PROJECTS OF THE LEMONAID & CHARITEA FOUNDATION Status 10/2018
The Lemonaid & ChariTea Foundation is a non-profit organisation based in Hamburg – St. Pauli. It was founded in 2010 and aims to contribute to the sustainable improvement of social, economic and ecological structures in the Global South. Our organisation is funded primarily from the sale of Lemonaid & ChariTea drinks.

The foundation is active in regions that have been negatively affected by the inequal access to agricultural value creation in the current global system. Presently, the foundation funds 23 projects in the regions of Latin America, Asia and Africa (Status May 2018). The challenges addressed are multi-dimensional and we believe that they can only be solved through the self-determined participation of the local population. That is why the Lemonaid & ChariTea Foundation places responsibility and ownership for the implementation of projects with local partners.

In practice this means that projects are supported which aim at generating sustainable sources, contribute to agricultural development, permit access to finance and focus on entrepreneurial and further training. These projects eventually will allow the people and communities to improve their living conditions actively and autonomously, and consequently live a dignified and self-determined life.

As of 2018, over 3 million euros have been raised so far for the projects we support. Support is given to 'one-off projects', as well as long-term partnerships, whereby regular exchange and dialogue with partners in the different regions are of the utmost importance. As we build our relationships with our partners based on partnership we visit our partners regularly to maintain a constant exchange.

What follows now are the projects which have been funded by the Lemonaid & ChariTea Foundation since 2017.
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The project by ‘CEDEPO’ intends to improve the production conditions for family farmers in the region of Florencio Varela, close to the capital city of Buenos Aires. The farmers are being supported through a training center where they learn to convert from conventional to agroecological farming. At the center of CEDEPO, farmers receive training, can attend different workshops for example on how to produce organic fertilizer, utilize consultancy services, exchange and buy new organic seeds. In order to create sustainable working conditions for the farmers, improving the quality of the soil and biodiversity conservation are declared goals of the project.

To achieve this aim, a ‘Seed House’ has been established. It contributes to the conservation of local and high-quality seeds, particularly vegetable seeds. Besides the positive effects on environment and biodiversity, the production of seeds makes a fundamental and normally expensive resource available to the farmers.

Another important pillar of CEDEPO has been the installment of an organic market in Buenos Aires City with different local cooperatives. It provides the farmers with direct access to local markets and consumers and follows solidarity economic principles. As the demand for their high quality and organic products has been increasing over the years, the Foundation supports the project in refining and organising the supply chain.

Additional project information: facebook.com/La-Parcela-de-Cedepo-301415670052239
The microcredit project of the federal organisation ‘FACAAL’ addresses the situation of farmers, small-scale producers and entrepreneurs in the low-income sector in Argentina through the establishment of a financing platform.

This platform makes it easier for the entrepreneurs to access capital, which is granted in form of microcredit loans. The access to microcredits gives the recipients the opportunity to make smaller investments in necessary supplies or to compensate financial shortages. Through the financial support they are able to increase their productivity and ensure a stable income, because they are able to add value to their produce and/or compensate shortfalls. The grants are accompanied by training and mentorship, where commercial and management training is provided.

This also ensures the back payment of the credits. Overall the project seeks to highlight the importance of the agricultural sector as an emerging sector, where the goal is to include its needs and problems in the government’s agenda. The Foundation supports the organisation in the implementation of the training program as well as in the expansion of the microcredit funds, so that more people can profit from the program.

Institution: Federación Argentina de Cooperativas Apícolas y Agropecuarias Limitada (FACAAL), NGO
Funding period: 2017 – 2019
Budget 2018: 50,000 €

Additional project information: facebook.com/facaal.ar
The organisation ‘Avani’ is located in the remote and inaccessible valleys of the Indian part of the Himalayas where it generates new sources of income for the local population through the revival of traditional handicraft. This region, abundant in resources, is lacking rural livelihood opportunities, especially for women. The innovative approach of Avani: to keep the whole supply chain in the region. This project revives traditional craft and provides training, mostly for women, in traditional skill sets to produce textiles. Special attention is given to the integration of destitute and differently abled women into the program.

During the manufacturing process only local and natural resources are used. For instance, all the dyes are made out of local plants. Additionally, they are investing in the cultivation of seeds and reclamation of wasteland. With the aim to use agricultural crop for plant-based dyes and to increase the biodiversity through the cultivation of diverse plants. The funding enables the establishment of a training center, which allows for more women to be trained in the environmentally friendly and traditional techniques.

The goal is that double of the current 1200 artisans and farmers will participate and benefit from this approach.
The women empowerment project of the ‘Jyothi – Seva Kendra Trust’ in rural Karnataka supports women on their way into a self-determined life through vocational training. With this project the organisation wants to contribute to their vision of a more gender equal society.

In order to achieve this goal, the program offers disadvantaged women, often physical or psychologically abused, the possibility to attend vocational training to become seamstresses or beauticians. Additionally, they have the possibility to participate in educational and microcredit-programs, so that they can gain job related soft skills and financial independence. Therein, the project aims to assist them in either entering a well-paid and official employment or in starting their own business.

With the support of the Foundation, the organisation is able to enlarge the sewing center and to invest in the educational program. This allows more women to receive professional training in a safe working and learning environment, where they can develop strength and self-confidence.
The ‘Intercultural Institute Ñöñho’ was founded in the Mexican State Querétaro in 2009 as an educational and cultural center for the local indigenous population. Young people from the indigenous population of Ñöñhos are being educated here at the first indigenous university of the region. The institute offers them a Bachelor in ‘Entrepreneurship for Solidary Economy’. Educational goal is to enable the students to found their own businesses and projects, which generate employment in their own communities and follow ecological and social principles. At the same time, the focus is to teach and maintain the Ñöñho culture. The institute is focusing on integrating the indigenous population, which has been increasingly marginalized over the years, into higher education. After the successful completion of the degree in Solidary Economy, the graduates have the opportunity to follow postgraduate studies, to take on a professional job or to continue their community projects. Therefore, they are not forced to move into the city for precarious job options. The overall aim is to open up life and work possibilities in their home region and in turn to contribute to the development of their society and cultural diversity. Up to today, four generations have graduated successfully.

The realisation of the curriculum is supported by the Lemo-naid & ChariTea Foundation since 2014. Next to this, the current advancement helps to set up social entrepreneurship projects which are the main source of income for the institute and deliver an integral part for the existence and independence of the Institute.
SUPPORT OF INDIGENOUS STUDENTS

The civil organisation Tijiohtli operates in Cuetzalan del Progreso, a rural region in southeastern Mexico. Here, 90 percent of the population are living in rural and remote communities. Although there are many schools located in the region of Cuetzalan most of them are ill-equipped and short on staff.

The better schools in Cuetzalan city are hardly accessible for indigenous students since they have to commute for several hours per day or pay additional lodging and living costs. To confront this issue, an affordable private high school has been established, where young indigenous Nahua students are offered technical studies in business administration or childcare with boarding possibilities.

The educational model of the school was developed especially for the education in rural zones and indigenous communities. Adolescents are educated to take responsibility for the rural development of their communities. This means, next to the technical courses, the students receive classes in Nahuatl, their native language and permaculture. By attending the classes and participating in extracurricular activities, the students develop technical, entrepreneurial and agricultural skills, which will help them to live a self-sustaining life. The goods, which are produced in class, are sold on local markets through a cooperative founded by the students. The profits made benefit the improvement of the school.

The Foundation supports the high school by covering the institutional cost over the course of three years.
The day care center ‘Ñande Rekoha’ lies at the wholesale market Abasto in Asunción, Paraguay. It serves the children of the workers and informal vendors of the market as a drop-in-facility, where they are being cared for after school and receive a warm meal. The day care has been established in the upper floors of the market because it had been noticed that many children that loiter around the market would benefit if they had a space to go to while their parents are working. The day care allows them to do their homework under supervision and also to have a safe space to play. The condition of admission is that the children attend their school and the day care regularly. The day care offers them formal and informal learning possibilities, where respectful cooperation and social learning are the main focus. Additionally, the children are provided with development programs such as cooking projects, which introduce them to the preparation of healthy meals with regional products.

This project has been supported since 2011 in bearing the cost for maintaining the necessary infrastructure and the daily meals.
The project of ‘Fundación Paraguaya’ allows people with visual impairments to gain access to microcredit loans and financial education. People with disabilities are often discriminated when it comes to obtaining financial means. Overall only 1 percent of the beneficiaries of microcredit loans have disabilities. Through the cooperation with the organisation ‘Ágora Paraguay’ people with visual impairments are being supported to establish or invest in their own small enterprises through the implemented financial inclusion and professional counselling program. This includes an awareness raising program for the employees of Fundación Paraguaya in working with people with visual impairments. The Lemonaid & ChariTea Foundation assists the project in bearing the costs for translating the training material into audio files and braille, as well as making those available. Additionally, the support contributes to the implementation of the specifically developed method ‘Poverty Stoplight’ by the Fundación Paraguaya, which helps families to diagnose and overcome the challenges related to multidimensional poverty.
The ecological agriculture school ‘Escuela Agroecológica San Juan de Reinga Marecos’ was founded in 1995.

The school was developed with the aim of delivering alternatives to the expand conventional agricultural export. According to estimates, large-scale farmers, who make up around 2 percent of the population in Paraguay, own more than two thirds of the land.

Today more than 80 students receive education in ecological agriculture on the premises of the school. The school plays a major part in preserving the traditions of small-scale farmers and in strengthening the social and cultural life in the community. Through the acquired knowledge, the realisation of ecological agriculture and animal farming, the families are not only able to nourish themselves but also to generate their own income – this means the acquisition of food security.

The Foundation supports the school since 2014 in implementing the educational program and maintaining the necessary infrastructure.
The goal of the project by the NGO ‘TECHO’ is to reduce poverty through the implementation of a vocational training program. The underlying reason for a poverty rate of 11 percent are the precarious and illicit labor conditions rather than unemployment. Through 10 vocational trainings in rural communities of Paraguay, the program offers participants the possibility to either acquire a professional education, which qualifies them for a special vocational field or to take part in a general professional development training, where soft skills and tools can be acquired. As a consequence, they have higher chances of receiving a better paid and permanent job that allows them to finance their living expenses.

Based on the Foundation’s support, 10 vocational courses are being implemented in different communities, with a capacity of up to 30 adults per course.
The British NGO ‘Teach a Man to Fish’ has developed the program ‘School Enterprise Challenge’ and has implemented it successfully in several countries of the Global South. This program encourages entrepreneurial spirit and professional competencies in teenagers.

With the financial support of the Foundation the program is currently implemented in Rwanda, a country where 70 percent of the youth is unemployed. One of the main causes for this is the discrepancy between the demand for professionals and an insufficiently educated youth. The framework of the program is composed of an awards program, which encourages students to hand in their best business idea. The core is made up of an educational program and delivers step-by-step support for the teachers and students to implement their business idea in practice. This approach gives the students the possibility to build up their capacities in entrepreneurship through hands-on projects. Consequently, their chances to find a decent job or to build up their own profitable business are increasing.

The program is currently implemented in 68 schools in Rwanda. The Foundation supports the implementation of the program at 18 schools.

Additional information: <http://teachamantofish.org.uk> | <facebook.com/schoolenterprisechallenge> | <facebook.com/teachamantofish>
The NGO ‘Rwanda Sustainable Families’ (RSF) has founded a microcredit program, which seeks to empower women in rural areas of Rwanda.

In the Rubavu region of Rwanda, especially in the more remote parts, women often tend to lack financial independence. RSF supports these women in their entrepreneurial efforts with microcredit loans up to 200$. An important principle of the grants is that the women vouch for each other in a cooperative. This approach as well as the fact that the money is invested within the local area has proven to increase the pay back rates. Additionally, the women receive support to create their own business plan. They use the loans to better their lives through various investments like acquiring livestock, upgrading homes, buying agricultural input or conducting small businesses.

This in turn helps them to improve their family situation, allows them to act independently and strengthens the region socially and economically.

The Foundation supports the enlargement of the funds so that more women, at least 70 additional women every year, will benefit from the program.

Institution: Rwanda Sustainable Families (RSF), NGO
Funding period: 2017 – 2019
Budget 2018: 47,520,56 €

Additional project information: rsfafrica.org
The Competence Centre for Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises (CCSME), supported by the German foundation, Friends of Ruanda e.V. (FoR) pursues the task of providing educational opportunities for young people. One major challenge in Rwanda is combating the high youth unemployment rate. The project is located in the Rubavu region, close to the border of the Democratic Republic of the Congo. In this area, the rate of unemployment is especially high and the youth is threatened to be exploited for military reasons.

The current project of FoR consists of a two-and-a-half-year training program for young unemployed people. In each training cycle, 35 young people, of which the majority are women, apply to the center with their own business ideas. There, they learn the basics of entrepreneurial thinking, business-plan creation, marketing strategies and business management. Afterwards, the 20 best ideas will receive a starting capital to a maximum of 1,000 € in the form of a micro-loan. After the successful funding and development of the own enterprise, the loan needs to be repaid and directly flows into the promotion of other projects.
One major challenge in Rwanda is the reduction of the high youth unemployment rate. The line of action of the ‘Friends of Ruanda e.V.’ (FoR) lies in the Rubavu region, which is close to the boarder of the Democratic Republic of the Congo. In this area, the rates of unemployment are especially high amongst the youth, which is therefore threatend to be exploited for military reasons.

In order to tackle this problem, FoR has dedicated their efforts to provide the youth with access to secondary education by collaborating with the local NGO ‘ACCODRI’. Together, they have established a secondary school called ‘Rubavu Polytechnic’, which, originally, aimed to teach hospitality subjects only. This has now been expanded to offering a variety of technical and mechanical courses. Two new buildings have been added to be able to provide the necessary space for these new courses.

The Lemonaid & ChariTea Foundation has supported the necessary set-up with a one-off funding tranche because the original funder has retracted its support in the last year.
The project TransFARMation of UNM aims to support marginalised and vulnerable young women and men to become successful agricultural entrepreneurs.

In the Eastern Province of Rwanda, 38 percent of the inhabitants live below the poverty line and especially young people have poor access to education and can only rely on few basic support networks. The current project aims to offer a new perspective of agriculture as a competitive career choice for young people in Rwanda and to train them to become successful agricultural entrepreneurs. Even though 70 percent of young people already work in subsistence farming, it is still considered a dead end in terms of status and income. UNM has designed a program that lasts three crop seasons and will provide participants with practical agronomic training, business and financial skills development, as well as a mentoring program to boost their motivation and self-belief. After graduating from the project, participants will still be able to turn to UNM for advice and mentorship. This model tries to reduce the dependency on the organisation and teaches self-reliance as an integral part of the process.

In cooperation with the Foundation the project will empower more than 1000 young participants to significantly increase income, confidence and resilience by building an understanding of the agricultural market and by providing experiential learning and practical skills.

Additional project information: www.uyisenganmanzi.org.rw
The non-governmental organisation AJECL operates in Rwanda since 2004. The organisation invests in the revitalisation of the vulnerable youth, so they will be able to play a significant role in the socio-economic development of the country. AJECL already supports 35 cooperatives in 6 districts in whole Rwanda.

Although, many cooperatives work well together and are successful in one way or another, it has no impact on the individuals’ households. Many lack the proper capital to invest in their work or are reluctant to apply for a loan because they do not know how to develop bankable business plans. Further, the high interest rates of traditional bank loans act as a deterrent. The new project of AJECL strengthens the entrepreneurial capacities of 5 cooperatives in the districts of Nyarugenge and in Kigali. Those cooperatives are active in a variety of fields, one cooperative runs a welding workshop, two other cooperatives practice beekeeping and banana farming. The beneficiaries will be trained in business development with the focus on topics like management of small income generating projects, marketing of the products as well as savings and credit. 20 participants from the cooperatives will be funded with a microcredit by the organisation directly. Additionally, the beneficiaries get trained in the organisational development of their cooperatives. They will then be able to coordinate their work more efficiently. The aim of the project is that the revenue per beneficiary of every income generating project will be increased by 80 percent, the annual income and the living standards will have increased accordingly.

The support of the Lemonaid & ChariTea Foundation facilitates the implementation of the projects, the costs for the staff as well as the educational programs.
The project of the ‘Stay Foundation’ promotes the development of an alliance of social entrepreneurs and local NGOs in Rwanda. The aim of the ‘Stay Alliance Rwanda’ is to bring various actors in Rwanda in the areas of poverty reduction, health and income generation together. On the one hand, the bundling of competencies strengthens the effectiveness of the organisations while on the other hand, the alliance will support the participating organisations and social entrepreneurs in their daily work through various programs.

These programs will focus on strengthening entrepreneurship and reducing financial dependencies in order to promote sustainable development in Rwanda. Experiences and know-how can be exchanged, joint projects can be developed and implemented.

The start-up phase of the alliance is supported by the Lemonaid & ChariTea Foundation. This entails that NGOs and social entrepreneurs are acquired. Additionally, the necessary infrastructure for the alliance as an operating organisation is built up. This includes the entire organisation of the foundation process as well as the establishment of the various committees and working groups. After completion of the start-up phase, programs will be implemented and scholarships will be awarded to various multipliers in the fields of health, education and agriculture.

Additional project information: stay-stiftung.org
The NPO ‘Nceduluntu’ has dedicated its work to reduce unemployment rates in the Ngqushwa District in South Africa. Over 76 percent of the population in this district are unemployed and looking for job opportunities.

Through the establishment of a vegetable seedling nursery, this project contributes to the economic development of the region. Many people in the region own land but the access to seeds is limited. The next opportunity to buy seedlings is far away and the seeds are expensive. The project provides local farmers, and aspiring ones with a reasonable alternative for short distances and local high-quality seeds.

The domestic farming of vegetables opens up a new income source for the households and improves the nutrient supply of the children and families. Consequently, the project contributes significantly to local food security and opens up new channels of economic stability in an underresourced part of the province.

The Foundation supports the project with covering the cost for the necessary supplies and equipment, stipends for project participants and training components.

Additional project information: facebook.com/pg/Nceduluntu-Wesley-Community-Project-1846951532255229
The NGO ‘Nceduluntu’ functions as a project incubator and has dedicated their work to reducing unemployment rates in the Ngqushwa District in South Africa by establishing and promoting income generation projects. Over 76 percent of the population in this district are unemployed, which exceeds the average in the Eastern Cape region by 20 percent.

Starting point for the beekeeping project was the large number of wild bee swarms on the grounds of the Nceduluntu Center, attracted by the numerous blue gums. An experienced beekeeper from the neighboring village conducted a successful beekeeping training of six community members. In order to professionalize the work with bees, the project is being supported in purchasing the necessary training and beekeeping material, such as protective clothing and the necessary set-up of the hives.

This approach gives young people a safe job perspective while local resources are utilized efficiently at the same time.
The ‘Association for Fairness in Trade’ was founded as body to represent the network of small-scale farmers and farm workers in South Africa. One of its key aims is to build capacity and understanding for the creation of a fairer and more equitable agriculture sector. Through the association, mutual learning processes are initiated where experiences and knowledge are shared among members.

At the same time, the association campaigns for more visibility in the fair trade system. The intention is to free the small-scale farmers and farmworkers from their geographical, economic and political marginalization, especially in the decision-making processes. The financial support of the Foundation is used to ensure continuous visits on the farms and the publication of a periodical newsletter.

Additionally, a Spring School has been established, where the organizational tasks of the association are being determined and participants have the possibility to attend workshops on fair trade relevant topics.
The ‘Raymond Mhlaba Economic Development Agency’ is located in the Eastern Cape of South Africa. The organisation has the goal to vitalize the local economy through provision of support for the establishment of local businesses and start-ups. Therefore, the agency founded the ‘Nkonkobe Business Support Center’ in order to comply with the demand of local businesses for guidance services. In this project, the agency focuses on giving historically disadvantaged black entrepreneurs the possibility to access financial facilities through a microcredit fund. In the process of accessing loans, they often experience discrimination and are classified as not credit-worthy. Therefore, these people are offered start-up capital for their entrepreneurial activities through the establishment of a microcredit fund. The closeness between the person granting the loan and the one borrowing it is an important principle. Additionally, none of the credits are granted in cash, instead, the purchases are paid for.

The Foundation is supporting the organisation in setting up the financial resources for the microcredit fund. The received interest is being reinvested, so the financial means of the fund enlarge gradually.
The ‘Bulungula Incubator’ is a rural development NGO based in the Eastern Cape of South Africa. This region has suffered systematic negligence during Apartheid and is still characterized by extreme poverty. Even though the region is rich in fertile soil, very few people are farming their land productively. This is due to several obstacles such as lack of water infrastructure, financial means, in knowledge about cultivation methods and the limited access to seeds. Due to the absence of agriculture in the region, many vegetables need to be imported from other regions in South Africa. The same vegetables, however, could easily be grown in the area itself.

The ‘Bulungula Centre for Excellent Small-Scale Agriculture’ was founded in order to investigate which crops can be grown profitably and provide the population with all necessary information on farming methods and required tools. Additionally, the project gives farmers the possibility to organize the transport and processing of their vegetables. This approach contributes to the food security of the region and helps the population to generate income.

The Foundation supports the installation of the necessary infrastructure and the production costs involved as well as capacity building.

Additional project information: bulungulaincubator.org | bulungulaincubator.org/2017/04/06/launching-the-new-bulungula-centre-for-excellent-small-scale-agriculture
The non-profit organisation 'Masifunde' was established to tackle two major threats in the Walmer township: youth unemployment and underdevelopment due to malnutrition. The township, which only measures 4km², is home to 70,000 residents and is one of the poorest neighborhoods in the Eastern Cape, South Africa. Half of the students drop out of school before reaching the 12th school year, another 35 percent end their final year without a degree. In addition a third of all children in South Africa suffer from malnutrition. Through the holistic youth development programme of Masifunde, students from previously disadvantaged communities shall become multipliers of their knowledge. In this particular project, this is achieved by three interlinked pillars, which cover the topics of young entrepreneurship, income generation and the promotion of health. This means the out-of-school youth is to be trained in a 12-month hospitality course to prepare them for the labor market. Simultaneously, a cafeteria offering healthy food choices provides placements for some of the trainees mentioned above while others may establish their own business; for example, by opening a franchise food truck. Lastly, the trainees will run a community wide health campaign on healthy nutrition in the context of what is feasible in Walmer.

As a result, healthy nutrition is promoted at a large scale, learners are provided with a healthy meal every day, and young out-of-school trainees are given a decent perspective for their future.
The development program of the NGO ‘Equality-based Community Support and Training’ (ECSAT) is dedicated to the establishment of a training and competence center for disabled people and their advocates in the region of Galle, Sri Lanka. The main objective of this project is to integrate disabled people within their own communities and build up their capacity to an extent where they can stand on their own feet.

With the set-up of a training program, the participants have the opportunity to develop practical skills in income generating areas of handcrafts, home gardening and cooking. The overall aim is to increase the quality of life of the disabled and their families, developing their self-confidence and independence. A further concern of the project is to alter the attitudes of the community towards disabled people.

The project aims to target the specific gap in the community’s wider approval to the disability sector. The Foundation supports the project by covering the costs for the trainers and the necessary infrastructure.
The ‘Sri Lanka e.V.’ has committed itself to the support of education, the intercultural exchange between the different population groups in Sri Lanka and the abatement of poverty. In this project, the organisation, with assistance of the Lemonaid & ChariTea Foundation, is investing in the orphanage Mahadeva Suwamigal.

During the civil war in 1983, two orphanages were built to give a home to 117 boys and girls. Today, are around 450 children and teenagers are living in the orphanage. Not all children that live at the home are orphans, sometimes parents entrust them into the care due the lack of means to maintain them, sometimes one of the parents has passed away. A general rise in children is due to the prevailing poverty within the region.

The goal of this project is that the orphanage will be able to be self-sustainable within the next five years. This food independence will be reached through the cultivation of existing land. Next to the cultivation efforts, the project offers a training program for computer skills and sewing, in order to prepare the children for future professional and entrepreneurial activities.

Institution: Sri Lanka Verein Hamburg e.V., Foundation
Funding period: 2017
Budget 2017: 19,625 €
The ‘Diyanilla Technical Institute’ (DTI) of the NGO ‘Help for the children’ has dedicated its work to offer an alternative to the tea sector for the youth and young adults in Nuwara Eliya, Sri Lanka.

In this region, tea is cultivated in big plantations where the workers do not only work but also live. This means they have no chance escaping from the dependency on the farm owners. At the DTI, they have access to vocational courses in sewing, carpeting and are able to build a solid foundation aside from the tea cultivation. A special trait of the institute is that the different cultures of the Singhalese and Tamils, who stand in a long conflict with each other, have the possibility to reconnect and to live and learn together. This conflict, amongst other reasons, is based on communication problems because they do not speak the same language; not even the lettering is the same. Deliberately, all classes and residential areas of the DTI are mixed. Learning the language of the others as a subject helps to dismount prejudices and helps to develop mutual interest and understanding.

The institute and its work are supported by the Foundation since 2011 through funding for the infrastructure.

Institution: Help for the Children, NGO
Funding period: 2011 – 2018
Budget 2018: 40.000 €
In 2006, UNICEF and the ‘International Labor Organisation’ have published a report, which documents a number of 40,000 children that are victims of child prostitution in Sri Lanka every year.

These numbers represent estimates and the true extent of this problem remains hard to capture due to the fact that this sector operates within the hidden parts of society. Only a small share of incidents is actually reported to the public authorities. In the past years, the number of reported cases have been increasing. It became clear that the justice system is not able to account for all of them, as only 30 percent of the reported cases end in judicial proceedings. In face of this challenge, the NGO ‘PEaCE – ECPAT Sri Lanka’ has dedicated itself to reinforce children’s rights in Sri Lanka. Aiming at creating societal awareness for the fate of the thousands of children that are facing the danger of being sexually abused through sexual prostitution, pornography and trafficking.

The Foundation is supporting the NGO in implementing their awareness raising program, the legal support program and their educational programs for the children.