildsLife works in partnership with other non-governmental organizations, local government offices, businesses, schools and community groups, etc. to identify and assess needs, gather resources, knowledge and experience, and ensure the best results possible. ChildsLife utilizes its skilled and trusted local staff with in-depth local knowledge and years of experience to identify existing needs and possible solutions.

ChildsLife the Netherlands and USA

ChildsLife the Netherlands and USA offices mainly have fundraising and communications objectives. ChildsLife USA is run by volunteers who concentrate on fundraising. In 2021, staff in the Netherlands consisted of 4 members (2,65 FTE) and is assisted by a number of volunteers.

ChildsLife Kenya and Romania

Offices with local staff in Kenya and Romania ensure a close proximity to the target population and knowledge of local culture and language. ChildsLife works with highly qualified and trusted local staff, who are responsible for development, implementation and supervision of all programs and projects, needs assessments, monitoring budgets, and distribution of goods to the beneficiaries. The local staff also officially represents ChildsLife with local governments and non-governmental organizations.

ChildsLife Romania

ChildsLife Romania is headquartered in Bucharest and works primarily from its regional office in Barlad in the Vaslui district, close to the Moldovan border. ChildsLife Romania has been granted the Counselling and Support for Children and Parents accreditation, a requirement of the Romanian Ministry of Labor, Social and Family Solidarity. The small staff consists of a Director, responsible for the daily operations of ChildsLife Romania, implementation and coordination of the programs, and one part time commodity employee.

ChildsLife Kenya

ChildsLife Kenya is located in the Kilimani neighbourhood of Nairobi and is not far from Kibera slum where many of ChildsLife's activities take place. Office staff consists of a Director, responsible for the daily operations, implementation and coordination of the ChildsLife programs; a Program Coordinator, a Finance Manager and a Communications Officer. Field staff consists of ChildsLife Community Coordinators, Field Officers and Health Workers who are based in the field and work directly with beneficiaries.

Quality Control

ChildsLife regularly re-assesses its goals and existing partnerships via an ongoing strategic planning process. Each year, ChildsLife staff from program countries meet for a week of strategic planning, discussion, training, and brainstorming. Knowledge of and involvement with one another's activities is crucial for achieving the ChildsLife mission. While the ChildsLife offices are registered independently our strength is in our ability to work as one team. In 2021, travel restrictions meant that meetings could only take place online.

ChildsLife Program guidelines

Projects are selected only after the ChildsLife guidelines are met and after ChildsLife staff has reviewed and visited a potential project. Monitoring and evaluation of progress is done through interviews, reviewing reports from project management, visits to the projects by ChildsLife staff and accurate verification of internal account information from the Guidelines for Expenditures. ChildsLife adheres to the Sphere Projects minimum standards for conduct in humanitarian assistance. ChildsLife Program Guidelines and Procedures state that ChildsLife will assist those who are at risk without discrimination and will invest in programs focused on the most vulnerable groups: women, children, minorities, the disabled, and the very poor.

Policies

ChildsLife has created its own International Fundamental Principles stating, amongst other issues that it does not discriminate as to nationality, race, religious beliefs or class status. ChildsLife promotes gender equality in supported programs and in staff at headquarters as well as in the field.

Code of fundraising ethics

ChildsLife adheres to the Fundraising Code of Ethics established by the Association of Fundraising Professionals which guarantees a correct, consistent and honest way of fundraising.

Transparency and accreditations

ChildsLife activities are open and accessible to scrutiny by its supporters. ChildsLife issues an annual report and audited financial statements. From January 2017, ChildsLife chose to no longer carry the CBF accreditation. After careful consideration and consultation, ChildsLife Boards considered the costs and resources involved in carrying and maintaining the CBF accreditation no longer a viable expenditure of donors' contributions. However, the fully transparent working methods and financial controls by external accountant have remained unchanged.

Accreditations

- ✔ ANBI status: ChildsLife the Netherlands is a registered non-profit (ANBI status) with the Dutch tax office, ensuring maximum tax benefits for the organization and donors.
- ✔ 501C3: ChildsLife has been registered as a 501c3 tax exempt organization in the United States since 2008. Charitable gifts to ChildsLife are therefore deductible to the full extent allowable under IRS regulations.
- ✔ ChildsLife Romania NGO registration: ChildsLife Romania has been officially accredited by the Romanian Ministry of Labor, Social Protection and Elderly. In order to safeguard quality of social services, Romanian law requires all social services providers to be scrutinized and accredited by the Ministry. In 2019 ChildsLife Romania was issued with a new accreditation which will be valid for 3 years and renewable upon expiration.
- ✔ ChildsLife Kenya NGO registration: ChildsLife Kenya has been officially registered as a non-profit organization under section 10 of the Non-Governmental Organizations Co-ordination Act since 2005. In addition, ChildsLife Kenya is member of several unions. It works closely with the National Aids Control Council (NACC). It is also a member of the Kenya Aids NGOs Consortium and The Kibera NGO Network.



The Boards of Trustees and Directors

The Board of Trustees works with the Board of Directors to govern ChildsLife's overall performance. The Board of Trustees is responsible for ensuring that the implementation of programs and projects conforms to plan and budget. For transparency and accountability ChildsLife follows three principles; Management and Supervision, Accountability, and Interaction with stakeholders.

Management and Supervision

The ChildsLife Board of Directors is responsible for the daily operations, including the development of program and long term strategic plans and is overseen by the Board of Trustees. The Chairman of the Board of Directors is also the Director of the organization. The Board of Directors is appointed by the Board of Trustees. Members of the Board of Trustees are appointed by the Board of Trustees. In order to form a multi-disciplinary Board of Trustees ChildsLife aims to have members from different backgrounds and disciplines. In 2021, the Board of Trustees met 6 times (mostly online) to discuss project planning and progress, financial reports and budgets. In addition, the Management Board consults regularly with the Chairman. The tasks and authorities of the Boards are recorded in the ChildsLife Statutes and Regulations.



Accountability

In meetings between the Boards, the general budget, organizational strategy, financial reports and updates on projects and programs are discussed, approved and evaluated to ensure optimal effectivity and efficiency of the expenditure of means (funds). Expansion of support by ChildsLife into additional countries is also discussed and decisions are made about these activities. The ChildsLife Board of Trustees approves the long-term plan and budgets. The organization and finances are audited on a yearly basis by external accountancy 'Beuk Accountants en Belastingadviseurs b.v.'.

Interaction with stakeholders

The Boards see to satisfaction amongst all stakeholders. Interaction and building successful relationship with all stakeholders, including beneficiaries, supporters, partners, local governments and staff, is of great importance for the success of the organization.

	End of term	If extended	Title
Mrs. C. van Klarenbosch-Blom	2025	2030	Chairman, Board of Directors (paid)
Mrs. A.W. Tuip-Klop	2024	2029	Member, Board of Directors (non-paid)
Mr. C. Sietsema	2023	2027	Chairman, Board of Trustees (non-paid)
Mr. C.J. Ankersmit	2021	-	Member, Board of Trustees (non-paid)
Mr. A.H.E. van Essen	2023	2027	Member, Board of Trustees (non-paid)
Mr. A.J. van der Veer	2025	2029	Member, Board of Trustees (non-paid)



A life full of hope

Our Future

The Organization

We will keep to our set course in the areas of communications, fundraising and programs and will continue to deliver high quality development aid in Africa and Eastern Europe focusing on capacity building for the most vulnerable. We will expand staff in the Netherlands. We aim to build up contingency funds in the Netherlands and increasing financial independence of ChildsLife regional offices. Fundraising, communication channels and methods are thoroughly scrutinized in order to fully comply with the EU Data Protection Regulation.

The Program Live

- **Water, Sanitation and Hygiene** - Provision of clean drinking water with the installation of water tanks and catchment systems at schools in several regions of Kenya. Execute a borehole project in Oloopaluaani.
- **Emergency feeding and water** - Continue provision of emergency food and water supplies to communities, schools, institutes in Kenya and Romania and Moldova.
- **Continue the school lunch program** in Kenya.
- **GIK** - Provision of relief goods and structural support goods to institutions, schools, communities, hospitals and families in need in support of the ChildsLife program.
- **Support to abandoned baby centers** - Provision of financial and material support to centers for abandoned babies in Kenya and Romania.
- **Continue the First Step in Life program in Romania** - Material and social support to parents and their new-borns from marginalised communities.
- **Continue the FGM Eradication Program**, target 600 girls.
- **Finalise the construction of a medical clinic** at the Maasai area of Olepolos.



Learn


- **School construction projects** - Continue renovation and construction of nursery, primary and secondary schools in Kenya.
- **ChildsLife Vocational Training Centre** - Continue the vocational training for youth from Kibera slum, including scholarships for 100 girls.
- **AnneNoor Education Centers** - Expansion into rural areas of Romania.
- **School materials** - Continue provision of text books, school supplies and education materials in Kenya and Romania.
- **Summer camp for disadvantaged children** at the Black Sea in Romania.


Earn


- **Give a school a herd** - Continuation of the program in Kenya for income generation.
- **Greenhouses** - Installation of new greenhouses and greenhouse support at schools in Kenya.
- **Kitchen gardens** - Grow bags for families in slums and rural areas of Kenya providing fresh vegetables.
- **Live, Learn, Earn HIV mothers program** for 200 mothers in Kibera and Mukuru slums.


Program Results

Live

 KENYA - Maasai Primary Schools Olepolos	Achieved in 2021	In Plan 2021?	Children reached
Supply of emergency food to Oloompaluani school	✓	-	150
Supply of emergency water to Oloompaluani school	✓	-	150
Provision of water tank to Oloropil school	✓	-	250
Supply of emergency water to Elangata school	✓	-	300
Provision of emergency water to Oloropil school	✓	-	250

 KENYA - Makueni Primary Schools and Communities	Achieved in 2021	In Plan 2021?	Children reached
Support to Kathamboni secondary greenhouse	✓	✓	400
Support towards Itumbule greenhouse	✓	✓	350
Provision of emergency water to Itumbule primary	✓	-	350
300 Kitchen gardens to community members in Kathamboni & Kiunduani villages	✓	✓	+1500
Supply of emergency water to Kathamboni primary	✓	-	450

 KENYA - Hope House Babies Home	Achieved in 2021	In Plan 2021?	Children reached
Financial support	✓	✓	50

 KENYA - Medical clinic Oloropil, Olepolos	Achieved in 2021	In Plan 2021?	People reached
Continuation of the construction of the clinic at Oloropil community	✓	✓	8.000





ROMANIA - ChildsLife First Step in Life Program	Achieved in 2021	In Plan 2021?	Children reached
Support for new-borns and parents in order to prevent abandonment	✓	✓	30

ROMANIA - ChildsLife Essential Support Program	Achieved in 2021	In Plan 2021?	People reached
Furniture, school supplies, clothing, medical supplies, toys, medical -, hygiene products, household supplies, kitchen equipment, food packages for families in need, institutions and schools	✓	✓	15.662

ROMANIA - ChildsLife Essential Medical Program	Achieved in 2021	In Plan 2021	People reached
Equipping a vaccination office	✓	-	2800
Donation of hearing aid for a child	✓	-	1
Donation of elevator and wheelchair for young disabled woman	✓	-	1
Donation of walking frame for Covid patient	✓	-	1

Learn

KENYA - ChildsLife Vocational Centre, Kibera Slum, Nairobi	Achieved in 2021	In Plan 2021?	Youth reached
Education to 700 students	✓	✓	700
Scholarships for girls	✓	✓	70
Salaries (Admin staff)	✓	✓	700
Supply of Covid-19 handwashing tanks	✓	✓	700



KENYA - KAG Olympic School, Kibera Slum, Nairobi	Achieved in 2021	In Plan 2021?	Children reached
Supply of Covid-19 handwashing tanks	✓	✓	680

KENYA - Chema Vision Primary School, Kibera Slum, Nairobi	Achieved in 2021	In Plan 2021?	Children reached
Education and feeding support	✓	✓	300
Financial support- Salaries to 2 senior teachers	✓	✓	300
Supply Covid-19 handwashing tanks	✓	✓	300


KENYA - ChildsLife FGM Eradication Program in Kuria	Achieved in 2021	In Plan 2021?	Children reached
Anti FGM Education to school girls	✓	✓	± 600
Anti FGM Education to parents	✓	✓	± 1200
FGM Community conference	✓	✓	+350
Community outreach program	✓	✓	+40,000
FGM Girls rescue program support	✓	-	+160
FGM Hygiene product support	✓	-	+600
Supply of footballs & netballs to Kuria Schools	✓	✓	+1500


ROMANIA - ChildsLife AnneNoor Education Centers	Achieved in 2021	In Plan 2021?	Children reached
Education, food and care 01.2021 – 06.2021: 118 children 09.2021 – 12.2021: 210 children	✓	✓	328






Earn

 KENYA - Give a school a herd	Achieved in 2021	In Plan 2021?	Children reached
Maintaining goats project at Elangata school	✓	✓	300
Maintaining goats project at Oloropil school	✓	✓	250

 KENYA - Greenhouse program	Achieved in 2021	In Plan 2021?	Children reached
Support towards Kathamboni secondary school greenhouse	✓	✓	400
Support to Itumbule greenhouse	✓	✓	350
Support to Gatoto greenhouse	✓	✓	1,000

 KENYA - ChildsLife Live, Learn, Earn HIV-Mothers Program, Kibera and Mukuru Slums, Nairobi	Achieved in 2021	In Plan 2021?	Children reached
Support to 3 groups (90) mothers in Mukuru	✓	✓	± 450
Support 3 groups (90) mothers in Kibera	✓	✓	± 450
Business training support to 90 mothers in Mukuru	✓	✓	+450
Business grants to 90 mothers in Mukuru	✓	✓	+450
Graduation ceremony for 90 mothers in Mukuru	✓	✓	+450
Graduation ceremony for 90 mothers in Kibera	✓	✓	+450
Monthly support to field officers	✓	✓	+600
Monthly support to program coordinators	✓	✓	+600



Financial Report 2021

This report provides an overview of income and expenditure, results and reserves with ratios for 2021. The total income for 2021 amounted to € 789.154 and ChildsLife achieved a total expenditure to projects of € 833.076.

Overview income and expenditure in 2021:

Amounts in Euros	Actual 2021	Budget 2021	Actual 2020
Total income	789.154	560.952	921.933
Expended to the projects	833.076	533.584	532.044
Fundraising costs	115.081	106.218	106.833
Management and administration	19.855	23.307	19.026
Total expended	968.012	663.109	657.903
Results			
– Continuity reserves	14.872	-102.157	249.494
– Designated reserves	-136.405	0	35.829
– Designated funds	-57.324	0	-21.292



Overall income

An overview of income is provided below.

Overview of income:

Amounts in Euros	Actual 2021	Budget 2021	Actual 2020
Donations and gifts	350.871	329.067	363.849
Designated gifts	136.846	99.468	98.338
Gifts-in-kind	201.132	125.000	187.440
Actions of schools and events	3.313	2.000	2.051
Legacies	96.086	5.000	270.054
Sale of goods	1.150	402	655
Other	-244	10	-454
Total income	789.154	560.952	921.933

Substantial Discrepancies

In 2021, the overall income of the organization is € 228.202 better than budgeted. This is mainly caused by an increase of Gifts-in-Kind of € 76.132 and Legacies of € 91.086. Designated gifts amounted to € 136.846, € 37.378 higher than budgeted in 2021.

Funds to projects

Total funds expended to projects amounted to € 833.076 in 2021, increased by approximately € 300.000 over 2020. This was realised mainly by increased Gifts in Kind sent to the program.

Overview of expenditure:

<i>Amounts in Euros</i>	Actual 2021	Budget 2021	Actual 2020
Information / Educational	20.877	26.218	19.813
Preparation / Coordination of activities	56.957	73.627	56.446
Development aid	741.209	416.055	442.598
Emergency aid	14.032	17.684	13.188
Total	833.076	533.584	532.044

ChildsLife provided support to 3 countries in 2021, as detailed below.

Expenditure by country:

<i>Amounts in Euros</i>	Expended 2021	Budget 2021
Romania	398.670	183.296
Kenya	265.010	145.032
Congo	1.506	0
Total	665.186	328.328

Overview of distribution of operating costs:

<i>Amounts in Euros</i>	Actual 2021	Budget 2021	Actual 2020
Salaries and social security	140.321	176.838	131.875
Misc. personnel	765	500	836
Travel and accommodation	1.954	10.500	7.143
Office accommodation	26.521	24.468	18.519
Office administration	20.739	18.797	22.641
Educational and informational materials	717	0	648
Other general expenses	17.609	19.081	21.858
Direct fundraising costs	94.204	84.600	87.020
Structural help	665.186	328.328	367.366
Total	968.012	663.109	657.906

Personnel costs

In 2021, the costs for personnel were almost € 37.000 lower than budgeted due to staff changes.

Travel and accommodation costs

Travelling abroad was restricted in 2021 by the Covid-19 pandemic.

Direct fundraising costs

The direct costs for fundraising were almost € 10.000 higher than budgeted due to extra activities related to ChildsLife's Covid response program.

Structural help

Structural help was € 337.000 higher than budgeted due to extra activities related to ChildsLife's Covid response program and higher Gifts in Kind available for the program.



The results of reserves for 2021:

Amounts in Euros	Actual 2021	Budget 2021	Actual 2020
- Continuity reserve	14.872	-102.157	249.494
- Designated reserves	-136.405	0	35.829
- Designated funds	-57.324	0	-21.292
Total	-178.858	-102.157	264.030

Continuity reserve

In 2021 the continuity reserve increased by € 14.872.

This increase is mostly due as a result of increased legacy donations.

Designated reserves

Designated reserves (inventory and tangible fixed assets) decreased by € 136.000.

This decrease is due to the move of ChildsLife The Netherlands to a new office without warehouse capacity. The warehouse was fully cleared and sent to projects.

Designated funds

In 2021, a total of € 163.000 was received in designated funds and an overall total of € 221.000 was released. Funds were used to support all projects in the ChildsLife Live, Learn, Earn Program.

Ratios of expenditure:

Amounts in Euros	Actual 2021	Budget 2021	Actual 2020
Expenditure to projects / Total income	106%	95%	58%
Expenditure to projects / Total expenses	86%	80%	81%
Costs fundraising / income fundraising	15%	19%	12%
Costs management and administration / Total expenses	3%	4%	2%

The ratio expenditure to projects in relation to total income is 106%.

This indicates which part of income is spent on projects.

The ratio expenditure to projects in relation to total expenses is 86%.

This indicates which part of total expenses is spent on projects.

In 2021 the ratio costs for fundraising is 15%. This ratio indicates the relation between costs of fundraising and total income of fundraising.

The ratio management and administration is 3%. This ratio indicates which part of total expenses was spent on management and administration costs.

Expectations for the year 2022

The total forecasted income for 2022 is € 678.974. Income is planned from multiple funding streams including direct mail, foundations, businesses and special events. Funds to programs in 2022 are budgeted at € 531.381 of which € 413.917 will be spent on Development Aid.

ChildsLife focuses on achieving the funds to implement projects, to maintain a balanced budget and increase the continuity reserve. ChildsLife will continue to carefully invest in fundraising activities that will lead to increased income whilst keeping costs to a minimum.



Independent accountant's review report

We have reviewed the accompanying financial statements of Stichting Childslife International, Haarlem, which comprise the balance sheet as at 31 December 2021, the statement of income and expenditure for the year then ended and the notes, comprising a summary of the accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Management's responsibility

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the Guideline for annual reporting 640 "Non-profit organizations" of the Dutch Accounting Standards Board. Furthermore, management is responsible for such internal control as it determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the financial statements. We conducted our review in accordance with Dutch law, including the Dutch Standard 2400 'Engagements to Review Financial Statements'. This requires that we comply with ethical requirements and that we plan and perform the review to be able to conclude whether anything has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the financial statements are not prepared in all material respects in accordance with the applicable financial reporting framework. A review of financial statements in accordance with the Dutch Standard 2400 is a limited assurance engagement. The performed procedures consisted primarily of making inquiries of management and others within the entity, as appropriate, applying analytical procedures and evaluating the evidence obtained. The procedures performed in a review are substantially less than those performed in an audit conducted in accordance with the Dutch Standards on Auditing. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion.

Conclusion

Based on our review, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that these financial statements do not give a true and fair view of the financial position of Stichting Childslife International as at 31 December 2021, and of its result for the year then ended in accordance with with the Guideline for annual reporting 640 "Non-profit organizations" of the Dutch Accounting Standards Board.

Velsen-Zuid, 25 April 2022
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