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Message from the President

2016 *has been a year of rapid developments and changes bringing along challenges and opportunities alike. Understanding the challenges children are facing is key to tackling them, but so is an awareness of the opportunities and rays of hope for improvements in the lives of every human being on this planet.*

LAST YEAR MARKED THE KICK-OFF TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2030 SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGS).

This is our common promise to a generation that comprises about one quarter of the world's population. The SDGs are a unique opportunity to realise children's rights.

In the 2030 Agenda, governments commit to realising the SDGs universally for all children, and to doing so on the basis of their rights. The Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) and its Optional Protocols are a unique success story, the most comprehensive and the most widely ratified human rights treaty, engaging every country in the world.

CHILD RIGHTS CONNECT IS UNIQUELY POSITIONED TO CREATE MOMENTUM AND DELIVER A MAJOR CONTRIBUTION TO ACHIEVING THE SDGS.

We are the key partner on children's rights for the United Nations Human Rights system, and through our members, expert organisations working for children's right, we reach and influence children's lives in every country of the world.

This is why, in 2016, Child Rights Connect focused its work on two strategic areas: we started a comprehensive process to strengthen the functioning of our global network, and we launched a broad discussion to understand the role of children's rights organisations in the implementation of the SDGs.

We are grateful for your support, engagement and commitment to children's rights and Child Rights Connect. We are going into the new year better equipped to make human rights a reality for all children.

Delia Pop
 President
 Child Rights Connect

About Us

Child Rights Connect is a non-governmental, non-profit organisation founded in Geneva in 1983. We are the world's largest network for children's rights. We link those who stand up for children's rights to the United Nations human rights system. Through our 86 member organisations, we reach out to every country on the globe.

CHILD RIGHTS CONNECT ENVISIONS A WORLD IN WHICH ALL CHILDREN ENJOY THEIR RIGHTS, AS DEFINED BY THE CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD.

What Makes Us Unique?

- Through our network, we have a **GLOBAL OUTREACH** and we speak to the United Nations with one voice.
- As **TRUSTED PARTNER OF THE UNITED NATIONS** we have unique access and leverage to advance children's rights.
- We **PROMOTE THE INDIVISIBILITY** of children's human rights, so that they are taken into account as a whole.

What we do

We work to fulfil the rights of children through the United Nations human rights system.

WE EMPOWER THOSE WHO STAND UP FOR CHILDREN'S RIGHTS:

- We cooperate with children's rights defenders to influence the human rights work of the United Nations.
- We support them to improve the lives of children in their countries.

Our Achievements

- First group of civil society actors to coordinate and speak with one voice in the drafting of international human rights treaties.
- Significant contributions to the texts of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child and its Optional Protocols.
- Enabling participation of children's rights defenders from almost every country in the world in the work of the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child.
- Successful advocacy for the adoption and implementation of the first United Nations working methods on child participation.
- Global campaign that led to the first international complaints procedure for children's rights violations to ensure national accountability.



Child Rights Connect Network

- 5-10 members
- 10-15 members
- 15-20 members
- 20-27 members
- Headquarters

CHILD RIGHTS CONNECT IS THE WORLD'S LARGEST CHILDREN'S RIGHTS NETWORK.

2016: Connecting on a Global Scale

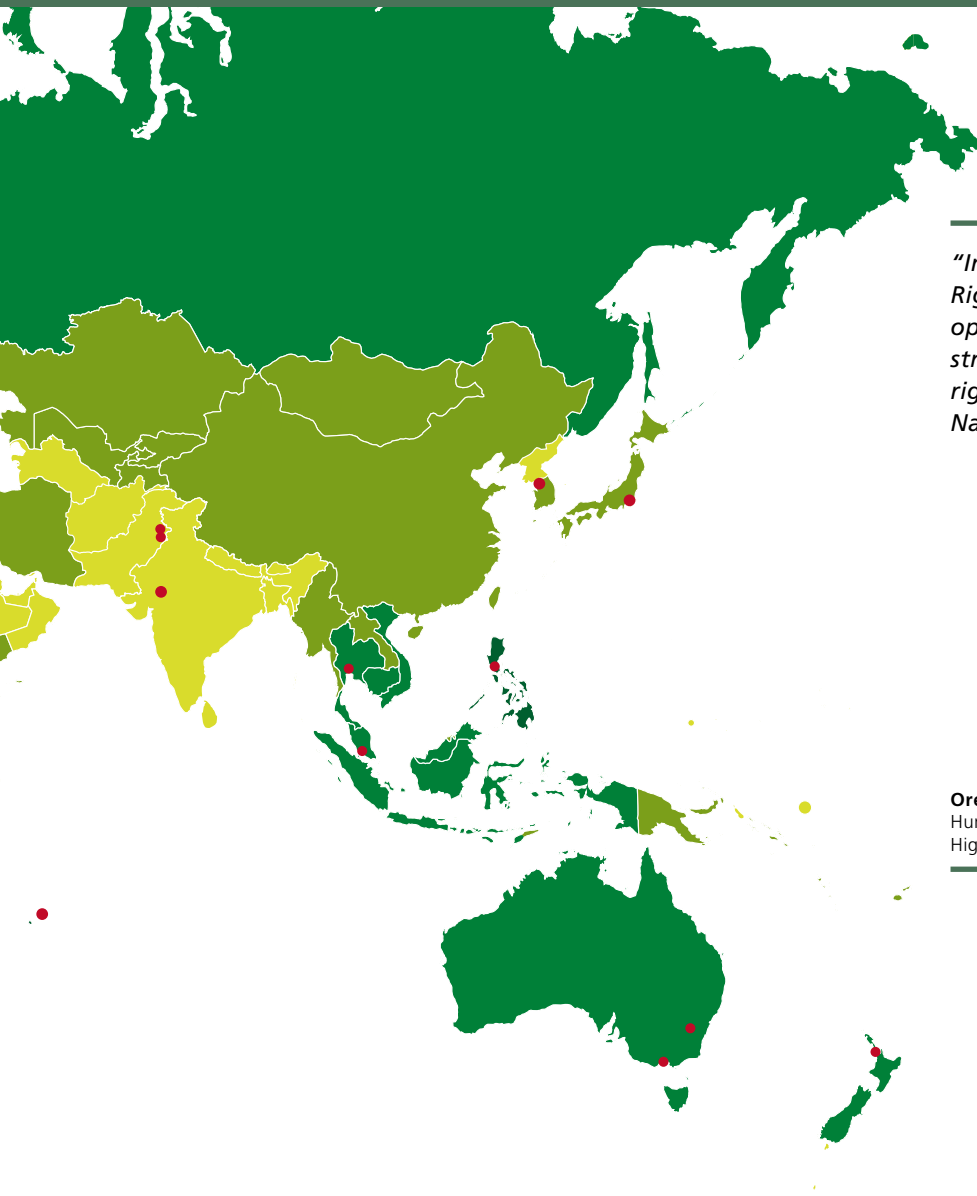
Through our 86 member organisations, we reach out to every country on the globe. Our network is unique in its global outreach, diversity of members and broad coverage of themes related to children's rights.

Child Rights Connect is strategically positioned to be a key actor for positive world-wide development.

Putting the full potential of concerted action between all our members to the forefront was one of the main recommendations of the 2015 external evaluation of Child Rights Connect.

In 2016 we kicked off a comprehensive process to strengthen our network. The General Assembly is the annual event, where members of Child Rights Connect come together. In 2016 we used it to jointly analyse our strengths and weaknesses. In an Open Space workshop we identified the way forward: **We want to interact effectively in our international advocacy, and we want to use the results of this advocacy to concretely improve children's rights on the ground.**

This requires a common understanding of our identity and ways of interaction, as well as op-



"In 2016 our strategic partnership with Child Rights Connect reached an even higher level, opening strategic discussions on how to strengthen awareness about children's human rights throughout the work of the United Nations human rights system."



Orest Nowosad, Chief, Groups in Focus Section, Human Rights Treaties Branch, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)

opportunities and commitment for members' engagement. Through a large membership survey, as well as through webinars, we started developing a concept clarifying the identity and functioning of the network. This concept will be presented to the General Assembly for adoption in 2017.

the discussion on our role in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda. Through webinars we discussed the identity of the Child Rights Connect network, and discussed the plans for 2017, in order to trigger joint projects.



Child Rights Connect received the Geneva Engage Award 2016 for our innovative social media work, connecting children's rights defenders worldwide to the Committee on the Rights of the Child.



We introduced new approaches for stronger network-interaction both on coordination and on substance: with a webinar on the SDGs we launched

Entry points for Global Impact

Child Rights Connect is the link between those who stand up for children’s rights worldwide and the United Nations organisations responsible for human rights.

1 Empowering Children’s Rights Defenders

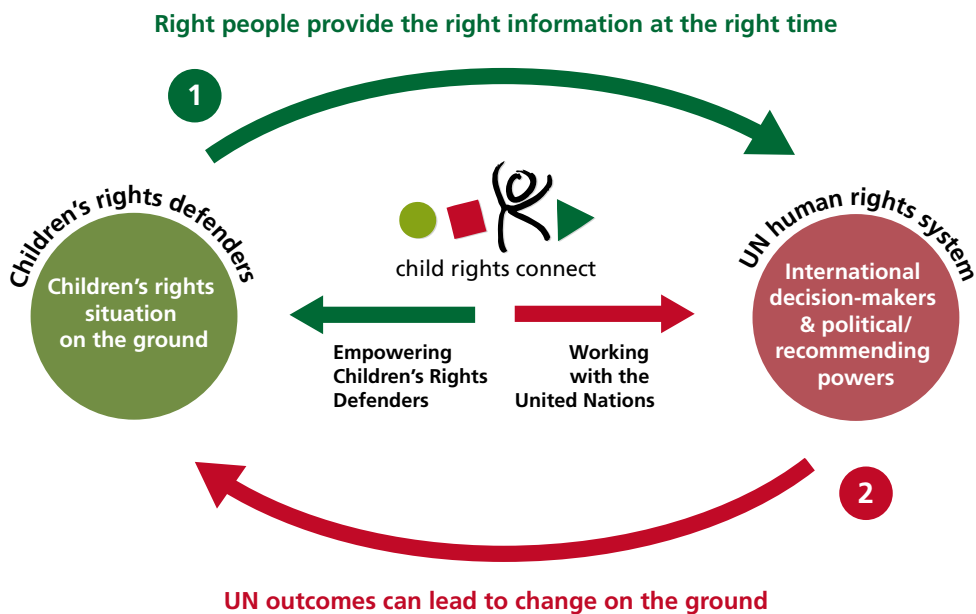
Children’s rights defenders, including children themselves, play an important role between the UN and the States: As experts on the situation of children’s rights on the ground they are best placed to provide the UN with this information. This helps the UN to make relevant recommendations to the States. Children’s rights defenders also have the role to advocate for the implementation of children’s rights at national levels, to hold States accountable on their promises to children, and to support the States in fulfilling these promises.

CHILD RIGHTS CONNECT EMPOWERS CHILDREN’S RIGHTS DEFENDERS TO ENGAGE WITH UNITED NATIONS HUMAN RIGHTS MECHANISMS, AND TO USE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CONCRETE CHANGE ON NATIONAL LEVEL.

2 Working with the United Nations

The United Nations set international standards for children’s human rights, guiding States to ensure that all children can fully enjoy their rights and that States are held accountable.

CHILD RIGHTS CONNECT WORKS WITH THE UNITED NATIONS AND IS THE GLOBAL VOICE TO ADVOCATE FOR UPHOLDING THE INTERNATIONAL LEGAL FRAMEWORK FOR CHILDREN AND FOR DEVELOPING IT FURTHER.



In order to make this system work effectively, Child Rights Connect provides technical support, capacity building and engages in advocacy.

Empowering Children's Rights Defenders

Connecting the right people, with the right information at the right time and strengthening the knowledge about the UN human rights system. There are many ways that children's rights defenders, including children, can use UN human rights mechanisms, to boost their work and make children's human rights a reality.

Find out how to engage with the Committee on the Rights of the Child through our CRC Minisite

Child Rights Connect developed a practical online tool to learn the basics. Use this step by step guide to learn how and when to engage with the reporting cycle of the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child.

<http://cocreporting.childrightsconnect.org>



Children living in challenging contexts participate in the CRC reporting

In 2016, over 30 countries were reviewed by the Committee on the Rights of the Child. Child Rights Connect provided advice and technical support to many organisations, among which War Child Holland. We provided targeted advice and connected them with different actors, to help make the most out of their first engagement in the CRC reporting process for the Democratic Republic of Congo, including children's participation. Despite the many challenges, this enabled children to provide their views for the report submitted to the Committee. The Committee will use these insights for their dialogue with the State in 2017.

Our cooperation helped War Child Holland prepare for improving children's rights on the ground by using the recommendations of the CRC Committee: connecting them with the National Children's Rights Coalition, CODE, a national NGO and Child Soldiers International, enabled them to plan joint follow-up action for 2017.

Child Rights Connect brought together two of its members: War Child Holland and Defence for Children International Mauritania, to discuss challenges and best practices for children's participation. Defence for Children International leaned from the experience of War Child Holland for the CRC reporting of Mauritania expected in 2018.

"The support we have received in the whole process has been excellent and we would be happy to repeat the same experience with other countries"



Eamonn Hanson,
Senior Advocacy Advisor, War Child Holland

Strengthening Child Rights Connect for stronger advocacy at the Human Rights Council

The Human Rights Council (HRC) can be an entry point for powerful advocacy for children's rights. Setting the ground to amplify the voice of Child Rights Connect, we conducted the first training for member organisations in 2016. 13 participants from 10 member organisations learned how to engage with the Human Rights Council and how to deal with its complexity through theoretical and practical training.

CHILDREN STAND UP FOR THEIR HUMAN RIGHTS

Capacitating European Children's Rights Coalitions to use the UN human rights system strategically

During the 8th meeting of European children's rights coalitions in Estonia in April 2016, organised jointly with Eurochild and the Estonian Children Rights Coalitions, Child Rights Connect conducted training on how to engage with the United Nations Human Rights system as a whole.

Participating in the reporting process with the Committee on the Rights of the Child is not the only way for children's rights defenders to benefit from the UN human rights system. They can also participate in the Universal Periodic Review (UPR), they can advocate for children's rights at the Human Rights Council, and they can engage with the Special Procedures.

Children's rights defenders from national coalitions learned how to influence the recommendations of different UN human rights mechanisms. Thus, the Belgian and Dutch coalitions mobilised their members for joint reporting to the Committee on the Rights of the Child and the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) and the Finnish coalition also decided to submit a report for the UPR process.

The meeting provided opportunities for thematic discussions on burning children's rights issues, such as the rights of migrant children, children without parental care, and public spending for realising children's rights. Child Rights Connect used this opportunity to raise awareness about international threats to protecting the rights of the child in the family, and to share practical advocacy tools with the coalitions.

Children environmental rights defenders informed the 2016 Day of General Discussion

Every two years, the Committee on the Rights of the Child organises a Day of General Discussion (DGD) on topical children's rights issues.

Thanks to the initiative of Terre des Hommes Germany the 2016 DGD was dedicated to the theme "Children's Rights and the Environment", and became a ground-breaking event to raise awareness of the importance of a healthy environment for the realisation of children's rights. Child Rights Connect and Terre des Hommes Germany worked together, to make the participation of children environmental activists a success. The children's accounts of their work, their challenges and successes helped the participants of the DGD to get a deeper understanding of the nuances and importance of this issue.

<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/CRC/Pages/Discussion2016.aspx>

How to use the Convention for realising the right to a nationality: New toolkit

The right of every child to a nationality is protected under the Convention on the Rights of the Child. Child Rights Connect supported the Institute on Statelessness and Inclusion to develop a civil society toolkit, to help children's rights defenders raise this issue to the Committee on the Rights of the Child. Child Rights Connect also participated in the drafting of the second report on the "World's Stateless", which focuses on stateless children.

www.institutesi.org/CRC_Toolkit_Final.pdf

"The role played by Child Rights Connect in guiding us and our NGO partners through this process was invaluable, and one that organisations around the world are indebted to Child Rights Connect for"

Amal de Chickera,
Institute on Statelessness and Inclusion



Working with the United Nations

Working with the UN human rights system means: raising awareness; contributing to the debate; changing opinions and policy; implementing; and making sure States are held accountable.

Advocating for a strong Committee on the Rights of the Child

A strong Committee on the Rights of the Child with qualified experts and regional balance is crucial for the success of the Convention on the Rights of the Child. Every two years, the States Parties elect the members of the Committee during their meeting in New York. Child Rights Connect works with States and NGOs children's rights defenders to encourage the nomination of the best qualified experts.

In preparation for the June 2016 elections, Child Rights Connect mobilised children's rights coalitions, asking them for their feedback on the candidates from their country. We joined the initiative of Geneva-based partners working closely with other treaty bodies, to promote a merit-based and transparent election process. We sent questionnaires to the candidates. The results of this survey were published on the OHCHR treaty body www.untbelections.org website and shared with States' missions in New York and Geneva, encouraging them to vote for candidates fulfilling the criteria. Nine Committee members were elected in 2016, increasing the diversity of profiles within the Committee.



CHILDREN'S RIGHTS ARE HUMAN RIGHTS

Strategic Cooperation with the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, the Committee on the Rights of the Child and UNICEF

Child Rights Connect works closely with the Committee on the Rights of the Child, UNICEF and the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) to ensure safe and effective engagement of children's rights defenders, including children, with the Committee on the Rights of the Child.

In 2016 we built on the positive experience of organising one-day retreats with these partners, which we first introduced the previous year. Taking time out for in-depth discussions and joint elaboration of the way forward had proven to be very valuable for a constructive, transparent and qualitative cooperation. The focus of the retreats in 2016 was to further advance the participation of children's rights defenders in the CRC reporting process. We also worked on the new process for the simplified reporting procedure and provided recommendations on how children's rights defenders could participate, based on the results of a survey among the network of Child Rights Connect.

Increasing Access to the Committee on the Rights of the Child for Children's Rights Defenders

Child Rights Connect had been providing webcast for the Sessions of the Committee on the Rights of the Child since 2012. At the same time, together with Geneva-based partners working closely with other treaty bodies, we had been advocating the OHCHR to include webcasting in their support to the treaty bodies' work. In 2016 we achieved this goal, when the OHCHR started to provide the webcast.

Advocating for children’s protection from sexual exploitation through ICTs at the ADRC

Child Rights Connect successfully advocated to maintain the Annual Day on the Rights of the Child (ADRC) at the Human Rights Council. In 2016 the ADRC was dedicated to the issue of child sexual exploitation through Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs).

Child Rights Connect, and its members specialised on the topic ECPAT, BICE, and the Internet Watch Foundation succeeded in advocating for strong and diverse panellists, examining the topic from various perspectives. We advocated for the protection of children from sexual exploitation through ICTs in line with the Convention on the Rights of the Child, specifically upholding the rights of children to access to information.

http://ap.ohchr.org/documents/dpage_e.aspx?si=A/HRC/RES/31/7

“Child Rights Connect is our key partner to link children’s rights defenders from around the world. In 2016 we jointly tackled the new simplified reporting procedures. We are looking forward to continuing this discussion with a focus on the participation of children themselves.”



Jorge Cardona,
Member of the Committee on the Rights of the Child

Equipping Child Rights Connect and its members to work on the Sustainable Development Goals

2016 was the first year of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, which triggered questions about the role of the UN human rights mechanisms for its implementation. Child Rights Connect organised an online learning event for its members, to better understand the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in relation to UN human rights mechanisms. This discussion created momentum to develop a network position on the SDGs, which is the basis for our discussions within the UN human rights system on the SDGs.

Child Rights Connect advocates for a children’s rights-based approach to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda. All goals and targets in the agenda are relevant for children’s rights, even where they are not explicitly mentioned. Therefore, children’s rights need to be respected and promoted in all areas of implementation. It is crucial to involve civil society and children – listening to and considering their views is key to making the 2030 Agenda a success.

STEPPING UP THE EFFORTS FOR THE REALISATION OF CHILDREN’S RIGHTS WILL HELP STATES TO ACHIEVE THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS.

<http://www.childrightsconnect.org/connect-with-the-un-2/SDG>

Defending Children’s Human Rights in the “Protection of the Family” discussion

The ‘Protection of the Family’ resolution was initiated in 2014. It is a Human Rights Council resolution defining the traditional family as an institution in need of protection and as a recipient of rights. This resolution is worrisome. By elevating the traditional family to that status, it indirectly threatens children as rights holders. Per the resolution, children should be protected by their family. Many children do not live in a traditional family, such as orphans, children with only one parent, or children of child-headed families. With the provisions of this resolution, entire groups of children are at risk of losing protection, and all children are at risk of being considered as objects, rather than subjects of human rights.

In 2016 Child Rights Connect continued its efforts to improve the text of the resolution and to prevent its adoption. Mobilising our network and other human rights NGOs we worked together to raise awareness about the threats of this resolution with States. With these efforts, we managed to maintain some of the improvements in the text obtained in 2015. Unfortunately, the resolution was nonetheless adopted and remains highly problematic.

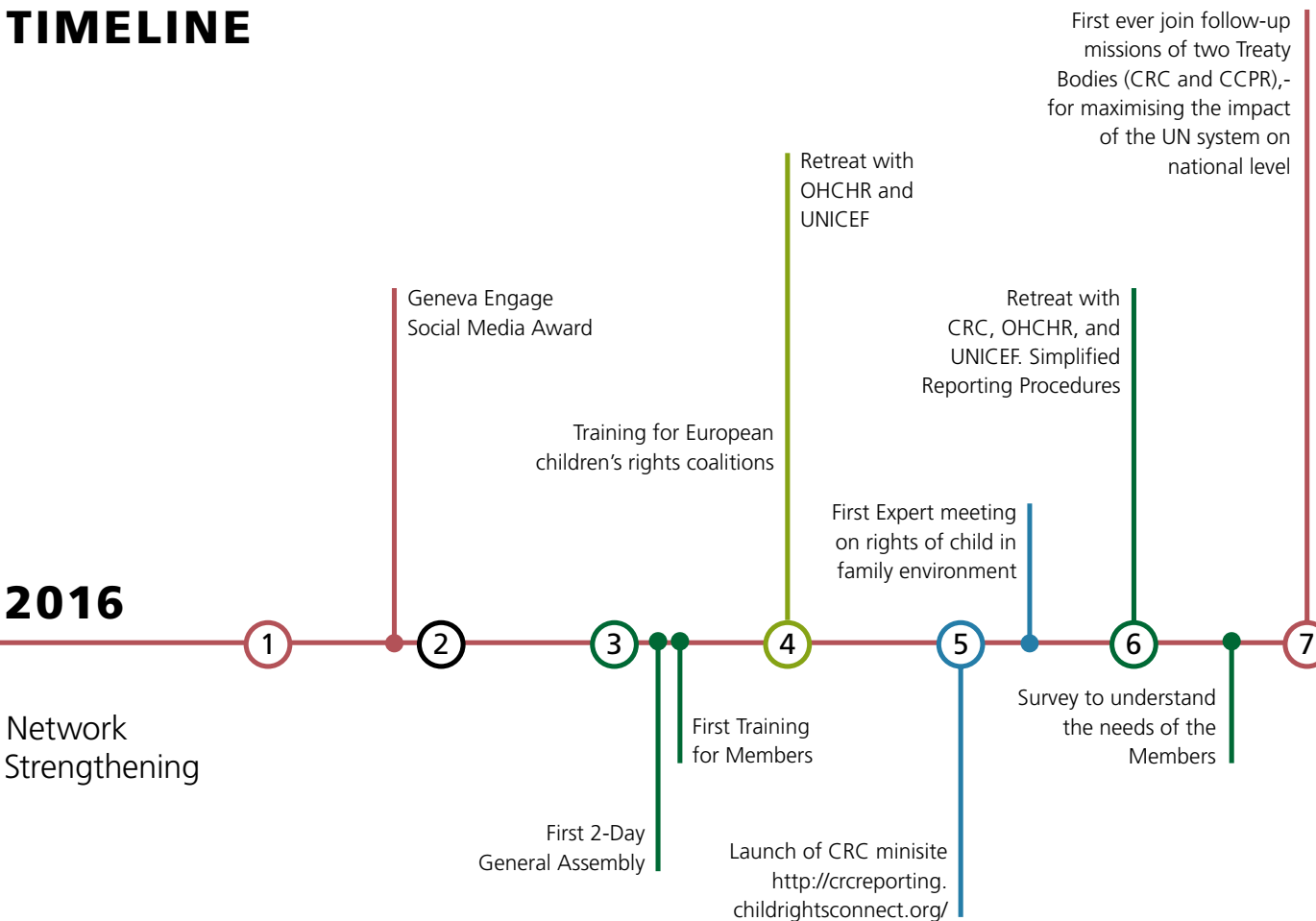
2016 IN NUMBERS

377
CHILDREN'S RIGHTS
DEFENDERS EMPOWERED
TO REPORT TO THE
COMMITTEE ON THE
RIGHTS OF THE CHILD
(CRC) INCLUDING
35 CHILDREN

48
COUNTRIES
REVIEWED BY
THE CRC

236
REPORTS SUMMITTED
TO THE CRC

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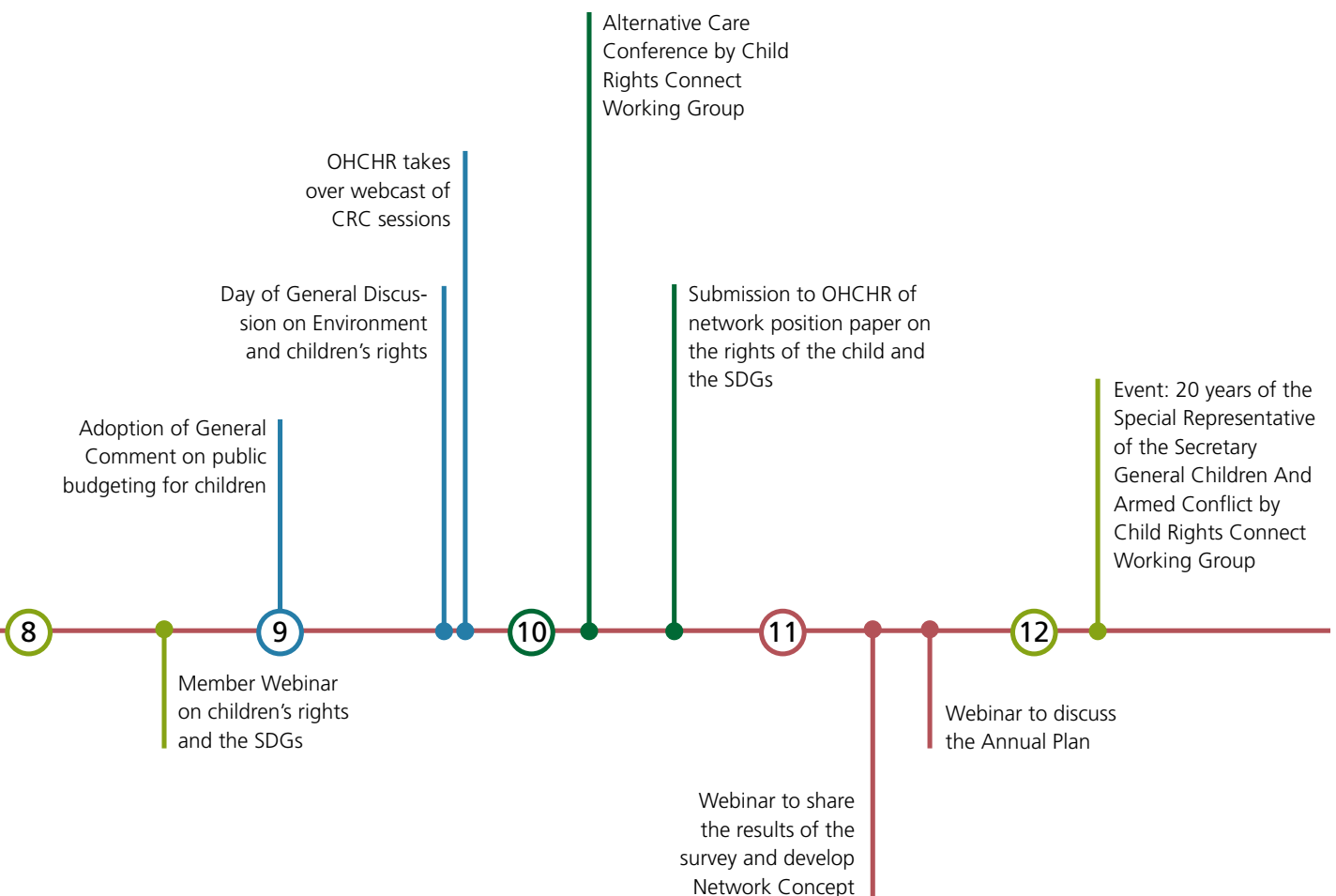
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9 **NETWORK**
STATEMENTS
TO THE UN

1680
NEW SOCIAL MEDIA
FOLLOWERS

8 **UNIVERSAL**
PERIODIC REVIEW
(UPR) BRIEFS



Working Groups

Child Rights Connect members can form working groups, to act jointly on specific issues related to children's rights. In 2016, 44 member organisations were cooperating in five working groups.

"Child Rights Connect's working groups are an excellent way for organisations to join forces and be more effective in advocacy efforts for the realization of all children's rights."

Luisa Karst,
Plan International Sweden

Children of Incarcerated Parents

Promoting the rights of children of incarcerated parents through the United Nations.

Child Rights Connect's working group on Children of Incarcerated Parents continued to raise the rights of children of incarcerated parents at the United Nations. The working group primarily engages through the Committee on the Rights of the Child and the Human Rights Council.

As a milestone of the past years of work, the working group developed a database of the concluding observations from the Committee on the Rights of the Child related to children of incarcerated parents. This database is a practical tool for advocacy and can be found <http://www.crccip.com/>

In 2016, the United Nations' General Assembly appointed an independent expert for the Global Study on Children Deprived of their Liberty, with whom the working group will work in close cooperation.

Last year was the 5th anniversary of the Day of General Discussion on Children of Incarcerated Parents. To mark this event, the working group produced a film on the topic.

Members: Quaker United Nations Office (QUNO) – convener, International Catholic Child Bureau (BICE), Defence for Children International (DCI), La Fondation Relais Enfants Parents Romands (REPR)

Observers: Plataforma regional para la defensa de los derechos de los niños, niñas y adolescentes con referentes adultos encarcelados en América Latina y El Caribe (NNAPes), Children of Prisoners Europe (COPE), Penal Reform International (PRI)



Children and Violence

Promoting strategies to prevent violence and protect children who are vulnerable – Global focal point to advance the recommendations of the United Nations study on violence and children.

In 2016, the working group strengthened its relationships with the office of the Special Representative of the Secretary General on Violence Against Children (SRSG on VAC), the Committee on the Rights of the Child, UNICEF and the Global Partnership to End Violence Against Children. The working group organised a closed meeting with the Committee on the Rights of the Child to discuss issues related to the Sustainable Development Goals and accountability measures.



To mark the 10th Anniversary of the “World report on Violence Against Children” the working group organised a commemorative event in the Palais des Nations attended by several United Nations missions and NGOs.

Members: Arigatou International – convener, Defence for Children International (DCI) – co-conveners, Bureau International Catholique de l’enfance (BICE), Defence for Children International (DCI) – Costa Rica, Plan International, Save the Children, SOS Childrens’ Villages International, Terre des Hommes International Federation, Women’s World Summit Foundation (WWSF), War Child Holland, World Vision International, World Organization Against Torture (OMCT), Casa Alianza

Observers: Intervida, Global Initiative to End All Corporal Punishment of Children, The Quaker United Nations Office (QUONO), World Council of Churches

Investment in Children

Bringing the issue of investment in children into the work of the United Nations Human Rights Council and the Committee on the Rights of the Child.

The Committee produces General Comments to explain the rights contained in the Convention and its Optional Protocols and provides guidance with respect to particular issues. This helps States improve both the way they write their reports and the way they implement the Convention and its Optional Protocols.

In 2016, the working group on Investment in Children helped adopt and launch General Comment No.19 on Public Budgeting for the Realisation of Children’s Rights, including 28 regional and national launches.



States in Latin America and the Caribbean have continued the regional dialogue on investment in children providing a strong foundation for national implementation of the General Comment. Additionally, the working group organised a roundtable discussion in Geneva on the 2030 Agenda and investment in the rights of the child attended by various Permanent Missions and NGOs.

Members: Save the Children – convenor, Red Latinoamericana y caribeña por la defensa de los derechos de los niños, niñas y adolescentes (REDLAMYC) – co-convenor, African Child Policy Forum (ACPF), Eurochild, Child Rights Coalition Asia (CRC Asia), Defence for Children International Costa Rica, International Baby Food Action Network – Geneva Infant Feeding Association (IBFAN-GIFA), Plan International, Terre des Hommes International Federation

Observers: UNICEF

Children Without Parental Care

Promoting the dissemination and implementation of Guidelines on Alternative Care of Children on a global, regional and local level.

In 2016, the Working Group organised a three-day conference in Geneva, in partnership with the International Institute for the Rights of the Child (IDE) and the Centre for Children’s Rights Studies at the University of Geneva (CIDE).



Members: Hope and Homes for Children – convenor, Save the Children – co-convenor, International Movement “ATD Fourth World”, Family for Every Child, International Foster Care Organisation (IFCO), International Federation of Social Workers (IFSW), International Social Services (ISS), Plan International, the Quaker UN Office, RELAF (Latin American Foster Care Network), SOS Children’s Villages International

Observers: UNICEF, the Better Care Network, CELCIS and the Oak Foundation

Children and Armed Conflict

Advocating to protect children's rights in and armed conflicts.

With on-going conflicts around the world, the situation of children in war is more than ever preoccupying. The working group Children and Armed Conflict is an advocacy group. It facilitates information exchange among members and with partners engaged in human rights, humanitarian affairs and development.









The working group has established an on-going privileged relation with the Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Children and Armed Conflict (O/SRSG on CAAC). In 2016, the working group organised an event to mark the 20th anniversary of the Special Representative's mandate in partnership with the SRSG and several United Nations Missions.





































Members: War Child Holland – convenor, Arigatou International – co-convenor, Defence for Children International (DCI), Humanium, Terre des Hommes International Federation, World Vision International, Save the Children, Women's World Summit Foundation

Observers: Child Soldiers International, Child Rights International Network (CRIN), Geneva Call, Global Coalition to Protect Education from Attack, Watchlist

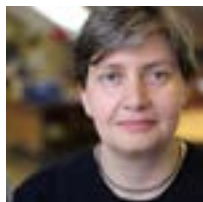


Child Rights Connect Members

	Action for Children and Youth Aotearoa (ACYA), New Zealand		Child Rights Network Switzerland (Netzwerk Kinderrechte Schweiz), Switzerland		Elizabeth Fry Society of Greater Vancouver, Canada
	African Child Policy Forum (ACPF), Ethiopia		Children's Rights Alliance, Ireland		Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation, USA
	Alliance for Children (Mauritius), Mauritius		Children's Rights Alliance for England (CRAE), United Kingdom		Eurochild, Belgium
	Anti-Slavery International, United Kingdom		Child Soldiers International, United Kingdom		European Association for Children in Hospital (EACH), Switzerland
	APPROACH Ltd. - Global Initiative to End All Corporal Punishment of Children, United Kingdom		Child Fund International, USA		Family for Every Child, United Kingdom
	Arigatou International, Switzerland		Coalition Against Trafficking in Women International (CATW), Belgium		Fédération Internationale des Communautés Educatives (FICE International), Austria
	Associated Country Women of the World, United Kingdom		COFRADE, Conseil Français des Associations pour les Droits de l'Enfant, France		Foster Care India, India
	Association for Childhood Education International, USA		Consortium for Street Children, United Kingdom		Franciscans International, Switzerland
	Association of Networks for Community Empowerment (ANCE), Pakistan		Child Rights Coalition Asia (CRC Asia), Philippines		Friends World Committee for Consultation (FWCC), Switzerland
	Baha'i International Community, USA		Defence for Children International (DCI), Costa Rica		Hope and Homes for Children, United Kingdom
	Casa Alianza Suisse, Switzerland		Defence for Children International (DCI), Switzerland		Human Rights Watch, USA
	Child Helpline International, The Netherlands		Edmund Rice International, Switzerland		Humanium, Switzerland
	Child Rights International Network (CRIN), United Kingdom		Egyptian Foundation for Advancement of Childhood Conditions (EFACC), Egypt		INGO "Ponimanie", Belarus

	Inter African Committee on Traditional Practices Affecting the Health of Women, Ethiopia		International Social Service, Switzerland		SOS Children's Villages International, Switzerland/ Austria
	International Council of Jewish Women (ICJW), Switzerland		Internet Watch Foundation, UK		Tanzania Child Rights Forum, Tanzania
	International Alliance of Women, France		Make Mothers Matter / Le Mouvement Mondial des Mères (MMM), France		Terre des Hommes International Federation, Switzerland
	International Association of Youth and Family Judges and Magistrates ((IAYFJM/AIMJF), Switzerland		Marist International Solidarity Foundation (FMSI), Switzerland		Together Scotland, United Kingdom
	International Baby Food Action Network (IBFAN / GIFA), Switzerland		National Aboriginal Islander Child Care (SNAICC), Australia		TRACK (Truth and Reconciliation for the Adoption Community of Korea), Korea
	International Catholic Child Bureau (BICE), Switzerland		National Coalition Germany, Germany		WAO – Afrique, Togo
	International Council of Women, France		Our Children "Opatija", Croatia		War Child Holland, The Netherlands
	International Federation of Social Workers (IFSW), Switzerland		Plan International, United Kingdom		Women's World Summit Foundation (WWSF)/ Children-Youth Section, Switzerland
	International Foster Care Organisation (IFCO), Ireland		Plataforma de Organizaciones de Infancia, Spain		World Alliance for Breastfeeding Action (WABA), Malaysia
	International Inner Wheel, United Kingdom		Red Latinoamericana de Acogimiento (RELAF), Argentina		World Alliance of YMCAs, Switzerland
	International Institute for Child Rights and Development (IICRD), Canada		Red Latinoamericana y Caribeña por la defensa de los derechos de los niños, niñas y adolescentes (REDLAMYC), Uruguay		World Association Of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS), United Kingdom
	International Juvenile Justice Observatory, Belgium		Relais Enfants Parents Romands – REPR, Switzerland		World Organisation Against Torture / SOS Torture, Switzerland
	International Movement "ATD Fourth World", France		ROC (The "Right of the Child" NGO), Russia		World Union of Catholic Women's Organisations, France
	International Play Association: Promoting the Child's Right to Play, United Kingdom		Roshni Homes Trust, Pakistan		World Vision International, USA
	International School Psychology Association (ISPA), USA		Save the Children International, Switzerland		Young Men's Christian association of Costa Rica/ Asociación Cristiana de Jóvenes, Costa Rica

Executive Committee



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Vice President



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Conchi Ballesteros,
Plataforma de Organizaciones
de Infancia



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Save the Children
International



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to End all Corporal Punishment
of Children and Consortium
for Street Children



Annabel Trapp,
Child to Child

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2016 Auditor's report

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CHILD RIGHTS CONNECT

Management letter on the financial statements 2016

Dear Madam,

In accordance with the mandate received, we have audited the financial statements (balance sheet, profit and loss account for the year, statement of changes in equity and notes) of **CHILD RIGHTS CONNECT, Geneva** for the year ended December 31st, 2016. Our audit was conducted in accordance with the International Standards on Auditing (ISA).

As requested, we have established the following management letter.

The audit of the 2016 financial statements did not bring us to any pending issues and particularly :

- We have no specific comments on the audit process for 2016.
- No specific measures need to be taken for the 2016 financial statements and as no comments were raised during the last year audit no action has been taken as a result of previous audit reports.
- We found no issues with the accounts management processes.

However, we made recommendations regarding the internal control system. These are:

- When invoices are recorded in the accounting software, the accountant must indicate this on the invoice in order to avoid having to be entered twice. This task must be entered in the "invoice" procedure.
- In January N + 1, the Cost Center Managers must provide a list of invoices remaining to be received according to the deliveries and services received during year N.

As requested, we have examined the 2016 analytical bookkeeping and we can confirm:

- The analytical bookkeeping has been kept for the year 2016.
- It covers the totality of the Donor's grants and expenses of the 2016 Profit and loss account.
- The grants, which had to be spent in 2016, were well spent this year.

We remain,

Yours faithfully

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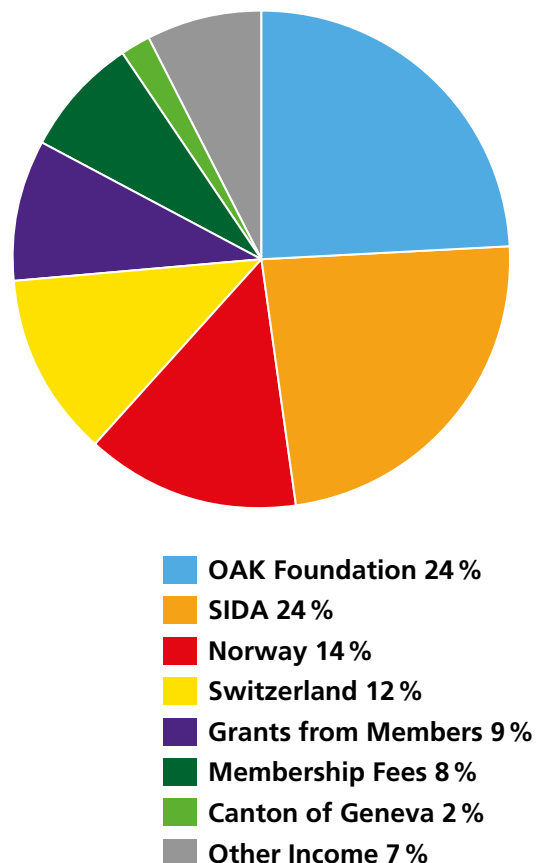
Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2016

ASSETS	2016 CHF	2015 CHF
Liquidities	161'704.81	436'010.57
Prepaid	44'534.36	886.15
Current assets	206'239.17	436'896.72
Cash deposit Visa Card	5'000.85	5'000.35
Financial assets	5'000.85	5'000.35
Total assets	211'240.02	441'897.07
LIABILITIES		
Project balance carried forward	70'087.00	232'979.00
Payables	2'869.95	10'716.77
Accruals	16'280.55	10'495.20
Current liabilities	89'237.50	254'190.97
Non-current liabilities	0.00	0.00
Free capital	150'576.10	149'570.46
Restricted capital	37'130.00	37'130.00
(Loss) / profit of the year	-65'703.58	1'005.64
Capital of the organization	122'002.52	187'706.10
Total liabilities	211'240.02	441'897.07

Expenses 2016 by cost centers

Overhead	270'126.00
Personnel Costs	138'435.00
Office costs	72'383.00
Professional Services	52'712.00
Staff training	5'766.00
Team development	830.00
Communication and Networking	92'240.00
Communication and Networking implementation costs	83'320.00
Communications Administration Costs	1'925.00
Publications and website development	4'029.00
Networking	2'966.00
Network Management	90'273.00
Network implementation costs	74'541.00
General Assembly	12'926.00
Executive Committee	1'736.00
Working Groups	1'070.00
Programmes	464'777.00
Programme implementation costs	400'402.00
Programme Development	7'362.00
Capacity building	3'025.00
Technical assistance	51'823.00
Advocacy	2'165.00
Total Costs	916'800.00

Income



2016 Expenses

Profit and Loss Account for the Year ended 31 December 2016

INCOME	2016 CHF	2015 CHF
Membership fees	65'367.97	37'131.89
Grants/donations from members	78'780.67	113'231.31
Grants/donations from governments	438'638.68	482'259.17
Grants/donations from foundations	225'965.00	150'000.00
Other income	42'961.16	599.95
Total income	851'713.48	783'222.32
EXPENSES		
Salaries	564'146.70	448'547.40
Social charges for employees	101'358.70	78'100.50
Gross salaries & social charges	665'505.40	526'647.90
Miscellaneous costs	1'683.95	4'225.80
Lunch checks	15'911.00	11'560.00
Volunteers	8'837.00	14'450.00
Training fees	5'750.00	844.65
Other personnel costs	32'181.95	31'080.45
Rent, utilities	39'384.55	37'875.00
Office supplies	4'564.61	5'775.78
Liability insurance	835.20	835.20
Telecommunications	3'299.85	2'117.15
Website hosting, domain subscriptions	353.38	2'132.81
Collaboration tools, software	1'575.63	1'342.30
Furniture	1'397.65	0.00
IT equipment	22'122.49	2'839.65
Postage	939.05	284.10
Office costs	74'472.41	53'201.99
Auditor	6'740.00	5'671.00
Accounting services	15'175.50	13'709.90
IT support services	21'663.87	1'693.45
Website development & maintenance	259.20	6'854.08
Consultants	34'509.80	58'016.62
Design, Layout, Graphics, Photos	2'856.60	1'170.00
Printing	1'172.13	585.00
Professional services	82'377.10	87'700.05
Venues	1'304.00	3'783.51
Catering	10'067.67	3'380.46
Travel expenses staff	2'442.22	1'836.77
Travel expenses adults participants	31'366.95	42'708.30
Travel, events other programmes costs	45'180.84	51'709.04
Total expenses	899'717.70	750'339.43
Operating Result	-48'004.22	32'882.89
Financial income	0.00	0.00
Bank fees	-1'468.14	-894.00
Exchange differences	-16'231.22	6'146.75
Financial Result	-17'699.36	5'252.75
Annual Result before allocation to the capital of the organization	-65'703.58	38'135.64
Attribution restricted capital	0.00	37'130.00
(LOSS) / PROFIT of the year	-65'703.58	1'005.64



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