

UNLOCK A CHILD'S POTENTIAL





Our vision

A world where every child has the opportunity to reach their full potential in life.

Our mission

Helping children to unlock their full potential in the developing world.

We are a UK based registered charity working directly with communities striving for positive change. By working hand in hand with children and their families we provide sustainable solutions, leading to self sufficiency.

We believe that all children have the right to:

- **Healthcare**
Healthy Happy Children
- **Education**
Better Schools, Brighter Futures and Innovative Learning
- **Safe Environments**
Child Rights and Protection

About us

We operate at the grassroots level, working in genuine partnership with local communities, ensuring our sustainable development solutions reach those in vital need. By encouraging children and families to take responsibility of programmes and projects, they become stakeholders, able to shape their own futures and look forward to the improved conditions provided by long-term education and welfare services. In the last year we have empowered over 40,000 children worldwide to re-claim their basic human rights, play an active role in the development of the communities they live in and enjoy the opportunities they deserve. We have achieved this by improving access to education and healthcare, whilst simultaneously reducing the risks of exploitation and abuse.

How it began

Founded in 2003 and registered as a charity in 2004, Childreach International began its life as Global Development Links (GDL). GDL was an entirely voluntary organisation run by individuals passionate about international development who worked hard to provide communities with the resources they needed to pull themselves out of poverty.

In August 2007 we changed our name to Childreach International to reflect the fact that our work was benefiting children and youths in poor communities. In the last 12 months our organisation has grown rapidly as the demand for our work spreads through word of mouth from community to community. This year we worked in Tanzania, Ghana, India and Nepal and in the coming year we will begin working in Bangladesh, Pakistan and Palestinian Territories.

In April 2009 we opened our first African office, Childreach International Tanzania, closely followed in June 2009 by the inauguration of a second office, Childreach International Ghana. Each office has a Board of Trustees made up of local people, providing our programmes with expertise tailored to solving development problems at the grass roots level. Office staff have valuable experience working with the local community to ensure that Childreach International meets their most vital needs.

The exponential growth of our Childreach International family has increased the effectiveness of our work worldwide, helping us reach out to more children from vulnerable communities.



LETTER FROM THE CHAIR



Childreach International has had a tremendous year in terms of growth. Our growth process has coincided with a period of ever increasing uncertainty in the worldwide economy. We know that times are hard for everyone, which is why we are more grateful than ever to all our donors and supporters who continue to give so generously to fund our projects. In the spirit of the age old teaching that ‘charity does not decrease wealth’, they have continued to have faith in the importance of our work. This reiterates the need for Childreach International to ensure that donations are used to bring maximum benefit to the communities we work with.

As a rapidly growing organisation the board has been looking at implementing a restructuring of the organisation. We hope that the outcomes of the change process we are undertaking will include improving our role as an employer that aims to develop and support every member of staff and volunteer, which in turn will enable us to improve our efficiency in delivering services to our beneficiaries.

Childreach International relies on the commitment and hard work of our Trustees, staff and volunteers, many of whom make personal sacrifices in order to help achieve the organisation’s objectives. This year I would like to make a special mention regarding the role of volunteers, not just for our organisation, but for the whole sector. They provide invaluable help, support and assistance to organisations that are struggling through the tough economic climate where funding is harder and harder to secure and more and more jobs are being cut. They are the life-line through which organisations like ours are able to continue the valuable work which has been undertaken even through an economic downturn. We are grateful for all their support without which we would not have been able to reach our goals and ultimately our beneficiaries.

I look forward to being able to develop our shared vision for the future as we work towards creating a more equitable and just world where all children will have an opportunity to unlock their potential.

I present to you Childreach International's Annual Review 2009, containing a summary of our project work and financial statements for the year.

Ms Lucretia Hudson-Garber
Chair

OUR PROGRAMMES

Our programmes help us realise our vision. Each programme has its own overall objective, realised through pioneering grassroots projects which focus on improving health, education or child protection. Guided by our underlying principle of community based development, they operate using two highly effective approaches; either through direct implementation by Childreach International or through strategic partnerships with locally established NGOs and community organisations.

Direct implementation

Cooperation with existing local government agencies and other organisations is essential when implementing efficient development strategies. In Ghana and Tanzania, Childreach International works with local government in regions and communities which have been overlooked by many of these other organisations. As a result, we have directly set up innovative programmes at the grassroots level which are planned and instigated by our in-country staff, and implemented and managed with community participation.

Childreach International partners

In India and Nepal, Childreach International works with previously established locally run organisations, creating strategic partnerships which bring experience and knowledge that reflect the core needs of the vulnerable communities we are trying to help.

Childreach International provides funding and support, including training and capacity building, whilst our partners are responsible for the everyday implementation of the projects. In doing so, we maximise the effectiveness and efficiency of our development initiatives, while guaranteeing that projects remain in the hands of those who best understand the issues on the ground.

Our offices

The inauguration of our international offices has formed part of a pioneering strategy, improving the reach and capacity of our work and ensuring best operational practice within the entire organisation.

Our two in-country offices are based in Tanzania and Ghana, which are run by national staff and overseen by trustees from the local communities.

Their opening has enhanced our good governance initiatives in a number of ways, creating complete transparency within in-country operations which has maximised the efficiency of our international programmes and projects.

Firstly, Childreach International has been able to exercise more precise monitoring and evaluation measures, ensuring that the programmes and projects we support can adapt, develop and improve to meet the exact requirements of the local communities. Furthermore, using the lessons learnt from monitoring and evaluation, we have been able to improve training and capacity building techniques within each office, extensively developing the skills and technical abilities of our international staff in areas including finance, IT and programme management.

Cooperation between our UK office and international offices has utilised our collective strengths. Local staff are able to speak local languages and dialects, understand the most pressing local needs and remain close to programme and project sites, able to deal with developments and issues more quickly as and when needed. UK staff are able to provide assistance and support to local staff, bringing a wealth of international development expertise and experience.

TANZANIA

Population:

40.4 million

30% are aged 0-14

Life Expectancy:

69

Literacy Rate:

76.2%

in young females aged
15-24

UN Development Index:

**151 out of
182 countries**

In 2009, Childreach International Tanzania moved from strength to strength; we opened a new international office for East Africa in April, formed six new School Improvement Projects and continued the flagship Vocational Training Centres in the Kilimanjaro and Manyara regions of Tanzania. All our projects in Tanzania have been designed with participation from the local communities and are directly implemented by Childreach International.

School Improvement Programme

In line with the 2nd Millennium Development Goal, the Tanzanian government has introduced a policy of free primary school enrolment. So far this has proven to have a beneficial impact on the number of children enrolling, however attendance levels remain low. This is explained by the inability of primary schools to provide enough resources to accommodate and support the increased number of children wanting to attend. In 2009, as part of our School Improvement Programme, Childreach International Tanzania carried out needs assessments in schools across the Kilimanjaro and Manyara regions before allocating its funding to six of the neediest schools. In each project we supported the government initiatives currently running within the community and determined the school's greatest need. Through active participation from the local community and district officials, we have successfully completed renovations to the interior and exterior of all the schools' grounds.



This programme adheres closely to Childreach International's underlying principle of community based development; each project works with its stakeholders and beneficiaries to ensure that every stage of the project is community supported and sustainable.

Although each project is unique, they all aim to improve the school environment; whether this is through classroom renovation or the provision of new school desks. Larger projects have included the provision of new toilet blocks, playground equipment and newly fitted kitchens with energy saving cookers, and the renovation of teachers' accommodation, nursery buildings and water harvesting systems.

The programme's success was clear this year, benefitting 2,894 children and surpassing its original target of 2,521 children. This achievement was due to an increase in demand to attend the schools assisted.

Indeed, primary school enrolment within these schools has improved so much that 18 pupils from neighbouring schools have requested to move in order to benefit from the new learning environment.

Vocational Training Programme

Whilst the levels of primary education are gradually increasing in Tanzania, the opportunities for children after primary school remain very limited. Unlike primary level, secondary education is not free and many primary educated children are unable to afford further education, thus preventing them from learning essential new skills with which they could make a living.

From its foundation, Childreach International has focused on innovative learning as a key theme and during 2009 we continued this through our two Vocational Training Centres (VTCs) for children who are reaching employment age. The Vocational Training Programme sets out to help socially excluded youths and vulnerable children from poor families develop their future potential. This year the VTCs have taught skills such as carpentry, tailoring, IT, maths, and basic English to 125 young adults. These skills will help them to earn a living and play an active role in society.

Good governance and future plans

With the formation of Childreach International Tanzania in April 2009, the implementation of the School Improvement Programme began at the busiest time of year for the organisation. Project visits from Childreach International volunteers in Tanzania required extra manpower in order to ensure that all participants received the best guidance and support whilst in-country, and consequently, many of the projects were delayed or reduced in capacity. Since this time however, Childreach International has completed its first Capacity Building Workshop which emphasised the need for better communication, time and project management and improved utilisation of resources. Furthermore, we have appointed talented local staff to manage the work efficiently. A Community Partnership Officer will now oversee all volunteering activities enabling the Programmes Team to focus exclusively on our local projects. Future plans for Childreach International Tanzania are very encouraging with seven new School Improvement Projects planned, the continuation of both Vocational Training Centres and an increase in the number of volunteers participating in project visits.

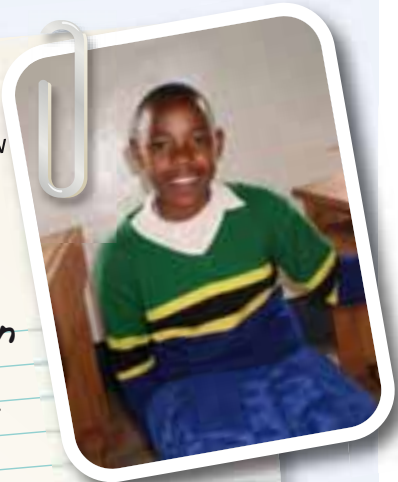
12 year old Restituta studies at Nkosangana Primary School. She lives with her grandmother. When asked how Childreach International has improved her education with the School Improvement Programme, she replied:

"They have built a modern kitchen, toilets and playground and they have painted the classrooms. I like the kitchen the most because now my food is cooked properly.

My parents used to dislike this school but now they like it because of the difference made by Childreach International. They are now enrolling my brothers and sisters.

When I grow up I want to be a primary school teacher."

Restituta, aged 12, Nkosangana Primary School





GHANA

Population:

23.8 million

30% are aged 0-14

Life Expectancy:

56.5

Literacy Rate:

20%

in population aged over 15

UN Development Index:

**152 out of
182 countries**

In 2009, Childreach International began working in the Northern region of Ghana, in the Savelugu/Nanton District. Childreach International merged with existing partner Community Centre for Sustainable Development (CCSD) in June 2009 to create Childreach International Ghana. The Northern region of Ghana suffers from a high level of poverty, lack of education and poor health infrastructure. Our Ghana Programmes - the Teaching Assistants Programme, the School Improvement Programme and the School Farm Programme - all focus on keeping children in education.

Teaching Assistants Programme

There is an inadequate supply of trained teachers in basic schools throughout Northern Ghana. A lack of teachers lowers the incentive for children to attend school, causing enrolment levels as low as 35%. The low level of school enrolment means that children are more likely to end up working, which increases the likelihood of child labour and exploitation.

Last year, the Teaching Assistants Programme funded 60 volunteers to provide extra support and skills to teachers and pupils in 35 schools in the Savelugu/Nanton District. The presence of the volunteers means that all classes have the full number of teachers needed, reducing class size and improving the quality of education administered. Attendance in the schools we support has also improved. There has been a 30% reduction in dropout rates during farming season and an increase in enrolment in all schools by 46%. By providing



additional teachers, we are addressing a real need that has a positive impact on the lives of the children. According to head teachers and class teachers, there has also been a marked improvement over previous years in the children's reading and numeracy skills.

School Improvement Programme

The introduction of free basic primary education for every child in Ghana has led to a huge increase in enrolment. Unfortunately, in many schools, there is not enough classroom space to accommodate the additional children. Many classrooms are overcrowded and a number of them are in unsatisfactory physical condition¹. In August 2009 the School Improvement Programme was established to renovate classrooms and build a playground at Kpano School in the Savelungu/Nanton District. It has provided 95 children with a more child-friendly school environment and has maintained enrolment levels. The volunteer teachers in the school are highly motivated, attend school regularly and

are always on time. Furthermore, all 70 volunteers live in accommodation on the school premises provided by the School Improvement Programme. The Headmaster, Inusah Ibrahim, attributes subsequent high attendance rates to the project.

"The standard of renovation and general cleanliness is very high compared to other schools in the district."

- Inusah Ibrahim (Kpano School headmaster)

School Farm Programme

As a result of climate change, Ghana, like many other countries, has recently been experiencing extreme weather conditions. Periods of drought combined with torrential rain storms have resulted in crop failures. Subsequently school attendance has rapidly fallen and in an attempt to address this problem we decided to launch a School Farm Programme, to improve harvests and thereby encourage attendance, ensure retention and improve the nutritional and health status of children. The School Farm Programme provided seed and fertiliser to 17 schools to enable them to plant crops which in turn provided food and a sustainable income for children and school staff. This year it has benefited over 900 pupils.

Good Governance and Future Plans

Since opening in June 2009 Childreach International Ghana has fully immersed itself into new responsibilities associated with running an international office and project implementation. The process of moving from CCSD to Childreach International Ghana has meant that many procedures in place have now had to change or alter according to the increased influx of funding. Since July 2009 Childreach International Ghana has reassessed its Teaching Assistants Programme and is now encouraging the implementation of the programme in more schools throughout Northern Ghana. This has granted both the staff of Childreach International and the teaching assistants more responsibility and offered a greater insight into the education needs in the surrounding areas. Monitoring and evaluation of each project has become much more systematic in its approach to development and has highlighted the key areas in which Childreach International Ghana needs to work. Future plans for Ghana are very encouraging, with plans to increase the number of Teaching Assistants to 70, establish a water harvesting pilot scheme within the School Improvement Programme and to expand the School Farm Programme to increase the yield for local communities and school feeding.

11 year-old Adarahinatu studies at Gbaga Lower Primary School. She has three brothers and three sisters. Her father works on a farm and her mother cooks food to sell. If Adarahinatu was unable to attend school, she would be forced into labour. When asked whether the Teaching Assistants were helping, Adarahinatu replied:

"The Teaching Assistants have really helped us. They teach us how to read and write. Before they arrived we used to sit on our own and recite numbers or the alphabet for several hours. I think we need more Teaching Assistants."

Adarahinatu, aged 11, Gbaga Primary School



¹ Ghana: Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper – 2006 Annual Progress Report, July 2009

INDIA



Population:

1.2 billion

30% are aged 0-14

Life Expectancy:

63.4

Literacy Rate:

66%

in population aged over 15

Number of Street Children:

18 million

UN Development Index:

**134 out of
182 countries**

Childreach International began working in India in 2008 in the Western state of Gujarat. Despite a major push in India to improve literacy rates, about 25 million children continue to be unable to access education services and are out of school. Of those children who do attend, only 59% complete their education. Persistent social inequality in India continues to deny children equal opportunities in education, health and social inclusion. This is especially true for girls, who are continually socially and economically marginalised. Child labour remains a major problem when providing universal education in India. Many children drop out of school due to a lack of resources and the economic needs of their families.

Our partners in 2009 were the Centre for Development (CfD), Shaishav, Sharada Mahila Vikas Society (SMVS) and SMILE Foundation, focusing on Childreach International's three key themes of health, education and child rights and protection.

Health

As part of our commitment to the health and well-being of children we have endeavoured to improve access to healthcare and health education, particularly in rural areas. In 2009 SMVS organised health camps and nutrition awareness training sessions in nine villages in the Jhagadia rural region of Gujarat. 567 children attended and were educated on the importance of health and nutrition.



Childreach International worked with SMILE Foundation and Delhi Council for Child Welfare (DCCW) to run outreach day care programmes named 'Bal Chetna' for children at three centres; Sultanpuri, Nangloi and New Seemapuri. The programme, provides support to 60 children with learning difficulties.

Education

Our partner, CfD, began a project in April 2009 providing education for slum children, on the outskirts of Ahmedabad. The project provided access to educational facilities and supplementary education tools for displaced, poor and dropout children. Two education centres staffed by two Bal Dosts (supplementary teachers) were established, enabling 60 children to enrol. SMVS's primary education programme has opened nine educational centres for children aged 6-18 in the Jhagadia district of Gujarat. The centres use trained staff and teachers to provide educational support, thereby empowering 350-400 children; reducing dropout rates and increasing school performance.

Childreach International launched an initiative with SMVS helping over a dozen youths to learn subjects such as electronic engineering, welding and fabrication. This unique project enabled 100% of the participating youths to find paid employment within a year of graduation, thanks to close links that have been forged with local industries. Our partnership with SMILE has enabled us to fund several education projects; Neev (a literacy project), Schools of the World (a childhood improvement project), Action for Autism, Amcha Ghar (a home for destitute girls), Jan Sevak Sangha (a health and education project) and Amrapali Utkarsha Sangh (a residential school). These initiatives have benefited 1,553 children.

Child rights and protection

Our partner, Shaishav, runs the Balsena programme, a truly unique initiative that promotes child rights through the use of a children's union, demonstrating our commitment to child centred development. In India, where inequality and discrimination are widespread, children find it difficult to express themselves and find solutions to their problems. This Child Development and Empowerment programme enables children themselves to be agents of change. They identify and problem solve issues they face at home, school, and within their communities. Teams are formed in schools and

youth clubs and the children conduct monthly meetings and organise activities, programmes, and celebrations. There are 53 Balsena teams with a total membership of 2,800 children. We plan to roll this model out across India over the next 12 months.

Accountability and future plans

This year we have worked hard to provide pioneering development initiatives with our project partners - CfD, SMVS and Shaishav. Our collective commitment, innovative approach and the progression of programmes in the areas of child rights, child education and child health will continue throughout 2010. Due to the increase in the number of projects taking place in India and our need to plan and improve projects, we decided to open an Indian office in 2010. This will enable experienced staff from the local population to create an effective in-country strategy. The focus of Childreach International India will be to increase the capacity of our in-country work and to engage with a wider range of issues affecting children's health, education and rights.

12 year old Sonal has been a Balsena member for three years:

"Earlier I could never go out, I was always in the home but after joining Balsena I learnt to be independent. I don't get scared anymore."

We are doing a Child Rights Audit because children are not getting their rights so we are getting this information and we will analyse it. We are collecting information house to house and note down whatever problems children have."

I will present my findings to the Chief Minister of Gujarat."

Sonal, aged 12, Balsena



NEPAL



Population:

29.5 million

with a rural population of 88%

Life Expectancy:

66.3

Under-5 Mortality Rate:

55

per 1,000 live births

UN Development Index:

**144 out of
182 countries**

Childreach International has worked in Nepal for over two years, with a particular focus on rural communities. One of the poorest countries in the world, Nepal is sandwiched between the world's two most populous countries, India and China. In 2007, following over a decade of civil war which left at least 13,000 people dead and 100,000 displaced, a landmark peace deal was agreed. However the situation remains fragile and the country continues to depend greatly on foreign aid. Mountainous terrain, widespread poverty and weak infrastructure mean that access to essential health services for rural communities is notoriously challenging and many areas struggle to provide adequate education services.

Rural Child Health Programme

Malnutrition accounts for 60% of child deaths, indicating the severity of the health situation for children in Nepal. Childreach International worked in partnership with Dhulikhel Hospital to improve rural child health by running mother and child health outreach services. In recent months, this programme has expanded to include community based research related to child health issues, paediatric training for outreach workers, the provision of health education in rural schools and the development of a tele-medicine system for child health in three outreach health centres. During the year these activities benefited over 9,400 mothers and children.



School Improvement Programme

The School Improvement Programme in Nepal is based in the rural village of Shermathang. After years of closure due to the civil war, we have facilitated the reopening of Yangrima School providing the local communities with access to quality education. This project involved building renovations, the construction of toilet facilities and the creation of a playground. In addition to the enrolment of 77 children and the provision of a healthy and friendly learning environment, the project has revived the surrounding area as families have returned to the community to live.

Child Protection Programme

Throughout Nepal there is an ingrained social stigma surrounding sexual abuse, as many believe it to be a punishment for a previous life. Consequently the majority of cases remain unreported with incidents of sexual abuse often ignored or concealed. This can be particularly damaging for children and may result


in social exclusion. Even if care is sought, support is often expensive and scarce. Childreach International, together with our partner Antardristi, is attempting to combat this stigma by raising awareness through community education in our Child Protection Programme. We are also supporting the child victims of sexual abuse through two residential counselling centres, in Kathmandu and Pokhara, where they receive trauma counselling and individual psychotherapy, and have access to medical, legal and educational services. We have supported 32 children and their families through these centres in the past year.

Good governance and future plans

In the coming year we plan to develop and expand all three programmes in Nepal allowing us to reach out to even more children. This year our Child Health Programme was focused on rural communities, however we recognise that the health of urban children is also a priority. We will now be supporting children with learning difficulties in Kathmandu through a new partnership with the Association for the Welfare of Intellectual Handicapped (AWIH). This project

will involve providing a day care centre that offers speech therapy, physiotherapy and special needs education to children with learning difficulties. This work will also include outreach assistance and community awareness activities. In rural Nepal, we intend to build on our current partnership with Dhulikhel Hospital; increasing the scope of the mother and child outreach services and providing more schools with health education. Our School Improvement Programme will also expand to include more projects in rural areas that aim to improve the teaching environment, the standard of education and school enrolment levels.

Communication with project partners in Nepal was challenging this year due to extensive power shortages and political instability. Although these problems remain, it is hoped that they will be mitigated in the coming year as Childreach International establish an in-country office, Childreach Nepal. Run only by local staff, this office will strengthen our ability to work at the grassroots level, making a real difference in children's lives where it is needed the most. It will also facilitate the future expansion of our work in Nepal.



Durigar Sherma, an Ophthalmic Assistant, explains the work he does as part of the Rural Child Health Programme performing an eye screening programme for children in the Dhulikhel region.

"Corneal ulcers are a common disease in children which can lead to reduced vision, even blindness."

"In one day I screened 64 children, out of which 3 had corneal ulcers."

"Within a week of coming to Dhulikhel Hospital, children with corneal ulcers were provided with medicine to treat it which greatly improves children's vision and helps prevent complete blindness".

Durigar Sherma, Dhulikhel Hospital

FUNDRAISING

Childreach International is an organisation that believes fundraising is about more than just making money. Our revenue streams are designed to create stakeholders, not just donors. Our supporters are part of the process; from their initial financial input through to the implementation of our programmes.

The methods we use are found throughout the charitable sector; however what makes us different is the manner in which we deliver our fundraising models. With Childreach International fundraisers develop a sense of ownership of the work delivered on the ground.

Childreach International's Futurebuilding and Challenge Events provide the charity with financial independence. These two programmes allow our organisation an income that is almost entirely comprised of unrestricted funding. Hundreds of people participate and raise money in our name every year.

Effective training, inspiring leaders and life-changing expeditions turn these individuals into advocates for Childreach International, in every community across the country. Furthermore, through our carbon offsetting scheme we ensure that our fundraising programmes create responsible travellers and protect the environment.

Childreach International is dedicated to transparency and best practice. Our success this year can be attributed not only to those who have given money, but those who have given up their time.

Why We Do What We Do

1



Provide participants with an educational experience of international development, foreign cultures and environmental issues

2



Provide employment opportunities for Childreach International's project communities

3



Encourage individuals to fundraise for the charity and witness first-hand where their money goes

4



Raise funds & awareness of the charity's vision and values

5



Provide volunteers with the opportunity to be involved in the allocation of funds

6



Create bespoke projects to meet Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) aims of partner organisations

CHALLENGE EVENTS



Our primary fundraising initiative, Challenge Events, asks volunteers to fundraise for Childreach International before participating in an international expedition.

Our fundraising aim:

Fundraising challenges play a crucial part in reinforcing Childreach International's underlying strategy and core principles. We offer challenge experiences in the countries we operate in, providing an educational service for our volunteers by enabling them to develop their understanding and widen their knowledge of issues relating to international development.

Unprecedented numbers

Childreach International organised and ran three Challenge Events this year; Climb Kilimanjaro for Kids, Expedition Everest and the St. Patrick's Day Dublin Dash. Despite two of the events running in their pilot year, total participation across the UK reached 674.

Climb Kilimanjaro for Kids

Climb Kilimanjaro for Kids was run by Childreach International for a second year in 2009. 540 young people took part in expeditions, departing between June and September with over 95% of trekkers reaching the Roof of Africa (Kilimanjaro Summit, 5,895 metres altitude). The Challenge Event saw our volunteers raise over £1 million for Childreach International.

Expedition Everest

2009 saw Expedition Everest launched as Childreach International's second large scale fundraising Challenge Event. In June, two separate teams comprising of over 70 students from Nottingham, East London and Leeds Universities, successfully completed a month long expedition to the foot of Mount Everest, raising over £100,000 for Childreach International.

St. Patrick's Day Dublin Dash – A fun side to Challenge Events!

In addition to our long distance events, Childreach International also ran its second EU based hitch-hike event in 2009. At 08:00 on March 17th, St. Patrick's Day, 60 young people from the Midlands stuck their thumbs out and started the nine hour long race to the heart of Dublin. After a few wrong turns and skipped

heartbeats, all the teams were able to catch the last ferry into the capital of Ireland for a well deserved celebration, having raised over £7,000 for Childreach International.

Record breaking relationships

In 2009, the University of Nottingham Students Union's Karnival and Childreach International cemented a relationship that would continue the rapid growth and development of both organisations. 300 students from the University took part in Climb Kilimanjaro for Kids and Expedition Everest, helping to make Karnival the biggest voluntary student fundraising organisation in the world.

Pioneering responsibility

This year, Childreach International began its drive towards carbon neutrality. For Childreach International, striking a balance between necessary travel and environmental protection is a difficult task. We have implemented a Carbon Offsetting Programme based around a philosophy of innovation, respect and care for the environment, aiming to offset the charity's carbon emissions and repopulate heavily deforested woodland areas in the developing world. £4,900 was dedicated to the Carbon Offsetting Programme this year, as part of our commitment to global environmental issues.

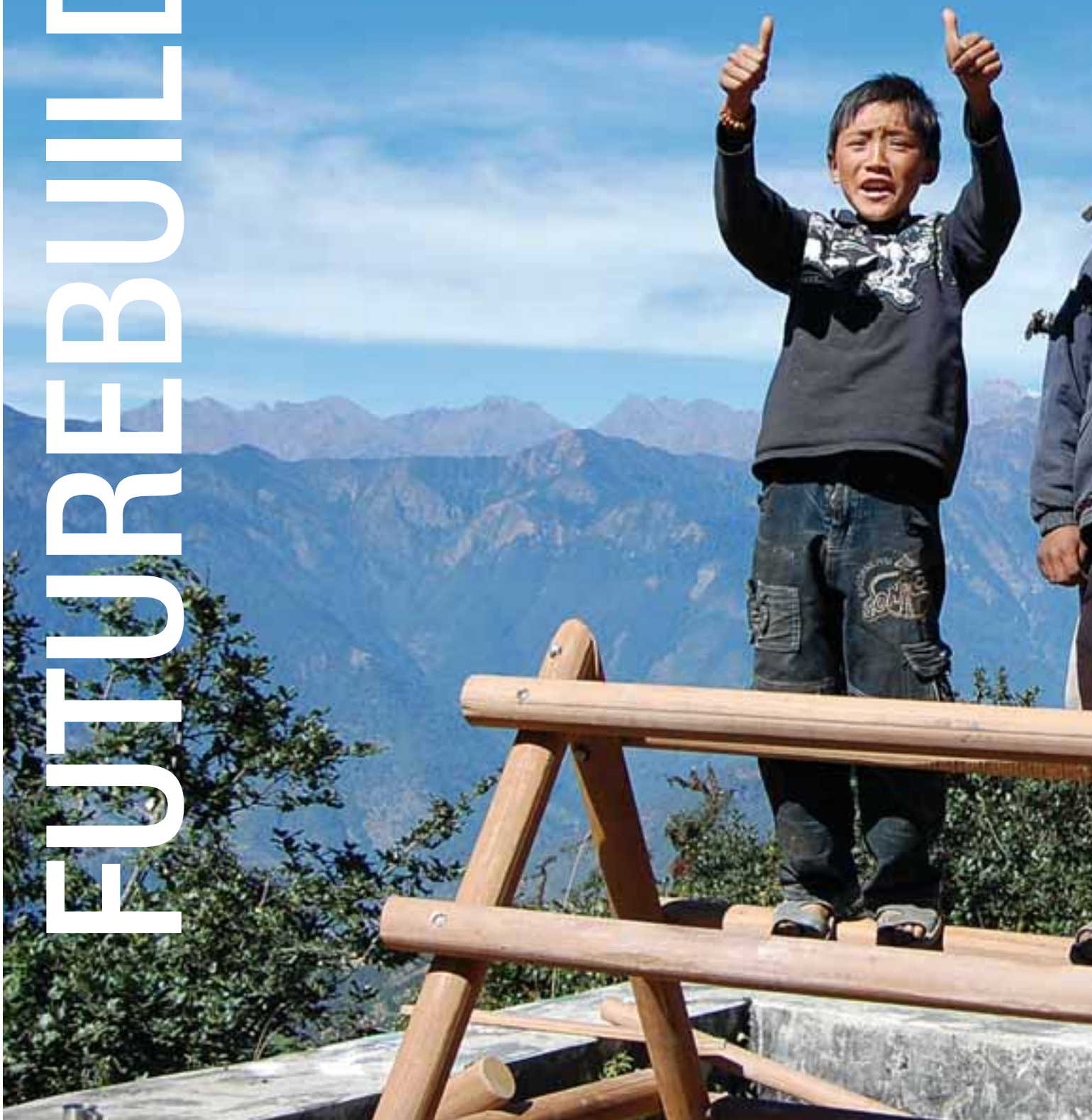
Tree nurseries have been established for our local communities in Tanzania, with over 500 trees planted in the space of four months to offset the organisation's carbon footprint.

All of our Climb Kilimanjaro for Kids volunteers planted a tree in the grounds of one of our supported schools, offsetting the CO₂ emitted by their flight. We are now taking steps to implement a similar scheme in Nepal. As part of our commitment to neutrality, all Challenge Event participants this coming year will actively take part in our Carbon Offsetting Programme, increasing their awareness of how our actions impact the world around us – environmentally and socially.

Accountability and future plans

With such rapid recent expansion, Childreach International has learnt many lessons over the last year. Feedback from participants is allowing us to set new standards, reach more people and ensure our events continue to form an educational platform for our volunteers. Over the year, Childreach International has worked more closely with the Fundraising Standards Board (FRSB) to ensure best practice and transparency. Our organisation now has strict guidelines and advice on how to approach fundraising and has been used as a case study by the FRSB demonstrating working improvement. Additionally, in 2010 we plan to tackle logistical issues by working towards BS8848 (British Standards for Overseas Adventure Expeditions). 2010 promises to be an even better year for Challenge Events; we hope to double our intake of volunteers and expand into new countries including China, raising greater funds and enabling Childreach International to help more children in the developing world to unlock their full potential.

FUTUREBUILDING

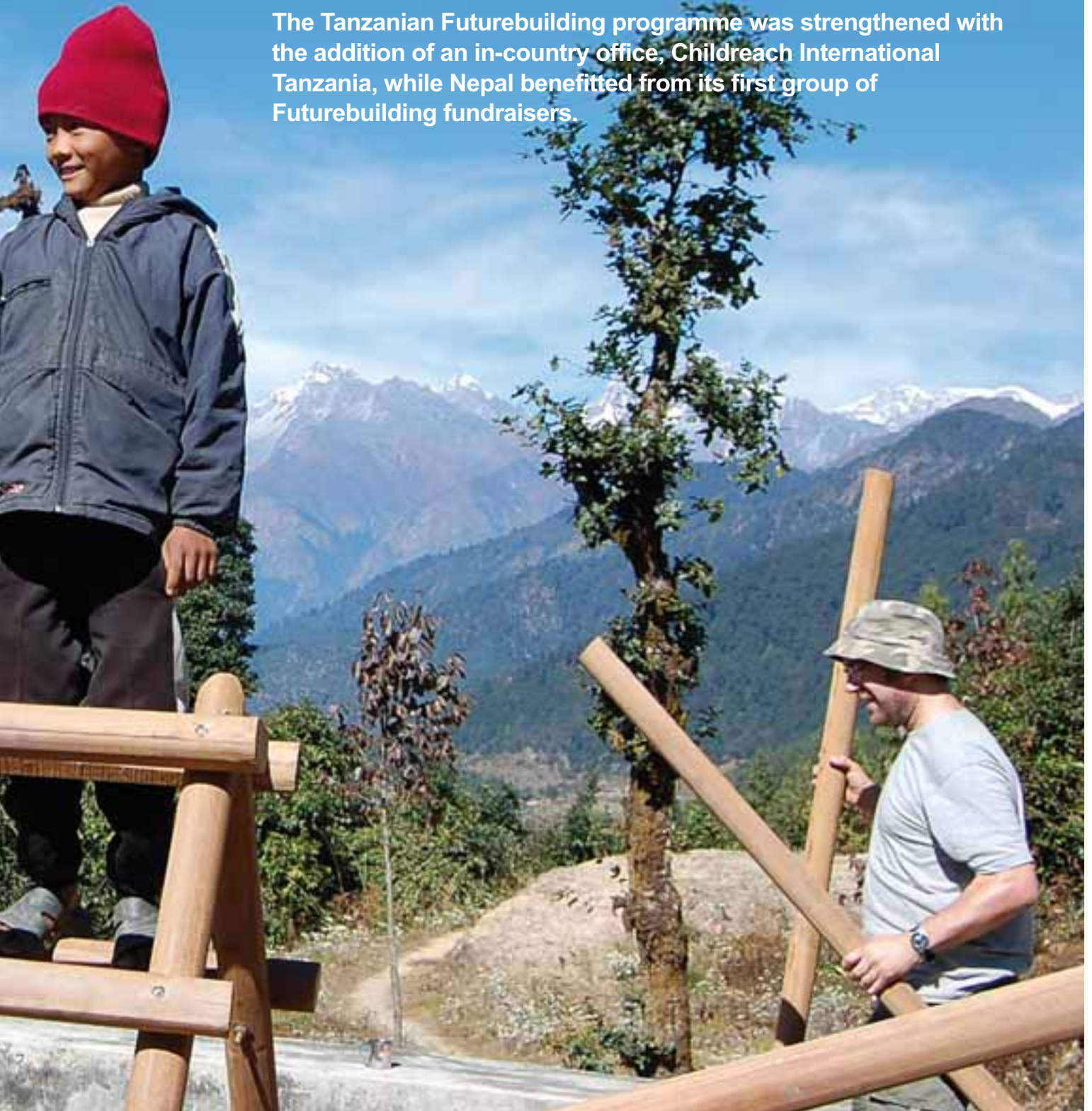


Our second fundraising initiative, Futurebuilding, asks volunteers to fundraise for Childreach International before participating in an international School Improvements Project. This year Childreach International looked to strengthen its donor stakeholder numbers by increasing its focus on its Futurebuilding programme.

Futurebuilding – the official launch!

The huge growth of our Futurebuilding initiative and its participant intake highlighted the programme as a key source of funding and a highly successful overseas volunteering scheme.

The Tanzanian Futurebuilding programme was strengthened with the addition of an in-country office, Childreach International Tanzania, while Nepal benefitted from its first group of Futurebuilding fundraisers.



FUTUREBUILDING

Corporate Social Responsibility and staff development

By working closely with Eaga PLC, a FTSE 250 company, and the Eaga Partnership Trust (EPT), a bespoke Futurebuilding model was successfully implemented in Tanzania. Involving 44 participants, the programme was spread over eight weeks and achieved the following objectives;

- Facilitated the provision of good quality education services in Tanzania
- Strengthened relationships between the heads of the local community and the local government
- Empowered the local community to help themselves
- Achieved Eaga UK's Corporate Social Responsibility objectives
- Facilitated Eaga staff development, promoted effective teamwork and mobilised Eaga employees through unified goals
- Created an inclusive programme that was accessible to all Eaga staff
- Incorporated UK agencies, groups and communities in the support of the above activities

Thanks to the commitment of Eaga and EPT to the School Improvement Programme in Tanzania, over £100,000 was raised and donated by Eaga and its staff. As a result, two schools in the Moshi Rural District, Nkosangana and Mrupanga, were renovated and funds were secured for future school development.

Volunteer recruitment

This year our Futurebuilding programme was introduced to Nepal through an affiliated programme with Sage UK. In March 2009, 17 dedicated volunteers began a six month fundraising strategy which generated over £35,000.

Thanks to the Sage UK employees, Yangrima School in the Helambu region of Nepal was reopened after

nine years of closure caused by Maoist threat. For 10 days in November the group travelled to Nepal to directly participate in the school's improvement, helping to re-develop the school through the construction of a playground and the renovation of school classrooms.

Specialised programmes

In 2009, Childreach International successfully formed its first Futurebuilding team from outside the UK; a group of childcare workers, teachers and social work students from Ryerson University, Toronto, Canada, led by a seasoned volunteer for Childreach International.

A bespoke School Improvements Programme was created to match the skills of this group in Nkosangana, Tanzania. The group of seven volunteers spent 14 days building and decorating a kindergarten and playground for 70 children.

Accountability and future plans

In a year where the British economy faced its longest recession, Futurebuilding gained momentum and support from corporate and individual donors. Over the year many lessons have been learnt as we researched and trialled a variety of different avenues for volunteer recruitment. Post event evaluation forms have also highlighted the need to increase staff numbers in order to spread the Futurebuilding message to more cities and organisations whilst fine-tuning the on-site management.

Consequently, 2010 will see Childreach International's Futurebuilding department grow, allowing us to increase group numbers and explore more diverse recruitment methods.

During the period, the Group raised over £1.5m gross from the UK general public and grant-making bodies to carry out the programmes mentioned above. The money that was not disbursed was committed to project spending and has, at the time of writing, been expended.

Almost all of our income was unrestricted. The Group is very fortunate to be in this position and the Trustees will strive to grow unrestricted income before pursuing restricted income streams, as this allows greater flexibility in project funding schedules.

The charity's principle source of income is generated through the commercial activities of its subsidiary trading company which sources and arranges international Challenge Events, such as 'Climb Kilimanjaro for Kids', in Tanzania.

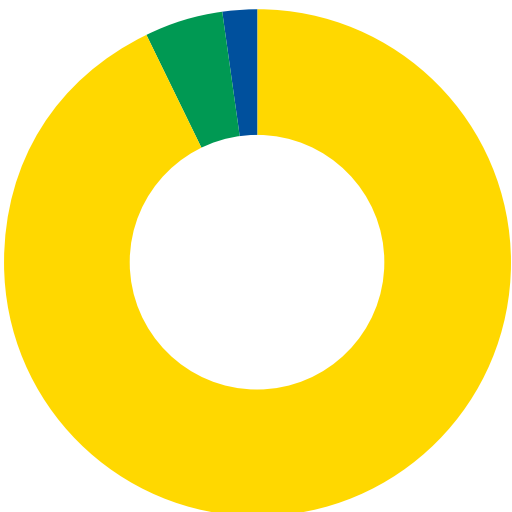
From the money available to the charity from trading and voluntary donations, expenditure in this financial period is classified as follows (under SORP 2005):

PROGRAMME EXPENDITURE BY COUNTRY (%)



TANZANIA	52
GHANA	11
UGANDA	2
NEPAL	22
INDIA	13

FOR EVERY £1 RAISED BY THE CHARITY (%)



CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES	93
GOVERNANCE	5
FUNDRAISING	2

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CEO REPORT



The 2009 financial year has been an incredible journey. Strategic planning from the 2008 financial year has allowed Childreach International to expand its work rapidly. This expansion in our work is ascribed to four key factors - appropriate sequencing of activities, developing solid foundation blocks to become process driven, recruiting the right team, and having a sustainable fundraising model in place.

A summary of key achievements this year are as follows:

- We have benefitted 12,556 children by improving their access to education, for example through our School Improvement Programme, which directly benefitted 3,296 children in Tanzania. Our Teaching Assistants Programme has helped 5,761 children in Ghana, which has reduced the dropout rate by 30% during farming season, and an overall increase in enrolment by 46%
- We have increased the number of skilled youths in Tanzania through our innovative Vocational Training Centre Programme, which has helped 189 vulnerable youths gain skills in carpentry, tailoring, English, maths and basic IT skills
- 4,000 children have been given a voice to help solve their own problems in India, providing them with the tools to be agents for change in their own lives
- We have helped to rehabilitate and reintegrate 50 girls who have been victims of sexual abuse in Nepal. They have received residential counselling to overcome their trauma, so that they can rebuild their lives

- 23,330 children now have access to health in the most remote rural areas in Nepal, through our Outreach Health Services and Health Education Programmes in schools

Our unique inclusive fundraising model is one where donors get involved in an active positive way. We believe that young people from the developed world have a central role to play in addressing child poverty. Today's young people will become tomorrow's decision makers, people with the capacity to alter future inequalities. Our fundraising model provides young people with the opportunity to have first hand experiences of those inequalities. We call this a Development Learning Experience where participants get to experience different cultures, visit Childreach International projects, have an opportunity to interact with local communities and beneficiaries and also to take part in an exciting challenge.

As part of our strategic planning, we have established overseas offices in Tanzania and Ghana. Both offices are registered in their respective countries and have been set up with local independent Boards of Trustees and local staff. We see our role as

developing the capacity of our staff and Trustees to make autonomous decisions regarding the challenges that are faced by children in their respective countries in a transparent and accountable manner.

Our plans for the next financial year include increasing and diversifying our income streams and opening offices in India, Nepal and Pakistan. We also hope to increase the countries where we work to include the Palestinian Territories and Bangladesh. We are also planning to open up fundraising offices in the USA and Canada to further diversify our income.

It will be an exciting 2010 and all the staff at Childreach International are prepared for the challenges that face us in the coming 12 months.

Firoz Patel
CEO

Our annual review is dedicated to Thomas Eleftheriades. Thomas, a motivated and dedicated young man with a compassionate nature and desire to make a difference, ventured to Africa in the summer of 2009, supporting Childreach International education programmes in Tanzania. While volunteering in Childreach International's Tanzania office, Thomas proved himself a committed and valuable member of the team, working hard with our in-country staff to implement vital education projects in local communities. Thomas sadly died after returning home in Autumn 2009. Childreach International would like to pay tribute to his inspirational efforts helping children to unlock their full potential in the developing world.

Thomas Eleftheriades: January 1986 – October 2009



Childreach International would also like to offer thanks to those that have given up their time and offered their support for our international development work over the past year. Without their contribution we would not have witnessed such incredible growth and great achievements in this short space of time. Although, unfortunately we are unable to list all of our supporters, Childreach International greatly appreciates all those who have contributed.

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