

Keshwa Child Welfare Center



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In 2015, the founders of the German based ‘**HUMAN Foundation**’ and the Indian based organization ‘**Creation India Society**’ (CIS) signed a comprehensive agreement to cooperate. This was the beginning of a successful implementation of “Child Care Services” in Robertsganj, Uttar Pradesh (UP), the second poorest state in India with 200 million people.

UP considered as a country, would be one of the most populous countries in the world, but also one of the poorest. **More than 30% of the inhabitants of Uttar Pradesh are illiterate.**

Robertsganj is the capital of the district Sonbhadra, with 2.6 million inhabitants, of which approximately **35% live Below Poverty Line (BPL)**, with about 40US\$ per capita per month.

More than 500,000 people suffer from inadequate basic infrastructure such as water, electricity and medical care with a limited number of hospitals in the whole district. As far as industrial work is available, it is very unhealthy: mining of bauxite, coal, lime. Child labor and sexual child labor are unfortunately more common in UP.

In addition to poverty, India is facing many challenges: Overpopulation, environmental problems and widespread corruption. The access to quality health care is also a concern. The life expectancy is with 67 years on average relatively low.

We kicked-off our project in 2015 with a couple of children in rented rooms. In 2018, we took

care of 50 registered children. **End of 2017 we decided to build our own Center.**

The following figure illustrates **all main risks children are confronted with in their life and the issues we have to deal with.** Issues with dark color are more critical and have a higher urgency in Sonbhadra district, but all listed topics apply to our work in the KCWC.

Some further issues like children living with AIDS, children in armed conflicts or conflicts with law and child trafficking are not seen as too critical in the Sonbhadra region.

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| Child Labor | Children in Poverty | Child Health and Nutrition |
| Child Mental Retardation | Child Abuse and Violence | Missing Children |
| Child Sexual Abuse | Girl Child | Children as victims of substance abuse |
| Child Marriage | Street Children | Early childhood (children below the age of 6) |
| Birth Registration | Children without parental | Children of schedule Castes and Tribes |

Source: Experiences of several emergency programs

Our mutual vision is to “**Give Children a Future**”.

We want to empower our children to live their own, self-determined life in the future.

Today, many of these children are far away from basic rights and facilities like healthy nutrition, clean clothes, reasonable education, awareness and personality development.

In reality, they are cut off from the society and often go begging, sell drugs or fall into the wrong hands. Children live under pressure, distress and have to struggle through this difficult situation.

Most of the parents are casual workers; children often have to earn money at a very early age.

From the year 2020 on, up to 400 children, youths and women will come to the Keshwa Child Welfare Center on a daily basis and benefit from our offering.

Do we have the right answers?

We have an outstanding motivation and we developed a 'brand-new' long-term, six-pillar strategy to tackle these huge challenges.

The 'root' of our strategy is a **highly focused school education** and **personal development** for children from poor and underprivileged families in important spheres of their life, which they cannot get in their current living environment.

Our **program for disabled people** in the district of Sonbhadra is also very large and it is a cooperation with the Government Agency.

We combine this specifically designed school program with the **target-oriented Skill Development** approach in our Center. With our balanced Skill Programs, we give juveniles and young adults access to vocational trainings, which are otherwise out of reach for them.

An additional pillar is focusing on **women's**

rights and women's counseling with the aim, to strengthen their sense of self-worth and to bring them into work. This will also significantly reduce pressure on their children to earn money.

As a very important complementary measure, we offer an **Emergency Child Line Service**, pick up missing and neglected infants and bring them 'back on track'. An **Outreach Social Center Program** with assistance and counseling services for the poor families in the villages in the countryside will complete our strategy.

We want to win you over to our unique and comprehensive approach. We strongly believe into our ability to execute, although it will be a long journey to transform the current situation for the society.

We expect full operation with all programs in our new Center in summer 2019. **KCWC Services** is a "lighthouse project" for Uttar Pradesh, with a long-term perspective.

Six elements under one roof Robertsganj
Uttar Pradesh, India

Services of the Keshwa Child Welfare Center (KCWC)
„GIVE CHILDREN A FUTURE“

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| Child Line Services „1098“ | Permanent Education Program | Disability Welfare | Outreach Social Center | Skill Development | Women Empowerment |
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| SAVE HELPLESS CHILDREN | SHAPING A GOLDEN LIFE | INCLUSION | VILLAGE FAMILY SUPPORT | LEARN – EARN - SMILE | WOMEN'S RIGHTS |

Personality Development for juveniles and young adults

The following abstracts will give you insight into our approach, the details and the interaction amongst the programs and our target groups.

As the strategy is very complex, it might happen that we will make minor adjustments. However, we are rather confident that the strategy is sustainable due to our experiences and proven concepts. At first an overview of our target groups per program:

| Our Target Groups per Program | Program | Target Group <small>(BPL=Below Poverty Line)</small> |
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| | Child Line Services | Any endangered child aged from 0 to 16 years. |
| | Education Program (with English) | Children from BPL families between 4 and 12 years. |
| | Disability Welfare Program | Any disabled person from poor families (0 – 80 years). |
| | Skill Development | Juveniles and women aged 14 to 45 years. |
| | Outreach Social Center | People from BPL families in villages. |
| | Women Empowerment | All women with significant need of support. |
| | Personality Development | Children and young adults aged up to 25 years. |

“Child Line Services”: The “Union Ministry of Women and Child Development” supports this Child Line Project across India with the Indian wide phone number 1098.



The Child Line Service provides a **7 days / 24 hours hotline** as well as counseling and rehabilitation activities for the following emergency situations:

- Missing children.
- Found infants.
- Neglected children.

Nine qualified staff will work for this program. Children will only stay a couple of days in our Center. **We manage either to find their families, to arrange adoptions or a stay in a hospital.**

We are the first contact for these children in need. We are very happy and proud that the Government of India granted the license to run the Child Line Services in Sonbhadra to our organization. We accept the responsibility to deal with many children’s issues as part of this program.

The Government of India will fund this program while we provide our rooms, facilities and services and manage all staff members.

“School Education” is a completely new element in our program offer. In the first four years of the KCWC project, a childcare program was carried out.

With the opening of the new building with its excellent infrastructure, the Education Commissioner of the Government of Sonbhadra asked us, if we can offer a school program for children from the poverty areas.

What are the real benefits of running a school in our center compared to a public

Primary School?

The level of public schools in Uttar Pradesh is considered not very high. The school buildings are very simple with poor sanitation. There are no computers or musical instruments. Desks and chairs do not exist. The teachers are not always highly motivated.

Our approach is to educate not only the subjects of a Primary School, but above all, the personality of the children. We put emphasis on teaching our children the English language. In most schools, only simple words are learned and the child is taught only a few sentences. In the rural areas of India, the English language is hardly spoken. Our approach will give children new opportunities.

We offer a nursery and a preschool class and elementary classes 1-5. A license will be granted to us by the Government before April 2020. Some preparatory work was still to be carried out in 2019, such as the construction of the school benches, extended fire safety measures, the establishment of a library. The school is free for children from poor families and has the quality of a private school, which is never affordable for our children.

With the school education for up to 200 students at the same time, the level but also the complexity of our work increases again. At the same time, this program completes our strategy and offers **all educational measures „under one roof“**. As a result, many children can start an apprenticeship immediately after school or they are well prepared for higher schools.

Mahatma Gandhi said: „Live as if you were to die tomorrow and learn as if you were to live forever.“



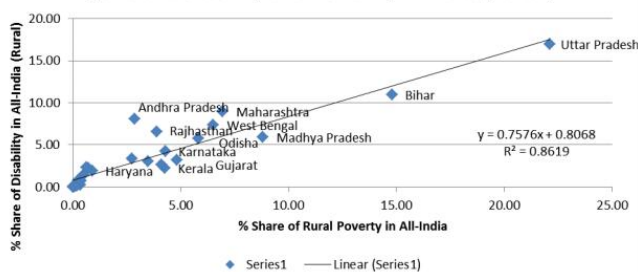
“Disability Welfare Program” is another very extensive program.

People with disabilities are marginalized in rural India in almost all areas of life. The causes of disability are mostly poverty and poor health care. The affected people are very often dependent on themselves.

A 2016 study shows the link between poverty and disability in rural India and in particular **the high proportion of poor and disabled people in Uttar Pradesh.**

In India, many disabilities could be avoided by giving mothers better pre- and postnatal care as well as adequate nutrition for infants and themselves.

Figure 6: Disability and Poverty in India (Rural).



There is a **cooperation with the ‘Disability Officer’** from the Government of Sonbhadra. Their resources are very limited and so they are highly interested in working together. We perform surveys and do some analysis in the villages (also see Outreach program) and organize camps and workshops either in our center or in the villages.

The first camp was conducted in our center. There were 200 people from three villages. Of these, 80 people were registered with their disabilities. A Government representative and a doctor will make the diagnoses and



determine which suitable help can be provided. From surgery, through the provision of aids or therapies and small pensions for people over 45 years are possible. The pension entitlement amounts to approximately 6 USD per month. Sometimes disabled people can only make small progress, sometimes a significant improvement in their living situation can be achieved.

Every three months we will organize camps in the villages and **integrate handicapped children and youths whenever practicable into our education and training programs.** One of the most important tasks is **to give all disabled people their dignity**, to understand them as an integral part of society and to show their fellow human beings how important it is not to isolate handicapped people.

„Outreach-Social-Center“ is the name of our program for the rural population.

In Sonbhadra, there are many people living in poverty in 1,441 villages. People have limited or no education and are not used to ask for help. Over the years, we conduct surveys in all villages in close cooperation with the village mayor (Gram Panchayat) with regard to the situation in families.



We provide support for social, legal and medical problems. We advise drug-addicted children and adolescents, want to win parents to send their children to school, and give guardians trainings and advise on family planning.

In short: We want to help people cope with their big problems and worries in many areas: social, family, health and financial issues.

“Skill Development” is sponsored by the Government of India. We offer theoretical lessons and practical instruction within our Skill program as follows::

- **Beauty:** We provide a fully equipped Lab and classroom for up to 50 students in parallel: Beauty parlor and Boutique.
- **Tailoring:** We provide a fully equipped Lab and classroom for up to 50 students in parallel: several Fashion Design modules.
- **Computer:** We provide a room for up to 10 Computers. We have the license to offer several training modules.

The skill program is mainly used by school graduates and young people, in particular women.

After the training, the participants have to pass an exam. If successful, they will receive an official certificate signed by the Government Agency.

We have classrooms and labs for more than 100 apprentices at the same time.

In addition to the trainings in our fully equipped Center, we offer trainings **in the villages with self-employed cooperation partners.** Thus, we make apprenticeships possible in the countryside for thousands of people and give our cooperation partners a safe job. After certification, the apprentices are listed on a Government Portal and can get a microcredit. In our Center we also employ a recruitment



“Women Empowerment” is a KCWC designed program for underprivileged women. Need for empowerment arose due to domination and discrimination done by men over women. Women are the target of varied types of violence or discriminatory practices. It

is still a challenge in such poor regions where we are acting.

With our program, we adhere to the UN Charter of the empowerment of women. Women’s sense of self-worth, the right to have their own choices, access to equal opportunities and the power to regulate and control their own lives are basic drivers for our work.

We are committed in counseling them with respect to family planning, gender equality, improving their formal employment and entrepreneurship opportunities in order to reduce unpaid care work. **Women empowerment is nothing but recognition of women’s basic human rights.**

Offering for women in KCWC:

- We counsel them and organize meetings
- We give them access to our Skill Program.
- We create ‘Self Help Groups’ to strengthen their self-confidence and manage microcredits for business creation.
- We want them to become advocates for their children’s education and development.

The success of our approach significantly helps reducing children’s work in all these families.



“Personal Development” is an overall and fundamental target we are striving for with our programs: We focus on school education, vocational training, counseling, loving caring and a child-friendly society.

Gender equality and respect for the rights of women and children will enhance people’s self-confidence and self-esteem.

Various **environmental protection measures** will complete our strategy.

Each pillar of our approach itself can resolve a certain issue. The unique interaction of all programs, however, will ensure a permanent and sustainable transformation of the society in this poor area and will make a big difference compared to the current situation.

We got all necessary licenses from the Government in India: ChildLine, work with disabled people, vocational training and permanent education in Pre-School and Primary School.

The KCWC

For land, construction, training equipment and modern infrastructure we made a huge investment. The two founders took 65%, CIS and local donators 25% and 10% came from a German organization. We carry out the programs in 21 rooms on 10,000+ sqft. We built the Center according to international quality standards to provide services to the needy children and women for decades. Full operation started early 2020.



Our staff

The success of our work very much depends on our employees. At full operation in 2020, we provide jobs up to ~30 qualified local people. We are proud that the Indian Government granted all needed licenses to CIS. Due to the complex programs, the annual operating cost will reach US\$ 100,000 at full operation. This budget is funded by HUMAN Foundation, local donations and significant support from the Indian Government.



Two Organizations - One Vision

Edith und Karlheinz Neumann initiated HUMAN Foundation to support poor and needy people, in particular children.

GIVE CHILDREN A FUTURE is our vision.

We allocate 100% of all donations to our projects.

We finance our projects through numerous private donators and charity events. HUMAN Foundation is a trust foundation, administered by "DS Deutsche Stiftungsagentur in Neuss". The Tax Department in Neuss approved and registered HUMAN Foundation as a charitable organization on December 14, 2014 under the registration number 23531/350

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Dr. Satya Prakash Tiwari and his wife Mala Tiwari founded Creation India Society (CIS) on December 31, 2004. CIS, located in SA-15/138-B-1, Mawaya, Sarnath, Varanasi, is registered under Societies Registration Act 1860, No. 1187. CIS has licenses for Skill program, Disability Services, Child Line Services, Social Center Services as well as running outreach programs granted by several Ministries of the Indian Government. Hariom Tiwari is our Program Director.

CIS is running other projects in UP and Bihar on a smaller scale. CIS is the partner and operational arm of HUMAN Foundation in India.

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