



# ANNUAL REPORT

2015

*Mission: To catalyze socio-economic change through education of underprivileged children in India*

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## 2015 COMMITTEE



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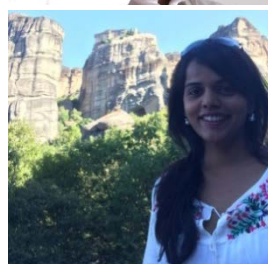
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## EDITOR'S NOTE

India is a country widely known for its rich diversity of culture, breath-taking natural beauty and admirable technological progress. Yet at the same time, we constantly hear heart-wrenching stories of poverty and exploitation from all over India.

However, there is a well-known saying:

*"Where there is charity and wisdom, there is neither fear nor ignorance."*

At Asha Zürich, we believe that education, as Nelson Mandela had famously said, "is the most powerful weapon" to conquer this fear and ignorance, and facilitate change.

Change, that volunteers and donors at Asha Zürich have facilitated by means of applying their charity and wisdom in small, consistent steps by means of not only monetary donation but also by contributing their time, efforts and expertise. With the help of these sources, Asha Zürich has been supporting educational projects in mostly far-flung, remote and often unsafe areas of India.

Five projects were supported this year by Asha Zürich: SACSAS Academy in Manipur, Palas and Lok Biradari Prkalp in remote regions of Maharashtra, Ved Vignan Maha Vidyapeeth in Tamil Nadu, which will be run under the patronage of the Art of Living Foundation in Vadakkur village and another primary school in Thirumangalam village run by the Boys Town Society. The projects in Tamil Nadu are new projects. All new projects in Asha are undertaken only after a thorough background check of the institution and an on-site visit that is carried out either by an Asha volunteer or a trusted representative. The above projects were selected from many others discussed, after careful debate and deliberation.

In fact, in 2015, site visits to four of our projects were conducted by Rajesh, Tapomyukh, Subhankar and Abhay. Their positive feedback only served to confirm and renew our commitment to these projects. All the schools are run by able administrators and dedicated teachers who not only contribute to the academic development of the children but also to their personal development. Sports camps, excursions, professional and vocational development camps are held by the schools so that the students are ably integrated into the society once they graduate.

Asha Zürich is a flat organization with a minimum-overheads functioning style and always welcomes new volunteers. As we look forward to continuing our efforts with renewed zest in this New Year, we would like to thank you for your continuing support.

Neera Mallick

## PRESIDENT'S NOTE

I would like to begin by wishing all of you a very happy New Year. For Asha Zurich, 2015 was an exceptional year. We had some remarkable achievements last year, some of which were first of its kind.

We started the year by organizing a Bollywood party which was followed by a couple of food stands with our partner Chat with Chaat, a painting workshop, a charity run with our partner "Write Your Own Prescription" and the biggest ever fundraising campaign, the Zurich Marathon, where forty of us ran for Team Asha, including me. Please refer to the Events section for details. We also got invited to speak about Asha at a number of events. While I gave a speech at an international conference on volunteerism at the United Nations Office in Geneva, my fellow volunteer Indranil and Rajesh spoke at the Ignite Conference in Zurich and Swiss Diwali in Baden, respectively.



In 2015 we supported five projects in different parts of India (two in the South, two in the West and one in the North East), which have benefitted more than 1,300 children. Please refer to the individual project articles for details. One of our biggest achievements last year was to organize the site visits to four of our projects. All our projects are located in remote villages in India where public infrastructure is literally nonexistent. Our volunteers either took time off from their vacation or from their busy work schedule to make those trips. For our project Save Children Save Society (SACSAS) located in Manipur, the visit was made during a very turbulent time, but thanks to our amazing local hosts it took place without any issues. I sincerely thank Rajesh, Tapomyukh, Subhankar and Abhay for this huge contribution to Asha and Stefania, Samyuktha, Rajdeep, Namita, Sachin and Justhy for organizing these trips and preparing the first ever key performance indicators (KPIs) for Asha projects, based on the site visit reports.

In addition to our regular projects, we have made specific one-time donations for disaster relief in Nepal and Chennai to support the victims of the devastating earthquake and the floods, respectively. In both cases, we have partnered with Zurich-based organizations that have substantial volunteer bases on the site.

## PRESIDENT'S NOTE

Asha for Education is an organization that truly belongs to you all. Our strength is our people, some of whom donate their personal time and others lend us financial and moral support. We need you all to continue our mission of “catalyzing a socioeconomic change in India by providing education to underprivileged children”, so that they are not taken advantage of and the country as a whole develops with well-informed and well-skilled workforce. I would like to conclude with a Chinese proverb and an open invitation to anyone reading this article to join Asha Zurich.

“Tell me and I’ll forget; show me and I may remember; involve me and I’ll understand.”

Prat Das Kanungo



# PROJECT- LOK BIRADARI PRAKALP

Asha Zurich has been associated with this project since June 2011. LBP is a school and ashram that offers a sanctuary of peace where education is provided to tribal children free of cost in an



otherwise disturbed region that is not only inhabited by wild animals and venomous snakes but also affected by Naxalite (ultra-left rebels) violence. The project was started by Dr. Prakash Amte and his wife Mandakini Amte in 1973 in the forests of the very remote region of Hemalkasa, located between Maharashtra and Chhattisgarh state. The School, Ashram Shala, serves students from 600 neighboring villages and was built with the financial aid from Swiss-Aid and Oxfam. In 2015, Asha Zurich organized a site visit, which revealed the following findings.

## Teaching and educational achievements

### Board exam results

10<sup>th</sup> Grade Results:

Students Appeared - 42 Students Passed - 42 (100%), 1st Division (60% marks) - 21 (50%)

12<sup>th</sup> Grade Results:

Students Appeared - 41 Students Passed - 41 (100 %), 1<sup>st</sup> Division (60% marks) - 12 (30%)

### Innovative Teaching Practices

The teaching approach is very practical. Examples are used for different kind of education.

- For example the use of a theme in teaching mathematics every week. The use of water as a theme means the students learn to count using water quantity measures to assess the amount.
- Real life phenomena are used to teach scientific concepts, for example the use of salt and soil to depict solubility concepts to the students.
- To improve counting techniques, teaching decimal concepts etc. the corridors are painted with different real life countable examples.
- English is taught with pictures and examples



# PROJECT- LOK BIRADARI PRAKALP

## Nil Gonda Project

In addition to the existing schools in Hemelkasa, a new school is set up in the remote location of Nil-Gonda. The project is special because every day the volunteers of LBP travel 3-4 hours to get to the location to teach the tribal children. The location is really remote in the sense that the journey is risky and leads through the forests. Still the volunteers of LBP very enthusiastically take part to teach the most underprivileged children. In this regard, they themselves have learned a new language called 'Maria' which is the spoken language among the tribal community in those remote villages. In addition to education, the children there are also given nutritious food.



Following are a few pictures from the village. The school has opened in a makeshift place. But the classes are going on and soon a fully constructed school will be set up.

## Activities related to Environmental Awareness

Because the school is set up in a tribal village where people naturally learn to live close to nature, it is very important to make the children also friends of nature, of trees, of the animals living here and most importantly to make them aware of the importance of conservation of nature. LBP took



up an active focus to develop this relationship between the children and the nature. Some of the activities are Vruksha-Bandhan, Vruksha – Dindi etc.

- a) The Vruksha-Bandhan is celebrated on a day of Raksha-Bandhan (a festival to celebrate brother – sister friendship and care). But here every student ties a Rakhi to a tree spreading the message to conserve the tree.
- b) The Vruksha-Dindi is celebrated on the eve of Adivasi day. This is a celebration to respect the forest.



# PROJECT- LOK BIRADARI PRAKALP

## Development of Volunteerism among Students

- a) A concept called SramDan (dedicate labor) is implemented where every student above a certain age is encouraged to participate in a one hour a week activity to contribute to the hostel management and community development. This includes the serving of food to other children, making products using bamboo, cleaning the hostel and taking part in some innovative painting and forest conservation activities.
- b) A mock market is enacted by 4 standard students. The activity is promoted to improve English vocabulary and the students are supposed to sell their product by conversing only in English.



## Sports and Physical Training and Education

The students are actively involved in sports and physical training programs. The LBP students have achieved a number of accolades. The following are a few such achievements.



- a) Two students received the bronze medal at the state level games held in Nagpur.
- b) Taluka level winner for Volleyball tournament.

Rajdeep Deb

## PROJECT- PALAS

PALAS, one of Asha Zurich's oldest projects, has been associated with us since 2004. This project is based out of Shirpur in Dulhe district (Maharashtra). The Palas schools aim to get the tribal children in this region involved in the education system. With this in mind,



they conduct non formal classes for children who are typically between 4-10 years old. Classes are typically divided into groups and are monitored by an assigned supervisor. The supervisor checks the attendance of students, conducts exams and makes random visits. The Project Coordinator, Father Lopes overlooks the reports and all activities of supervisors and teachers. The children are not charged any fees.

With the help of RTE (Right to Education) act VMS Palas is integrating children in the nearby government schools.

Some of the achievements from this year are:

- 135 children have made the transition to formal education; they have taken admission to Class V in schools outside their villages.
- An increase in the number of classes, also in new areas where education and literacy is a need. There has been an addition of 16 more classes this year. Classes have also been started in areas that are normally inaccessible by road.
- Significant improvement in attendance of teachers and students (20% increase compared to previous years).
- Regularity in the parent-teacher meetings.



## PROJECT- PALAS

- Environmental awareness and sustainable growth: the teachers planted nurseries of fruit trees, with VMS providing about 4,000 fruit trees of various varieties to the teachers & farmers.
- Awareness drive against superstitious, irrational beliefs etc. to educate the teachers, who can then pass the knowledge gained on to the children.
- A camp for Class IV students was conducted and attended in large numbers (134 in all: 62 girls 72 boys).
- Awareness among the parents about the importance of Education, Gram Sabha (village level political decision making process in India).
- There are fortnightly training seminars for the teachers conducted by resource personnel, the supervisors & the co-ordinator with the specific aim of imparting quality education to the children.
- The teachers are encouraged to be change-agents of their locality: they participate in helping the elderly, the illiterate to write applications for various schemes of the government, the villagers with banking-related tasks, conducting village meetings, works of the community, etc.



Samyuktha Muralidharan Sharma



## PROJECT- SACSAS

SACSAS Academy is a secular organization dedicated to socio-economic change in Manipur. In pursuit of this goal, SACSAS focuses on free quality education and healthcare. Their education program is aimed at the children in remote villages who cannot travel to the nearest state run school.

The first unit of SACSAS Academy opened on 10th May 2003 at the Yaoshulakpa (Laishoi) branch of Moirang, Manipur. SACSAS now runs five schools (Loilamkot, Maobam, Laishoi, New Dampi and Wangoo) providing quality



education to about 500 children in the far-flung remote villages of the state. Asha Zurich financially supports the New Dampi branch and also administers the functioning of the Loilamkot and Wangoo schools. The New Dampi branch started its operations in 2009 with Asha Houston acting as the steward for this project. Asha Zurich became a part of the project in 2010, supporting 50% of the recurring costs comprising of the salary of the teachers, study tools, uniform for students, text books, school maintenance and scholarship to 20 students

based on merit. The school in New Dampi village caters to 9 surrounding villages. 171 students study there in classes from pre-nursery to class VI.

Mr. Surjit Kumar is the on-ground coordinator of the SACSAS Academy who has been managing all the five schools. However, owing to the vastness of the area where the schools are located, help from the locals is solicited. The SACSAS model revolves around the understanding and the cooperation of the executive committee, the village guardian committee and the teachers. The village guardian committee not only protects the school premises against some militant groups active in the area, but also takes care of the daily school administration. This is really essential to build up the spirit of self-governance and a sense of responsibility in the minds of parents and villagers for their children's education. The committee also makes sure that the children attend the school regularly besides monitoring the punctuality of the school teachers. The functioning of the schools and the salary of the teachers in case of lack of funds is addressed by running a charitable hospital named "National Charitable Hospital" since the last six years by Mr. Surjit Kumar Yumkhaibam. Surjit Kumar also tries to fund the salaries of the teachers in difficult times.

### Education Methodology

The academy focuses on basic education for children. The books and teaching techniques used in imparting education are the same as the ones used in the government schools. This helps primarily in a way that children passing out of the SACSAS academy can directly enter mainstream schools. For an all-round development of the students in the school, the school organizes sports



## PROJECT- SACSAS

meets at least four times a year after each quarterly exam. This has been really a source of motivation and entertainment for the children in the area with winning students given books as prizes. It also conducts regular meetings with parents of students and the guardian committee. This is essential to address the problems faced by children and also brings about a sense of responsibility in the minds of the villagers where the school operates.



### Achievements in 2015

1. Most of the students graduated from SACSAS and joined the nearby government schools for further education.
2. Summer camps and other events like Teacher's day, St. Patriots day and sports day were regularly organized.

### Site Visit in 2015

A site visit was done in July 2015, by Mr. Tapomayukh Banerjee (volunteer from Asha Atlanta), who visited the school during his trip to India. Tapomayukh visited New Dampi, Wangoo and Loilamkot for 2 days. During his visit Tapomayukh interacted with the children and was amazed by the enthusiasm among them. He commented on his report

*"These visits were very fruitful as they helped in getting a first-hand understanding of the entire situation and I gratefully thank Surjit, Shantikumar, and the other SACSAS volunteers for extending such warm hospitality and helping me visit these places in spite of the greatest odds and dangers. This was a great learning experience overall. I am convinced that good work is being done in all these sites and that there is even greater need to continue this for the society there. This is very much in line with Asha's goals and visions and what Asha stands for. Therefore, I strongly recommend that Asha continues to support all these sites."*

Namita Agrawal

## PROJECT- BOYS TOWN SOCIETY

In 2014, Asha Zurich approved the proposal from Boys Town Society (BTS) of Thirumangalam village in Tamil Nadu from our volunteer Rajesh who made a site visit in October 2014. Boys Town Society was founded in 1965 by Joe Homan to educate and empower street children. Today, the society has 5 Boys Towns, 1 Girls Town and 2 Children villages (residential homes) that can accommodate up to 378 children. Currently, BTS is assisting 283 children under residential care and another 220 children under non-residential care in a primary school. In these institutions the children are receiving free education, food, medical care and activities to develop their physical,



mental and spiritual health. Youngsters who scored a higher percentage of marks are sent to higher studies like a Polytechnic college and other professional courses.

Asha Zurich has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to provide the running cost of Francois Meyer Nursery and Primary

School that benefits the underprivileged children from Kindergarten to the 5<sup>th</sup> Standard and released the first of two instalments of the 7,17,000 INR in May 2015.

A second site visit was conducted then in late July again by our webmaster Rajesh. He rated the project very highly but recommended better hygiene and computer facilities as possible improvements. We will prioritize this in the next funding. In addition, the on-site coordinator Dr. Raja also visited Zurich and attended our monthly meeting in September. He presented the way the organization works, as well as enlightened us with their success stories over the years. The second instalment was released in November 2015. Moreover, Asha Zurich voted to support the building of the new school with another 18,52,200 INR in December 2015.

Stefania, the project coordinator for BTS, is spending two weeks on the site in January 2016 to get a deeper understanding of the way the organization works and how the Asha funds are invested.

# PROJECT- BOYS TOWN SOCIETY

## Achievements in 2015

- 2015 was Boys Town Society's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The golden jubilee year (1965–2015) Pongal celebration was held on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2015 in a grand manner. All the guests, accompanied by staff from BTS Administration, visited the projects with the school van. Thereafter, further activities were conducted such as flag hoisting and a parade. Children exhibited their talents through dancing, Yoga and musical performances (e.g. drums), wearing and showing fancy dresses and participating in a Scouts competition.
- For the school year 2014-2015, the school had a 90% success rate with 56 out of 62 students passing the 10th Std. examination and 100% success rate for students passing the 12th Std. examination. Besides this academic achievement, a lot of other activities were initiated this quarter by the on-site coordinator Dr. Raja and his team to ensure the social, physical and extracurricular development of the children:
  - Construction work of a new school, which is due to be largely finished in 2016, has been initiated. This school will be bigger than the current school and provide other infrastructure also, which the primary building is missing.
  - The Federation of Former Students of Boys Town Society was formed with an aim of bringing together the old students of all units. Two meetings were already held in 2015 and ways of involving the alumni discussed. Around 100 people participated and many would sponsor current children.
  - A so-called Life Skills programme was organized and conducted for outgoing students on 11.04.2015 & 12.04.2015 by the general secretary Dr. Raja.
  - On 13.04.15, the Vocational Guidance Department organized a career counselling session. The General Secretary gave his guidance regarding the schemes for apprenticeship programmes in BTS as well as "how to choose the future career". Moreover, staff members from Don Bosco ITI, Madurai explained the necessity of





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choosing various study programmes. In the final session the principal of a polytechnic gave some valuable suggestions regarding polytechnic and engineering courses.

- Creating social responsibility in the young mind is part of the educational programme of all the units of Boys Town Society. Students of various units organized a rally to create awareness on environmental cleanliness, ill-effects caused by the usage of plastics and prevention of dengue fever.
- Regular staff get-togethers are organised to motivate and thank the BTS staff, who are proud to be part of the organization.
- All primary school children participated in the drawing competition in a school in the village Thirumangalam. Schools in and around Thirumangalam participated in the competition. R. Surya Prem, 1st Standard, got first prize in the drawing competition.



- Various personal success stories prove the great service BTS does: Mr. D. Navamani, for example, started his career as an agriculturist by using money received from BTS and today he owns 10 acres of land and 26 houses. His two daughters work as a medical doctor and a computer engineer. Moreover, Mr. K. Karmegam, who lived in one of the boys towns from 1982 to 1989, has completed a law degree and serves as an advocate in Madurai. He offers free legal services to poor people.

Stefania Lanfranchi



## PROJECT – VED VIGNAN

Ved Vignan is the second new project that Asha Zurich decided to support from 2015. The school, also known as Sri Sri Gnan Mandir, is located in the remote Vadakkur village of Thanjavur district of Tamil Nadu state. The project is managed under the umbrella of the famous Art of Living



Foundation. The land for the school (3.5 acres) was donated by Professor Swaminath, who was the Head of Commerce Department in Shastra University, Thanjavur. School construction finished in June 2015 and the inauguration took place on June 19th 2015. As per our updates from the site, classes are progressing very well. Underprivileged

children, mainly from laborer families, from 18 surrounding villages are attending the school, as there is no public school within a radius of 10 kilometer from Vadakkur. So far, the school has taken 314 students and expects to increase the number to 500 by 2016. They are taught by 18 teaching staff. A functioning library, several science laboratories and last but not least, clean toilets for both male and female students are also part of the school.

Asha Zurich is supporting the educational cost of 30 children. One of Asha Zurich's volunteer paid a visit to the Bangalore office of Ved Vignan, where she was shown another school following the same model. We received very positive feedback from her about the system they follow.



Varsha Gandhi & Prat Das Kanungo

## FUNDRAISERS

### Dhoom Machale II – Bollywood Party

On 27 February Asha Zurich organized the second version of its flagship Bollywood party Dhoom Machale in a partnership with another Zurich-based NGO, Crowd Guard ([www.crowdguard.org](http://www.crowdguard.org)). The party started with a dance workshop by Nachle Dance Company which was followed by



non-stop Bollywood hits from DJ Indro. Our favourite Chat with Chaat catered its Indian street food delicacies to the hungry guests. The event was attended by more than 300 people and resulted in a combined fundraising of more than CHF 5,000, which was split between Asha and Crowdguard.

### Chat with Chaat – Indian Street Food Café

The Zurich-based Indian street food company Chat with Chaat is Asha's long term partner, which is led by former Asha volunteer Kirtimalini Gadre. In 2015, Asha teamed up with Chat with Chaat twice (11 April and 26 September) to host an Indian Street Food Café at Gemeinschaftszentrum Oerlikon. An average of 250 guests attended the events and Asha received a good share of the profit. The share for the April stand was counted as part of our marathon fundraising.



### Zurich Marathon

Our marathon fundraising program reached its 4<sup>th</sup> year in 2015 when 40 runners ran for Team Asha, spreading our cause. Out of them 36 ran in Team

Run (4 in each team), 2 ran the City Run and 2 ran the full marathon. A training program spanning a few weeks before the race day was organized by our partner Write Your Own Prescription ([www.wyop.ch](http://www.wyop.ch)). A team of Asha volunteers assisted the runners on the race day. We set a fundraising goal of CHF 25,000 which was surpassed by more than CHF 2,000, making it the biggest fundraising event ever in the history of Asha Zurich.



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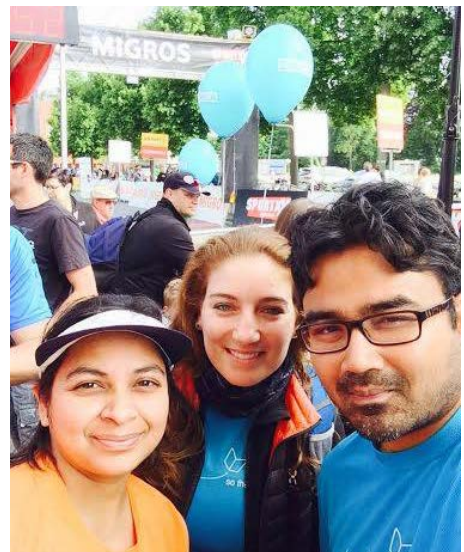


### Winterthur Marathon, 2<sup>nd</sup> WYOP Run and other sporting events

Team Asha's victory march did not stop at Zurich Marathon, but continued till Winterthur Marathon which took place a month later. Three Team Asha runners took part in the half marathon and 10K runs.

In June Asha partnered with WYOP for the second time in a row to host a running event in Zurich. More than 120 people took part in it covering an age range of 2 months to 70 years.

Two runners also represented Team Asha in Frankfurt Marathon where they ran for Team Asha Frankfurt. On the other hand, an Asha Frankfurt volunteer took part in the bike rally at the Niligiris, India raising funds for Asha Zurich. As you can see, sporting events dominated as fundraisers.



# FUNDRAISERS

## Other fundraisers and events

We took part in a novel fundraiser in the form of a painting workshop, which was organized by an Aargau based artist, Brindarica Bose.



Asha Zurich got invited to represent itself at one of the biggest India festivals in Basel organized by Association of Friends of India. Funds raised there constituted donations, card sales and sale of Darjeeling tea by our partner Tea Fairy. Overall the fundraisers contributed to more than 60% of all funds raised in 2015. We hope to continue the successful ones in 2016 as well.

## Upcoming fundraisers

We have already registered 10 teams for Zurich Marathon in 2016 which is going to take place on April 24<sup>th</sup>. Please mark the date on your calendar and contact us if you would like to run for Team Asha.



Information about other fundraisers will be communicated through our mailing list, facebook page and website.

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# TREASURER'S NOTE

## FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

The financial year 2015 continued the upward trend of the previous two years in terms of fund raising, but also the disbursements peaked.

<b>Opening Balance as at 1 January 2015</b>	<b>97,724</b>
<b>Represented by:</b>	
• Swiss Current Account	28,943
• Swiss Savings Account	50,593
• US Funds (in CHF)	16,642
• Cash	1,546
<b>Receipts</b>	<b>107,170</b>
<b>Represented by:</b>	
• Swiss Fundraising (Donations, CAYH and Events)	57,663
• Allocation of US Funds	49,507
<b>Project Disbursements</b>	<b>-113,646</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>-5,264</b>
<b>Net Surplus/Deficit</b>	<b>-11,740</b>
<b>Closing Balance as at 31 December 2015</b>	<b>85,984</b>
<b>Represented by:</b>	
• Swiss Current Account	18,938
• Swiss Savings Account	50,599
• US Funds (in CHF)	14,589
• Cash	1,858

The funds raised amounted to CHF57,663 (vs. CHF51,391 in 2014), and in addition a share of CHF49,507 (vs. CHF35,301 in 2014) was allocated to us from the global Asha Treasury funds which is maintained in the USA. This added up to total receipts of CHF107,170. The addition from the global funds was disbursed from the general pool as well as from the Work an Hour (WAH) initiative for our project Lok Biradri Prakalp.

On the other side, we disbursed a record amount of CHF113,646 (vs. CHF42,305 in 2014). We adopted two new projects and we also introduced purpose bound one-time disbursements for the relief of natural disaster distress (Nepal earthquake relief and Chennai flood relief). At the end of the year we reassessed the situation of our projects and distributed additional funds not budgeted for where there was a particular need.

The funds utilised for the disbursements originated from our Swiss current accounts and from the US funds. The Swiss savings account remained untouched.

The closing balance amounts to CHF86,384, down from CHF97,724 last year due to the over-proportional increase in disbursements. This would however still cover committed funding for approximately 1.5 years.

# TREASURER'S NOTE

## INCOME AND EXPENSES OVERVIEW

Source of Receipts	Income	Expenses	Profit/Loss
Donations (excluding US Funds)	13'803		13'803
Allocation of US Funds	49'507		49'507
Zurich Marathon 2015	29'686	2'331	27'355
CAYH	8'228		8'228
Dhoom Machale II (Bollywood Disco)	5'130	1'803	3'327
Chat with Chaat	300		300
WYOP	213		213
Painting Workshop	150		150
Card Sales	146		146
Bank Interest & Charges	7	91	-84
Website		91	-91
Admin (paypal, rent, flyers, beamer)		948	-948
<b>Total</b>	<b>107'170</b>	<b>5'264</b>	<b>101'906</b>

The net income acquired in 2015 steeply rose to CHF101,906 and thus outperformed the net income of 2014, which was CHF80,680, by approx. 26%.

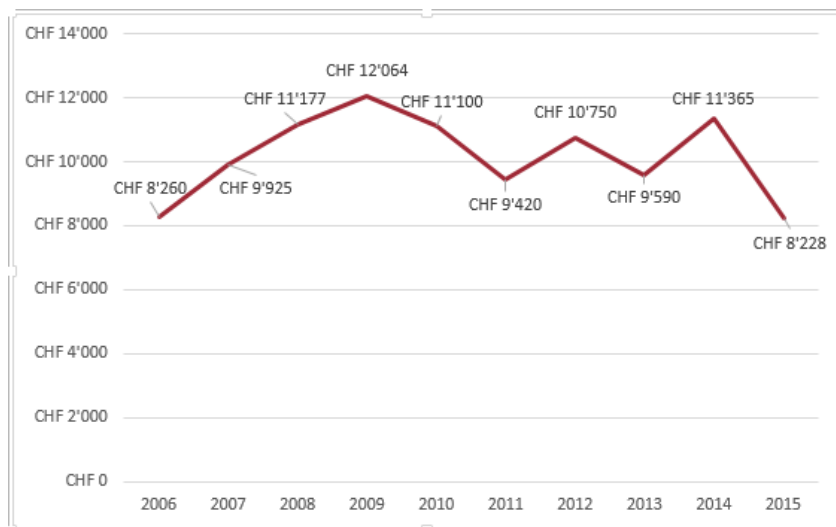
At the same time, the number of events organised by Asha Zurich dropped compared to last year. The highest fund raiser was again the Zurich Marathon with a net profit

in the amount of CHF27,355 (vs. CHF18,168 in 2014), followed by our second Bollywood Disco, Dhoom Machale II, which brought in a net profit of CHF3,327 (vs. CHF2,330 in 2014)

One-time donations excluding the funds allocated by the global Asha Treasury increased more than four-fold to CHF13,803 (vs. CHF3,033 in 2014). However, funds received from regular donors through the Charity as Your Hobby (CAYH) program dropped to CHF8,228 (vs. CHF11,365 in 2014).

## CHARITY AS YOUR HOBBY (CAYH) AT A GLANCE

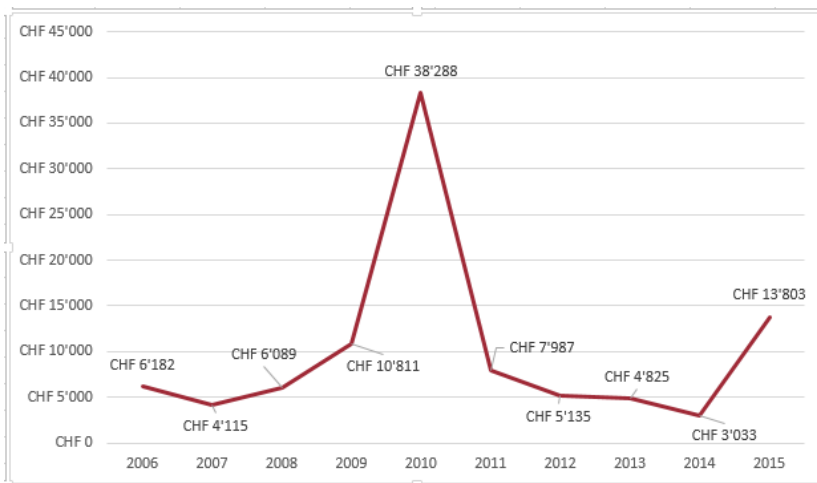
CAYH is a program initiated by Asha Zurich in 2002. Donors participating in this contribute a fixed amount periodically, usually monthly. This ensures a constant inflow of funds and helps us to make our annual budget. CAYH donations dropped significantly this year as illustrated below.



# TREASURER'S NOTE

## DONATIONS AT A GLANCE

On the other hand, the amount of one time donations increased significantly. One reason adding to this was that a large amount was collected by fundraising for specific purpose bound projects (Chennai flood relief and Nepal earthquake relief).



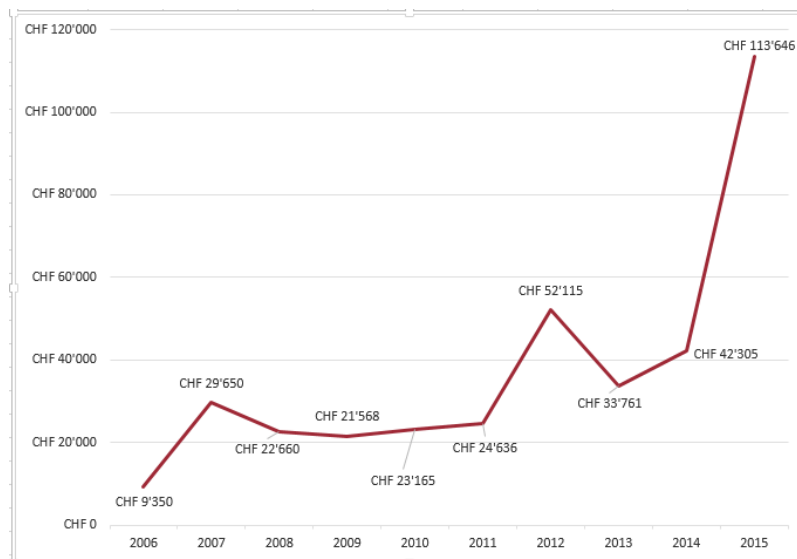
### Notes

- A handsome legacy contributed to the peak in 2010.
- CHF7,487 of the one-time donations in 2015 were actively raised for specific purposes (Nepal earthquake relief and Chennai flood relief).

## PROJECT DISBURSEMENTS AT A GLANCE

Asha Zurich adopted two new projects in 2015 and introduced one time purpose bound disbursements for relief of natural disaster distress (CHF320 for Nepal earthquake relief and CHF13,634 for Chennai flood relief).

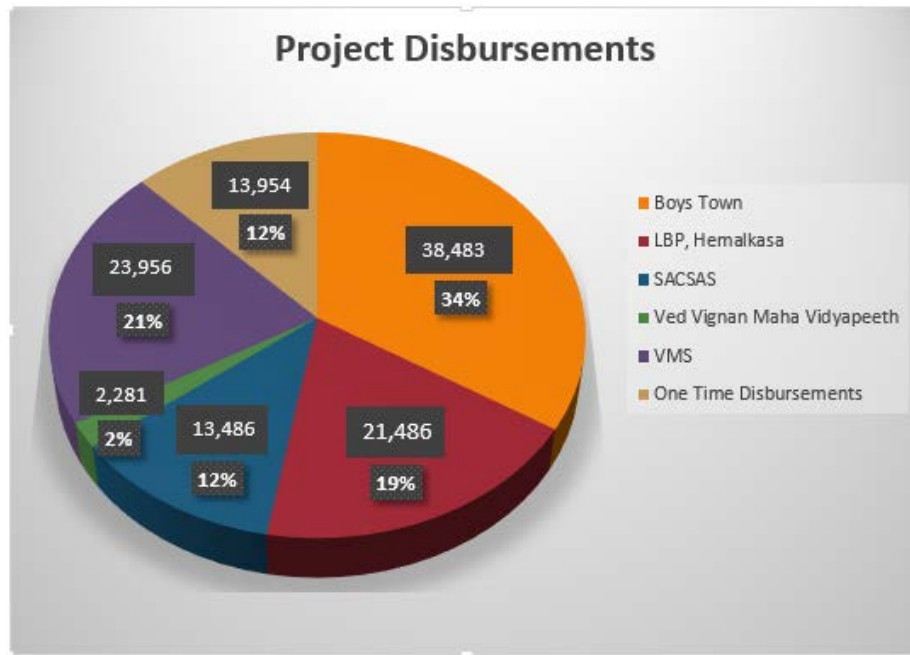
Furthermore, additional disbursements not budgeted for were made at the end of the year according to the needs of the various project partners. These were the following:



- CHF28,000 for infrastructure at Boys Town
- CHF6,765 to match the deficit in the budgeted support vs. actual costs per student
- CHF5,899 for two sets of school uniforms for all, i.e. approx. 650 students

## TREASURER'S NOTE

The chart below shows the total disbursement shares of the various projects.



### CONCLUSION

In summary, the financial year 2015 was a very inspiring one and strengthened Asha Zurich's upward trend. Both overall fund receipts and disbursements increased significantly and only CAYH receipts dropped. In addition, we took up purpose bound disbursements, which is a new feature.

Doris Hofer



# AUDITOR'S NOTE

## ASHA ZURICH AUDITOR'S REPORT

Uster, 10.02.2016

As auditor, I have examined the financial statements of Asha Zurich, which comprise the balance sheet, operating statement and the income and expense overview, for the financial year ended 31 December 2015. The examination of the prior year financial statements was performed by another auditor.

These financial statements are the responsibility of the Board of Asha Zurich. My responsibility is to perform an examination on these financial statements in accordance with the Swiss Standard. This requires that I plan and perform an examination to identify material misstatements in the financial statements. The audit consists primarily of inquiries of association personnel and analytical procedures as well as detailed tests of association documents as considered appropriate in the circumstances.

Based on my examination, nothing has come to my attention that causes me to believe the financial statements do not comply with the Swiss law and the associations statutes.

The authorized auditor



Pascal Fischer

# ASHA AND YOU

## Giving to Asha

Asha Zurich team select educational projects for underprivileged children in India through a rigorous review process including a site visit. Funds for the project are raised by direct donation and charity events.



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Even small, regular donations count. Asha encourages its well-wishers to take part in the Charity As Your Hobby program. With as little as CHF 20 per month, one can sponsor

the monthly cost of education, food and accommodation of a

child. Please make a donation!

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### Asha Zurich needs yoU

The core of Asha is its dedicated volunteers who passionately work for the cause without any monetary benefit. They are students and professionals based in and around Zurich who bring their skills and donate their time to professionally manage Asha's projects and make our fundraising events successful. Asha Zurich is also very diverse, with volunteers coming from many different countries with a significant presence of female volunteers. Would you like to join Asha and be a part of the change? Then contact us today.

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