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Thanks to you, in 2010...

In 2010, Humanium developed its activities in India, in Europe and on the Internet.

In **India**, the project for sustainable development in Sankarapuram village entered into its largest expansion, benefiting all 1,362 villagers. A new, more or less similar, project was launched not far from there in Annathur village. A third village, Azakusamudram, is now being prepared.



In **Europe**, the Humanium family has been enlarged with Humanium France and Humanium Germany. Humanium is no longer only one association, but has become a movement of 3 associations with the same commitment of service to Humanity.

The **Humanium website** has evolved into 3 languages (French, German and English) and is accompanied by a **blog**, where articles, photos and testimonials are published each week. The **online store** also received a makeover and became trilingual.

On November 20, on Humanium's anniversary, which is also Global Children's Day, Humanium launched a **Children's Rights Portal**.

All of this was possible not only through the commitment of our operational partners in India, but also thanks to the support of all who have served alongside us throughout 2010.

A big thank you to all.



2010 Activities in India



In India, Humanium supported a global approach for sustainable development.

This approach is based on the strength of seven complementary support programs which aim at making the Rights of the Child a reality.

These seven programs mainly include the following activities:



Education

- raising awareness of child labour;
- schooling for all children;
- evening tutoring centre;
- transit school;
- improving the quality of teaching;
- children's computer classes;
- Anganwadi renovation;
- Parent and Teacher Association.



Health

- medical camps;
- nutrition programme;
- awareness and training campaigns;
- toilet construction;
- water management platforms.



Citizenship

- establishing a citizen centre;
- adult computer classes;
- Good Governance Committee.

Microfinance

- setting up self-help groups;
- vocational and entrepreneurial training;
- literacy classes;
- grants for micro-credits and micro-loans;
- veterinary camps.



Human Rights

- raising awareness;
- training and prevention.



Environment

- training and raising awareness;
- collection, sorting, and recycling waste;
- biogas;
- organic fertilizers and agriculture;
- distribution and planting of trees.



Peace

- community meetings and dialogue;
- prevention and raising awareness.

Project in Sankarapuram village



Context

Sankarapuram is one of the poorest villages in southeastern India. Its 1,362 inhabitants are spread out among 315 households. Nearly one out of every three children is without formal schooling, due in large part to poverty. These children tend to be child workers as well as abandoned or neglected children, whose most fundamental rights are not respected.





Composed essentially of a population issuing from the low castes, the village of Sankarapuram needs assistance to ensure its development. More than 71% of the adult population has no steady income. It is at the villagers' demand that our organization has launched this project for promoting the sustainable and fair development of the village.



Objectives

Eradicate Child Labour and improve the living conditions of the most underprivileged in the long term.

- Ensure lasting, long-term primary school education for all the children in the village;
- reduce extreme poverty and provide a stable revenue for each family;
- teach adults to read and provide professional training, especially for women;
- reduce malnutrition and guarantee a rich and balanced diet;
- promote gender equality and the autonomy of women;
- improve health and hygiene, and reduce infant mortality;
- preserve the environment and reduce the effects of pollution;
- make the respect of Human Rights a reality;
- improve local governance and promote participation in the democratic process;
- reduce the digital divide, and ensure access to information and communication.



Activities

The main characteristic of this development project is its global approach, combining the strength of six development programs, which complete each other: Education, Microfinance, Health, Human Rights, Citizenship and Environment.

This integrated community approach strives to cover all villagers' needs. This is a complete solution which takes the complexity, the variety and the interconnection of the problems into account.

Project in Annathur village



Context

The village of Annathur is situated in the State of Tamil Nadu, in the southeast of India. « Annathur » means literally "the place of the embodiment of brotherhood." Made up of three hamlets, it houses 3,000 inhabitants over an area of 2 km2. The village of Annathur is a "Panchayat," or an area of administrative authority and local politics. The villagers speak mostly Tamil.





80% of the villagers live on less than 2 dollars per day. Inequalities are striking, against untouchables (dalits), tribal people and women. It is at the request of the villagers that Humanium launched this project promoting sustainable development to ensure to all the children and their families have access to fair opportunities to build their future.



Objectives

Make the Rights of the Child a reality and improve the living conditions of the villagers in the long term.

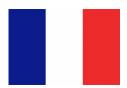
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- improve local governance and promote participation in the democratic process;
- reduce the digital divide, and ensure access to information and communication;
- promote peace and mutual aid within the community.



Activities

The approach of the project is global and aims at dealing with all the causes of the problems, systematically integrating the priorities and needs of the beneficiaries. This project brings together the strength of seven development programs which complete each other: Education, Health, Microfinance, Human Rights, Environment, Citizenship and Peace. The project will be carried out over a period of 24 months, beyond which the village will continue its own autonomous and independent development.

2010 Activities in Europe







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Children's Rights Portal – www.droits-enfant.org



Humanium launched a Website for the Rights of Children on November 20th, which is International Rights of Children Day.

The aim of the website http://www.droits-enfant.org is to offer to Internet users a wide range of information and resources regarding children's rights.

Aside from an in depth introduction to the history and relevant documentation of these rights, the site sheds light on the situation for children in the world and in India, the operational country of the association Humanium. Thanks to the simple content and numerous illustrations, the website allows both children and adults to understand what is at stake for the rights of children and to discover how to act in order to ensure these rights.



The date chosen for the launch of the website is none other than the 20th of November 2010, this day marks the anniversary of two fundamental texts that concern the protection of children: the Declaration of the rights of children in 1959 and the International Convention on the Rights of the Child in 1989. It is also the anniversary of the creation of the association Humanium, which was founded November 20th, 2008 in Geneva.