

OFFERING A FUTURE TO EVERY CHILD



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International Catholic
Child Bureau

Dignity and rights of the child

For each child, a future

DEFEND THE CHILD, A HUMAN BEING IN HIS OWN RIGHT AND A SUBJECT OF RIGHTS



BICE works for the respect of the dignity and rights of all children, and more particularly those in vulnerable situations, whom we support on a path of resilience. Research, training, advocacy to influence public policies and field projects contribute to our mission: build a just and supportive world where each child can become an actor in his life and community.

AN ORIGINAL OUTLOOK

BICE aims at the integral development of the child in his physical, psychological, intellectual and spiritual dimensions.

VALUES BASED ON THE RESPECT OF:

- the human life and dignity of every child, created in the image of God,
- the teachings of the Gospel,
- freedom of thought, conscience and religion,
- cultural diversity.

AN INTERNATIONAL NETWORK AT THE SERVICE OF CHILDREN

BICE leads, coordinates and federates a network of 80 members throughout the world: religious congregations, universities and NGOs working together to serve children, as close as possible to their culture and over time.

This network organization allows:

- a sharing of good practices among **partners**
- developing their skills
- a more effective international advocacy
- the creation of a space for reflection and action with joint projects.



BICE animates, coordinates and brings together:



EFFECTIVE NETWORKS

The establishment of Mesas (national networks, each including about ten institutions) in Argentina, Brazil and Chile led us to establish in 2018 the Latin America BICE Mesa. It allows us to strengthen our mobilization on the continent around three main themes, education, migration and violence against children.

OUR MAIN LINES OF ACTION



Field Programs

BICE supports its partners in the design, implementation and evaluation of projects to bring about profound changes for the benefit of children.

Advocacy

With the strength of the information and testimonies provided by its partners, BICE represents the voice of children at the United Nations.

Research and Development

Thanks to the support of the universities that are members of its network as well as of experts, BICE formalises the experiences carried out in the field, particularly in the area of resilience, so that they can be shared through training or publications.

Awareness raising

In addition to various information campaigns on children's rights conducted by its partners, in 2010 BICE launched in France the documentary film festival Enfances dans le Monde, which is aimed primarily at schoolchildren from all walks of life.



 www.enfancesdanslemonde.com

BICE CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

Since 2004, BICE has formally committed itself to promoting good treatment within its network by adopting a **Child Protection Policy** (CPP) that:

- endorses the responsibilities incumbent on the member organization of the children for whom it is responsible;
- lists the steps that the organization must take to create an ever more protective environment and minimize risks, including sexual violence, inside and outside the institution;
- and describes the protocol to follow if a case of abuse is suspected or confirmed.

These measures are included in the code of conduct specific to each organization that all collaborators must observe.

Training courses organized by BICE, as well as a practical guide, allow to help network members in this exemplary approach.



FIVE PRIORITIES FOR CHILDHOOD

1 Combating violence, particularly of a sexual nature, against children

BICE provides legal and therapeutic support for child victims of violence. In parallel, we carry out prevention campaigns for communities and urge the authorities to strengthen their legislation to better protect children.



3 Fostering the resilience of children and their communities

In order to better support traumatized children on a path of resilience, BICE provides training and follow-up for the educators and social workers who take care of them

4 Promote the inclusion of children with disabilities

Still today, many children with disabilities are kept apart, stigmatized or abandoned. BICE works to ensure their equal dignity is acknowledged and to bring them out of isolation by developing types of care that promote their comprehensive growth.



5 Humanizing juvenile justice

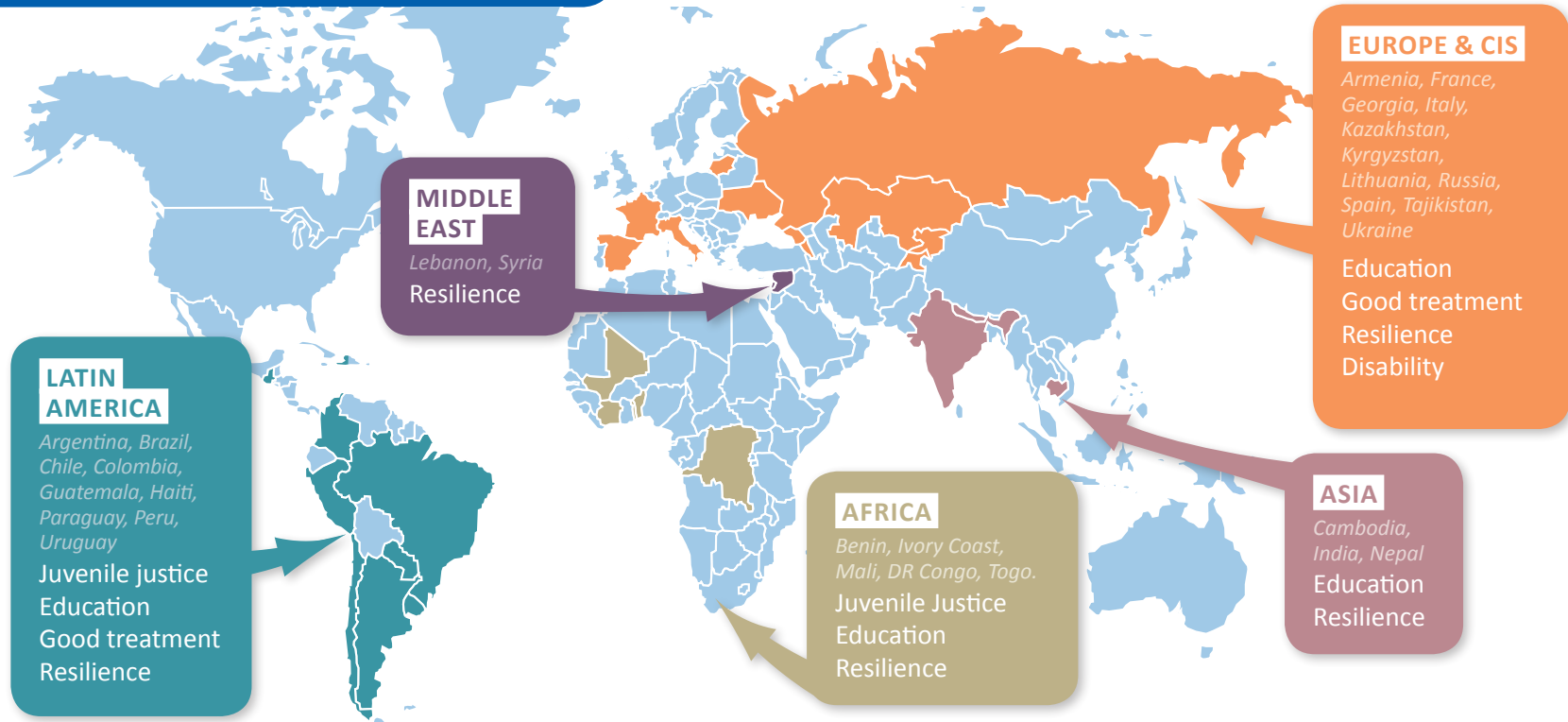
Because prison is never desirable for children, especially if they are detained with adults, BICE promotes alternative measures to the deprivation of liberty as well as their family and socio-professional reintegration.

BICE IN THE WORLD



2 Guaranteeing inclusive and quality education for children

BICE works to ensure that all children, girls and boys, enjoy their right to education and professional training. We also make sure that values of solidarity and respect are well-rooted in them.



A LONG-TERM COMMITMENT FOR VULNERABLE CHILDREN



BICE works with its partners over the long term, a key factor in **helping to integrate the most vulnerable children into society.**

With former child soldiers in the DRC

Forcibly recruited by militias in Eastern DRC, thousands of children become pariahs for their communities. Our first project in 2017 provided support for their professional training. Special emphasis was placed on young girls in the 2018-2020 project. They are particularly vulnerable and represent 40% of children involved in conflicts. They require a more specific type of support to gradually re-join their village and develop an income-generating activity.

With displaced children in Lebanon

The future of the hundreds of thousands of Syrian and Iraqi children, particularly the refugees in Lebanon, is a major challenge for the region. Seriously traumatized by the war scenes they have fled as well as by the heartbreak of exile, these children need a truly adjusted support to regain self-confidence and faith in the future. Since 2015, BICE and the Catholic University of Milan have provided 4 training courses which have already enabled nearly 120 educators to become tutors of resilience for more than 8,000 child victims.

THE TESTIMONY OF MANISHA, A GIRL CHILD FROM KATHMANDU



Little Manisha lives near Kathmandu in Nepal, a region mined by poverty that hits children first and foremost. Whether orphaned by the 2015 earthquake or neglected by parents struggling to earn a living, many are left to their own devices, forced to work after school, especially in carpet factories where cases of exploitation, violence and abuse are unfortunately extremely frequent.

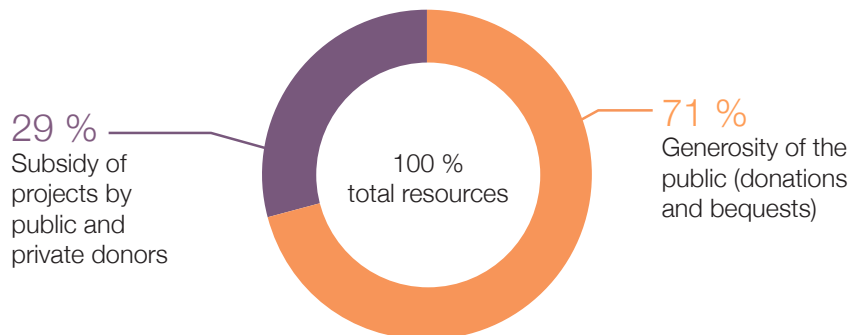
At the age of eight years old, how can you find the strength to hold on to your only promise for the future, which is school? It is for these children that BICE and its local partner have created a secure space located inside the Kapan school. In this actual refuge, children are accompanied by caring and well-trained educators who provide them with academic support

and help them overcome their traumas. It is here that Manisha has found a reason to hope and the will to build a future for herself.

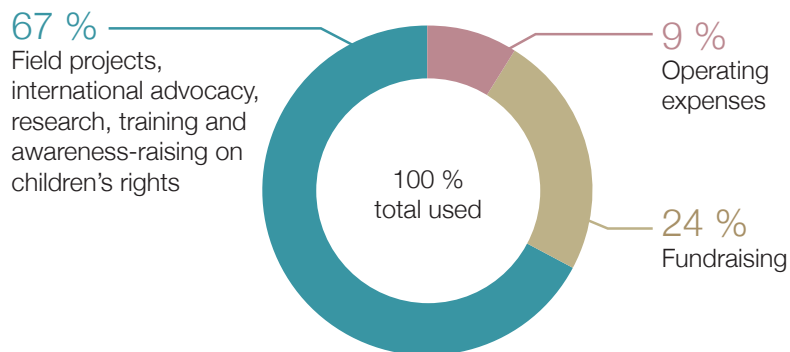
“My parents cannot help me with my homework. Coming to the centre was the golden opportunity of my life, and that of my friends who have not had much luck in life either... The centre is like my home: I learn new things every day, I do my homework, I play with my friends and I receive lots of love and attention from my educator!”

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Resources during the period 2016-2018 : 4 129 000 €*



Application during the period 2016-2018 : 3 699 000 €*



SUPPORT US

Donations made to BICE are deductible from the French income tax. Those in favour of the PRO-BICE France Foundation, under the aegis of the Caritas France Foundation, are deductible from the French Real Estate Wealth Tax (IFI). It is also possible to make donations that are deductible from corporate income tax.

BICE was recognised as being of general interest by a Prefectural decision of 24 August 2018. It is entitled to receive gifts, legacies and donations.

BICE is a member of the Comité de la Charte du Don en Confiance. Accredited by the UN, UNESCO, the Council of Europe, the International Organisation of la Francophonie and the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights.

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* As an annual average

70 YEARS OF ACTION AT THE SERVICE OF CHILDREN

1948 Foundation of BICE

1952 BICE obtains consultative status with the United Nations.

1979 International Year of the Child. This BICE initiative, implemented with the UN, has a global impact.

1982 First field projects

1989 The UN adopts the Convention on the Rights of the Child. For BICE, which coordinated the Group of NGOs that negotiated this Convention, this represents the consecration of 10 years of work.

2014 Pope Francis receives BICE in private audience, as he will also do in 2018, for the 70th anniversary of the association.

2019 BICE and its partners celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child.





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