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Impact assessment of the child sponsorship program in Tamil Nadu, India using participatory approaches



CIAI (the Italian Association for Aid to Children) as a non-profit organization founded in 1968, has dedicated itself to promoting the acknowledgement of all children as human beings and to defend their basic rights. **Child sponsorship** has been used as a fund-raising tool in CIAI's cooperative development projects to support children in need.



Insieme, per un mondo possibile.

This paper is contributing to the CIAI's effort of assessing the impact of the child sponsorship program which has been carried out in the Chennai area, Tamil Nadu - India for over 20 years. Using mainly participatory tools to grasp information and data from different groups of children and parents, the study would provide an experience of 'LOOKING BACK' to enforce CIAI's social transparency and accountability.



From the findings, the program was found to have brought the great positive impact on holistic development of sponsored children and their parents in the targeted area of Chennai. And 'education support' was considered as the most significant aspect of the sponsorship program.



Combining various tools and approaches enabled the assessment not only to provide the comprehensive picture of all program's components and their effects, but also give the concrete analysis under each aspects of children's development.

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