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Profiles of Top FC Donors (1-12)

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The yearly MHA (Ministry of Home Affairs) report on foreign contribution gives a list of the top 25 donors. It also gives the amount given by them. If you combine for last three years (96-97 to 98-99), total of 36 such names emerge.

Who are these people? What kind of work do they support? The MHA report does not say anything on this. Therefore, a brief profile of each agency has been prepared from various sources. The current issue covers the first 12 of these 36 organisations.

The problem of double counting

In some cases, the amounts disbursed by parent Agency, do not apparently match those reported by the Indian branch. What could be the reason for this? We believe that some of the NGO partners show the grant as 'first receiver' in their FC-3. The Indian branch also reports this amount independently in its FC-3. This results in double counting. This problem can be solved if the NGO partners report these amounts as 'second or subsequent receiver'.

Please also read the fine print at the end. It provides a summary of the limitations on this analysis.

1. Foster Parents Plan International

•Based in Warwick, Rhodes Island, USA
•Founded in 1937 •Grants to Indian NGOs: Rs.70.78 crores, 55.45 crores, 43.19 crores in 96-97, 97-98, 98-99 respectively •Annual growth in India disbursement: **-21.88%** •www.plan-international.org •www.childreach.org

The international network of Foster Parents Plan International Inc. (FPPI) has 13 member organizations in Australia, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Japan, Korea, Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, UK, and USA. The USA member is also called Childreach.

FPPI is commonly known as PLAN International¹. It is an international humanitarian, child-focused development organization. It attempts to link people² in the US with needy children, families and communities in about 40 developing countries in Africa, Asia, South America and Central America, including the Caribbean.

Programme focus is on health, education, livelihood and environment. As of June 1999, the total number of children being assisted worldwide was 11.6 lacs. Out of these, about 90,000 children are supported by US sponsors and donors. Specific assistance to individuals³ in 98-99 came to US\$ 140 million (Rs.588 Crores).

Indian counterpart – Foster Parents Plan International⁴ is registered in New Delhi and Indian disbursement is mainly routed through this.

2. Christian Children's Fund

•Registered in Richmond in the state of Virginia, USA •Founded in 1938 •Grants to Indian NGOs: Rs.56.52 crores, 64.78 crores, 42.67 crores in 96-97, 97-98, 98-99 respectively •Annual growth in India disbursement: **-13.11%**
•www.christianchildrensfund.org

Christian Children's Fund was started to help the orphans of the Sino⁵-Japanese War. It is working for nearly 25 lacs children in US and 31 countries of Africa, Asia, Eastern and Central Europe, Latin America and Caribbean.

It provides long-term sustainable assistance to poor children around the world regardless



¹ FPPI's US member is also named Plan International USA Inc. d.b.a. Childreach. 'd.b.a.' means 'doing business as'.

² Called sponsors

³ This represents assistance released directly by FPPI (source: IRS form 990 for year ending June'99).

⁴ See AccountAble 64

⁵ China

of race, creed, nationality or gender. Funds are raised through sponsorship of children from USA (75%) and other countries (25%).

Total international programme grants were \$ 93.9 million (Rs. 394 crores) for the year 1998. Out of this, around 10 to 15% is disbursed to India.

CCF's Indian branch – Christian Children's Fund Inc. is registered under FCRA in Bangalore and in New Delhi.

3. EZE

- Registered in Bonn, Germany
- Founded in 1962
- Grants to Indian NGOs: Rs.49.36 crores, 59.03 crores, 55.03 crores in 96-97, 97-98, 98-99 respectively
- Annual growth in India disbursement: 5.59%
- no web-site

EZE⁶ stands for Evangelische Zentralstelle für Entwicklungshilfe e. v.⁷. It means Protestant Association for Cooperation in Development. It supports community based development programmes with partners in Africa, Asia, and Latin America.

It is currently working in the field of Integrated Rural Development, People's Organisation and Education, Environment, Gender equity, etc. with main focus on Tribals, Dalits and Women.

Its funds⁸ come from man Government, Churches Development Service and European Union. In 1999, the total international disbursement was approx. DM 159 Million (Rs.365 Crores) and the ratio from these sources was 91:8:1.

EZE has disbursed approximately DM 4.2 billion to more than 7,500 projects in 80 countries from 1962 to 1999. Disbursement to India is approx. 13 to 15% of total funding. It is one of the largest FC donors in India.

4. Missio

- Based in Germany
- Grants to Indian NGOs: Rs.58.66 crores, 48.93 crores, 43.78 crores in 96-

⁶ EZE and three other German protestant organizations (SO – Service Overseas, KED – Churches Development Service, FMS – Federation of Missionary Societies in Germany) have recently merged into a new organization called EED – *Evangelische Entwicklungsdienst* (Church Development Service). The fifth protestant organization, BFW – Bread for the World, did not merge into EED.

⁷ German abbreviation 'e.v.' for 'eingetragener Verein', i.e. registered association

⁸ In Germany, the Government collects a special tax called 'Church Tax' along with income tax. The church tax (called *Kirchensteuer*) comes to about 8-9% of the income tax. It is collected only from tax-payers registered with one of the main churches (such as Catholics, Lutherans or Protestants). These funds are used for charitable and religious activities across the world.

97, 97-98, 98-99 respectively •Annual growth in India disbursement: **-13.61%** •www.mission-aachen.de/

Missio⁹ is a Catholic missionary organization. Its formal name is International Katholische Missionswerk missio e.v. It works mainly with Church organisations in India¹⁰, Pakistan, East Timor¹¹, China, Phillipines, Liberia, Ghana, Tanzania, Sudan and Rwanda.

Its international network has members in Aachen and München (Germany), Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Frankreich (France), Netherlands, Poland, Québec, Spain, Toronto (Canada), Uruguay, USA and Venezuela.

5. ACTIONAID

- Based in London, UK
- Registered as Company limited by guarantee
- Also registered with Charity Commission for England and Wales (registration # 274467)
- Grants to Indian NGOs: Rs.31.42 crores, 42.47 crores, 48.05 crores in 96-97, 97-98, 98-99 respectively
- Annual growth in India disbursement: 23.66%
- www.actionaid.org

It is operating in 20 countries of Asia, Africa, South and Central America. Total disbursement in these areas in 1999 was about £33 million (Rs.221 crores).

Out of this around 15 to 20% is disbursed to India. Indian disbursement is mainly routed through its Indian branch¹².

tionaid mainly works directly in field, except in India, where it provides grants to other NGOs.

Main programme emphasis is on improving quality of life of children, families and poor communities. The approach is integrated development of community.

6. Kinder Not Hilfe

- Based in Germany
- Founded in 1959
- Registered charitable association
- Member of the Diacronic Services of the Evangelical Church in the Rhineland, Germany
- Grants to Indian NGOs: Rs.40.02 crores, 46.31 crores, 33.43 crores in 96-97, 97-98, 98-99 respectively
- Annual growth in India disbursement: **- 8.6%**
- www.kindernothilfe.de

Kinder Not Hilfe means 'help for children in need'. Main area of emphasis is basic education, vocational training, nutrition, clothing and

⁹ Missio is a Latin word which means 'mission'.

¹⁰ The web-site provides a sampling of three projects in Lunglei (Mizoram), Wayanad (Kerala), and Jalpaiguri (West Bengal).

¹¹ Near Indonesia. Currently under UN Transitional administration due to civil war

¹² Actionaid India, based in Bangalore. See AccountAble 64



medical care to children. It also supports parents of these children. Supports about 120,000 children in 25 countries mainly in India, Philippines, Brazil, Chile, Ethiopia and South Africa. Its partners are mainly Churches, congregations or Christian organisations.

The donation income of Kinder Not Hilfe in Germany was about DM 82.9 million (Rs.190 crores) in the year 1999.

7. Maharishi Ayurved Trust¹³

•Based in UK • Grants to Indian NGOs: Rs.32.09 crores, 31.42 crores, 51.82 crores in 96-97, 97-98, 98-99 respectively •Annual growth in India disbursement: 12.73% •www.maharishi-india.org/

Maharishi Ayurved Trust is part of a global group of institutions associated with Maharishi Mahesh Yogi. The group focuses on applying Vedic Technologies in the field of education, health, management, architecture, agriculture and construction in projects around the world.

Indian counterpart – Maharishi Ved Vigyan Vishva Vidyapeetham¹⁴ is registered in Andhra Pradesh.



8. MISEREOR

•Based in Aachen, Germany •Founded in 1958
 •Grants to Indian NGOs: Rs.38.64 crores, 39.76 crores, 35.52 crores in 96-97, 97-98, 98-99 respectively •Annual growth in India disbursement: – 4.12% •www.misereor.org (International)
 •www.misereor.de (Germany)

MISEREOR¹⁵ works in cooperation with KZE¹⁶, under the direction and responsibility of the German Catholic Bishops' Conference. It supports development projects based on the principle of "help towards self-help", regardless of ethnicity, gender, creed or nationality.

MISEREOR raises funds in three main ways¹⁷: direct donations, from the German Dioceses, and from the German Government,

through KZE. Together these came to about DM 297 million. Out of this, it donated DM 280 million (Rs.641 crores) to projects in Asia, Africa and Latin America.

MISEREOR receives about 4,000 project applications a year. In 1999, it supported 1,699 development projects in over 100 countries of Africa, Asia and Latin America. Out of this India received DM 30 million (Rs.69 crores¹⁸).

Main partners in India are IGSSS¹⁹ and Caritas India²⁰. These agencies in turn make grants for small-scale projects.

9. World Vision International

•Based at Monrovia in California, USA •Founded in 1950 •Grants to Indian NGOs: Rs.35.04 crores, 37.55 crores, 38.83 crores in 96-97, 97-98, 98-99 respectively •Annual growth in India disbursement: 5.27% •www.wvi.org •www.worldvision.org

World Vision International is a Christian ministry. It has fund raising offices in 12 countries in North America, Europe and the Far East.

Funds are raised mainly through child-sponsorship.

It supports 4,500 projects in 94 countries across the world. Its programmes include transformational development, emergency relief, promotion of justice, public awareness and witness to Jesus Christ. It views

itself as working with the poor and oppressed to promote human transformation, seek justice and bear witness to the good news of the kingdom of God. Christian education is included in project activities whenever appropriate and desired by the community.

Total worldwide programme grants in 1997-98, and 1998-99 were \$350 million (Rs.1,470 crores) and \$397 million (Rs.1,707 crores). Grants to India²¹ came to about 3%.

Indian counterpart – World Vision of India²² is registered in Tamil Nadu and Indian disbursement is mainly routed through this.

¹³ Charity Commission for England and Wales maintains a register for all charitable and voluntary organisations in UK. We could not find an exact match for Maharishi Ayurved Trust in this register. The register does show an organisation with a similar name: "The Maharishi Ayurved Disease-Free Society Trust", based in Bedfordshire, UK.

¹⁴ See AccountAble 64

¹⁵ Full name in German is 'Bischöfliches Hilfswerk MISEREOR e.V.'. It means 'The German Catholic Bishops' Organisation for Development Cooperation'.

¹⁶ Full name in German is 'Katholische Zentralstelle für Entwicklungshilfe e.V.'. It means 'The German Catholic Central Agency for Development Aid'.

¹⁷ DM 124 million, DM 25 million, DM 148 million respectively. KZE funds come from the German Church tax.

¹⁸ Figures taken from Misereor Annual Report for 1999 on its web-site. These may not tie up with FC funds reported as received in India due to a variety of reasons. For example, some NGOs may report funds as received directly from KZE.

¹⁹ See AccountAble 64

²⁰ See AccountAble 65

²¹ World Vision International receives funds from World Vision Inc. (Federal Way, Washington, USA), among others. These funds are then passed on to counterparts such as in India. In 98-99 (Oct- Sep), World Vision International disbursed \$11.22 million (~Rs.48 crores) to India (source: IRS form 990).

²² See AccountAble 64

10. Manos Unidas Committee

- Based in Barcelona, Spain
- Grants to Indian NGOs: Rs.19.72 crores, 19.89 crores, 41.49 crores in 96-97, 97-98, 98-99 respectively
- Annual growth in India disbursement: 45.05%
- www.manosunidas.org

No information available on the web in English.

11. Inter Church Coordination Committee

- Based in Netherlands
- Founded in 1964
- Grants to Indian NGOs: Rs.25.30 crores, 23.02 crores, 25.86 crores in 96-97, 97-98, 98-99 respectively
- Annual growth in India disbursement: 1.1%
- www.icco.nl •www.antenna.nl/icco

ICCO is one of four co-financing organizations in the Netherlands. Main source of ICCO funds is NEDA (Netherlands Development Assistance). It also receives some funds from European union and private sources. ICCO works on behalf of a large number of Protestant churches²³, which are also represented on its board.

It supports programme in about 69 countries in Africa and the Middle East, Asia and the Pacific, Latin America and the Caribbean, Central and Eastern Europe.

Annual disbursement in year 1999 was NLG 184 million (Rs.368 crores), for over 800 projects. Its main emphasis is on poverty related programmes (62%).

ICCO works through church and non-church organizations in these countries. Its grants range from Rs.60,000 to Rs.10 crores.

12. Ford Foundation

- Established in 1936
- Based in New York, USA
- Grants to Indian NGOs: Rs.19.77 crores, 26.49 crores, 26.59 crores in 96-97, 97-98, 98-99 respectively
- Annual growth in India disbursement: 15.97%
- www.fordfound.org

The Ford Foundation is a private, non-profit, philanthropic organisation. Its funds are derived from investment portfolio gifted by Henry and Edsel Ford (Ford Motor Company). The Foundation's investment portfolio was valued

²³ ICCO's cooperation partners are MDO/Churches in Action; Woord en Daad; OREON; ZOA Refugeecare; TEAR fund; Protestant Christian Churches; Young Management; Doe Wel ("Do Good", deaconry of the Reformed Congregations in the Netherlands); ICS; ZZG; Interservice Netherlands; Aids Fonds; Foundation for Christian Education; Passage; Fund for Hope for Children

at \$11.8 billion (~Rs.51,000 crores) at the end of fiscal year 1999.

It has provided slightly more than \$10 billion (Rs.42,000 crores²⁴) in grants and loans over the years. Funds allocated to programme activities²⁵ in 1998 and 1999 were \$517 million (Rs.2,170 crores) and \$578 million (Rs.2,500 crores).

Ford Foundation operates in Africa, the Middle East, Asia, Latin America and Russia through 15 overseas offices. It has been working in India since 1952 from the South Asia regional office in New Delhi.

Ford has wide-ranging programme interests including community development, asset building, peace, social justice and education, media, arts, culture and encouragement of philanthropy.

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There are also limitations on the analysis. Foreign contribution in kind (material) is sometimes not valued or reported by receiving NGOs. The figures and analysis will be distorted accordingly.

A crore means 10,000,000 or ten million. One crore of Indian Rupees is currently equal to app. 222,000 US Dollars. A lac means 100,000.

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²⁴ At current exchange rates

²⁵ primarily grants to organizations and individuals, direct charitable activities and programme support