



EVA AHLSTRÖM FOUNDATION  
ANNUAL REPORT 2020



# Greeting from the chair:

I think 2020 was the year when we realized that we are all dependent on- as well as responsible for- one another. The pandemic with its lockdowns and restrictions has made us aware of the importance of our words and actions -no matter where we live, our age or position in society.

We are all knowingly or unknowingly role models. Even a 5-year-old on the playground is a role model to a younger child. Is the child sharing his/her toys? Is he/she including or excluding other children and for what behavior is the child celebrated or reprimanded by his/her peers and parents? Our virtues are developed from childhood and a reflection of the society we grow up in.

Most societies embrace the values of honesty, empathy, respect and justice. But values without virtues are of no use. What virtues- our behavior in relation to our values- are important and how do we make our values reality? A good intention does not become a good deed if you do not act on it. Words on any agreement or declaration are only words on papers- only action will make them reality. My personal favorite virtue is courage, which by definition is not the absence of fear but *action in spite of it*.

I think many of us feel that the challenges facing humanity today are overwhelming, often leaving us feeling unsure of how we on an individual level can contribute.

The United Nations recently called for action and asked the international community: governments, private sector, and civil society to step up and collaborate to help tackle the challenges we are facing today. According to the UN there is an annual lack of approximately 2.5-3 trillion USD to reach the 17 Sustainable Development Goals by 2030. No single

company or government has those resources - and money alone is not the solution. We need change. Change in structures, attitudes and change in how we treat each other. For change to happen we need to heed the virtue of courage and step up, speak out and act when needed.

With this in mind the Eva Ahlström Foundation initiated Ahlström Collective Impact, a unique and bold value-based collaboration platform that joins together the entire Ahlström Network and UNICEF with the mission to create a better world for children.

Ahlström Collective Impact is the vehicle that makes it possible for everyone in the Ahlström Network to contribute towards solving some of the most pressing challenges facing our global society. It is an innovative collaboration that brings together companies, foundations, shareholders and employees in collaboration with UNICEF, UN's children's organization, to support the realization of the UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDG).

Martin Luther King defined power as the possibility to affect change. Ahlström Collective Impact is a possibility for the entire Ahlström Network to rethink how we use our collective power to affect the changes we want to see for our children.

As a great-granddaughter of Eva and Antti Ahlström it is a privilege to contribute to the Ahlström Family Legacy. I personally believe that only by applying the virtue courage to our Family values, Ambition and Responsibility, can we make our Family vision, A Better World For Future Generations, a reality.



Maria Ahlström-Bondestam, Co-founder and Chair, The Eva Ahlström Foundation

# Annual Report 2020

Eva Ahlström Foundation (business ID 2361056-5)

## ABOUT THE FOUNDATION

The idea of the foundation initially started to take form in August 2008 initiated by discussions amongst female members of the Ahlström family. In May 2010, the 25 initiators were given the go-ahead by the Finnish Patent and Registration Office to establish the Foundation. The mission of the Foundation is **to support non-profit organizations, associations or individuals, in Finland or abroad, that are reputable and have a proven record of working globally or locally offering financial support primarily to women and children subject to poverty, oppression, war, political instability, natural disasters or other difficult circumstances.** The Foundation operates with a long-term perspective towards achieving its goals. Rather than one-time donations we aim to commit to our selected partner organizations and beneficiaries on a long-term basis. The Foundation was added to the Register of Foundations on 27/10/2010. The website of the foundation is: [www.evaahlstromsstiftelse.fi](http://www.evaahlstromsstiftelse.fi)

**Membership:** The Foundation is a member of the Association of Finnish Foundations.

## Board and auditors

**The board** has the following members: Maria Ahlström-Bondestam (chairperson), Johanna Ahlström, Malin Ahlström, Joanna Danielsson, Edvin Franck, Laura Meyer, Helena Nahi, Anna Tornivuori.

**Auditor:** Henrik Holmbom, KPMG, deputy auditor Kim Järvi.

## Board meetings in 2020

Regular meetings: 16/1, 11/2, 12/3, 1/4, final accounts meeting 1/4, 5/5, 3/6, 19/8, 9/9, 7/10, 10/11, 9/12

# Board of the Eva Ahlström Foundation

*“Our vision is to change the way doing good is perceived by advocating for doing the Right Thing according to universal ethical values such as honesty, empathy, respect and justice. We don't believe in donations but advocate for strategic giving which means defining the problem, finding a solution to it, and scaling up the results for sustainable impact.”*



# Significant events in 2020

## Eva Ahlström Foundation 10 years

The year 2020 marked an important milestone for the Foundation, which celebrated its tenth financial year. The jubilee year began with a very successful Eva weekend: over 60 female members of the Ahlström family attended and were inspired by an encouraging speech given by Valerie Mars, Senior Vice President, Mars Corporation. Unfortunately, the Foundation's plans to celebrate the 10th anniversary year with a series of events were halted by the COVID-19 pandemic, but the Foundation's other work could continue without interruption.

After ten years of operations, it is worth taking a moment to stop and look back on the Foundation's journey so far. A theme that has permeated everything we have done during the years is collaboration. This means collaboration among the Foundation's board members, within the family, with partners and with other families, foundations and organizations. The Foundation's goal and source of inspiration has always been to spread its message and engage as many different entities as possible in its work. Even if the degree of collaboration and success can be measured in many different units, figures are concrete evidence of our strategy's success. Since it was registered, the Foundation has invested €1.8 million in various projects, but through active engagement of other actors, the total value of projects initiated by the Foundation has risen to €4.1 million. This is something the board of the Foundation is especially proud of and sees as a particular area of expertise which the Foundation will continue to cherish and develop.

Eva Ahlström Foundation's own monetary support



Monetary support from engaged parties



Figures include donations paid 2010-2020 as well as commitments for 2021-2022

# Significant events in 2020

## **The Eva Ahlström Foundation is initiating a new collaboration body for the Ahlström Network — Ahlström Collective Impact.**

The Foundation strives to change people's views of charity from a traditional idea of passive giving to one of strategic philanthropy. We want to bring together different actors and in collaboration solve the challenges our world faces. For that reason, Ahlström Collective Impact was launched in August 2020.

Ahlström Collective Impact (ACI) is a new, globally unique initiative that the Eva Ahlström foundation has worked a lot on during year 2020. The Foundation's long, successful collaboration with UNICEF has laid the groundwork for a new type of collaborative platform where companies, foundations and share- and stakeholders in the Ahlström Network together invest in a better world for children. Initiated by The Eva Ahlström Foundation, Ahlström Collective Impact joins together the foundation and the Ahlström Network companies Ahlström Capital, Ahlstrom-Munksjö, Antti Ahlström Perilliset, Destia and Glaston. The collaboration is committed to supporting UNICEF in reaching the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) through joint strategic investments. The board of the Foundation is proud of and excited by the launch of this collaborative platform and looks forward to using this new arena for continuing to work towards realizing the Ahlström family vision of a better world for future generations.



# Finances of the foundation

## Statement on Financial Ties to the Close Circle of the Foundation

In January 2020, the Foundation was billed a sum of 1,201.56 € (VAT included) by Smidig Media Agency Oy for the user rights of image material from third parties (Shutterstock and Pond5), the material was obtained in connection with the production of a film about the Foundation. Board Member Edvin Franck is partner and Managing Director of the company Smidig Media Agency Oy (Business ID 2784399-9). The film was produced by the company during the year 2019 and is separately mentioned in the Foundation's Annual Report from said year.

Aside from that, no person belonging to the close circle of the foundation has such ties to the foundations that fall under the Finnish Foundations Act chapter 5 §2, nor does any of said persons enjoy any wholly or partly gratuitous benefits of any kind.

## Statement of fee for the board

The board has not drawn any form of fee.

## Operating activities

The Foundation's operating activities are primarily focused on a working board, but the Foundation has costs related to its administration and activities, such as accounting, communication, events and travel. In spring 2020, the Foundation hired a part-time administrative director. The Foundation's gross operating expenses in 2020 totalled €70 075,55 and were primarily financed by the returns on the Foundation's investment portfolio, but also from external support of €28 365,44 from Antti Ahlström Perilliset. The Foundation's net operating expenses in 2020 were thus €50 710,11 (2019: €31,711.70).

During the year, the Foundation received donations of €271,843 from Ahlström family members and their close circle.

In 2020 the Foundation made donations totalling €526,485. This included: €280,000 to the Foundation's various ongoing projects and collaboration; €26,485 collected and paid forward to specific purposes; €100,000 which the Foundation decided in autumn 2020 to award as a one-off donation to the newly established Ahlström Collective Impact collaboration platform; as well as €120,000 in donations forwarded via Eva Ahlström Foundation International, a subdivision established by family members resident outside Finland.

## Investing activities

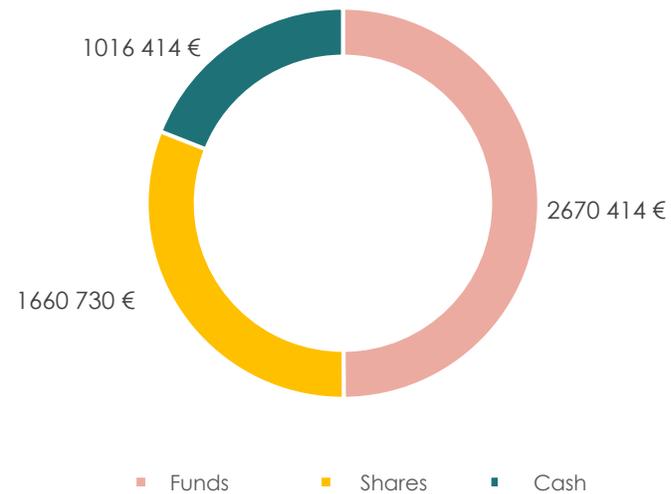
The Foundation's capital is managed by an Investment Committee consisting of four members: Carl Ahlström (chairperson), Andreas Ahlström, Joanna Danielsson and Edvin Franck.

The Committee members' term of office is one year, and new members are elected at the Foundation's Annual General Meeting. The Investment Committee works according to an investment strategy decided by the Foundation's board. The goal of investing activities is to create long-term conditions for a good return on investments and enable stable opportunities for paying out funds.

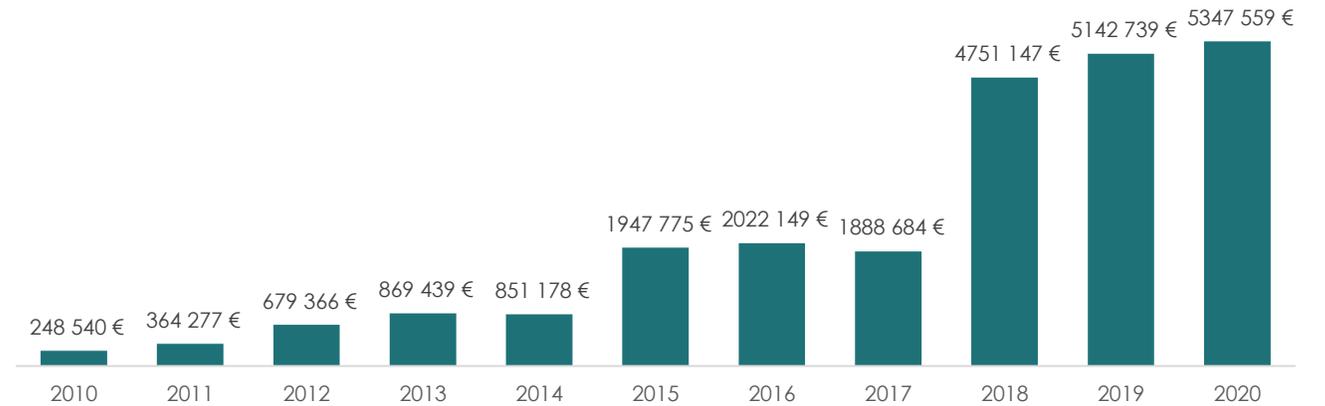
As of 31 December 2020, the Foundation's assets had a market value of €5,3 million (2019: €5.1 million).

# Finances of the foundation

Portfolio breakdown as off 31 December 2020



Total capital 2010-2020



# Strategic partners and support paid in 2020

In 2020, the Eva Ahlström Foundation continued to realize its strategy of maximum impact through its long-term partners **CMI, UNICEF, SOS Children's Villages and Children of the Station**. The goal is to achieve maximum impact with every investment (donation), and the board of the Foundation strongly believes that this can best be achieved through established, professional and known actors, both nationally and internationally. In addition to the UNICEF projects which the Foundation supports directly, the long-term collaboration with UNICEF received a new dimension in the launch of **Ahlström Collective Impact**.

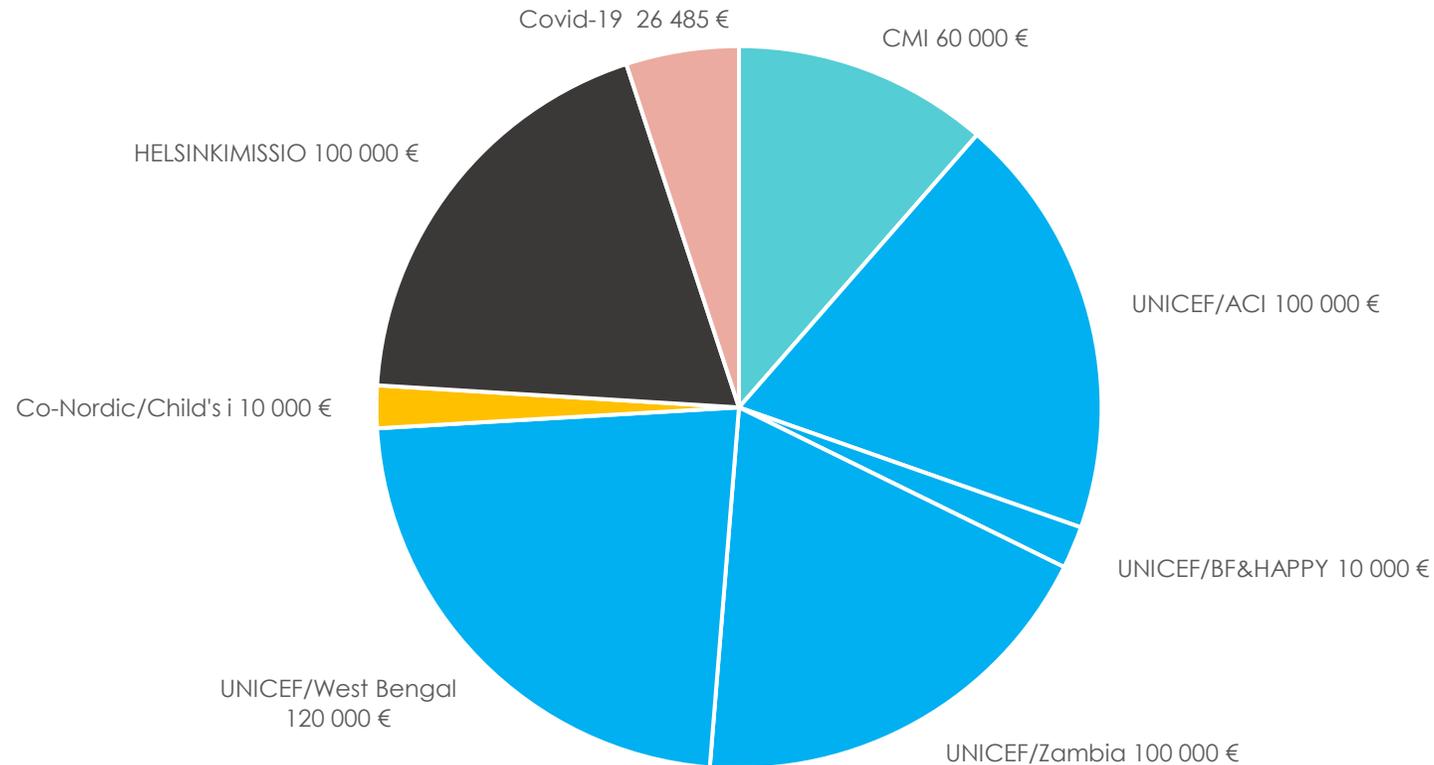
## Two new partners

On the initiative of the Eva Ahlström Foundation, a three-year collaboration began in 2020 with **HelsinkiMissio**, the Berner family, the August Ludvig Hartwall Foundation, the Päivikki and Sakari Sohlberg Foundation and Veikko Laine Oy. The project focuses on the youth work done by HelsinkiMissio.

A new form of Nordic collaboration took shape in 2020 when the Foundation began working with a Swedish and a Norwegian family under the leadership of the UBS Optimus Foundation. The parties are for three years supporting the **Child's i Foundation**, which addresses problems of the institutionalization of children in Uganda.



# Strategic partners and support paid in 2020



# CMI (Crisis Management Initiative)

The Eva Ahlström Foundation has supported the work of CMI since 2016. The collaboration is based on the Foundation's and CMI's shared desire for long-term collaboration, with the goal of supporting work for lasting peaceful solutions and further increasing the effect of CMI's work.

CMI is a Finnish peace-making organization which facilitates and supports dozens of peace processes in four regions of the globe. CMI was born out of Nobel laureate and former Finnish President Martti Ahtisaari's vision that all conflicts could be resolved, and in 20 years it has developed into one of the world's leading conflict resolution organizations. In 2020 CMI took part in nine different peace processes worldwide.

The meaning of peace-making has grown during CMI's 20 years of operations. The sector has expanded, professionalized and assumed a meaningful role as a part of international politics. Alongside states and international organizations, various unofficial peacekeeping actors similar to CMI have also arisen. Peacemaking has, to an ever greater extent, been accepted as an effective, advantageous way of intervening in conflicts and the root causes of conflicts.

Since 2018, the Eva Ahlström Foundation has supported CMI's work for lowering tensions and promoting peace in the Korean peninsula. CMI has successfully continued working with the various parties to the conflict, in spite of the persistently difficult political situation and the challenges presented by the pandemic.

In 2020 the Foundation supported CMI's work in a world shaken by the COVID-19 pandemic: countries at risk of conflict or already in conflict needed additional support to maintain peace processes. During the crisis, CMI successfully increased dialogue and kept the channels between various parties to conflict open. It did this via virtual tools and platforms, which also eased the parties' participation in the work. CMI reached more people in 2020 than in previous years. CMI also collaborated with local actors, for example in Libya and Palestine, on communication, prediction and analysis of the impact of the pandemic.

## Support in 2020:

Support for peace work: 40 000 €



# UNICEF

The Eva Ahlstrom Foundation's long-term collaboration with UNICEF, focusing on child welfare development projects, continued, and the Foundation is engaged in several projects with UNICEF. The foundation continues as an active member in UNICEF International Council. The Ahlström Collective Impact gave this collaboration a whole new dimension.

## Investments in child welfare in West Bengal and Zambia

The child welfare project in West Bengal, which is supported by the satellite organization Eva Ahlström Foundation International, focuses on improving conditions and aid in children's homes and childcare facilities, establishing temporary accommodation, and supporting foster family arrangements to ensure that as many children as possible can grow up and develop in a home environment rather than an institution. There are approximately 20 million children without parents in India today. Of these, fewer than 1% have lost both parents. Most have been abandoned by their parents, fled or been saved from very difficult conditions, such as human trafficking, exploitation and crime. The fate of these children is the usually the consequence of extreme poverty, abuse, maltreatment and health problems. Their chances for growing up and developing to their full potential are very low.

- The goal for the end of the project in 2022 is for the state in West Bengal to have better preconditions for providing preventative services for children at risk of abandonment or separation from their families.

The satellite organization Eva Ahlström Foundation International (EAFI) was founded in 2019 on the initiative of the Foundation's board and Ahlström family members living abroad. EAFI is a part of the Foundation's ecosystem and operates under the same charter and by-laws as the Foundation itself. EAFI has its own steering committee, and the satellite organization's purpose is to ease and enable internationally resident family members' engagement in the Foundation's work.



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# UNICEF

UNICEF contributes via the child welfare project in Zambia to the establishment of a child welfare programme which provides integrated, improved and just protection and defends children against violence, abuse, exploitation and neglect. The project is delivered via close collaboration with the Zambian government and other national and international partners. Report from the project:

- 116,914 children's births were registered at health centres. Gaining legal identity helps children to access various basic rights in society throughout life.
- 6,088 children in formal care now have a case file that aids child protection officials in ensuring protection and care for these children
- 38,000 vulnerable children were supported with community-level child protection measures. This work was carried out by 1,800 trained community volunteers
- The new Child and Family Welfare Framework helps to bring essential social services to those who need them the most.



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# UNICEF

## HAPPY collaboration continues and expands to include more families — BE FRIENDS AND HAPPY

After a successful, UNICEF-coordinated HAPPY project in Vietnam, collaboration continues in the form of a three-year BF&HAPPY project in Rwanda. From a consortium of three Finnish families (Hartwall, Ahlström and Paulig — HAPPY), collaboration grew to include five families (Berner, Fazer, Hartwall, Ahlström, Paulig).

In 2020–2022 the BF&HAPPY project strives to reduce maternal and infant mortality in Rwanda. This happens by educating healthcare personnel working in maternity care and delivery. The project is implemented in 10 selected provinces in the country. The project also focuses on access to vital healthcare equipment for the care of infants. The COVID-19 pandemic caused some delays in the project's implementation in 2020, but UNICEF's national office in Rwanda is hopeful that it can catch up with the original schedule in 2021.

# BF&HAPPY

BERNER FAZER HARTWALL AHLSTRÖM PAULIG PERHEET YHDESSÄ

## Ahlström Collective Impact supports UNICEF's COVID-19 work

In 2020 Ahlström Collective Impact chose to focus its investments in UNICEF's COVID-19 crisis aid for children, the invisible victims of the pandemic. The coronavirus pandemic has both short-term and long-term effects on health, welfare and children's development, and UNICEF is tackling these challenges by supporting governments worldwide in their work to secure basic healthcare and education for all children.



### Support in 2020:

Child welfare programme in Zambia: €100,000

Child welfare programme in West Bengal, India (EAFI): €120,000

Ahlström Collective Impact: €100,000

BF&HAPPY: €10,000

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# HelsinkiMissio

In the current strategic period, the Foundation's work in Finland has increased its focus on children and young people. A central task in the last financial year was to identify a suitable partner and suitable project through which the Foundation could address the growing problem of young people in Finland who suffer from loneliness and poor mental health. The Foundation's board has great hopes for the BLASH collaboration, begun in 2020 with HelsinkiMissio.

## **BLASH: a new project in Finland focusing on minimizing youth exclusion**

On the initiative of the Eva Ahlström Foundation, a three-year collaboration began in 2020 with the Berner family, Veikko Laine Oy, the Päivikki and Sakari Sohlberg Foundation, and the August Ludvig Hartwall Foundation (BLASH). The goal of the collaboration is to create a solution to make it easier to reach young people who need support before their problems become a burden on society.

HelsinkiMissio is a social-sector organization that challenges Finns to fight for the forgotten in society and against loneliness. Loneliness is a deeper problem than financial poverty, as it affects all age and social groups. Loneliness is the cause of difficult problems in society, such as poor child welfare, depression, work incapacity and suicide among the elderly. HelsinkiMissio's youth work attempts to reduce young people's exclusion by providing low-threshold help which increases young people's welfare and supports their empowerment.

During the first year of the project, HelsinkiMissio's services for young people under the reigning exceptional circumstances were developed, reformed and expanded. New ways for young people to contact HelsinkiMissio, with even lower thresholds, were produced, and the professional helpers and volunteers created a presence where young people today meet e.g. online and on social media. The youth service targets for 2020 were exceeded, and a total of 1,517 young people were helped, with HelsinkiMissio meeting young people 7,589 times. Last year also saw the start of more intense collaboration with the city of Helsinki and other associations. The integration of work with youth loneliness also made further progress and extended its reach to young adults.

The project is exciting and unique: it gathers several organizations and families to early on support young people's wellbeing. We see this as an investment that enables HelsinkiMissio to develop its preventative services for young people as a part of its youth services in Helsinki. In the best case, the result of the project is a model that can be copied by other cities and municipalities in Finland.

On 29 October, the BLASH group arranged a webinar where participants heard more about the BLASH collaboration, the work of HelsinkiMissio and the work of Ashoka Nordics for supporting social entrepreneurs as change leaders.

### **Support in 2020:**

BLASH collaboration as a benefit for young people's wellbeing: 100 000€

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# SOS Children's Villages

The Eva Ahlström Foundation's support for the SOS Children's Villages support family services has been significant

**Support for SOS Children's Villages began in 2016 and has from the start focused on preventative work as a form of support for the wellbeing of families with children.**

Since 2019 the Foundation's aid has helped SOS Children's Villages expand nationally and widen its support to family services. In 2019 the project launched and widen a new support family concept, developed in Espoo, to all children's villages. The goal was to significantly develop and expand operations to meet the large demand for support family services.

Support family services offer early, low-threshold help for families with a tough everyday life. The background for families' need for help can include single parenthood, difficult life situations or the lack of social networks. With the help of a support family, an exhausted parent can rest and a child can regularly spend time with safe adults. Normally, the children spend one weekend a month with their support families.

SOS Children's Villages now provide its support family services in many locations in Finland, and many more children received their own, tailored support family in 2020. The coronavirus pandemic forced SOS Children's Villages to quickly develop new methods for educating support families remotely. The transition to digital tools went smoothly and webinars will also form a part of training sessions in the future. The concept of support family services progressed in 2020 according to plan, and the service is known for its good quality and reliability.

SOS Children's Villages are very grateful for their collaboration with the Foundation over many years. The support has been crucial for the recruitment of support families and the development of training for those families. The aid has also enabled joint events for families involved in support family activities and children on the waiting list for their own support family

There is still a high need for more support families. In the coming years, SOS Children's Villages is going to focus on long-term engagement of support families and constant expansion of operations.

## Support:

Support family operations in 2019-2020: 100 000€



# Children of the Station

## “The girls’ work” by the Children of the Station is tailored to young people’s needs

The goals of the work of Children of the Station (Aseman lapset ry, Stationens barn rf) are to preventively establish a functioning, humane dialogue between adults and youths and support a healthy upbringing for children nationwide.

In 2019, Children of the Station began a girls’ project in the framework of the organization’s Walkers operations, supported financially by the Eva Ahlström Foundation. Thanks to the Foundation’s continued support, the girls’ project could continue into 2020. The projects’ target group is girls and young women aged 13 to 21. The purpose of this work is to strengthen the girls’ and women’s knowledge of sexual health, their own bodies, romantic relationships and personal boundaries.

The global COVID-19 pandemic made 2020 somewhat different to plan, but with some adjustments in operating activities, the girls’ project was successfully implemented.

Due to the closure of the Walkers house and Walkers bus in the spring and autumn, the work was done in groups for a limited period (summer and early autumn). Five groups in Helsinki met in 2020. The groups were formed on the basis of the geographical areas the girls usually spend their time in. Some of the topics the groups worked through in their meetings were setting boundaries and autonomy, processing anxiety and stress, the need for a good night’s sleep and what to note when spending time in public. Some attempts were made to arrange remote group meetings, but the year showed that the young people had challenges in committing themselves to these virtual meetings.

In 2020 the importance of individual work grew, and even more young people sought out such services. Recurring themes in the discussions were friendship, one’s own sexuality and sexual abuse. The coronavirus pandemic caused many young people anxiety, as their plans for the future were changed and societal restrictions prevented them from meeting and spending time with their friends.

The young participants in the project reported better self-esteem, coping better with social situations, respect for their own bodies and a new understanding of setting and maintaining boundaries.

### Support:

Support for work with girls and young women in 2019-2020: 80 000€



# Child's i

**The Foundation wants to raise awareness of institutionalized children and has under the leadership of the UBS Optimus Foundation introduced a unique form of collaboration between Nordic foundations called Co-Nordic.**

The Eva Ahlström Foundation is alongside a Norwegian and a Swedish family part of a joint project supporting the Child's i Foundation's work in Uganda, Kamengo Community Transformation during 2020–2022. The Foundation thus contributes to co-founding a new Nordic collective which collaborates for a shared goal.

There are eight million institutionalized children in the world, of whom 80% are not orphaned in the true sense: they have a living parent. Poor or single parents are encouraged to give up their children, told that the child will do better in a children's home with shelter, food and schooling. However, this is rarely the case; the children are used to attract oblivious European and American tourists who donate large sums to children's homes (orphanages). These institutions are run as businesses, with children as the goods.

In 1996, a total of 1,000 children lived in 30 institutions in Uganda. Today, the estimated total of is 50,000 children in up to 800 children's homes, and the trend is upwards. At the same time, several studies have shown that children's separation from their families and institutionalization significantly damages their health and development, with life-long consequences for children under 3 years old. We also know that the majority of children in homes on a global scale are not de facto orphaned; for various reasons, parents are encouraged to give up their children to the homes in the hope of ensuring them a better future.

Child's i has worked in eastern Uganda since 2017 and particularly sees an opportunity for impact in the Kamengo Subcounty, where there is support for the issue on a local political level.

## Support in 2020:

Kamengo Community Transformation: 10 000€

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# COVID-19 appeal resulted in support for children and young people

The ongoing pandemic affects us all, but worst of all the already vulnerable children and young people in Finland and abroad. In 2020 the Eva Ahlström Foundation, through various appeals and with the support of individuals, managed to raise extra support for Children of the Station and SOS Children's Villages. The Foundation is pleased to report that participants' contribution resulted in the joint raising of sufficient finance for causes such as relaunching Wauto, the car used by Children of the Station. Moreover, SOS Children's Villages' Apuu chat service received significant financial support thanks to the donations made in response to the appeal and one hundred less affluent Finnish families received direct food aid in form of a food bag in collaboration with Venner. An appeal was also made to help the victims of the crisis in Lebanon following the explosion there. The explosion occurred against the background of a wide economic crisis, political instability and the worsened COVID-19 pandemic.

Total support:  
26 485 €



# Future prospects

As the Foundation begins its work in a new decade, it does so with the benefit of many lessons and wonderful experiences. The level of ambition among the Foundation's board members has been high from the start, and the sense of community is a sustaining force. It may sound naive to say we wish to continue working for a better world, but the real differences we have seen occur in local societies in which we have been active with our strategic partners mean we know that change is possible. We have seen good results noted by governments and decision makers, who, in turn, have a mandate to ensure the change reaches and benefits a larger target group.

The Foundation has reached a broad audience and developed a working method that has achieved international recognition, with its focus on strategic philanthropy and collaboration that can be said to culminate in Ahlström Collective Impact. It thus feels natural to place an increased focus in the coming year on analysis and systematization of our working method, as well as sharing lessons with other people, foundations, organizations and actors.

Just as it was at the same time last year, it is currently difficult to judge how

the global economy, either in the short or long term, will be affected by the coronavirus pandemic. In the current climate, the Foundation's investment strategy is cautious and prudent. The Foundation's cash flow is good and has ensured that it can fund its day-to-day operations and meet its donation commitments with its current cash reserves.

During 2020 the pandemic-hit international society further highlighted the need for actors who build bridges across traditional boundaries. The UN's Sustainable Development Goals are all our responsibility and cannot be reached unless more actors, big and small, change their way of viewing the world and act accordingly. Collaboration and shared goals are needed internationally, but also here in Finland. In our Foundation, we are eager to raise awareness of societal problems in Finland and work towards finding sustainable solutions which make a real difference.

It is with a mix of humility and gratitude for the first ten years and enthusiasm and hope for the future that the Foundation now plans its operations further. The goal remains the same: a better world for future generations.



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