



CHILD—HELP

THE SHARE JOURNEY

DRIVEN BY CHANGE.
POWERED BY KNOWLEDGE.

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INTRODUCTION

Child-Help supports countries and communities where people with Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus face significant barriers to inclusion and lack access to adequate healthcare.

We seize every opportunity to address their most urgent needs, building on the initiatives of local communities and our NGO partners. At every step, we are guided by the principle: **“Nothing about us without us.”**

In healthcare, this means starting at the end of the chain—at the bedside of a child in the hospital, in the classroom where they go to school, and beside the mother mourning the loss of her child. It also means working alongside local self-help groups to create a more inclusive society.



How do we envision the future? What kind of world do we want for a child born with Spina Bifida in 2050?

Over time, Child-Help has developed extensive expertise in affordable, accessible care for our target group. “Doing less but better” requires a deep understanding of what is both possible and essential in healthcare. This approach enables us to make informed choices, avoiding unnecessary, unaffordable lab tests and medical imaging. For us, knowledge is the key to a better life.

Looking back on the past 30 years, 2024 was a year of reflection and planning for Child-Help. We aim to build on the shared dreams of people across the world, using these dreams as a compass for our mission.

How do we envision the future? What kind of world do we want for a child born with Spina Bifida in 2050 — a world where they are fully supported and valued within an inclusive society? What would this mean for a child born on one of the islands of the Philippines, in the mountains of Mexico, or in the slums of Nairobi?



We brought together self-help groups from East Africa and named our vision “Dalmus,” a name that signifies a strong person who cares for themselves and the whole community alike.



This inspired the Dalmus metaphor—a metaphor of a bus journey representing collective efforts toward an inclusive society, with Dalmus as the destination. The bus symbolizes a clear direction, with its destination displayed at the front. **Everyone who boards contributes to a more inclusive future.** These national networks drive change in their own countries, while Child-Help serves as the international bus, providing resources, training, and knowledge to keep the journey on track.

This evolved into **the SHARE Bus: Spina Bifida, Hydrocephalus, Access, Awareness, Advocacy, Resources, and Empowerment** — a concept encapsulating Child-Help’s mission and activities. The SHARE Bus welcomes all who contribute positively: NGOs, professional networks, individuals, and organizations representing our target group.



Through this approach, Child-Help positions itself as an **international knowledge center for accessible care and inclusive societies**. Ambitious? Certainly. But necessary—each year, more than one million people worldwide are newly confronted with Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus. We are committed to ensuring they receive the care and support they need.

RESULTS 2024

Members of Child-Help International

- Project countries
- Material support
- Parent Group
- Hospital project
- Outreach project
- House of Hope
- Continence Mgmt

GUATEMALA
185 children followed-up
15 new in 2024
58 surgeries
253 family members trained
7 clinics

PERU
432 children followed-up
9 new in 2024
9 professionals trained
12 family members trained
6 clinics

25.208 children followed-up worldwide

11.722 mothers worldwide received a year's supply of folic acid

6.231 pieces of surgical material provided (shunts, EVD, ...)

39.590 catheters provided worldwide

UKRAINE
448 children followed-up
36 new in 2024
40 surgeries
3 professionals trained
79 family members trained

IVORY COAST
109 children followed-up
44 surgeries
40 shunts

UGANDA
3.673 children followed-up
535 new in 2024
1.512 surgeries
64 professionals trained
768 family members trained
40 clinics
1.330 shunts

SOEDAN
110 children followed-up
110 surgeries

ETHIOPIA
324 children followed-up
120 new in 2024
6 professionals trained
48 family members trained

DR CONGO
240 children followed-up
121 surgeries
85 shunts

ZAMBIA
5.220 children followed-up
232 new in 2024
516 surgeries
10 professionals trained
500 family members trained
1 clinic
250 shunts

KENYA
5.740 children followed-up
574 new in 2024
313 surgeries
41 professionals trained
411 family members trained
119 clinics
69 shunts

TANZANIA
3.199 children followed-up
543 new in 2024
1.364 surgeries
35 professionals trained
1.406 family members trained
81 clinics
1.905 shunts

MALAWI
4.005 children followed-up
438 new in 2024
654 surgeries
26 professionals trained
274 family members trained
219 clinics
215 shunts

SOUTH AFRICA
1.523 children followed-up
5 new in 2024
102 surgeries
20 professionals trained
154 family members trained
2 clinics

PARTNER ORGANISATIONS



SPINA BIFIDA AND HYDROCEPHALUS
ASSOCIATION OF KENYA
COAST BRANCH



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