

HELP FOR CHILDREN IN NEED FOUNDATION

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1. The Beginnings

terre des hommes Germany - India Program had been discussing the need to register a local legal organization for the purpose of raising resources locally towards supporting projects and programs for the wellbeing of children from marginalized communities. As India was a rapidly growing economy with a sizeable middle class, a market for fund raising was emerging. Similarly the recent legislation obligating big companies to invest 2% of their profit for social purposes also opened the possibility of civil society organizations accessing these funds. After extensive discussions, it was decided that the best option was to register a non-profit company under Section 8 of the Companies Act. To this purpose 3 directors were listed as Mr. S. N. Gogate, Ingrid Mendonca, and C. J. George. A Memorandum of Association was drawn out and the articles were also formulated.



The Company Secretary - Kanj and Associates was contacted and Mr. Mahesh Athavale was engaged for support the registration process. All the procedures were completed and the company Help for Children in Need Foundation (HCNF) was finally registered on 18th March 2016.

2. Mandatory Registrations

Subsequent to the registration, the Company applied for other necessary registrations. It obtained its own PAN and TAN registrations, registration under Section 12A of the Income Tax Act was also completed, and other formalities such as registration under the Shop Act were also done.

3. Towards the Objects of the Company:

HCNF realises its objects through supporting projects and programmes of civil society actors like NGOs and CBOs for protecting children in difficult situations.

3.1 Projects

3.1.1 Education and Protection:



During the first year, HCNF also received some other CSR donations in the form of small grants which was utilized towards promoting girls education in the rural districts of Bangalore by the organization ASARE.

3.1.2 Nutrition and Environment:

The first project was accessed from Forbes Marshall Foundation, the Pune based CSR foundation in favour of National Institute for Women, Children and Youth Development (NIWCYD) based at Nagpur. The project was to support poor and marginal farmers in 4 villages of Yavatmal District of Vidarbha region. The initial project was for 3 years with a small amount of Rs, 20,00,000/- which was

subsequently revised to Rs. 25,00,000/-. The project aimed at contributing to water conservation through various measures like small water conservation structures, tree plantations, composting and vermin-culture, kitchen gardens, de-silting of water bodies such as wells, rivulets, and levelling of lands, and finally working with the children in the schools and the community. The aim was to convince the community about multiple conservation practices and discourage water and chemical fertilizers intensive crops.



4. Resources and Funds

The initial investments and expenses were done by the Directors from their own personal funds. Subsequently they also continued to make donations to the Company. As it was a non-profit company there was no capital and no benefit to any of the Directors.

It was planned that subsequently resources would be raised by accessing and facilitating projects from CSR sources to other NGOs according to the objectives of the Company. Appeals for donations were also made to other individuals known to the Directors.

5. Institutional Governance

The Directors were diligent in convening the running of the Company and support to projects were mainly looked after by C. J. George, while Mr. S. N. Gogate oversaw the financial affairs. Mr. Damodar Bandi was appointed on a part-time basis to help in the bookkeeping and accounting and facilitating the audits and income tax requirements. M/s DKV & Associates - Ms. Kalyani Phadke, Chartered Accountant was appointed as the auditor for the company who completed the audit process in due time. The Directors' meetings were held quarterly with adequate notices, full quorum, and the minutes maintained meticulously.

Volunteers / Human Resources:

The Company also started enlisting some volunteers to help out in various aspects of its work in this period.

6. Compliances:

HCFNF as a new Company realized the need to fulfil all the compliances in due time. It continued to engage the same Company Secretary, KANJ and Associates, for assisting this process. The returns under the Company law have been filed in due time after completing the audit procedures.

Mr. Damodar Bandi did the necessary submissions to the Income Tax Department also on time.

7. Looking Ahead:

As HCFNF moves on to the second year, there are plans to support more projects for children who are at risk due to various factors such as poverty, environmental degradation, natural disasters and violence and discrimination. Resources would be raised by approaching CSR sources and individual donations. HCFNF will strive to do its part towards making the society safer and more secure for children.

C J George
Director.