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## Annual Report 2024





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# Message from the Director

Dear supporters,

As we reflect on the past year, it is impossible to ignore how turbulent the world around us has become. Wars continue to destroy lives, natural disasters ravage communities, and the consequences for vulnerable groups are devastating.

In the Netherlands - and across the Atlantic in the United States - we are witnessing a shift toward inward-looking policies and reduced commitment to international development.

Yet this only strengthens our resolve! Now more than ever, it is essential to continue fighting for children growing up in poverty - children who deserve the chance to shape their own futures.

ChildsLife continues to exist thanks to the trust and commitment of its supporters. Since its founding in 1996, we have carried out our mission without government funding or institutional grants. The loyal support and involvement of donors and private sector partners have enabled us to make 2024 another year of meaningful progress and lasting impact in the lives of vulnerable children.

In Kenya's Kilifi region, the school renovation program was continued, and in Kathamboni, a new greenhouse was added to the food security program while others operated at full capacity. Nearly 800 girls in Kuria took part in the fourth FGM prevention program, and a kitchen was built at Oloompaluani School to support daily school meals.

In Nairobi's Kibera slum, over 170 vulnerable youth - 100 with scholarships - received vocational training. Clean drinking water was delivered to drought-affected areas, and emergency aid was provided to families hit by severe flooding in both Kenya and Romania.

In Romania, 382 children joined the AnneNoor Education Program, and two inclusive summer camps were held for children with disabilities. Hundreds of families received food parcels, while care institutions were supported with essential supplies.

In Vaslui, young mothers were assisted through the First Step in Life program. Additionally, 50 Maasai families received kitchen gardens, and 135 HIV-positive mothers in Kenya were supported toward healthier, and financially independent lives. Support also continued for a children's home in Nairobi.

These achievements are your achievements. Because of your support, we've been able to bring life-changing opportunities to those who need them most. Opportunities that empower people not only to dream of a better future - but to build it.

Thank you - for your trust, your commitment, and your ongoing support. Together, we will continue to stand with the most vulnerable and create lasting change.

With much gratitude,

On behalf of the ChildsLife teams in Kenya and Romania,



Carlian van Klarenbosch

Director, ChildsLife The Netherlands





# Partnering with communities to develop sustainable futures

*ChildsLife Kenya Director Paul Sugut (right)*

# Our Mission, Vision and Values

## Our Mission

*Partnering with communities to develop sustainable futures*

## Our Values

### **Efficient and transparent**

ChildsLife is a compact organization with a powerful reach. Since its founding in 1996, it has maintained short lines between donors and beneficiaries, enabling efficient, effective, and fully transparent operations.

### **Reliable and trusted**

ChildsLife is a trustworthy and consistent organization, known for its integrity and long-standing commitment to creating real impact. It is trusted by both the communities it serves and the donors who support its work. This mutual trust is built on transparency, measurable results, and the dedication of experienced local teams who ensure that every project responds to real needs with practical, effective solutions.



*ChildsLife Romania Director Florian Ivan*



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

### **Inclusive and respectful**

ChildsLife values local ownership and always works in close partnership with communities, local organizations, and governments. Respect for local culture and collaboration are at the heart of every project.

### **Sustainable and tailor-made**

All ChildsLife programs are designed to respond to the specific needs of the communities they serve. These small-scale, tailor-made interventions aim to create sustainable change and long-term self-reliance.

### **Practical and impactful**

ChildsLife believes in simple, practical solutions that work. Every initiative is designed to make a tangible difference - no frills, just effective help that empowers communities and changes lives.

# Our Work

*ChildsLife acts as a catalyst for change, strengthening children and communities with sustainable, locally driven solutions for a better future.*

## Working in Africa and Eastern Europe

ChildsLife implements tailor-made development programs in urban slums, rural villages, and underserved regions of Africa and Eastern Europe. All programs are designed at the grassroots level, ensuring that solutions are practical, relevant, and directly aligned with local needs.

Empowering women and girls is a part of our approach. Investing in them leads to healthier families, stronger communities, and long-lasting change.

ChildsLife collaborates closely with local communities, schools, organizations, and governments to reach those who need support the most. Encouraging local ownership and shared

responsibility is key to the success and sustainability of every initiative. Years of hands-on experience, deep local knowledge, and trusted relationships allow our teams to identify challenges and implement solutions with confidence and care.

## From Development to Emergency Response

At its core, ChildsLife focuses on sustainable development. However, when crises strike—such as pandemics, conflict, or extreme drought—ChildsLife quickly mobilizes to provide emergency relief to affected children and families. Flexibility and responsiveness allow us to adapt to urgent needs while staying true to our mission.

## Creating Chances for Children

Providing real chances for children often means first addressing the circumstances around them. This might involve supporting their parents, investing in their community, or building essential infrastructure like a school, a greenhouse, or a well.

Our work is structured around three core pillars that support long-term development:

**Live** - access to clean water, sanitation, healthcare, food, and emergency aid

**Learn** - access to quality education and life skills

**Earn** - creating self-reliance and economic empowerment

## Live

### Water, Sanitation & Hygiene

Inadequate access to clean water and sanitation kills and sickens thousands of people every day. 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,





Water is Life



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**

Access to clean water remains a top priority in ChildsLife's programs, especially in the dry and drought-affected regions of Kenya. ChildsLife focuses primarily on the installation of water storage tanks and rainwater harvesting systems at schools.

These systems offer an efficient and cost-effective way to secure safe water for drinking, hygiene, and school meal preparation. Since 2002, ChildsLife has installed hundreds of water tanks across multiple regions. A few days of rainfall are often enough to fill several 10,000-litre tanks, providing sufficient water for schools and even allowing children to take some home to their families.

In addition to these widespread tank installations, ChildsLife completed a deep borehole and irrigation project in support of the Kajjado community.

These practical and scalable water solutions directly support better health, reduce school absenteeism, particularly by girls, and help build more resilient communities.

## **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.

## **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 due to the combined impact of climate change, economic instability and global conflicts. In 2024, ChildsLife continued to provide school lunches, built a greenhouse, supplied kitchen gardens, and continued the food support program for families and refugee families in Romania.

## **Care**

### **Clinic project at Oloropil Community**

In 2022, ChildsLife opened an urgently needed clinic at the Maasai Oloropil Community of Olepolos. There was no clinic in Oloropil and the nearest small clinic over 15 kilometres and nearest hospital over 60 kilometres away. An ambulance for emergencies is non-existent in the area. The area suffered an extremely high infant mortality rate. The clinic is now fully operational and serves 6000 members of Oloropil community.

In 2024, additional renovation work was done in the maternity ward to improve the work space.

## **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 or purchases goods locally in support of the program in Romania. In 2024, both Kenya and Romania were hit by severe flooding. Household items, food packages, mattresses and blankets were provided to 140 families.

### **Support for refugee families from Ukraine**

Immediately after the start of the war in Ukraine, ChildsLife mobilized fast to be able to provide humanitarian aid for Ukrainians refugees. The aid provided was diverse and tailored to individual needs of displaced mothers and children. During 2024, ChildsLife continued its support for refugees in Romania with food and hygiene packages.

## **Learn Education**

Poverty is still the biggest barrier in access to education. Yet 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.

### **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 supports various communities and a range of schools, both primary and secondary, in these remote areas.

### **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 in a number of communities in Makueni who benefit from the water and school renovation program, reaching over 1000 children. The schools are fitted with rainwater harvesting systems and water tanks and classroom renovations take place.

### **Education Projects in Kilifi**

In 2024, ChildsLife continued the school renovation program in Kilifi, situated in the coastal region north of Mombasa. The Kilifi area is scarred by poverty, long droughts and lack of water. Education is one of the worst-performing sectors in Kilifi County.

Major challenges include inadequate funding from the national government and poor infrastructure. Poverty is the root cause that many children cannot attend school in Kilifi. Many schools are in poor condition which is an additional barrier for parents. Poverty brings many other challenges such as child marriage and child labour. Hence the decision to expand into this region. The project involves the phased renovation, expansion and equipping of 4 nursery and primary schools. In 2024, ChildsLife delivered the second phase of the program at Mwanganga Primary School for 282 children.

### 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 2 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 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 3000 students took courses at the centre, 90% of whom found employment afterwards. In 2024, the centre had a population of 230 students, in a range of courses, of whom 100 on ChildsLife scholarships.

### 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.

### FGM Eradication Program

In 2024, ChildsLife finalized its fourth FGM eradication project. In each project, we engage a cohort of 600-800 school girls from 6 to 8 schools in Kenya's Kuria County. We work with girls, boys, their parents, community leaders, schools, social service, 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,



FGM eradication program



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. As part of the program, ChildsLife offers a rescue camp for those girls in an extra high risk category. With nearly 98% of girls rescued from FGM so far, the ChildsLife approach has proven very successful!

### 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 26 groups, 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 4000 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 2024, 382 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





A proud and happy LLE graduate with ChildsLife LLE coordinator Zam Obed

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. In 2024, ChildsLife added another greenhouse to the program. The greenhouse is situated at Kathamboni Secondary School in the Makueni region.



*Give a school a herd*

### **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 4300 women and their 21500 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



*LLE graduates, Kibera class 2024*

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 2024, 135 mothers participated in the program.

### **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 ChildsLife's sustainable food security initiatives, 50 families in the Maasai Olepolos area received kitchen gardens, including the relevant training on how to optimise their crop.



*Preparing kitchen gardens*

# 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, 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, Instagram, 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.



**ChildsLife**

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Nu Daniel niet meer van de honger in slaap valt op school, wordt hij elke dag een stukje wijzer. ChildsLife verzorgt onderwijs mét schoollunches.

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# Thank you for your support!



And all others without logos or wishing to remain anonymous.



ChildsLife Eastern Europe Director Florian Ivan, preparing for winter food packages



# Our Organization

## International Organization

ChildsLife is an international non-governmental organization with offices in the Netherlands, Romania, Kenya 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 2024, ChildsLife staff in the Netherlands consisted of 1 paid member (0,8 FTE) and 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. The AnneNoor Education Centres are staffed with qualified teachers.

## 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 program, 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. Knowledge of and involvement with one another's activities through reporting and highly frequent team meetings are crucial for achieving the ChildsLife mission. While the ChildsLife offices are registered independently our strength is in our ability to work as one team.

### 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 the financial statements are compiled by an external accountancy. 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 an 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.
- ✔ 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 2024, the Board of Trustees met 8 times 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). 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 MKB Belastingadviseurs.

### Interaction with stakeholders

The Boards see to satisfaction amongst all stakeholders. Interaction and building successful relationships 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
<b>Mrs. C. van Klarenbosch-Blom</b>	2025	2030	<i>Chairman, Board of Directors (paid)</i>
<b>Mrs. A.W. Tuip-Klop</b>	2024	2029	<i>Member, Board of Directors (non-paid)</i>
<b>Mr. C. Sietsema</b>	06/2024	x	<i>Chairman, Board of Trustees (non-paid)</i>
<b>Mr. A.H.E. van Essen</b>	2023	2027	<i>Chairman from 06/2024 Board of Trustees (non-paid)</i>
<b>Mr. A.J. van der Veer</b>	2025	2029	<i>Member, Board of Trustees (non-paid)</i>
<b>Mrs. C.P.R. Steenkamer</b>	06/2024	2028	<i>Member, Board of Trustees (non-paid)</i>

# A bright future ahead



ChildsLife Vocational Training Centre alumni in her salon

# 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 aim to build strategic partnerships whilst continuing to secure program funding in the Netherlands and increase 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.
- **Emergency feeding and water** - Continue provision of emergency food and water supplies to communities, schools, institutes in Kenya and Romania.
- **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.
- **Continue the support program** for refugee families from Ukraine.
- **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** - Material and social support to parents and their new-borns from marginalised communities in Romania.



### 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 youth.
- **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 camps for disadvantaged children** at the Black Sea in Romania.
- **Continue the FGM Eradication Program** for 800 girls.
- **Adolescent girls project** in Kibera & Mukuru slums.

### 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 60 mothers in Kibera and Mukuru slums.



Improvements to maternity ward Oloropil clinic



# Program Results

## Live

 KENYA - Floods Emergency Response in Kibera and Mukuru, Nairobi	Achieved in 2024	In Plan 2024?	Children reached
Support to 134 families with food, mattresses and blankets	✓	-	270

 KENYA - Hope House Babies Home	Achieved in 2024	In Plan 2024?	Children reached
Financial support	✓	✓	50

 KENYA - Medical clinic Oloropil, Olepolos	Achieved in 2024	In Plan 2024?	People reached
Renovation maternity ward at the clinic at Oloropil Community	✓	-	± 6000

 ROMANIA - First Step in Life Program	Achieved in 2024	In Plan 2024?	Children reached
Support for new-borns and parents	✓	✓	10

 ROMANIA -  UKRAINE ChildsLife Essential Support Program	Achieved in 2024	In Plan 2024?	People reached
Essential Support. Material support for children, families, Ukrainian refugees and social assistance institutions. Emergency response after flooding.	✓	✓	2765





 ROMANIA - ChildsLife Essential Medical Program	Achieved in 2024	In Plan 2024?	People reached
ChildsLife Summer Camp June and September – 2 groups with 20 disabled children with recovery needs			40
Support for children and adults with severe disabilities, Barlad			208

## Learn

 KENYA - Vocational Centre, Kibera, Nairobi	Achieved in 2024	In Plan 2024?	Youth reached
Financial support towards Operations Coordinator & Admin salaries			230
Support towards Vocational Scholarships			100

 KENYA - Chema Vision Primary School, Kibera Slum, Nairobi	Achieved in 2024	In Plan 2024?	Children reached
Financial support towards School teachers' salaries			180

 KENYA - Kilifi Primary Schools	Achieved in 2024	In Plan 2024?	Children reached
Construction and equipping of classrooms and office at Mwanganga Primary School			365

 KENYA - Maasai Primary Schools Olepolos	Achieved in 2024	In Plan 2024?	Children reached
Construction of semi-permanent school staff house extension, school kitchen and store at Oloompaluani School			202

 KENYA - FGM Eradication Program in Kuria	Achieved in 2024	In Plan 2024?	Children reached
Anti FGM Education at Keburui School	✓	✓	95
Anti FGM Education at Kuguyi School	✓	✓	99
Anti FGM Education at Kugitura School	✓	✓	130
Anti FGM Education at Bingutu School	✓	✓	52
Anti FGM Education at Maeta School	✓	✓	128
Anti FGM Education at Nyaitara School	✓	✓	73
Anti FGM Education at Sanchawa School	✓	✓	80
Anti FGM Education at Kebare School	✓	✓	111
FGM Rescue Program	✓	✓	135



 KENYA -FGM Eradiction -Parents Meetings in Kuria	Achieved in 2024	In Plan 2024?	Parents Reached
Parents Anti FGM sensitization meeting at Keburui School	✓	✓	215
Parents Anti FGM sensitization meeting at Kuguyi School	✓	✓	272
Parents Anti FGM sensitization meeting at Kugitura School	✓	✓	211
Parents Anti FGM sensitization meeting at Bingutu School	✓	✓	251
Parents Anti FGM sensitization meeting at Maeta School	✓	✓	207
Parents Anti FGM sensitization meeting at Nyaitara School	✓	✓	215
Parents Anti FGM sensitization meeting at Sanchawa School	✓	✓	186
Parents Anti FGM sensitization meeting at Kebare School	✓	✓	176



 ROMANIA - AnneNoor Education Centers	Achieved in 2024	In Plan 2024?	Children reached
After school education, food and care. 26 groups for children 6 to 12 years old	✓	✓	382

## Earn



Kathamboni greenhouse



 KENYA - Give a school a herd	Achieved in 2024	In Plan 2024?	Children reached
Monitoring of Elangata goats project	✓	-	293
Monitoring of Leshuta goats project	✓	-	318
Monitoring of Oloropil goats project	✓	-	261

 KENYA - Greenhouse program	Achieved in 2024	In Plan 2024?	Children reached
Installation of greenhouse at Kathmaboni Secondary School	✓	✓	420

 KENYA - Kitchen Gardens Program	Achieved in 2024	In Plan 2024?	Children reached
Provision of kitchen gardens gunny bags and seedlings to 50 families in OlePolos, Kajiado	✓	✓	250

 KENYA - Live, Learn, Earn HIV-Mothers Program, Kibera and Mukuru Slums, Nairobi	Achieved in 2024	In Plan 2024?	Children reached
Support to 1 group (58) HIV+ mothers in Mukuru Informal Settlements	✓	✓	± 290
Support to 2 groups (77) HIV+ mothers in Kibera Informal Settlements	✓	✓	± 385
Supply of spirulina and food packages to 58 HIV+ mothers in Mukuru	✓	✓	± 290
Supply of spirulina and food packages to 77 HIV+ mothers in Kibera	✓	✓	± 385

 KENYA - Live, Learn, Earn HIV-Mothers Program, Kibera and Mukuru Slums, Nairobi	Achieved in 2024	In Plan 2024?	Children reached
Business Skills Training and business grants to 58 HIV+ mothers in Mukuru	✓	✓	± 290
Business Skills Training and business grants to 77 HIV+ mothers in Kibera	✓	✓	± 385
Graduation to 58 HIV+ mothers in Mukuru	✓	✓	± 290
Graduation to 77 HIV+ mothers in Kibera	✓	✓	± 385



LLE intake



LLE business training

# Financial Report 2024

This report provides an overview of income and expenditure, results and reserves with ratios for 2024. ChildsLife's total income in 2024 amounted to € 513.948. Expenditure to projects was € 420.865, fundraising costs were € 57.103, and management and administration costs were € 9.583. Total expenses amounted to € 487.551, resulting in a positive balance of € 26.398.

## Overview income and expenditure in 2023:

<i>Amounts in Euros</i>	Actual 2024	Budget 2024	Actual 2023
<b>Total income</b>	<b>513.948</b>	<b>477.938</b>	<b>485.743</b>
Expended to the projects	420.865	426.000	450.191
Fundraising costs	57.103	80.000	81.940
Management and administration	9.583	12.000	12.265
<b>Total expended</b>	<b>487.551</b>	<b>518.000</b>	<b>544.396</b>
<b>Results</b>			
– Continuity reserves	5.728	40.062-	73.203-
– Designated reserves	1.300	0	2.446-
– Designated funds	21.970	0	16.995
<b>Total</b>	<b>26.398</b>	<b>40.062-</b>	<b>58.653-</b>

## Overview of income

In 2024, the overall income of the organization was € 36.010 higher than budgeted, and € 28.205 higher than 2023 due increased donations.

## Overview of income:

<i>Amounts in Euros</i>	<b>Actual 2024</b>	<b>Budget 2024</b>	<b>Actual 2023</b>
Donations and gifts	253.199	203.700	264.239
Designated gifts	232.756	239.238	174.035
Gifts-in-kind	18.726	15.000	33.217
Events	0	10.000	0
Legacies	7.036	10.000	14.426
Interest and other	2.231	0	174-
<b>Total income</b>	<b>513.948</b>	<b>477.938</b>	<b>485.743</b>

### Overview of expenditure

Total funds expended to projects amounted to € 420.865 in 2024, slightly lower than budgeted.

### Overview of expenditure:

<i>Amounts in Euros</i>	<b>Actual 2024</b>	<b>Budget 2024</b>	<b>Actual 2023</b>
Information/Educational	26.014	12.500	12.569
Preparation/coordination of activities	30.206	42.500	42.383
Development aid	357.071	361.000	387.003
Emergency aid	7.574	10.000	8.236
<b>Total</b>	<b>420.865</b>	<b>426.000</b>	<b>450.191</b>

### Expenditure by country

ChildsLife provided support to 3 countries in 2024, as detailed below.

### Expenditure by country:

<i>Amounts in Euros</i>	<b>Actual 2024</b>	<b>Budget 2024</b>	<b>Actual 2023</b>
Romania & Ukraine	89.952	73.620	96.998
Kenya	233.335	227.380	233.883



### Overview of expenditure

In 2024, a total of € 237.756 was received in designated funds and an overall total of € 215.786 was released. Funds were used to support all projects in the ChildsLife Live, Learn and Earn Programs, as described in this annual report.

### Overview of distribution of operating costs

The overall operations costs of the organization were substantially lower than budgeted and lower than 2023. This is due to continued efforts to reduce costs and maximise spending on the development program.

### Overview of distribution of operating costs:

<i>Amounts in Euros</i>	<b>Actual 2024</b>	<b>Budget 2024</b>	<b>Actual 2023</b>
Salaries and social security	75.742	100.000	82.359
Misc. personnel	1.038	1.298	5.220
Travel and accommodation	1.971	4.150	13.230
Office accommodation	7.378	7.478	12.160
Office administration	12.116	11.366	16.144
Educational materials	32.493	33.818	0
Other general expenses	2.440	14.900	15.035
Direct fundraising costs	31.089	43.990	69.371
Structural help	323.287	301.000	330.881
<b>Total</b>	<b>487.554</b>	<b>518.000</b>	<b>544.400</b>

### The results of reserves for 2024

In 2024, the continuity reserve increased by € 26.398.

### The results of reserves for 2023:

<i>Amounts in Euros</i>	Actual 2024	Budget 2024	Actual 2023
- Continuity reserve	5.728	40.062-	73.203-
- Designated reserves	1.300	0	2.446-
- Designated funds	21.970	0	16.995
<b>Total</b>	<b>26.398</b>	<b>40.062-</b>	<b>58.654-</b>

## Ratios of expenditure:

<i>Amounts in Euros</i>	<b>Actual 2024</b>	<b>Budget 2024</b>	<b>Actual 2023</b>
Expenditure to projects / Total income	82%	89%	93%
Expenditure to projects / Total expenses	86%	82%	83%
Costs fundraising / Income fundraising	11%	17%	17%
Costs management and administration / Total expenses	2%	3%	3%

The ratio expenditure to projects in relation to total income is 82%.

This indicates which part of income was spent on projects.

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

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

The ratio costs for fundraising is 11%.

This ratio indicates the relation between costs of fundraising and total income of fundraising.

The ratio management and administration is 2%.

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

### Expectations for the year 2025

The total forecasted income for 2025 is € 446.198. Income is planned from multiple funding streams including foundations, businesses, direct mail and other fundraising campaigns. Funds to ChildsLife programs in 2025 are budgeted at € 445.678.

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 statement

### COMPILATION REPORT

#### Engagement

In accordance with your instructions, we have compiled the 2024 annual financial statements of Stichting ChildsLife International, located in Haarlem. These financial statements consist of the balance sheet as of December 31, 2024, and the statement of income and expenditure for the year 2024.

#### Activities

We have carried out our compilation engagement in accordance with Dutch law. The work performed in this context primarily consisted of collecting, processing, classifying, comparing, partially verifying, and summarizing financial data. Due to the nature and scope of these activities, they do not provide full assurance regarding the accuracy of the financial statements.

#### Confirmation

Based on the information provided to us, we have compiled the financial statements using the generally accepted accounting principles in the Netherlands.

Sincerely yours,  
MKB Belastingadviseurs

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