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**BACKGROUND AND MISSION**

Aids and Child was founded in 1988 as a Swiss foundation for direct assistance to children and youths infected or affected by HIV/Aids, in Switzerland as well as in diverse countries of Eastern Europe and Sub-Saharan Africa. The foundation ended its engagement in Switzerland in 2014, now focusing on its activities abroad. Aids & Child is strictly humanitarian and politically and religiously entirely neutral. The focus on the wellbeing of children lies at the very root of the foundations' activities. National as well as international commitment and engagement have been a defining constant in their work since the beginning.

**AREAS OF INTEREST**

- HIV/Aids
- Youth empowerment
- Fighting poverty
- Access to education

**HEALTH-RELATED ACTIVITIES**

As disease is not only a consequence, but often the cause of poverty, Aids & Child focuses in its work on increasing access to education, strengthening the livelihoods of affected children and increasing public health access. Currently, Aids and Child Foundation is engaged in South Africa, India and Kenya through a handful of carefully selected long-term partnerships with local community based organizations and self-help organizations focusing on HIV/Aids infected or affected children. The work mainly focuses on highly at-risk populations, such as children of sex workers, migrant workers and truck drivers. The foundation and its local partners work on a creation of safe havens for affected children and teenagers, as well as on increasing the access to education and health, and providing consultancy services to children infected with HIV and their guardians.

**GOVERNANCE AND STAFF**

Daily operations are handled by the office, which consists of the two co-directors Carmen Rahm and Martin Ramsauer as well as an accountant. A six member Board of Trustees, led by the President Walter Zingg, oversees the office.

**FUNDING SOURCES AND BUDGET**

Funding sources for the Aids & Child foundation are private and corporate donations. The income for 2018 was CHF 375'311.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

Publications are in German and French only and can be downloaded at:

<https://www.aidsundkind.ch/downloads/> (German)

<https://www.aidsundkind.ch/fr/downloads/> (French)

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