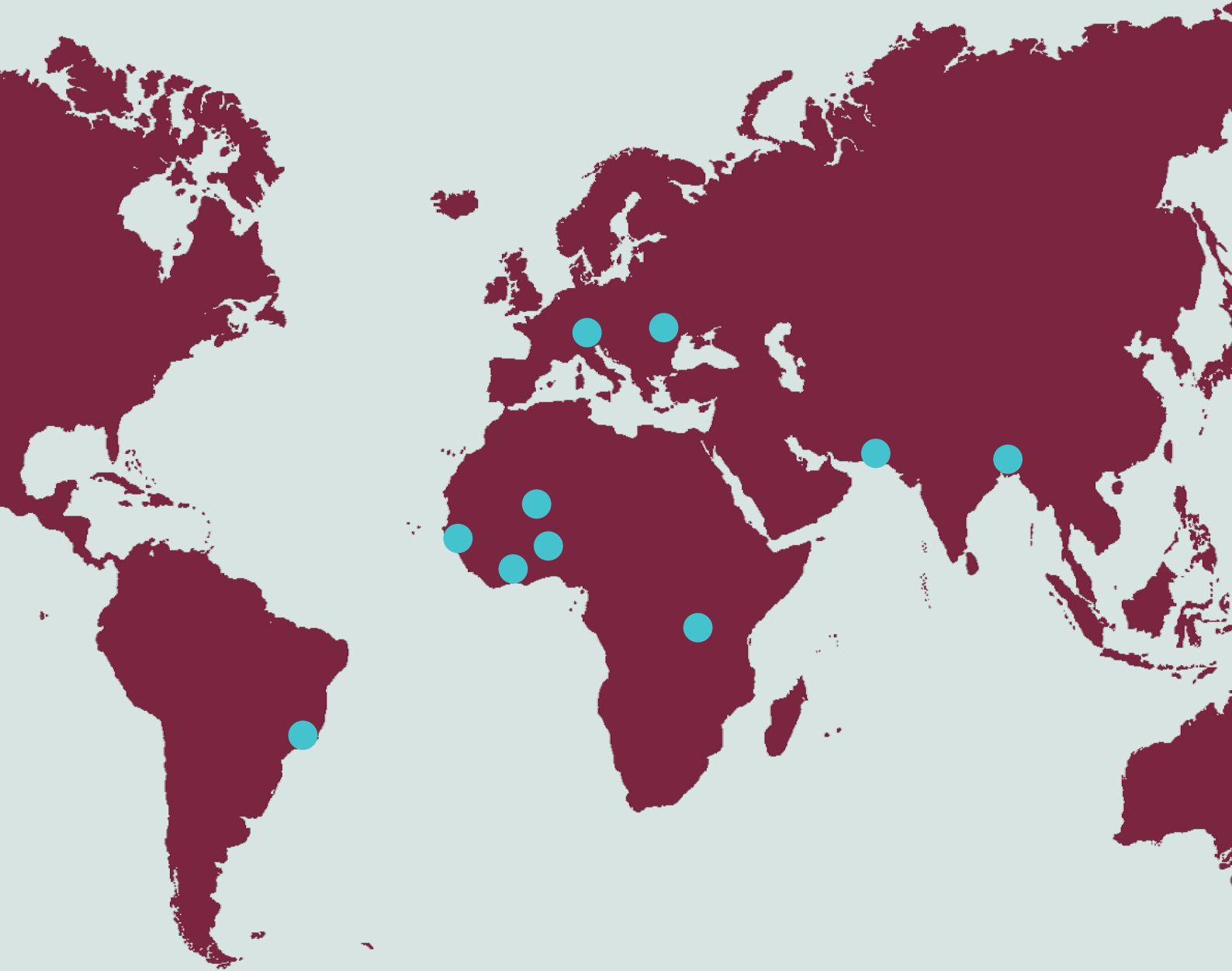




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**IMPRESSUM**  
This Activity Report gives account of the work of the non-profit organisation HOPE’87 in the period October 2023 to June 2024.  
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## A MESSAGE FROM THE OUTGOING SECRETARY GENERAL...

Dear readers!

Dear supporters, members, companions and friends of HOPE'87!

For thirty-four years I have had the opportunity and the honour of sharing my „words of wisdom“ with you at the beginning of each Activity Report.

And I can well imagine that some of you have thought to yourselves „Oh God, here we go again!“... Well, I have good news for you: today is the last time I can address you, as I will be retiring on the first of November 2024.

It has always been important to me to give you a little insight into the world of HOPE'87 with these few lines, to share with you why we do and love this work: we have the unique opportunity to support young disadvantaged and marginalised people, in partnership and on an equal footing, to take their lives back into their own hands and look into a brighter future.

And if we could help even one child, one young person in this way, it was worth all the effort and work.

Today, we measure the results of our projects with indicators and evaluations - which is also right and good - but just seeing how Ukrainian refugee children in Moldova are happy to receive school bags for the new school year, how mothers of malnourished babies in Burkina Faso and Mali proudly show their children's mid-upper arm circumference because it is well within the green zone, how girls in Pakistan can go to secondary schools with pride and joy, how thousands of unemployed young people in Brazil are given a chance on the labour market, how in Bangladesh the Rohingya refugees have confidence in the local HOPE'87 team, how in Senegal hundreds of women in the Moyenne Casamance reintroduced rice cultivation with complete success despite climate change or how young people in Burundi are putting environmental protection into practice and replanting the local Umuhivu tree - all of that, together with the many completed projects in the past, for example those with which we supported thousands of civilian war victims during the civil war in Bosnia-Herzegovina and rebuilt schools and universities, to name just one country - all this gives us great joy and motivation to continue!

I had the immense honour of building up HOPE'87 from a small initiative in 1991 to a medium-sized organisation for development cooperation and humanitarian aid, an organisation that now has extensive expertise and outstanding staff in the country offices and at headquarters. However, this would not have been possible without this ever-dedicated HOPE'87 team of wonderful people in Vienna and around the world who have supported me over the past thirty-four years, encouraged me when I was indecisive and slowed me down when I got carried away...

I would like to sincerely thank everyone who has ever worked with HOPE'87 and those who do now - without you, HOPE'87 would not have been such a success story!

And before I fall back into my old habit of boring you with my wisdom, I will simply say: Thank you all - board members, supporters, donors, partners, colleagues and friends all over the world - for placing your trust in me, standing loyally by HOPE'87 even in difficult times and always putting the spirit of the „HOPE family“ above all else.

In this spirit, I wish my successor, the whole HOPE'87-team and all readers all the best and quietly say „Auf Wiedersehen“!

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

As in previous years, the aim of this report is to provide the reader with an overview of HOPE'87's activities worldwide.

We have tried to establish a synoptic structure of the content of the programmes in relation to the Sustainable Development Goals. As some programmes have been running for several consecutive years, we have kept the basic data for these activities and only included updated information where this seemed necessary. Full project data, project reports and evaluations can be obtained from the General Secretariat.

We would like to thank our donors, the Austrian Federal Government and the Austrian Development Agency (ADA), the European Commission, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of The Netherlands, UNESCO and the YOU Foundation - Education for Children in Need, established by UNESCO Special Ambassador Dr Ute H. Ohoven and headed by Vice-President Ms Claudia Jerger.

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HOPE'87 would also like to thank all the Austrian development organisations as well as Global Responsibility - the Austrian Platform of NGOs for development and humanitarian aid - for the fruitful cooperation.

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all the HOPE'87 country directors, their staff, the network partners as well as the HOPE'87 representatives for their continued support and commitment.

As in previous years, we would like to remember our dear colleagues and friends who have passed away, Mr Peter Sserugo, HOPE'87-Uganda Country Director, Mr Benoît Muhimuzi, HOPE'87-Burundi Country Director, Ms Uta Meran, HOPE'87 Representative in Kenya and Tanzania, Mr Heinz Vettermann, HOPE'87 Executive Board member and Ms Tamar Oppenheimer, O.C., former UN Under-Secretary-General and co-founder of and Senior Advisor to HOPE'87.



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BURKINA FASO, MALI & IVORY COAST

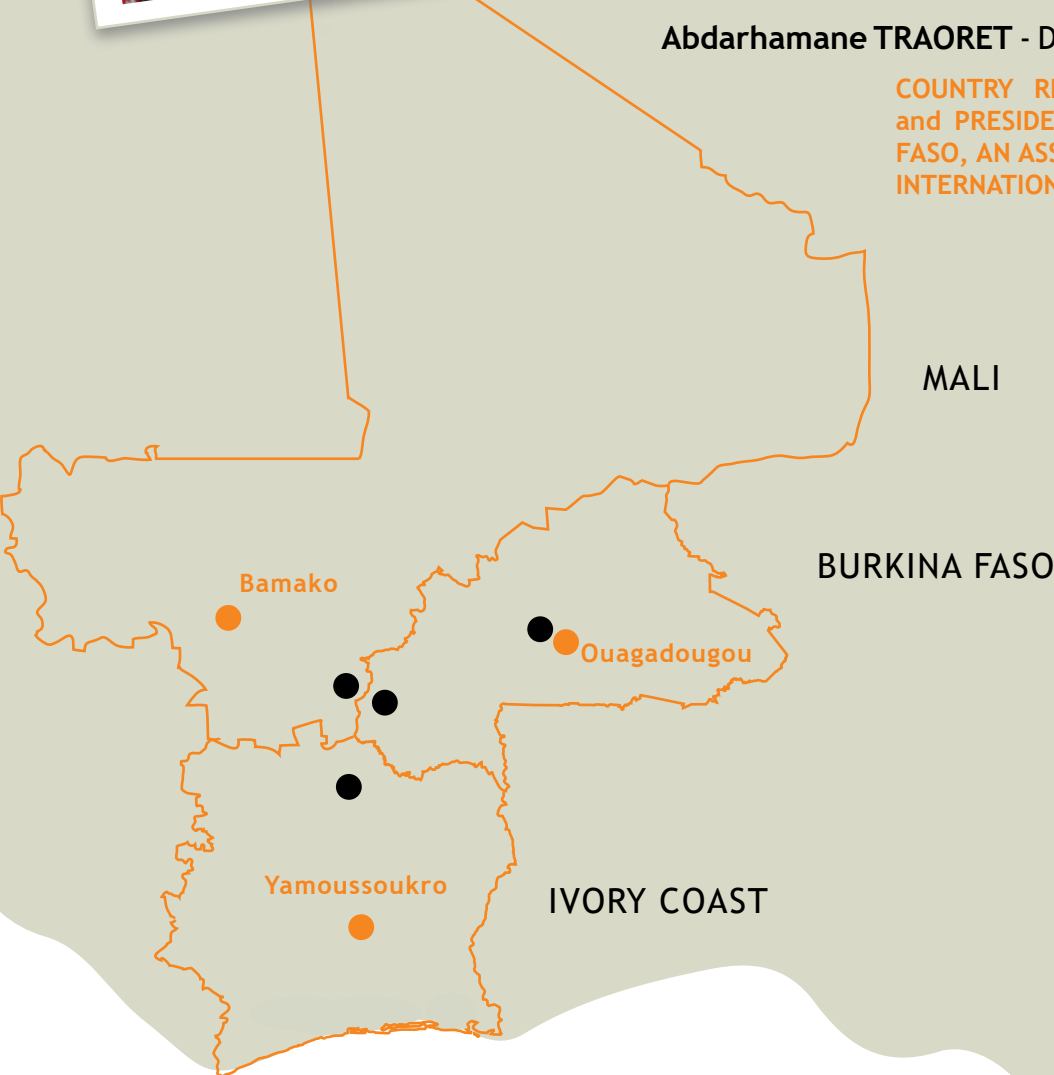
**PROGRAMME:** Building social cohesion leading to lasting peace and strengthening the resilience of vulnerable rural populations to climate change in Burkina Faso, Mali and the Ivory Coast

PROJECTS	LOCATION	N° OF BENEFICIARIES	SDGs
Support for civil society and local state actors to prevent chronic malnutrition and infant mortality in the Hauts-Bassins region, Burkina Faso	Burkina Faso, Région des Hauts-Bassins, Province Houet, Rural District of Bama	24,000	Goals 1, 2, 3, 5, 13
Reduction of chronic child malnutrition and capacity building of state and civil society actors for better resilience to food insecurity	Burkina Faso, Région des Hauts-Bassins, Province of Kénédougou, Rural District of Koloko and Kangala	10,000	Goals 1, 2, 3, 5, 13
A well for Kassienré	Côte d'Ivoire, Région of Savane, District of Poro, Municipality of Korhogo, village of Kassienré	1,200	Goals 3, 6
Nutritional education for vulnerable young mothers in the health areas of the CSPS of Koloko in Burkina Faso and the CSCOM of Hérémakono in Mali	Burkina Faso, Province of Kénédougou, Rural District of Koloko; Mali, Region of Sikasso, Rural District of Finkolo, Village of Heremakono	628	Goals 1, 2, 3, 5



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## SUMMARY

From October 2023 to June 2024, the political, security, economic and social situation in the Sahel region continued to improve even if it remains fragile. At the political level, as far as Burkina Faso is concerned, the transitional power resulting from the coup d'état of September 30th, 2022 still remains under the control of the State. The elections which had been scheduled for June 2024 will no longer be organised due to persistent insecurity in several regions of the country. In Mali, the political situation is calm, even if in recent weeks the political parties have requested a timetable for general elections, which are not on the agenda, and the political class is starting to get impatient. In Niger, the coup d'état of July 26th, 2023 established a transition which continues with no election on the agenda. As for Côte d'Ivoire, the country remains stable and organised municipal elections in September 2023, which allowed the renewal of local executives without any political crises. In terms of security, in Burkina and Mali, terrorist attacks have decreased, which gives hope to the populations, especially the many IDPs, to return to their villages of origin. The northern areas of both Burkina Faso and Mali still remain in crisis and humanitarian interventions remain quite complicated. At the economic and social level, households, especially poor and very poor in urban and rural areas, unfortunately continue to be affected by inflation even if the rate has decreased.

It is in this context that HOPE'87 Burkina Faso and Mali have implemented its activities. The Hauts-Bassins region in Burkina Faso and the region of Sikasso in Mali were the areas of focus of the activities. However, with the aim of diversifying the areas of intervention of HOPE'87, projects have also been identified and initiated in the Ivory Coast in the commune of Korhogo. A first drinking water and sanitation project was implemented from 2023 to 2024.

The areas concerned by the projects and activities implemented focused on building social cohesion leading to lasting peace, which has always remained a priority for HOPE'87 Burkina Faso and its partners. Strengthening the resilience of vulnerable rural populations such as young women and children aged 0 to 5, affected by the multiple crises in the Sahel, constitutes the main focus of HOPE'87 projects.

The activities implemented focused on the following areas: i) continuation of humanitarian and development support to very poor and poor households in rural areas with priority for women and children with the aim of reducing the effects of climate change, rising prices and insecurity, ii) strengthening the capacities of state actors involved in the fight against undernutrition as well as iii) support for the construction of a civil society capable of designing, implementing, monitoring and evaluating humanitarian and development projects.

## ACTIVITIES

### Support for civil society and local state actors to prevent chronic malnutrition and infant mortality in the Hauts-Bassins region, Burkina Faso

This project, which is co-financed by the YOU Foundation - Education for Children in Need and the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) has been implemented from September 2022 to June 2024 in the Hauts-Bassins region, province of Houet, commune of Bama. All planned results have been achieved. The project's aim was to help reduce chronic malnutrition and infant mortality by providing support to civil society and local state actors as well as to the 3,000 beneficiary households. These very poor and poor households in seven villages in the commune of Bama were trained on how to carry a pregnancy safely, how to eat during pregnancy, how to ensure good nutrition for their children aged 0 to 5 months and 6 to 23 months. They also received training in agriculture and livestock breeding and benefited from agricultural inputs such as seeds and organic manure as well as poultry with a view to undertaking an income-generating activity. This can help them increase their income in the agricultural and livestock sector and achieve their financial autonomy. Furthermore, a programme to produce enriched infant flour has been set up for mothers of children aged 6 to 23 months.

### Reduction of chronic child malnutrition and capacity building of state and civil society actors for better resilience to food insecurity

This project was implemented over the period of 18 months, from December 2022 to May 2024, in the Hauts-Bassins region, province of Kénédougou, in the communes of Koloko and Kangala. On one hand, it contributed to significantly reducing chronic malnutrition and making state actors and those of civil society resilient in the fight against food and nutritional insecurity. On the other hand, the project made it possible to increase the income of more than 200 women organised in women's groups in Koloko and Kagnabougou through the establishment of two sustainable market gardening perimeters. Both these sites have been equipped with high-volume boreholes, water towers, solar panels and a resilient drip system that saves scarce water resources. All project results were achieved despite a difficult political, security, economic and social context.

HOPE'87 expresses its gratitude to the YOU Foundation - Education for Children in Need and the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) for the co-financing of this project!

### A fountain for Kassienré, Côte d'Ivoire

Despite the fact that Côte d'Ivoire is a high-income country with an efficient water, hygiene and sanitation sector that manages to satisfy more than 80 % of the water needs of the Ivorian population, there remain deficit areas which do not have continuous and sustainable access to drinking water.

Among these areas, there are the outskirts of the town of Korhogo, in particular the attached villages which do not have drinking water supply infrastructure. HOPE'87 together with its partner, the YOU Foundation - Education for Children in Need, carried out this project, with funds from the Wulf Foundation, setting up a borehole with a flow rate of 6 cubic metres per hour, which now gives 1,200 people access to drinking water in the village of Kassienré and its surroundings.





### Nutritional education for vulnerable young mothers in the health areas of the CSPS of Koloko in Burkina Faso and the CSCOM of Hérémakono in Mali

Communities in the border area of Burkina Faso and Mali have been facing nutritional insecurity since 2020. This situation has created a movement of poor households from the interior towards the capitals of communes in both countries. Despite assistance from municipalities and community health centres to these households, a significant number of vulnerable households and in particular children aged 6-23 months remain exposed to undernutrition and food insecurity. HOPE'87 Burkina Faso together with its partner Mercy International implemented this project in order to contribute to poverty reduction in Burkina Faso and Mali through providing social protection for very poor households and children aged 6-23 months who were at risk of malnutrition during the hunger gap. By distributing food and infant flour to very poor households in insecure areas, their food and nutritional situation has improved. The project's main action has been to supply local cereal-based infant flour to children aged 6-23 months. In total, 300 children aged 6 to 23 months were supported with 2,440 kg of infant flour. Furthermore, 300 mothers of children and pregnant women as well as 28 community relays in the two municipalities of Finkolo and Koloko received nutritional education training.

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These countries' programmes contribute directly to the achievement of the following SDGs:







## BURUNDI

**PROGRAMME:** Safeguarding the traditional "Umuhiyu" tree and helping to alleviate poverty as well as combatting climate change through environmental protection actions in the province of Kirundo, Bugabira commune

PROJECTS	LOCATION	N° OF BENEFICIARIES	SDGs
The traditional tree "Umuhiyu" in the fight against poverty and climate change	Bugabira commune, Kirundo province	900 direct beneficiaries and more than 5,000 indirect beneficiaries	Goals 1, 2, 5, 8, 13

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### SUMMARY

Burundi is the poorest country in the world, with 87% of the population living on less than USD 1.9 a day according to the World Bank, and according to the WFP, it has the second lowest GDP in the world. In 2021, the country was ranked 187/191 in terms of human development (HDI). This situation is the result of years of civil war and violence (1993-2005). During the years of peace, between 2005 and 2014, the GDP grew by more than 4.0% annually, only to fall back to 3.9% during the political crisis of 2015. At the same time, the rate of growth between 2006 and 2014 did little to reduce poverty, due to strong demographic growth (3.1% per year) and a fertility rate of 5.2 children per woman. The result is a glaring lack of infrastructure (only 11.7% of the population have access to electricity), while the country is landlocked, hampering potential growth.

Agriculture is the mainstay of the region's economy, accounting for 28.7% of the GDP and 86% of jobs in 2021. However, its extensive development is constrained by a very high population density (463 inhabitants per km<sup>2</sup>), despite the lowest urbanisation rate in the world with 13.7%. Industry accounts for only 10.6% of the GDP, and services for 44.8%.

In order to contribute to the fight against poverty and to support the development of the country, HOPE'87-Burundi with the help of its financial partners have mobilised activities to alleviate the suffering of extremely poor communities.





## ACTIVITIES

### The traditional tree “Umuhiu” in the fight against poverty and climate change

Currently, a project is being implemented by HOPE'87-Burundi and financed by Deutsche-Postcode Lotterie and the YOU Foundation - Education for Children in Need, which operates in the north of the country, in the Kirundo province, Bugabira commune. This project consists of safeguarding the traditional „Umuhiu“ tree in the fight against poverty and climate change. With the multiplication of this tree, the socio-economic situation of 900 direct beneficiaries and more than 5,000 indirect beneficiaries has gradually been changing, and climate change and poverty are being combated by using the derivatives of the traditional tree.

From its inception in April 2023, this project has had the full support of the authorities and the population, who have welcomed the project with open arms. The HOPE'87-Burundi team, the beneficiaries and, in particular, the administrative authorities have all worked tirelessly to ensure that the activities run smoothly. In the last months, HOPE87 Burundi, in collaboration with the authorities in the north and the provincial department of agriculture and livestock (DPAE Kirundo) and with support of the local association Duhindure Ingendo, chose the hills on which to set up the Umuhiu tree nurseries and purchased all the necessary materials for their setup.

Environmental community clubs have been created and training sessions have been organised, with a focus on environmental education, sustainable development and awareness-raising. Furthermore, Savings and Internal Lending Communities (SILCs) have been set up, which are a type of community-based savings group that have been organised and monitored by the project implementation team and its local partners to strengthen the livelihoods of the project's beneficiaries. SILCs are based on traditional savings practices and benefit from the accumulated experience of savings group practitioners in the Bugabira commune community. In order to facilitate the smooth running of these SILC, the project team and its partners recruit and train field agents and service providers to promote SILC programmes, train SILC members and supervise the SILCs for a period of time during the project period, after which the SILCs will operate autonomously.

The entire HOPE'87-Burundi team continues to express its gratitude to the YOU Foundation - Education for Children in Need and the Deutsche Postcode Lotterie for funding this project!



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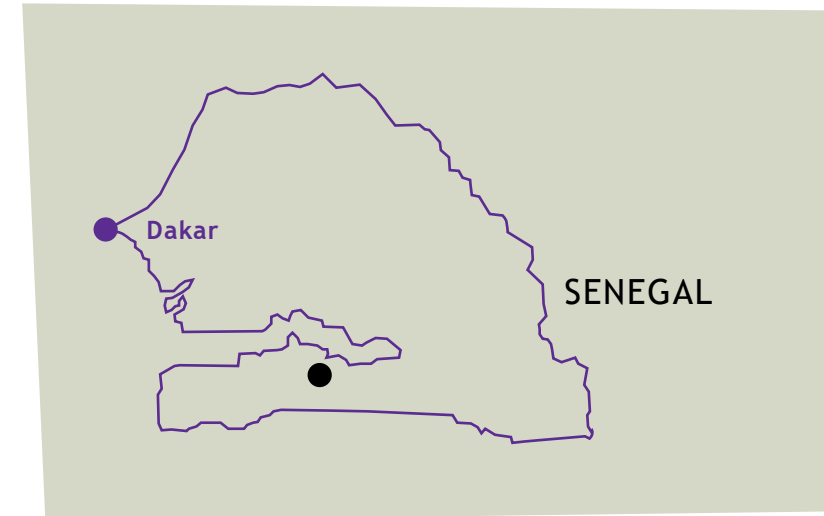




## SENEGAL

**PROGRAMME:** Contributing to the fight against poverty by restoring the human dignity of the population in Senegal's urban and peri-urban areas through capacity-building with a focus on education, training, health, infrastructure, agriculture, diversification of sources of income and sport

PROJECTS	LOCATION	N° OF BENEFICIARIES	SDGs
School food for Baraka Kids	Baraka Sicap Liberté VI, Dakar	175	Goals 2, 3, 4
Kids of Baraka let's dance	Baraka Sicap Liberté VI, Dakar	40	Goals 3, 4, 6, 8, 9
Support for a technically safe, hygienic and socially and culturally acceptable sanitation system	Mamaptim, Medina Cherif, Kolda and Diaobé-Kabendou, Velingara	3,231	Goals 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8
Improving the care of hearing-impaired children at the Kolda Regional Hospital	Regional Hospital of Kolda	300	Goals 3, 10
Increasing the agricultural production of women in the Casamance ("Beydari Keebal Rewbé" project)	Mampatim and Medina Cherif, Kolda	300	Goals 1, 2, 4, 13, 15
The 0:0 Sport project = everyone wins at sport in the Casamance	Mampatim and Medina Cherif, Kolda	250	Goals 4, 9
RECOURVIER I - Strengthening the resilience of vulnerable persons in Western Africa in light of the COVID-19 pandemic	Mampatim, Medina Cherif, Bagadadji and Dialamberé, Kolda	11,000	Goals 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10
RECOURVIER II - Strengthening the resilience of vulnerable people in Western Africa to cope with various crises and their consequences	Mampatim, Medina Cherif, Bagadadji and Dialamberé, Kolda	3,500	Goals 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15
Strengthening health care for women and children at the FAI health post in the Municipality of Medina Cherif	Medina Cherif, Kolda	13,600	Goals 3, 10



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### SUMMARY

Senegal's economy, which was faced with political unrest in 2021 and 2022, regained momentum in 2023, thanks to a combination of factors, including the stabilisation of the political situation, the setting of the date of elections and the vote of an amnesty law by the national assembly of Senegal. This social

climate has facilitated a resumption of activities in the secondary and tertiary sectors. The economy has also returned to its path of growth supported by the relaunch of structuring investments as part of the implementation of projects and programmes in accordance with the objectives of the Plan Sénégal Emergent (PSE) included in the Expanded Priority Action Plan (PAPE3). This development took place despite an unfavourable global economic context marked by socio-economic unrest such as the Russia-Ukraine war and jihadist activities that originate from the neighbouring country Mali.

The year 2024 is dedicated to consolidating the recovery begun in 2023. Economic activities have benefited from the effects of the various support measures for the national economy as part of the effective implementation of the priority structuring projects set out in the PAPE3, particularly in agricultural, health, economic, environmental and social aspects. As part of the PSE support mission and the Economic and Social Resilience Programme (PRES), Senegal's

ambition is to revive the economy and society through a structural transformation of its economy and a sustainable and inclusive growth in order to provide decent jobs to the population. In this context, HOPE'87-Senegal, in collaboration with its technical and financial partners, continues to support the actions initiated by the government through various projects. Particular emphasis is placed on the fight against food insecurity in rural areas, the education of children, the professional training of young people and their integration into the labour market, on improving the health of the population, particularly women and children, household sanitation, the promotion of sport as well as the strengthening of gender equality and the inclusion of people with disabilities.





## ACTIVITIES

### School food for Baraka Kids

In order to improve the nutritional situation of children aged three to six years at Baraka Liberté 6 in Dakar, HOPE'87 in collaboration with the YOU Foundation - Education for Children in Need decided to support this project. Giving kindergarten children access to healthy food is essential for their growth. The programme has also been extended to children in the introductory class at Baraka Primary School and now provides food to a total of 150 children.

Convincing results have been achieved in relation to improving the nutritional status of children, their weight/age ratio, the correction of deficiency anaemia, the reduction of conditions related to a poor nutritional status as well as improving risky eating behaviours, such as eating too many sweets or salty snacks.

In addition, after the start of the project, the school director reported that almost all of the 95 children enrolled attended school every day from Monday to Friday. She also reported the reduction in illnesses linked to stomach aches complained of by children who were often hungry because they did not eat breakfast. The Baraka school canteen was able to resolve these two problems, with the major impact visible through children's attendance at school.

Faced with these convincing results, the project partner, the YOU Foundation - Education for Children in Need, on recommendation of HOPE'87-Senegal and its partners decided to continue the school canteen for Baraka with availability of enriched foods from March 2024 until June 2025 for 175 children aged three to six years. The school canteen has also indirectly affected twelve teachers at the Baraka city school who were also served by the canteen. This service allows teachers to work continuous days and provide remedial lessons for the benefit of primary school students.

### Kids of Baraka let's dance

The implementation of the project "Kids of Baraka let's dance", which was supported by the YOU Foundation - Education for Children in Need, continues in Cité Baraka Liberté 6 in Dakar, thanks to its partner Geuer & Geuer Art in Germany. The aim of this project is to improve the creativity and self-confidence of 40 kids aged seven to 15, who were directly targeted by this project and took ownership of the programme. Two master dancers were also hired for this project to allow an extension of the dance activities to 40 more kids each year. The basic dance steps are now successfully mastered by the kids who even participated in the challenge launched by UNESCO to celebrate the designation of education as the theme of the year 2024 of the African Union. The Baraka kids performed dance moves that were especially created by A'Salfo and Magic System, integrating the hashtag #DanceForEducation in a video in March 2024. The dance activities revealed that these children had a hidden talent but did not have the means to express it before the project.

Particular emphasis is also placed on a good school performance of the children, who are subject to regular monitoring in order to also encourage and convince their parents to allow their kids to carry out fun activities during school holidays.

### Support for a technically safe, hygienic and socially and culturally acceptable sanitation system

The project to support a technically safe, hygienic, socially and culturally acceptable sanitation system is implemented in collaboration with the local NGO Banaya with the overall objective of contributing to the reduction of vector-borne diseases and sustainably increasing food availability. Specifically, the project aims to contribute to the establishment of a circular and economically sustainable ecological sanitation system by increasing agricultural production in the communities of Diaobé, Kabendou, Medina Cherif and Mampatim, located in the departments of Vélingara and Kolda in Senegal.

The project targets 3,231 people including 1,812 women/girls from 359 poor households including 78 households headed by women according to the approach of the Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper (DRSP II) from the intervention municipalities. The indirect beneficiaries are made up of producers who are active in large-scale agricultural production (groundnuts, millet and cotton). Through the project, they gain experience in ecological sanitation with the use of EcoSan

latrines, maintenance and new products that can be integrated into the technological choices of agricultural inputs from the sanitation centre for agricultural production.

Through the creation of EcoSan latrines in the beneficiary households, the project facilitates the reduction of vector-borne diseases such as diarrhoea as it puts a stop to the practice of defecation in open areas. The project also contributes to generating permanent and temporary employment at the sanitation centre and an increase in the supply of market gardening products due to the significant increase in the productivity of market gardening induced by the use of eco-fertilisers, constituting a sustainable alternative to chemical fertiliser to ensure food security at the local level. It furthermore encourages the establishment of Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) which participate in the installation of an EcoSan system in several ways, for example in the construction of the installations, the manufacturing of the components of the installations (manufacturing of seats, bowls), or by providing the logistics necessary for the transport and storage of products.

### Improving the care of hearing-impaired children at the Kolda Regional Hospital

This new project is an initiative of United Teams, the strategic alliance of the YOU Foundation (Germany) and HOPE'87 (Austria), with the aim to improve the care of 301 hearing-impaired children at the Kolda Regional Hospital and to enable the otorhinolaryngological department of the hospital to provide care quality through efficiency, safety and timely treatment. The specific objective of the project is the correction of hearing and speech as well as demutisation of children with a view to their harmonious integration into their environment as autonomous individuals. The goal is to make them capable of communicating with those around them and to participate in the development of their country. The project further raises awareness among parents for early warning signs of hearing impairment in children.



### Increasing the agricultural production of women in the Casamance ("Beydari Keebal Rewbé" project)

This project, which operates in the communities of Mampatim and Medina Cherif, essentially targets women living from rainfed agriculture, which is under the influence of climate change, resulting in a drop in agricultural production despite the efforts made by partners in this sector. The effect of climate change in Senegal is not only due to low rainfall and the short rainy season but is mainly the result of the inter- and intra-annual irregularity of rainfall (around 35 to 45% according to statistics from the National Agency for Civil Aviation and Meteorology (ANACIM) from October 2022) and the shortening of the duration of winter. Due to this vulnerability to climate change, the problem of food security remains, making the country highly dependent on imports and food aid to cover the nutritional needs of its population. In this context, HOPE'87, with the financial support of the City

of Vienna, contributes to improving food security and the fight against poverty. This is done by proposing interventions that are likely to encourage the introduction of new short-cycle seed varieties, which in turn offer real opportunities to increase agricultural productivity in the south-eastern zone of the country. The project's beneficiaries are women producers in the valleys, lowlands and plateaus who have little chance of emerging from precariousness without





decisive support at the start and a method of organisation ensuring sustainability. Through the project, they are provided with an appropriate strategy for the promotion of good cultural practices. Moreover, their relationships with input suppliers is being strengthened.

The objective of the project is, on one hand, to contribute to the improvement of an efficient, safe and quality food production system for women. This is done through the development of sustainable livelihoods that are resilient to the effects of climate change through the use of quality seeds. On the other hand, the objective is to strengthen the valorisation of local products through processing and conservation.



### The 0:0 Sport project = everyone wins at sport in the Casamance

This project, which is supported by the Austrian Federal Ministry for Arts, Culture, Civil Service and Sport involves the municipalities of Mampatim and Medina Cherif, which are faced with a lack of adequate community sports infrastructure and capacity building of actors in the field of sport. The resulting lack of organisation of sporting events has greatly slowed down development in the region. This project thus pursues the goal to establish a framework for exchanges between stakeholders working in the field of sport, to acquire new technical knowledge in the supervision and refereeing of sports competitions and to improve the conditions for learning and practising sports in the two municipalities.

Throughout the project, a multi-functional sports field has been constructed and training modules have familiarised sports players with international rules and sports methodology. Sensitisation measures present sports as a means of ensuring social cohesion and peaceful coexistence between the two ethnic groups living in the area, which are the Peul (Fulbe) and the Mandingue (Mandinka). On a social level, the project thus provides a means of effective communication and exchange through days of social mobilisations on social cohesion and peace between the different ethnicities. This mobilisation and awareness of supporters on the notions of non-violence in sports and fair play between different groups of young people promote their integration in their territories. This is accompanied by the organisation of sporting events such as a football, handball and basketball tournament.

Through this project, HOPE'87-Senegal contributes to the achievement of SDG 9 by establishing quality, reliable, sustainable and resilient infrastructure, including regional and cross-border infrastructure and to promote economic and human well-being with emphasis on universal access at an affordable cost and under conditions of equity.

### RECOURRER I - Strengthening the resilience of vulnerable persons in Western Africa in light of the COVID-19 pandemic

This resilience project was funded by the Austrian Development Cooperation and implemented by seven Austrian NGOs - HOPE'87, the Red Cross, Light for the World, Horizont3000, Jugend Eine Welt and ICEP under the leadership of CARITAS Austria. It focused on strengthening the resilience of people vulnerable to the COVID-19 pandemic who had suffered the consequences of the crisis, with emphasis on complementarity in the different sectors of WASH, health, food security and capacity building. The project was part of the Nexus strategy, which combined humanitarian and development interventions through medium and long-term actions.

Through this project, HOPE'87-Senegal contributed to the development of agricultural production by sowing 2,800 hectares with rice, millet, sorghum and cowpea varieties, for a production of approximately 37,000 tonnes of cereals during the agricultural season of 2022/2023. These significant productions led the project team to train women in the processing of agricultural products in order to improve the nutrition of children aged 0 to 5 and pregnant women.

In response to the positive impact of this project on producers on an economic, health and social level, the project started a second phase (RECOURRER II) in order to strengthen the results that were achieved during phase I with a focus on agricultural activities, the promotion of women's rights and the creation of additional income in the context of climate change.



### RECOURRER II - Strengthening the resilience of vulnerable people in Western Africa to cope with various crises and their consequences

The RECOURRER II project is a consolidation phase of RECOURRER I and is implemented with the same partners. It focuses on strengthening agricultural production, nutrition, the fight against food insecurity and gender-based violence as well as on the creation of added value in the context of climate change.

The worsening of climatic conditions combined with the devastating effects of the conflict situation (the Casamançaise rebellion) led to a deterioration of productive water-soil-forest capital, a reduction in production and income, food and nutritional insecurity and an overall damage regarding the living conditions of rural populations who are now increasingly looking for alternatives in order to make a living. This vulnerability to climate change in the agricultural sector results from the combination of two phenomena: the increase in temperature and the decrease in rainfall.

Therefore, this HOPE'87-Senegal sub-project aims to increase the income of vulnerable households through improved agricultural productivity in the context of climate change, to contribute to an agricultural production that is more closely linked to the targeted demand and to provide better access to financial services. The strategy is based on the integration of the climate change dimension in the formulation and programming of development policies, taking into account other priorities such as human and animal health, the fight against poverty and malnutrition, the promotion of renewable energies and energy efficiency as well as gender concepts and the inclusion of people with disabilities.

The completion of this project will therefore significantly reduce food and nutritional insecurity through better knowledge of adaptation strategies to the effects of climate change and will provide access to ecological inputs and to climate information for a more efficient processing of agricultural products. It will also promote the involvement of women in decision-making bodies and increase the income of producers. In addition, the project raises awareness of climate change among the population and of adaptation strategies of producers in a context of food and nutritional insecurity and puts in place plans for disaster mitigation and population resilience through community talks at school level.





Strengthening health care for women and children at the FAI health post in the municipality of Medina Cherif

The FAI health post, part of the health map of Kolda health district, was built in 2009 by the YOU Foundation - Education for Children in Need and its partner Dr Siegfried Axtmann of Fly Ambulance International (FAI) in community of Medina Cherif, Kolda, Senegal. With the presence of technical staff assigned by the State of Senegal, the health post welcomed nearly 13,400 direct beneficiaries within the last year, including 9,300 women of reproductive age, and constitutes a focal point for women from the surrounding communities.

The health post, which is equipped with ultrasound equipment and a laboratory sees large daily influx of populations from the community of Medina Cherif and the three surrounding communities Mampatim, Diaobé and Kabendou. This large number of daily patients created difficulties within the maternity ward and the dispensary due to the lack of space. This is why the premises of the health post have been expanded within the last year. Specifically, the maternity hospital room has been equipped with more hospital beds and the delivery room has been equipped with a delivery table, delivery kits, a warming table, an incubator, two blood pressure monitors and respiratory masks for newborns. Furthermore, the hospital room of the dispensary has been upgraded with a hospital bed and a partition between the midwife's accommodation and the maternity ward has been constructed. In the courtyard, public benches were set up for those accompanying patients and trees were planted inside the dispensary to create more shady areas.

The implementation of this project contributes to improving the provision of health care for women and children in the municipality of Medina Cherif with the improvement of reception mechanisms and patient care and the strengthening of equipment as well as of environmental and ecological conditions.



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This country's programme contributes directly to the achievement of the following SDGs:





# BRAZIL

**PROGRAMME:** Strengthening vocational education for vulnerable youth and young adults, offering opportunities and perspectives to children to develop their social and emotional competence as well their sport skills by teaching them football and futsal

PROJECTS	LOCATION	N° OF BENEFICIARIES	SDGs
Base Brazil Football Schools - Living a Dream, violence and crime prevention based on a national passion	Santos, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil	3,500	Goals 3, 4, 5, 11, 16
HOPE'87 - EDUCATION+ Vocational Education in Brazil - educational opportunities based on online-platforms for socially challenged youth	Sao Paulo and countrywide (online programmes)	12,500 participants directly involved; 250,000 people indirectly involved	Goals 1, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, 11

## COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVE

**Markus SCHRUF -**  
Football Coach and Manager



## SUMMARY

The Federative Republic of Brazil is the fifth largest country in the world and occupies half of the South American continent's landmass. Brazil is also the fifth most-populous country on Earth and accounts for one-third of Latin America's population. The economy of Brazil is historically the largest in Latin America and the Southern Hemisphere in nominal terms, and the third largest in the Americas. According to the International Monetary Fund (IMF), Brazil was expected to become the 9th largest economy worldwide at the end of 2023, a sign of a steady recovering process from the COVID-19 pandemic.

These numbers and positions at first site prove a steadily developing economic power of Brazil, fluctuating significantly during the past decade due to periods of long recessions, a political landscape used to corruption at an epic scale and the ongoing fight to bring more than 50% of Brazil's population out of poverty.

HOPE'87 has been supporting young people living in the favelas and weakly developed socio-economic areas through a long-standing football and education project since 2014, an early childhood education project during 2021 / 2022 and a vocational education programme for teenagers and young adults during 2022 / 2023.

## ACTIVITIES

### Base Brazil Football Schools - Living a Dream, violence and crime prevention based on a national passion

In 2014, the year of the FIFA World Cup in Brazil, HOPE'87 initiated fundraising activities in collaboration with UNESCO Special Ambassador Dr Ute-Henriette Ohoven's YOU Foundation - Education for Children in Need, based on the recommendation of the General Consulate of Austria in Sao Paulo, with the goal to support youth and sport organisations in Brazil. Since then, following the slogan "Living a Dream", it has been possible for the Base Brazil network of 25 football schools to support young children to achieve their dream to develop as athletes and to succeed in their academic career.

The project "Football for Peace - Living a Dream" offers a well-rounded violence prevention programme for boys and girls featuring two equally important components: 1) Sport education and training in football and futsal for approximately 3,500 boys and girls as well as 2) the implementation of the life skill programmes of the Non-Violence Project Foundation (NVPF) and its Brazilian subsidiary Associação Non-Violence Project Brazil (ANVPB), which is a UN recognised organisation for violence prevention and educational programmes. The project uses sport as a driving force to learn in a playful way how to compete within a framework of fair rules in the set-up of a sports team.

Located in the so-called favelas of big cities in Brazil, the football schools serve socially depressed areas where young children from a very early age on are exposed to the recruiting mechanisms of organised crime and the pitfalls of life in the streets. The concept is to create a safe haven for the participants through offering opportunities and perspectives for boys and girls on the platform of football and futsal, with the ultimate goal to develop technical skills as well as social competences.



HOPE'87 - EDUCATION+

Vocational Education in Brazil - educational opportunities based on online-platforms for socially challenged youth

The aim of this project was to offer online courses to young people aged 16 to 25 who live in poor regions and slums (favelas) with the vision to “realise the dream of a better life for people without access to professional training and entrepreneurship.



The project partner was ed+, an online platform for training operational workers, informal workers and small entrepreneurs in Brazil. Together with ed+, vocational education programmes were developed and offered on an online platform, allowing young job seekers in need to participate in free training courses that were prepared and presented by trainers who live and work in poor regions themselves.

After completing the courses with a certification, the course participants had the opportunity to present themselves directly on the job market in an online job portal of the project partner “Amarelinho”, one of Brazil’s most important platforms for offering jobs and employment for operative and small business.

With its completion in November 2023, the programme reached its objective to inscribe more than 12,500 participants in the online courses. The success rate of completing the courses and receiving a certification was over 80%.

INSTITUTIONAL CONTACTS

Project Partners

- Non-Violence-Project (NVP Foundation)
- Universidade de São Paulo (USP/CEPEUSP)
- Municipalities in the location of the football schools and the ed+ programmes
- Escola Total in Rio de Janeiro and Santos
- National Commission of Brazil for UNESCO
- CUFA, Central Única das Favelas (ONG)
- Founder Institute Sao Paulo / Campinas, State of Sao Paulo

Diplomatic Representatives

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Brazil’s programme contributes directly to the achievement of the following SDGs:



1 NO POVERTY



3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING



4 QUALITY EDUCATION



5 GENDER EQUALITY



8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH



10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES



11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES



16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS



BANGLADESH

**PROGRAMME:** Education for vulnerable children and working children, empowerment of youth through skills training and humanitarian response to the Rohingya Refugees

PROJECTS	LOCATION	N° OF BENEFICIARIES	SDGs
Model Night School for Child Workers and Street Children	Jurain, Old Dhaka City	602	Goals 1, 4
Health Care for Children & Women	Jurain, Old Dhaka City	1,731	Goal 3
Hope Technical Training Centre - HTTC	Jurain, Old Dhaka City Polaspur, Sirajdikhan, Munsigonj	110	Goals 1, 4
Mobile Quality School (MQS)	Chittagong and Dhaka	644	Goal 4
Humanitarian Response for Rohingya Refugees	Camp 12, Balukhali Ukhiya Rohingya Camp in Cox’s Bazar district	20,000	Goals 6, 10



COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVE

Mohd. Rezaul KARIM -  
Social Worker





## SUMMARY

Bangladesh is a beautiful country with an approximate population of 164 million people and a population density of 1,270 people per square kilometre. The country shares borders with India and Myanmar and is blessed with a vast river system and a lush landscape. Its capital and biggest city is Dhaka, which is its financial, political, and social centre. However, Bangladesh has some major problems, among which are the education system for underprivileged children, youth unemployment, health care, gender discrimination and contempt for women. These problems worsened during the COVID-19 pandemic and persist until today.

The role of HOPE'87 Bangladesh emphasises the indispensable solidarity and resilience demonstrated by global and local communities amidst adversity since the pandemic. The main goals are eradicating illiteracy and poverty, stopping discrimination of women and girls, elevating education opportunities and reducing unemployment. In a nutshell, through collaborative efforts with development partners, HOPE'87 Bangladesh remains steadfast in its mission to enhance the social well-being of those in need through sustainable initiatives. These very successful projects currently include three night schools, two mobile quality schools, two youth training centres, two health care centres and a dental health post in the Rohingya Refugee camp.

## ACTIVITIES

### Model Night School for Child Workers and Street Children

The night school education programme is the eldest among the sustainable ongoing projects of HOPE'87 Bangladesh - it was started initially with the voluntary initiative of HOPE'87 Bangladesh Branch Office Manager Md Rezaul Karim Babu in the year 1990. To keep children safe, provide literacy and reintegrate them back into their community, in 2012 HOPE'87 established its own night school in Dhaka in a rented place with the support of the City of Vienna. Since then, three night schools have been operational in the old city of Dhaka providing primary school education opportunities to 602 street children, child workers and orphan children every year.

Children living with low income families in Bangladesh are frequently deprived of their right to education. The majority of them are illiterate and have either never been enrolled, or have dropped out of the formal education system. Therefore, the focus of this project is to provide underprivileged, disadvantaged children (aged 4-16 years) with education facilities, to eradicate illiteracy among them and to train them to make different handcrafted products, with the ultimate aim to reduce child labour through these educational opportunities. The night schools provide a flexible and dynamic learning system by offering children the possibility to study at their own pace at night time. Essential skills such as reading, writing and maths are taught according to the national curriculum and emphasis is given to an inclusive primary education that leaves no one behind. The night schools use regular government school buildings for their lessons, which are empty at night - thus taking the full advantage of the already existing school institution without having to own it.

So far, since the beginning of this project, 1,720 working and slum children have attended these evening schools. For these children, access to education, school materials, playing and games as well as basic health care is often the first moment in their lives to build confidence, to be aware about their basic rights and to look for a way out of the slum...



### Health Care for Children & Women

This project aims to improve the health and nutritional status of marginalised women and children living in the slum as well as their access to health services by running two weekly health posts with a focus on nutrition in the vicinity of the old city of Dhaka. The main component of this special project is a weekly health camp for people in need in Dhaka and Polashpur, which provides regular primary health treatment, free medical check-ups, prescriptions and medications by a voluntary medical team. The health camp mostly concentrates on female patients, pregnant women and children as well as physically challenged and elderly people in the community. Two years ago, HOPE'87 started a weekly health post activity through a van, which moves to a different place every day in order to provide the inhabitants of remote areas with medical support, where no other primary health care services are available. The van is equipped with all the necessary medical equipment as well as a doctor, a nurse and volunteers.

Since the start of this project (which enjoys the valuable cooperation of the charitable Eye Hospital) in 1998, more than 73,160 patients could be provided with health care services, thereof 1,731 patients (948 women, 136 men and 647 children) within the last year. Furthermore, weekly briefing session have been conducted on different health and hygiene issues in order to highlight the prevention of different diseases and to motivate the illiterate families to take care of their own and their children's health.

### HOPE Technical Training Centre - HTTC

This project provides young people with skills training, contributing to the creation of employment and self-employment opportunities for students who dropped out of school and unemployed young people. This community-based Technical Training Centre was set up with the financial support of the European Union and the Austrian Development Cooperation back in 2001. Since its inception, the centre has successfully trained 4,873 young men and women.

During the reporting period, a total of 110 young people and school students have successfully attended practical training. These courses covered areas such as basic ICT-computer literacy and tailoring. Each trade operates its training with a duration of three to six months and offers a flexible time of the courses.

The HOPE Technical Training Centre is officially affiliated with the "Bangladesh Technical Education Board" and awards certificates to its successful graduates.

### Mobile Quality School

The mobile quality schools programme is a unique solution to the educational challenges faced by underprivileged children in Bangladesh, particularly in Dhaka and Chittagong. The main beneficiaries are children living in slums, street children, working children and children with special needs. HOPE'87 launched this project in 2018 with the support of ZF hilft and the YOU Foundation - Education for Children in Need (Germany); later its continuation has been supported by local organisations such as the Orion Group, the Arif Tanvir Foundation and Orko Healthcare.







The mobile quality school uses converted buses as classrooms to provide quality education to children in slum areas. The mobile school classrooms are fully equipped with all necessary learning materials, such as a white board, a first aid box, a television, laptop and leisure time sports equipment. The bus drives daily to four to five different mobile school stations in or next to slum areas and remains at each station for three hours. 40 children can take part in a class during each shift. Thus, this project gives children, who are unable to attend a regular school, the opportunity to pursue their school education from grade one to six. The teachers of HOPE'87 strive to provide pedagogical learning, which is more

beneficial for children than traditional teaching methods. The mobile school not only ensures education, but also provides entertainment for children through various co-curricular activities such as sports, art classes, swimming lessons, visits to zoos and museums as well as regular health check-ups.

During the reporting period, a total of 644 students (60% girls, 40% boys) have received education at the mobile quality schools in Dhaka and Chittagong district, with 132 students already having completed their primary school education. The success of the mobile quality school highlights the ongoing need for innovative education solutions in other parts of the country. To fulfil this demand, HOPE'87 aims to expand this programme in order to reach more underprivileged children in remote areas.

### Humanitarian Response for Rohingya Refugees

This humanitarian project aims to provide dental care as well as educational support through play and sports to Rohingya Refugee children and affected host community children in the Kutupalong camp in Cox's Bazar.

Due to the high burden of oral disease and limited availability to dental care in the Rohingya camps in Cox's Bazar, HOPE'87 Bangladesh, together with other development agencies, has been implementing the oral health prevention and health care programme for children. The project aims to prevent and reduce tooth decay and to instil healthy hygiene habits from an early age that contribute to a healthy development and the reduction of preventable diseases. Throughout the project, HOPE'87 established a dental health post and provided all the necessary medical equipment and accessories. The dental clinic was opened at Camp 12 in February 2024 and offers comprehensive dental treatment including fillings, restoration, extractions, root canal treatment and abscess drainage as well as free medicine. The medical team also distributes oral hygiene aids such as fluoride tooth paste and tooth brushes to every child that comes to the dental health post and regularly organises hygiene and oral care sessions at different places in the host community schools as well as in the learning centre in the Rohingya camp in Cox's Bazar district. On average, 600 patients are treated monthly at the health post and the mobile dental camp in the host communities.

HOPE'87 Bangladesh also set up washing facilities in the learning centre in camp 12. The station has a capacity for twenty children at a time. The teachers received



training from the dental team on handwashing and toothbrushing. Every day, each child in the class partakes in the group activity at the washing station where they brush their teeth with fluoridated toothpaste and wash their hands with soap. The team will also be providing regular oral health screening and dental treatment for the children.

Furthermore, throughout the project, two learning centres were set up in the camp. In order to offer the children schooling programmes in their own language, two teachers from Myanmar and Bangladesh each conduct the classes, including games and sports. In two shifts, 160 children attend this learning centre programme and have fun during their leisure time.

HOPE'87 Bangladesh expresses its gratitude to its partners the YOU Foundation - Education for Children in Need and to the donor "Ein Herz für Kinder"/ BILD hilft e.V. for their valuable support and cooperation.

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- Bangladesh Association for Social Advancement (BASA)
- Award-Mobile Dental Clinic, Cox's Bazar

This country's programme contributes directly to the achievement of the following SDGs:





## PAKISTAN

**PROGRAMME:** Providing advance education focusing on high order thinking skills, promoting sustainable development and resilience by empowering youth and women, combatting the adverse effects of the COVID-19 pandemic through skills enhancement, livelihood development and income generation opportunities; addressing the socio-economic challenges and irregular migration among youth through training and income generation opportunities to empower communities; increasing the capacity of in-country partners to address problems faced by refugees and host populations through a local approach as well as contributing to the sustainable development goals of Pakistan

PROJECTS	LOCATION	N° OF BENEFICIARIES	SDGs
Fighting the Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic in Pakistan	District Peshawar - Province Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP)	3,103	Goals 1, 4, 8
Smart and Intelligent Learning in Education	District Peshawar - Province Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP)	11,779	Goals 4, 5, 10
Changing perspectives of migration - Stimulating economic development and improving employment conditions for Afghan and Pakistani youth	Lahore, (Punjab province), and Peshawar (Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province). Beneficiaries from other locations also joined for online training programmes (locations; Rawalpindi, Islamabad etc.)	686	Goals 1, 4, 8
Beyond Survival - Transforming the Power of Communities	District Peshawar - Province Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP)	10 Community Based Organisations (CBOs), 10 youth and 10 women's collectives as in-country partners	Goals 4, 5, 6, 8

### COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVE AND REGIONAL COORDINATOR FOR CENTRAL & SOUTH(EAST) ASIA

Muhammad Shoaib HAIDER -  
Civil Engineer

## SUMMARY

Pakistan ranks 164th out of 193 countries on the Human Development Index (HDI) and 128th out of 166 countries on the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) Global Rank. This year, our focus remains on empowering youth through socio-economic advancements, reducing irregular migration as well as combatting the socio-economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The “Fighting the Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic in Pakistan (FICP)” project focused on enhancing the skills and expertise of Afghan and Pakistani youth to mitigate the negative effects of the pandemic. It successfully trained over 3,103 (thereof 1,771 women) young people in eight skills, provided initial support and established shared spaces. Exposure visits and specialised training sessions were conducted to bolster practical learning and business development.

The “Smart and Intelligent Learning in Education (SmILE)” project aimed to enhance higher-order thinking and science learning among more than 11,500 (thereof 7,935 girls) from seven secondary school students in the province Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. 21 smart classrooms at seven public schools have been established, teachers and students have been trained in IT skills and sessions have been conducted with school committees and students to promote blended learning.

The “Changing Perspectives of Migration” project focused on improving the socio-economic conditions and reducing irregular migration by training of 686 (thereof 260 women) Afghan and Pakistani youth. Specialised programmes led to increased incomes and successful job placements. Awareness campaigns were conducted to discourage illegal migration and promote legal options, achieving significant engagement and awareness levels.

The “Beyond Survival - Transforming the power of communities (BeST)” project aims to increase the capacity of refugees and host population through localisation and by strengthening civil society actors and communities to improve self-reliance. The inception phase of the project is underway with the selection process of the in-country partners.





## ACTIVITIES

### Fighting the Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic in Pakistan (FICP)

The “Fighting the Impact of COVID-19 Pandemic in Pakistan” project has been successfully completed. The project aimed to improve the abilities and expertise of Afghan and Pakistani youth, equipping them to increase their earning to mitigate the negative effects of the COVID-19 crisis.

The project has achieved great results: 3,103 Afghan and Pakistani youth (thereof 1,771 women) received specialised skills training in the fields of digital skills (graphic designing, digital marketing), 21st century skills education, arts and crafts, tailoring and embroidery, artisan/skilled worker for construction and renovation and marble mosaic as well as a bio-technology course for the medical lab (basic and advanced).

The trained youth were provided with initial support by provision of job/practical training, mentoring and coaching, assistance in developing products, gigs and samples and they received opportunities to obtain internships/jobs. To complement this skills training, soft training sessions were also conducted on strategic time management, mental health, psycho-social support, team building, sustainable livelihood approaches, development of business plans, budgeting, financial projection as well as the development of marketing plans and marketing strategies.

37 shared spaces were established along with the provision of toolkits and machinery to the trained youth. The shared spaces as micro enterprises created several hubs for trained men and women to collaborate, share their ideas, complete orders, brand their samples, and market their products.

Furthermore, 60 exposure visits to relevant skills/industries were arranged for the trainees to enhance their understanding of various businesses and their operations. The exposure visits served as a practical learning experience that allowed trainees to see the real-life business scenarios and gave them the possibility for interaction with industry professionals and potential industry collaborations. Additionally, these visits offered opportunities to explore a diverse range of digital technologies and innovative IT projects.

HOPE'87 expresses its appreciation to the Austrian Federal Ministry of Social Affairs, Health, Care, and Consumer Protection as well as to the Institute of Management Sciences, Peshawar in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, for their generous assistance and co-financing of this project.



### Smart and Intelligent Learning in Education (SmILE)

The “Smart and Intelligent Learning in Education (SmILE)” project has been successfully completed. The project aimed to improve the higher order thinking and science learning among secondary school students through blended online learning with face-to-face instruction in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province.

The project has achieved significant milestones: 21 smart classrooms were established across seven public schools, which have improved the learning environment for over 11,500 students (thereof 7,935 women) from grade 6 to 10. Additionally, 184 teachers (thereof 136 women) were trained in the “Learn Smart Classroom System”, equipping them with the necessary skills and knowledge to effectively implement the project’s objectives. Moreover, 240 students (thereof 201 girls) have been trained as the IT team to assist the trained teachers in using the digital learning solution in the classrooms. The smart classrooms have been implemented for the subjects English, Maths and Science for grades 6-8, and for English, Maths, Biology, Physics and Chemistry for grades 9-10. A total of 13,622 instructional videos were viewed and 147,607 assessments were conducted and 1,815,353 questions attempted throughout the project. Sessions with School Committees (Parent Teacher Committee) were also held to inform them about the “Learn Smart Classroom System”. Student sessions were organised to educate them on utilising the “Learn Smart Classroom System” from their homes, aiming to raise awareness about the system features and functionalities, enabling students to continue their education remotely.

HOPE'87 would like to express its deepest gratitude to the Austrian Development Cooperation (ADC) and the Ministry of Elementary and Secondary Education (MoE&SE) in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa for their co-funding contributions as well as the consortium partner Knowledge Platform for their invaluable collaboration and support throughout the project.





### Changing perspectives of migration - Stimulating economic development and improving employment conditions for Afghan and Pakistani youth (CPSE-1)



and co-funding of this project. Their collaboration has been instrumental in driving positive change and empowering youth in the region.

### BeST - Beyond Survival - Transforming the power of communities

The project “Beyond Survival - Transforming the power of communities (BeST)” is funded by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs - Netherland and is being implemented in the district of Peshawar, province Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. The project started in 2024 and will be implemented over a period of five years. It aims to increase the capacity of the refugees and host population through localisation and by strengthening in-country partners (civil society actors and youth and women collectives) to improve self-reliance. The objective is to reinforce the ownership and independence of in-country partners and to promote the localisation activities to improve the prospects of refugees and host communities in Pakistan. The inception phase of the project is currently underway and so far, five days of detailed staff orientation have been completed, a detailed implementation plan has been developed along with a risk management plan and tools have been finalised for the selection of in-country partners (Community Based Organisations) whose selection is in process. The beneficiaries of the project are 10 Community Based Organisations (CBOs) as well as 10 youth and 10 women’s collectives as in-country partners. The capacity-strengthening process will start after the completion of the inception phase and the first round of training and workshops will be completed by the end of the first year.

HOPE’87 expresses its gratitude to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands for its generous financial support!

The project “Changing Perspectives of Migration - Stimulating economic development and improving employment conditions for Afghan and Pakistani youth” has been successfully completed. The project aimed to improve the socio-economic conditions of Afghan and Pakistani youth through training to placement programmes, improved values and perspectives through social and behaviour change communication among youth from areas with a high ratio of irregular migration.

The key achievements of the project are the specialised training of 686 Afghan and Pakistani youth (thereof 260 women) across four programmes, which are: Freelancing (237), Junior Full Stack Developer (109), Micro Finance Loan Officer (178) and Retail Sales Associates (162).

The project witnessed an overall graduation rate of 87.39% and job placement and/or self-employment rate of 81.54%. Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) were signed with different software houses, brands and banks for placement purposes with self-employment included. All these activities resulted in job placement/self-employment of 556 trained youth. The project beneficiaries witnessed a significant increase of incomes among the trained youth, which were 2 to 5 times higher than before.

To deter the youth from illegal migration, awareness campaigns were conducted through social media platforms. The awareness campaigns discouraged illegal migration by highlighting the associated risks and dangers, while promoting legal migration options and alternative income sources in their home countries.

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# REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA

**PROGRAMME:** Emergency aid for refugees from Ukraine with special attention to woman, boys, girls and people with special needs seeking protection in the Republic of Moldova; strengthening access to and participation in education of Ukrainian and Moldovan children with special educational needs and disabilities as well as addressing the socio-economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic through strengthening socially disadvantaged small farms engaged in agriculture in rural areas of the Republic of Moldova

PROJECTS	LOCATION	N° OF BENEFICIARIES	SDGs
Together in the fight against the socio-economic effects of the COVID-19 pandemic in the Republic of Moldova and Burkina Faso	Countrywide	2,000	Goals 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 12, 15, 17
Humanitarian aid for Ukrainian refugees in the Republic of Moldova	Countrywide	around 55,000	Goals 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 16, 17
Strengthening access to and participation in education of Ukrainian and Moldovan children with special educational needs and disabilities	Gagauzia	350	Goals 1, 3, 4, 5, 10, 17

## SUMMARY

As of late February 2022, Moldova has faced a huge influx of refugees entering Moldova due to the conflict in Ukraine. According to the UNHCR Data Portal, between February 2022 and October 2023, a total of 952,819 refugees from Ukraine crossed the borders from Ukraine to the Republic of Moldova. The Republic of Moldova has been hosting the highest number of Ukrainian refugees per capita compared to other countries. Despite the domestic economic challenges, the Republic of Moldova remains committed to welcoming refugees and to implementing the vision outlined in the Global Compact on Refugees.

Along with the many refugees arriving and staying in the Republic of Moldova, the inhabitants of the country itself cope with difficulties, especially socially disadvantaged small farmers in rural areas who still struggle with the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on their livelihood.

HOPE'87 together with its partners has been implementing significant agricultural projects designed to support the smallholder farming system affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Moreover, they have been implementing humanitarian aid projects targeting refugees who have fled from Ukraine to the Republic of Moldova where they can resume their lives and get new perspectives for their future as well as education projects for children with special educational needs and disabilities.

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## ACTIVITIES

### Together in the fight against the socio-economic effects of the COVID-19 pandemic in the Republic of Moldova and Burkina Faso

Speranta'87 Moldova and the local authorities in Gagauzia, represented by the Investment Centre, continue to actively cooperate within the framework of an innovative social project, which was supported by the Austrian Federal Ministry of Social Affairs, Health, Care and Consumer Protection and the National Commission of the Republic of Moldova for UNESCO. The project targeted 300 members of the agricultural community, including families, people with disabilities and youth living in rural areas. The main goal of the project was to provide Moldovan farmers with access to regional and international markets by training them in accounting, environmental legislation and organic farming skills. As part of the project, an online platform was created to promote small-scale farming and to unite groups of producers in order to reduce logistics costs and create effective pricing. After completion of the project in June 2023, the platform has now been transferred to the Ministry of Agriculture of Gagauzia.

As part of the project, five specialised training manuals were published for farmers on legal issues, accounting, reasonable consumption, environmental issues, forestry and beekeeping development. Project experts continue to provide advice to farmers. Based on the textbooks, additional lectures are offered at Comrat State University.





### Humanitarian aid for Ukrainian refugees in the Republic of Moldova

According to former Prime Minister Natalia Gavrilitsa, by December 2022, about 88,000 war refugees from Ukraine had entered the Republic of Moldova, almost 90% of whom are women and children. On 12 March 2023, UNHCR reported that the number of refugees had risen to 107,277. This figure means that the Republic of Moldova is the European country that hosts most refugees from Ukraine per capita.

Moldova is a country that is culturally very close to Ukraine, which makes it easier for war refugees to find temporary asylum in the Republic of Moldova, despite all the difficulties. Refugees, who the team of HOPE'87 and its local partner Speranta'87 met through humanitarian aid projects, fled their homes in a hurry, without taking any of their belongings with them, and were left without any financial resources. Men, husbands and fathers remained in Ukraine due to general mobilisation. The women and children, whom HOPE'87 has helped since April 2022, find themselves in Moldova with very few financial, material and other resources. The Republic of Moldova has developed assistance programmes to accommodate these refugees, but the country is the poorest in Europe and suffers from Russian attempts to destabilise it. Therefore, external assistance from international donors and host communities is needed to meet the needs of refugees.

The admission of large numbers of Ukrainian refugees has also created new challenges for vulnerable host communities. These issues affect the efforts of the local poor to combat poverty, economic and social vulnerability. Therefore, supporting the poor population of host communities and involving them in humanitarian assistance is also absolutely necessary to promote their development and prevent social tensions. It is also an indirect way to support refugees by helping to create an environment of acceptance and hospitality for internally displaced persons from Ukraine.

Past humanitarian aid projects by HOPE'87 and its local partner Speranta'87 in the Republic of Moldova have shown that refugees, mostly women, continue to primarily need quality food, hygiene items and support against discrimination and gender-based violence. Therefore, prepared food was a priority for Ukrainian refugees in Moldova. This was confirmed by field studies on the distribution of food products conducted by HOPE'87 in Moldova from 2022 to 2023. After each hot meal distribution, HOPE'87 received messages from refugees asking them to return and continue the distribution. The need for hot meals was even greater in regions outside the capital Chisinau,

where refugees received less attention from humanitarian organisations.

Furthermore, HOPE'87's fieldwork with refugee women in particular showed that most are unaware of their basic rights. Sexual violence is just one of the problems Ukrainian refugee women are facing. According to UN Women, Ukrainian women are at high risk of sexual exploitation. This is also a problem for many Moldovan women, who face multifaceted discrimination and gender-based violence. The humiliating treatment they suffer can cause long-term physical and



mental health problems. Violence and abuse not only affect female victims, but also their children, families and communities. These consequences include health damage, potentially long-term harm to children, and damage to communities and society at large, especially after their eventual return home, such as job loss and homelessness. That is why it was so important to inform specifically Ukrainian women, as well as Moldovan women, about their rights and show them ways where and to whom they can confidentially turn in cases of gender-based violence, both for psychosocial and medical support and for prosecution for crimes committed against them. Currently, the team of Speranta'87 Moldova is summing up the work and preparing reports on its humanitarian projects. Over the last two years, 8 projects to help Ukrainian refugees have been completed. In total, around 55,000 refugees, including women, children, senior citizens and people with special needs have received assistance.

We would like to express our deep gratitude for the funding of the project "Support for Ukrainian refugees, mainly women, boys and girls in the Republic of Moldova" by the Austrian Development Agency (ADA) in the amount of € 900,000.

Providing assistance to Ukrainian refugees would also not have been possible without the financial and material support from donors such as the YOU Foundation - Education for Children in Need, RTL - wir helfen Kindern, Deutsche Postcode Lotterie, Rotary Club Neuss, ZF hilft, UNESCO, Family Dellwig and ANT Hiroshima.

### Strengthening access to and participation in education of Ukrainian and Moldovan children with special educational needs and disabilities

In the context of the mass Ukrainian refugee movement and integration needs, it is required to expand the capacities to absorb the large number of young refugee children with special educational needs and children with disabilities, including children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), into formal and non-formal education. Hence, the aim of this project is to support the continuity of education and promote the well-being of Ukrainian refugee children, including children with disabilities and Moldovan vulnerable children.

HOPE'87 has always been at the forefront of inclusive education, especially for children with special educational needs and from socially disadvantaged backgrounds. This is why, HOPE'87 Moldova, together with UNICEF in Moldova, with the support of the governments of Norway and Italy, has been implementing this project for the inclusive education of these children. The aim of this project is to train teachers, educators, and instructors who work with these children in schools and kindergartens, adopting the latest methods of approaching children with autism. Priority is given to refugee children from Ukraine and Moldovan children from the most disadvantaged social backgrounds. The pilot project focuses on the region of Gagauzia.

The project provides tailored and gender-responsive access to both formal and non-formal education services for young refugees and other vulnerable children, including children with autism and cognitive problems. In total, approximately 50 children benefit from specialised services such as speech therapy, psychology, neuro-motor education and language-adapted courses. They receive resources for neuro-motor development, and two centres in Ceadâr-Lunga were equipped with specialised motor development equipment. Furthermore, the project developed methodologies for children's development, and educators, teachers, and instructors are being introduced to these methodologies. The development of these methodologies is done in collaboration with the Republican Center for Psychopedagogical Assistance. Throughout the project, a significant emphasis is placed on educating parents so that they can continue the necessary assistance at home for these children, based on the methodologies developed by the project.





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