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**BACKGROUND AND MISSION**

Founded by President Mikhail Gorbachev in 1993, Green Cross International (GCI) is a non-governmental organisation which engages in high level advocacy with key international stakeholders, runs campaigns and manages local projects to address the inter-connected global challenges of security, poverty eradication and environmental degradation.

**AREAS OF INTEREST**

- Preventing and resolving conflicts over natural resources
- Addressing the environmental consequences of wars and conflicts
- Promoting values and behaviour changes
- Social and medical rehabilitation of children and youth affected by environmental and chemical disasters

**HEALTH-RELATED ACTIVITIES**

The Social and Medical Care Programme provides support to children, families and communities suffering from long-term socio-economic, medical and psychological stress as a result of living in contaminated areas. GCI's health programs mainly operate in the areas affected by Chernobyl nuclear disaster in Eastern Europe and in the South-East Asian region contaminated by the herbicide Agent Orange. The organisation provides medical treatment, rehabilitation, therapy camps, prosthetics and other medical aids for children and youth living in affected areas with disabilities and high risk of radiation-related complications. More recent projects include work with children adversely impacted by the use of obsolete pesticides in Kyrgyzstan.

**GOVERNANCE AND STAFF**

GCI is present in over 30 countries and has its headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland. It has a staff of five in Geneva, as well as interns on a regular basis. The chairman of the board is Martin Bäumle.

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