

## Early Childhood Support in India

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### BICE acts for young children in India

Since 2012, BICE and its local partner Aina Trust have lead [a pilot project of community nurseries](#) and have trained nursery assistants in the city of Sidlaghatta.

The objective of this project is to sustainably improve the well-being and development of the toddlers of silk workers by offering support adapted to the socio-economic context of families and reassuring them about their role as parents.

### Activities around early awakening

Several activities are jointly conducted in community care centers and with families:

- Training for nursery assistants
- Accommodation for toddlers during the day at the homes of nursery assistants
- Provision of toys and educational tools for children
- Creation and development of a space suitable for recreational and leisure activities for nursery assistants
- Healthy meal preparation, consistent with the nutritional needs of toddlers
- Regular medical monitoring
- Trainings for mothers and the community to support toddlers thanks to workshops on hygiene, nutrition, safety, disease, child rights, etc.

### Key figures of the project

- 60 children (boys and girls) aged 1 to 6 years old from the most disadvantaged families of Sidlaghatta are supported daily
- 20 women of the community are trained in the profession of nursery assistant

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