



## WORKING APPROACH OF ENFANTS DU MONDE

**Enfants du Monde positions itself as an agent of sustainable development** whose main concern is to implement quality programmes that are viable for the long term and adapted to local needs. **The goal is to help disadvantaged children and their families to improve their living conditions and reach a higher level of autonomy through programmes in education and health.**

Enfants du Monde collaborates with local partners for the implementation of its programmes. These partners are organizations of the civil society, but are also the corresponding ministers of each country in order to strengthen the sustainability and expansion of the programs. In the future, coverage of needs in education and health on the national level can only be guaranteed by local agents, especially by the State.

### A Project of Enfants du Monde: From Conception to Realisation

#### 1. Conception of the Project

Projects are drawn up on the basis of suggestions from local partners in collaboration with the local coordination office of Enfants du Monde and subject specialists in Geneva. All projects are added to the programmes dealing with quality education or improvement of the health of mothers and newborns, allowing interaction among several agents. The civil society organisations are selected on the basis of different criteria:

- excellent knowledge of local problems and the subject of the project,
- a good collaboration network, innovative action, and proper reflection,
- professional skills,
- resources and strategies to deal with the problems faced.

On the basis of a first proposal, the coordination office verifies the feasibility of the project, analyses its potential impacts, and confirms the credibility and professionalism of the partner organisation.

#### 2. Study and Selection

- A study carried out by the coordination office makes it possible to gather enough information to present a proposal to the Geneva office. Specialists in Geneva then formulate a certain number of recommendations intended to improve the quality of the project. Exchanges are also made with the programmes commission of Enfants du Monde, which is also composed of specialists in the subject. One project is finally developed over a period of 3 to 4 years. It must be submitted to the committee of Enfants du Monde for final approval.



### **3. Obstacles: Complex Programmes and the Time Factor**

This rigorous process for selecting the local partner and approving new projects allows Enfants du Monde to guarantee sustainable action of high quality.

The programmes of Enfants du Monde are complex, in terms of both preparation and execution, and the time factor is an essential element. Obtaining tangible and durable results in the sectors of education and maternal and infant health is possible only with a development approach that is medium term and long term.

### **4. Evaluation of Projects and Follow-up**

Each project is managed on the basis of a convention established between Enfants du Monde and the local partners that specifies its elements and objectives, the expected results, the modalities of its implementation of follow-up and evaluation, financing, and budget. Projects are subjected to regular follow-up par the coordination office and once a year by the specialists of the Geneva office. Projects are audited par an independent local auditor and evaluated annually.