

ChildsLife

CHANCES FOR CHILDREN



Annual Report 2025





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for children

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A vibrant, close-up photograph of a large group of African school children. They are all smiling and have their hands raised in the air, creating a sense of joy and collective energy. The children are wearing blue and yellow school uniforms. The background is slightly blurred, showing more children and a bright, sunny outdoor setting.

Welcome to our Annual Report

Message from the Director

Dear supporters,

As I reflect on 2025, I am struck, above all, by **gratitude**. Gratitude for every donor, volunteer, partner, and community member who continued to stand with ChildsLife through a year that was genuinely demanding. The world around us did not become simpler: rising costs, deepening economic pressure on vulnerable families, a growing demand for our support, and the persistent shadow of global and regional crises all shaped the context in which we worked. And yet — we kept going. More than that, we moved forward!

Since our founding in 1996, ChildsLife has operated without government funding or large institutional grants, relying instead on the trust and loyalty of people like you. Therefore, the results you will read in this report are, in every meaningful sense, **your results**.

Our Live programs focus on the most fundamental needs: **food, water, health, and emergency support**. In 2025, food security remained a pressing concern across our program countries. In Romania, we reached approximately 1,400 people with food support — a vital lifeline for families navigating economic hardship. Kitchen gardens, a simple but proven solution we have championed for years, were once again established in Kenya, putting fresh vegetables within the reach of families who have neither fertile land nor sufficient income to grow or buy their own. Water tanks placed at schools have also proven vital, not only safeguarding the health of pupils but creating the stable, clean environment that children need to focus and learn. Our clinic in Oloropil, in Maasai land, is thriving — providing healthcare to some 40 to 50 patients every day, bringing essential medical support to a remote and underserved communities in the region.

Education is the cornerstone of everything ChildsLife stands for, and 2025 brought meaningful progress across **our Learn programs**. In Kenya's Kilifi region, the phased school renovation and extension program continued — steadily transforming schools that were crumbling barriers into welcoming spaces for learning. In Olepolos, school materials were distributed to ensure that even basic learning tools did not stand between a child and their education.

The AnneNoor Education Centers in Romania, which provide after-school care, homework support, a hot meal, and a safe space for children aged 5 to 12, served over 382 children across their 26 groups. Summer camps for children with disabilities were held on the Black Sea in Romania, offering joy, connection, and experiences that many of these children would never otherwise have had. Critically, our FGM Prevention Program — now in its fifth year — reached 800 girls in Kuria County, Kenya. Working alongside schools, families, community leaders, and local government, we continued to push back against one of the most harmful practices affecting girls in the region. **Each girl reached is a future protected.**

Sustainable development means equipping people not just to survive today, but to build their own tomorrow. **Our Earn programs** do exactly that. In 2025, 90 HIV mothers participated in our LLE program — receiving social support, medical care, counselling,





business training, and ultimately a business grant that enables them to become financially independent. In Makueni another school received a herd of goats through our ‘Give a School a Herd’ program, and our greenhouse projects continued to grow — quite literally. By supplying schools with high-quality seeds and seedlings, we help them cultivate both fresh vegetables for daily school lunches and a reliable source of income to cover materials, repairs, and teachers’ salaries. Together, the herd and greenhouse programs reflect the same conviction: that the most powerful support we can give a school is one that keeps giving long after we have stepped back.

None of these results happened automatically. They happened because our teams, in the field and here, work with incredible dedication. They happened because our local partners trust us. And they happened because you — our supporters — chose to invest your resources, and your faith, in this work.

The challenges of 2025 have not disappeared, and we enter 2026 with eyes wide open. But they have also reinforced something we have long believed: **that small-scale, community-rooted, practical work creates real and lasting change.** We will not waver from that conviction.

Thank you for the trust you place in us, and for making these chances for children possible.

With warm gratitude,

On behalf of the ChildsLife teams in Kenya and Romania,

Carl van Klarenbosch

Carl van Klarenbosch
Director, ChildsLife The Netherlands

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 Kenya Director Paul Sugut (right)

A photograph of a young girl with blonde hair, smiling broadly in a classroom setting. She is sitting at a desk with various school supplies. The image is framed by a colorful, abstract graphic element on the left side.

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 informal settlements, 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

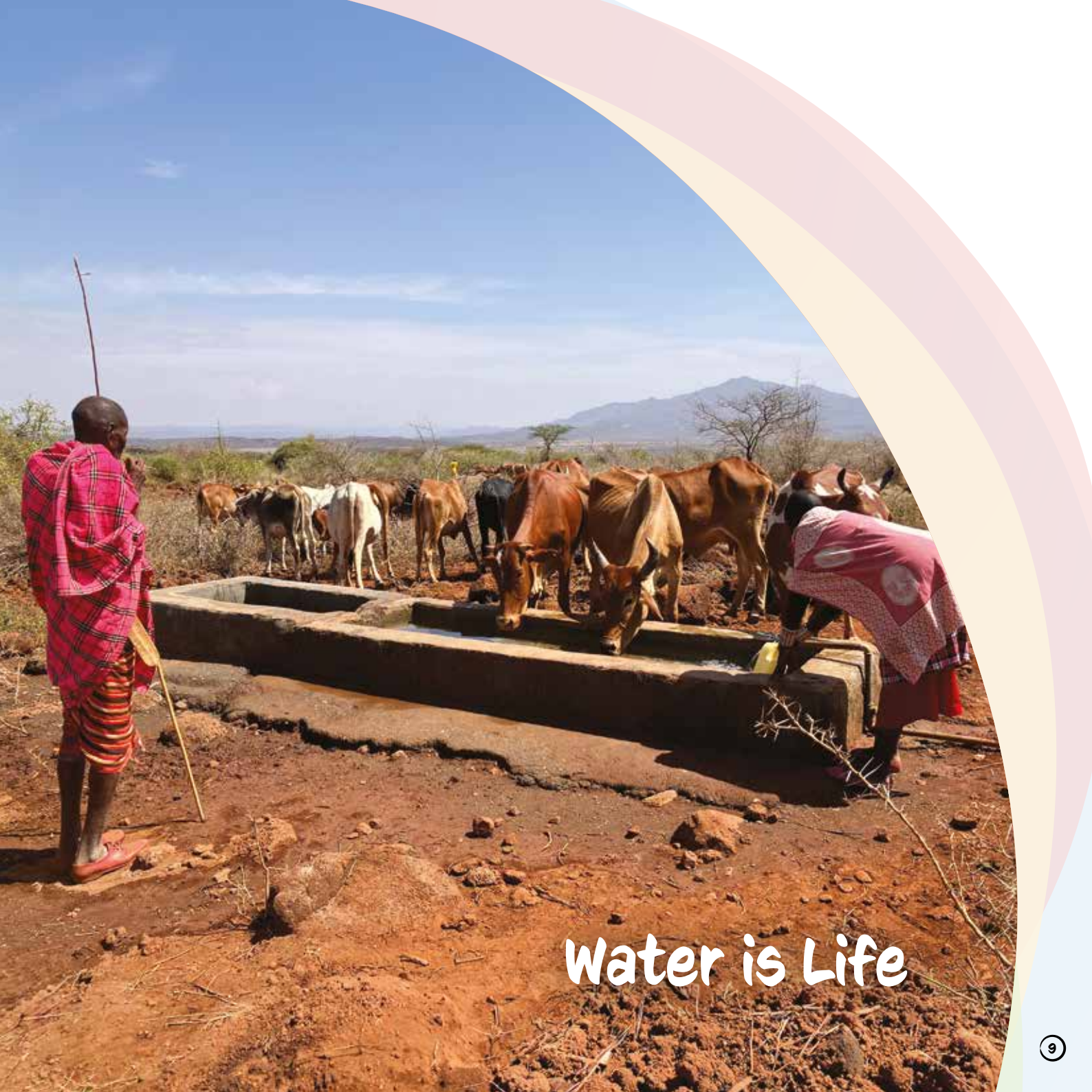
Water, Sanitation & Hygiene

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,



ChildsLife Eastern Europe Director Florian Ivan





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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 Kajiado 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 informal settlements 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 2025, ChildsLife supplied kitchen gardens, restocked the greenhouses with new seeds and seedlings, and continued the food support program for 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 2025, ChildsLife assisted with general maintenance at the clinic.

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. 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 2025, household and hygiene items, clothing and food packages were provided to 1400 people in Romania.

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 2025, 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 informal settlements, 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. 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 2025, 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 2025, ChildsLife delivered the next phase of the renovation program at Mwanganga Comprehensive School for 365 children. 2 new classrooms were built and 3 renovated. Also, a staff room, an office, water tanks and catchment system were installed.

Education Projects in informal urban settlements

ChildsLife has worked in informal settlements in the Kenyan capital Nairobi since 1998. Well over 1 million people live in Kibera and Mukuru informal settlements 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. In 2025, ChildsLife supported 1 primary school which provides an education to the children of the poorest of families.

The ChildsLife Vocational Centre was built in 2011. It gives youth from Kibera informal settlement 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 3200 students took courses at the centre, 90% of whom found employment afterwards. In 2025, the centre had a population of 222 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

At the end of 2025, ChildsLife commenced its 5th FGM eradication project with the selection of 8 new schools in Kenya's Kuria County. Around 800 girls were enrolled in the program. 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



Scholarship student



5 field officers and the 2 nurses (recruited from the community) reach out to a broad target group to provide information and counseling, 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. In 2025, ChildsLife admitted 135 girls to the rescue camp. 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 4500 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 2025, 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





Delivery of new school books

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 informal settlements 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 2025, ChildsLife restocked the greenhouses with seedlings and high quality tomato seeds, donated by our corporate sponsors from the Netherlands.

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. In 2025, ChildsLife donated a herd of goats to Kiuni school in Makueni.



Give a school a herd

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 4400 women and their 21500 children to regain their independence and rebuild a future for themselves and their children. In 2025, 90 mothers participated in our programs in Mukuru and Kibera informal settlements.



LLE business training session

Kitchen Gardens

ChildsLife provides mothers and their families in Kibera and Mukuru informal settlements 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, 25 families from Saikeri community in the 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 and finance. 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, such as an enthusiastic group of students from InHolland Amsterdam who organised a fundraiser and pubquiz in May 2025.

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.



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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.



*Donation of tomato seeds
for ChildsLife greenhouses*



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 2025, 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 works primarily 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 informal settlement 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 Coordination 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.

ChildsLife is committed to transparency, integrity, and accountability in all activities, in line with expectations for recognised charitable organisations. ChildsLife adheres to a strict Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorist Financing Policy which outlines how ChildsLife prevents misuse of its funds and operations for money laundering, terrorist financing, or other financial crimes.



Opening Ceremony school renovation project

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 2025, the Board of Trustees met 6 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
Mrs. C. van Klarenbosch-Blom	2025	2030	<i>Chairman, Board of Directors (paid)</i>
Mrs. A.W. Tuip-Klop	2024	2029	<i>Member, Board of Directors (non-paid)</i>
Mr. A.H.E. van Essen	2023	2027	<i>Chairman from 06/2024 Board of Trustees (non-paid)</i>
Mr. A.J. van der Veer	2025	2029	<i>Member, Board of Trustees (non-paid)</i>
Mrs. C.P.R. Steenkamer	2024	2028	<i>Member, Board of Trustees (non-paid)</i>



A bright future ahead

Vocational Centre student on work placement

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.
- **Provide shelter in FGM Rescue Center in Kuria.**
- **Construction of a new multipurpose hall for the FGM Rescue Center.**



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 informal settlements, 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 informal settlements.

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 informal settlements and rural areas of Kenya providing fresh vegetables.
- **Live, Learn, Earn HIV mothers program** for 60 mothers in Kibera and Mukuru informal settlements.



Mwanganga before renovation



Mwanganga after revonation!

Program Results

Live

 KENYA - Hope House Babies Home	Achieved in 2025	In Plan 2025?	Children reached
Financial support	✓	✓	50

 KENYA - Noah's Boat Children's Home	Achieved in 2025	In Plan 2025?	Children reached
Food relief and play/sports equipment	✓	No	139

 KENYA - Medical clinic Oloropil, Olepolos	Achieved in 2025	In Plan 2025?	People reached
General maintenance	✓	No	± 6000

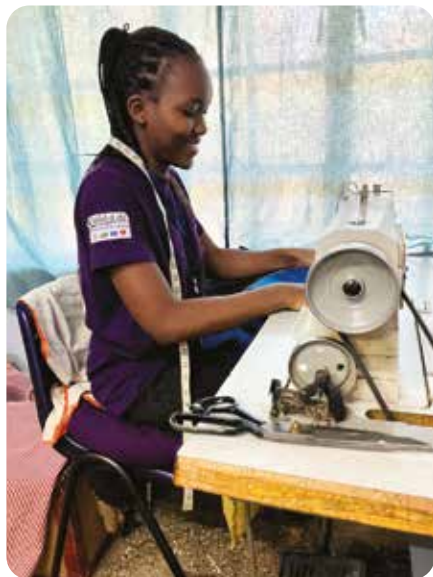
 KENYA - FGM Prevention Program in Kuria	Achieved in 2025	In Plan 2025?	Children reached
FGM Rescue Center	✓	✓	135

 ROMANIA - ChildsLife Essential Support Program	Achieved in 2025	In Plan 2025?	People reached
Essential Support. Material and food support for children, families, Ukrainian refugees and social assistance institutions.	✓	✓	1403

 ROMANIA - ChildsLife Essential Medical Program	Achieved in 2025	In Plan 2025?	Children 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	✓	✓	230



Learn



 KENYA - Vocational Centre, Kibera, Nairobi	Achieved in 2025	In Plan 2025?	Youth reached
Operations Financial Support	✓	No	222
Support towards Vocational Scholarships	✓	✓	100

 KENYA - Chema Vision Primary School, Kibera Informal Settlements, Nairobi	Achieved in 2025	In Plan 2025?	Children reached
Financial Support towards School Management	✓	✓	160

 KENYA - Kilifi Primary Schools	Achieved in 2025	In Plan 2025?	Children reached
Construction of 2 classrooms, office, staff room, renovation of 3 classrooms, purchase of school furniture and water tanks and catchment at Mwanganga Comprehensive School	✓	✓	365

 KENYA - Maasai Primary Schools Olepolos	Achieved in 2025	In Plan 2025?	Children reached
Purchase and distribution of books, stationery and gaming equipment at Oloompaluani School	✓	✓	186

 KENYA - FGM Eradication Program in Kuria	Achieved in 2025	In Plan 2025?	Children reached
Anti FGM Education Program girls' registration at Ihore School	✓	✓	100
Anti FGM Education Program girls' registration at Robarisia School	✓	✓	100
Anti FGM Education Program girls' registration at Naora School	✓	✓	100

 KENYA - FGM Eradication Program in Kuria	Achieved in 2025	In Plan 2025?	Children reached
Anti FGM Education Program girls' registration at Gokeharaka School	✓	✓	100
Anti FGM Education Program girls' registration at Koromangucha School	✓	✓	100
Anti FGM Education Program girls' registration at Nyamagongwi School	✓	✓	100
Anti FGM Education Program girls' registration at Kebaroti School	✓	✓	100
Anti FGM Education Program girls' registration at Kionyo School	✓	✓	100
FGM Rescue Program	✓	✓	135



 ROMANIA - AnneNoor Education Centers	Achieved in 2025	In Plan 2025?	Children reached
After school education, recreation and care. 26 groups for children 6 to 12 years old	✓	✓	382

Earn

 KENYA - Give a school a herd	Achieved in 2025	In Plan 2025?	Children reached
Support Kiuni School with new herd	✓	✓	334
Monitoring of Elangata goats project	✓	No	293
Monitoring of Leshuta goats project	✓	No	318
Monitoring of Oloropil goats project	✓	No	261





 KENYA - Greenhouse program	Achieved in 2025	In Plan 2025?	Children reached
Provision of tomato seedlings for Kathamboni Primary School Greenhouse	✓	No	366
Provision of tomato seedlings for Kathamboni Secondary School Greenhouse	✓	No	420
Provision of tomato seedlings for Itumbule Primary School Greenhouse	✓	No	289
Provision of tomato seedlings for Yeemulwa Primary School Greenhouse	✓	No	516

 KENYA - Kitchen Gardens Program	Achieved in 2025	In Plan 2025?	Children reached
Provision of 25 kitchen gardens gunny bags & seedlings to Saikeri School in Ole Polos, Kajiado	✓	✓	125

 KENYA - Live, Learn, Earn HIV-Mothers Program, Kibera and Mukuru, Nairobi	Achieved in 2025	In Plan 2025?	Children reached
Support to 1 group (48) HIV+ mothers in Mukuru Informal Settlements	✓	✓	± 240
Support to 1 group (42) HIV+ mothers in Kibera Informal Settlements	✓	✓	± 210
Supply of spirulina and food packages to 48 HIV+ mothers in Mukuru	✓	✓	± 240
Supply of spirulina and food packages to 42 HIV+ mothers in Kibera	✓	✓	± 210

 KENYA - Live, Learn, Earn HIV-Mothers Program, Kibera and Mukuru, Nairobi	Achieved in 2025	In Plan 2025?	Children reached
Business Skills Training and business grants to 48 HIV+ mothers in Mukuru	✓	✓	± 240
Business Skills Training and business grants to 42 HIV+ mothers in Kibera	✓	✓	± 210
Graduation to 48 HIV+ mothers in Mukuru	✓	✓	± 240
Graduation to 42 HIV+ mothers in Kibera	✓	✓	± 210

Food packages for LLE mothers



LLE business training

Financial Report 2025



This report provides an overview of income and expenditure, results and reserves with ratios for 2025. ChildsLife’s total income in 2025 amounted to € 444.741, whilst the total expenses amounted to € 407.228. Therefore, the year ended with a positive balance of € 37.513, whilst also maintaining our low cost operations, with the **total fundraising costs at only 11%**, or € 48.505.

Overview income and expenditure in 2025:

Amounts in Euros	Actual 2025	Budget 2025	Actual 2024
Total income	444.741	446.198	513.948
Expended to the projects	349.183	379.263	420.865
Fundraising costs	48.505	56.440	57.103
Management and administration	9.540	9.973	9.583
Total expended	407.228	445.676	487.551
Results	37.513	522	26.398



Overview of income:

<i>Amounts in Euros</i>	Actual 2025	Budget 2025	Actual 2024
Donations and gifts	219.834	185.000	253.199
Designated gifts	163.120	256.198	232.756
Gifts-in-kind	48.350	0	18.726
Events	0	0	0
Legacies	14.108	5.000	7.036
Interest and other	671-	0	2.231
Total income	444.741	446.198	513.948





Overview of expenditure:

Amounts in Euros	Actual 2025	Budget 2025	Actual 2024
Information/Educational	22.248	27.663	26.014
Preparation/coordination of activities	30.388	31.478	30.206
Development aid	288.762	312.239	357.071
Emergency aid	7.785	7.883	7.574
Total	349.183	379.263	420.865

Expenditure by country:

Amounts in Euros	Actual 2025	Budget 2025	Actual 2024
Romania	84.764	47.328	89.952
Kenya	171.487	229.724	233.335
Total	256.251	277.052	323.287



Designated funds:

In 2025, a total of € 163.120 was received in designated funds and an overall total of € 125.715 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:

<i>Amounts in Euros</i>	Actual 2025	Budget 2025	Actual 2024
Salaries and social security	77.847	78.830	75.742
Misc. personnel	994	1.218	1.038
Travel and accommodation	1.405	2.000	1.971
Office accommodation	7.535	7.602	7.378
Office administration	10.035	11.371	12.116
Educational materials	25.040	35.000	32.493
Other general expenses	1.867	3.828	2.440
Direct fundraising costs	26.257	28.777	31.089
Structural help	256.251	277.052	323.287
Total	407.231	445.678	487.554



The results of reserves for 2025:

Amounts in Euros	Actual 2025	Budget 2025	Actual 2024
- Continuity reserve	490	522	5.728
- Designated reserves	381-	0	1.300-
- Designated funds	37.405	0	21.970
Total	37.513	522	26.398



Ratios of expenditure:

Amounts in Euros	Actual 2025	Budget 2025	Actual 2024
Expenditure to projects / Total income	79%	85%	82%
Expenditure to projects / Total expenses	86%	85%	86%
Costs fundraising / Income fundraising	11%	13%	11%
Costs management and administration / Total expenses	2%	2%	2%

Expectations for the year 2026

The total forecasted income for 2025 is € 396.500. Income is planned from multiple sources including foundations, businesses, private donors and fundraising campaigns. Distribution of funds to ChildsLife programs in 2026 are budgeted at € 395.030.

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.



Belastingadviseurs

Independent accountant statement

COMPILATION REPORT

Engagement

In accordance with your instructions, we have compiled the 2025 annual financial statements of Stichting ChildsLife International, located in Haarlem. These financial statements consist of the balance sheet as of December 31, 2025, and the statement of income and expenditure for the year 2025.

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'D.E. Teunissen'.

D.E. Teunissen
8 juni 2026



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