

Child in Need India



help the mother
help the child...

**Annual Report and Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 December 2024**



Trustees' Annual Report

For the year ended 31 December 2024

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their annual report together with the financial statements and the independent examiner's report for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Reference and Administrative Information

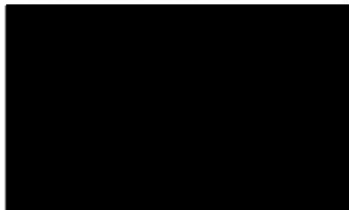
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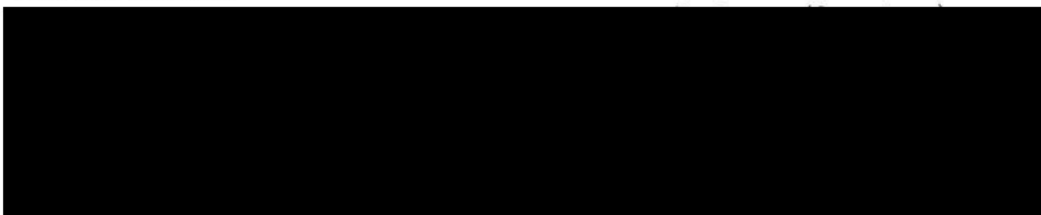
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Current Trustees




Structure, Governance and Management

Governing document

Child In Need Institute, referred to hereafter as CINI India, is a charity based in India. Child In Need India ('CINI UK'), first registered as a charity on 11 November 1999, is an unincorporated charitable association the purposes and administration arrangements of which are designed to support the Indian organisation and are set out in our constitution.

Recruitment and appointment of Trustees

All of the charity's trustees, none of whom are remunerated, are appointed at the annual general meeting which is normally held in May or June each year. 

████████████████████ joined as trustees during the year. ██████████
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Management

The trustees effectively form a management committee which is responsible for the strategic direction and governance of the charity. The management committee meets on an *ad hoc* basis throughout the year in order to provide guidance to our part-time employee, to plan fund raising activities, to discuss the interests of CINI India and to coordinate with other branches of CINI International, the coordinating body of fund-raising branches outside India.

Objectives and Activities

Charitable purposes

Our purposes, as stated in our constitution, are the relief of poverty and the advancement of education of necessitous persons residing in India, by providing financial assistance for:

- (a) the medical care and the education of infants, children and adolescents,
- (b) the further education, training and counselling of young persons
- (c) the provision of educational training of adults in family management, hygiene and nutrition, and
- (d) the maintenance and provision of medical care of mothers and their children during and after pregnancy

About Child In Need India

Child In Need India (CINI UK) was set up in the UK in 1999 to raise funds for, and build awareness of, the work of the Kolkata-based NGO Child In Need Institute (CINI India) which was established in 1974. CINI India aims to achieve sustainable improvements in health, nutrition, education, and protection for all children – especially those that belong to the most vulnerable groups. Fundamental to all CINI's work is centring the voices of the children it works with and encouraging their participation and leadership in effecting long term change. The scope of CINI India's activities is vast; reaching around ten million individuals each year primarily across West Bengal, Assam, Odisha, Jharkhand and Madhya Pradesh. CINI's strength lies in recognising local need and facilitating innovative, community-led solutions. CINI works in tandem with governments and other partners to strengthen existing services and ensure that communities can access the support they need. In Kolkata CINI can be found making sure street-connected children are safe and have access to education, whilst in rural Assam its teams on tea plantations are improving maternal and child health and addressing the root causes of complex issues including child marriage, child labour and child trafficking. All CINI's programmes are underpinned by an evidence-based framework- "The CINI Method". This human rights-based approach involves all levels of the community, from parents to teachers to local government, taking responsibility for ensuring that children achieve their rights.

CINI India has been recognised internationally for its progress towards tackling some of the country's most pressing health and social challenges. Full details of their achievements for 2023-2024 can be found in their most recent annual report <https://designecoder.in/annual-report-23-24/>.

Child In Need Institute (CINI India) and Child In Need India UK (CINI UK) are both commonly referred to by the acronym "CINI". Unless otherwise stated, the activities and achievements described on pages 5 to 8 relate to CINI India.

Activities and Achievements in 2024 and outlook for 2025

Activities and achievements of CINI India in 2024 and the outlook for the future are provided in detail on pages 5 to 8. The trustees intend to continue raising funds in the UK to support the work of CINI India, with a primary focus on CINI's work within tea plantation communities.

Financial Review

Fund raising activities in the United Kingdom raised a total of £123,641 (2023, £91,651). There was no need for support payments from CINI International. Expenses of £22,024 (2023, £19,151) left a surplus of £101,617. After reducing our reserves by £689 this enabled us to send £102,305 (2023, £77,318) to CINI India.

Reserves Policy

Since 1 January 2019 CINI UK has been paying the salary and expenses of a part-time UK Director who is responsible for fund-raising. This cost and the small additional running expenses are met from unrestricted donations which can be topped up, if necessary, by support payments from CINI International. Such support payments have not been required since 2020.

Given the uncertainty relating to the ability of CINI UK to continue to raise sufficient unrestricted funds to cover all its running costs the Trustees believe it would be prudent to maintain unrestricted cash reserves of at least a full year's outgoings, thereby ensuring that support payments from CINI International would not be required.

At 31 December 2024 cash reserves were reduced slightly to £34,452 (2023, £35,141) of which £34,364 were unrestricted, being in excess of a full year's running costs.

Approved by the Trustees on 28 August, 2025 and signed on their behalf by



Trustee

Dear friends,

India is undergoing a period of rapid transformation. While economic growth has created vast opportunities, it has also deepened existing inequalities, with women and children disproportionately affected. The country now faces a dual burden of disease, with malnutrition and infectious diseases persisting alongside a sharp rise in non-communicable illnesses such as obesity and diabetes. Compounding these issues, the climate crisis threatens already vulnerable communities, particularly in Northeast India. In this complex landscape, the work of CINI, and its ability to respond to communities' shifting needs, has never been more vital.

This year, CINI marked five decades of dedicated service in addressing the most pressing health and social challenges facing women and children in India. The milestone was celebrated with a three day event in Kolkata, bringing together children, staff and supporters from across the globe. What began as a small clinic for children under five on the outskirts of Kolkata has grown into an internationally respected organisation, impacting over 10 million people annually across at least five states. These achievements are a testament to the vision of CINI's founder,

██████████, the commitment of CINI's staff, and the ongoing generosity of CINI's supporters-individuals, charitable foundations, and corporations.

Throughout its history, CINI has bridged the gap between communities, service providers, and local government, ensuring that health, education, and child protection services are accessible to those who need them most. CINI continues to elevate the voices of the people it serves on both national and international platforms. Its innovative approaches to creating child-friendly and gender-sensitive communities have garnered widespread recognition, including coverage in BBC News and SIP Magazine over the past year.

CINI UK is proud to have stood alongside CINI India for over 40 years. Despite a challenging economic climate, CINI UK successfully increased its income by 34% in 2024. This growth reflects both our efforts to introduce a broader audience to CINI's transformational work as well the continued commitment of many longstanding donors.

In 2024, we continued to direct much of our UK fundraising efforts towards CINI's work within tea plantation communities, recognising the strong historic connection the UK holds with this sector. Those living in plantations face profound challenges: high rates of maternal and child malnutrition, limited access to healthcare and education, and entrenched gender inequalities. We are especially proud of CINI's ongoing partnership with Ahmad Tea, working across plantations in Assam to develop and implement a model of best practices for creating child-friendly and gender-just plantations.

We are delighted to have welcomed two new board members in 2024. We are confident that their fresh perspectives and expertise will help drive our fundraising strategy moving forward. Our thanks must also extend to the incredible volunteer who worked with us this year to develop a custom donor database to streamline our fundraising operations.

Looking forward to 2025, we will continue to expand our fundraising initiatives and build meaningful, long-term relationships with donors that allow us to create sustainable change in the fields of maternal and child health, education, protection and the environment.

Below is a snapshot of some of CINI's remarkable achievements in 2024. We are incredibly grateful for your interest in CINI and your continued support on this journey.

With thanks,

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Chair

Board of Trustees, CINI UK

Key Achievements for 2024

Health and Nutrition

In 2024, CINI India provided critical health and nutrition support to over 10,000 pregnant women and 347,000 children. Much of this work focused on interventions during the first 1000 days of life, including promoting breastfeeding, kangaroo mother care, increasing immunisation rates, and preventing bloodborne virus transmission to newborns through testing, prevention, and education. CINI UK played a pivotal role in funding these initiatives, notably through the Sponsor a Mother scheme, which pairs sponsors with mothers during pregnancy and the first two years of their child's life. Additionally, CINI UK continued to fund a community health programme across 23 tea plantations in Banarhat, addressing malnutrition during the first 1000 days.

Highlights:

- CINI expanded non-communicable disease awareness and prevention programmes.
- 759 kitchen gardens established to improve household nutrition.
- 543 nutrition youth champions trained.
- CINI's innovative behaviour-change approach was recognised by Johns Hopkins Maternal and Child Health Centre India, which featured CINI's work in its publication *The Compass*.

Education

Education is one of the most powerful tools for breaking the cycle of intergenerational poverty. In 2024, CINI helped over 24,000 children gain access to quality education. CINI UK played a vital role in scaling up plantation learning centres, continuing funding for six centres in Darjeeling. These centres help retain vulnerable children in school, reducing their risk of exploitation and helping to break the cycle of intergenerational poverty. In addition, CINI UK was able to secure funding to establish several new mobile libraries, helping to improve literacy skills and create a culture of recreational reading within plantation communities.

Highlights:

- Nine new plantation learning centres introduced in Assam, funded by Ahmad Tea UK.
- 139 educators trained in Basic India Sign Language, supporting the education of deaf children.
- CINI introduced accelerated teaching methodologies in 150 schools in Kolkata. This methodology is helping students who suffered significant learning loss during the pandemic.

Child Protection

CINI worked with over 76,000 children this year to protect them from harm. A key area of focus is child protection at railway stations, where tens of thousands of children arrive unaccompanied each year and are at high risk of trafficking, abuse, and exploitation. Vital for Children UK remains the primary funder of CINI's child protection project at Mallikpur railway station, which identifies at risk children and prevents them from reaching larger, high-risk stations like Sealdah. Outreach workers provide immediate support, and children are given access to education, counselling, and recreational activities as well learning about their rights.

Highlights:

- 880 children reunited with their families.
- 2,584 children provided with open shelter services.
- 6,545 village-level Child Protection Committees received technical support.
- 19,433 peer leaders trained.
- 1,804 mental health awareness sessions conducted via *Teenline*.

Climate Resilience

CINI operates in some of the most environmentally fragile regions of north-east India, where communities are frequently impacted by cyclones, floods, earthquakes, pollution, and the ongoing challenges resulting from the Covid-19 pandemic. These crises disproportionately affect children, interrupting schooling and giving rise to the spread of waterborne diseases. As an organisation, CINI India is positioning climate action as a key strategic priority moving forward and was able to establish a small environmental specialist unit with initial funding from CINI UK. This year, we have been successful in attracting more donors to this initiative which will allow CINI to scale up its training of environmental youth leaders and implement other community climate resilience activities in 2025.

Highlights:

- Street children from Kolkata contributed to drafting the UN's General Comment No. 26 on children's rights and the environment.
- Publication in the Children, Youth & Environment journal: *Empowering Youth Through a Global Pandemic*.
- 2,364 environmental peer leaders trained.
- 5,000+ parents trained in household hygiene.
- Saplings planted in 17 villages to promote green spaces.
- Child-friendly handwashing stations installed in 46 Anganwadi centres.
- Two-day climate awareness training for staff.

Independent Examiner's Report For the Year Ended 31 December 2024

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Friends of CINI

I report on the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on pages 10 and 11.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 ("the 2005 Act") and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) ("the 2006 Regulations"). The charity's trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1)(d) of the 2006 regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1)(c) of the 2005 Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of examiner's statement

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the 2006 Regulations. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeks explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:-

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:-
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 44(1)(a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Regulations, and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Regulations have not been met, or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached



28 August 2025



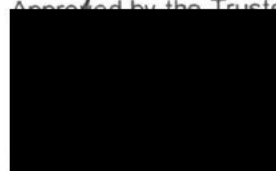
Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31 December 2024

	General Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Receipts - Donations				
Individuals and Companies	18,070	40,466	58,536	39,869
Other Charities	14,000	51,105	65,105	51,782
Total Receipts	32,070	91,571	123,641	91,651
Payments				
Employee salary and related costs	21,294	0	21,294	16,213
Fundraising expenses, admin & travel	730	0	730	2,938
Surplus from Fundraising	10,046	91,571	101,617	72,500
Payments to CINI in India	10,744	91,561	102,305	77,318
Total Payments	32,768	91,561	124,329	96,468
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	-698	10	-688	-4,818

Statement of Balances

Opening Bank Balance	35,044	97	35,141	39,959
Surplus/(Deficit) as above	-698	10	-688	-4,818
Closing Bank Balance	34,346	107	34,453	35,141

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Notes to the Accounts – for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

(1) Basis of Accounting

These accounts have been prepared on the Receipts & Payments basis in accordance with the Charities & Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

(2) Nature and purpose of funds

To the extent that donors request the application of their gifts to specific projects then this is specified when the funds are transferred to India. The movement on restricted funds during the year was as follows:

	Balance at 1 Jan 2024	Income	Sent to India	Balance at 31 Dec 2024
	£	£	£	£
Maternal Health	80	12,541	12,531	90
Education	17	36,635	36,635	17
Protection	0	20,528	20,528	0
Nutrition	0	16,890	16,890	0
Climate Change	0	4,977	4,977	0
Total	97	91,571	91,561	107

(3) Related Party Transactions

No trustee received any remuneration from the charity and no trustee was paid any expenses.

(4) Grants Received

The charity received no grants.

(5) Expenses

The Charity pays the salary and associated costs of one part time employee (3 days per week).