

Mohanji International Foundation
Annual Activity Report 2020

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Mohanji International Foundation (MIF) was incorporated on 13th January 2020 in Bern with the company identification number of CHE – 419.298.097. The Foundation has the objectives of alleviating poverty regardless of belief, ethnicity or origin; fulfilling social and humanitarian tasks by supporting the needy with donations of a financial or material nature; contributing to the protection of nature, the environment and the well-being of all living beings through its own projects and the support of other non-profit organizations. The Foundation fulfills its purpose in accordance with the teachings of Mohan Pathiriseri Kesavan, called Mohanji, as far as these teachings are in accordance with the law.

The Foundation was established with six board members, with 3 of them being founding members, including Mohanji as the President, and the other three members were elected until 2022.

All the board members serve the Foundation free of charge. Over the course of 2020, we estimate that the six Foundation members collectively spent around 900-1000 hours on planning, evaluating, executing, supervising, and reporting on MIF activities.

A. Act 4 Hunger

In early 2020, **Mohanji International Foundation (MIF)** started a new initiative called ACT 4 Hunger (A4H). Act 4 Hunger is a trademarked brand that will be used for all food service activities conducted by MIF and selected partner organisations under agreement with MIF in order to alleviate hunger of all types of beings on this earth (humans, animals, birds and aquatic life). A4H believes in providing food without cruelty, hence aims to serve exclusively vegan food beyond all man made boundaries such as nationality, race, culture, religion or species. The vision of ACT 4 Hunger is a world where no one has to suffer the pain of hunger due to food poverty. The motto of ACT 4 Hunger is “food beyond boundaries” which is an acknowledgement that when it comes to serving food to the hungry there should be no man-made boundaries such as nationality, race, culture, religion etc.

Over the year, MIF signed agreements with various compatible organizations around the world to conduct the food donations, e.g. ACT Foundation - UK, Act Foundation – Serbia, Mohanji Foundation etc. (Example)

A Facebook page and Instagram page was created for posting of activities

Facebook link: <https://www.facebook.com/Act4Hunger/>

Instagram link: <https://www.instagram.com/act4hunger/>

Work was also initiated on building a dedicated website (<https://act4hunger.org>) to better present the work of Act 4 Hunger. Though the website was launched in 2021, much of the background work was done in 2020.

Branding material such as banners, standees, posters, T-shirts and caps were created to increase the visibility and raise awareness of what we do so that we can serve more people.



In 2020 ACT 4 Hunger was active in 23 countries over the world. We served 223,766 meals, donated 37,206 Kg of food to people and 27,925 Kg of food to animals.



Act 4 Hunger, Philippines 2020



Act 4 Hunger, Venezuela 2020

A fund-raising [link](#) was also created to allow donors to make direct contributions to MIF, mentioning a purpose code of Act 4 Hunger.

B. Mohanji Peace Centre, Slovenia

In 2020, the Board received a petition asking for support for the building of a Mohanji Peace Centre in Europe. The purpose of the Centre was to create a physical space that would allow the effective spreading of the messages of non-violence, compassion, unconditional love espoused by Mohanji. By building such a centre, the petitioners felt that Europe, especially the regions of Eastern Europe and the Balkan countries where a large number of people follow Mohanji's teachings, could benefit immensely. The Board agreed with the need for such a centre in Europe and approved the plan to support the building of a Mohanji Peace Centre in Slovenia, on land owned by Biljana Mohan in Sv. Ana, Slovenia.



Further to this, MIF engaged an architect in India to prepare preliminary concept plans for the Centre. Based on these plans, an approval was received for expansion of buildable land. Later in the year, MIF also engaged local architects from Maribor to support MIF in the planning phase of the project by applying for changes in the spatial act for the region. This work is expected to continue further in the year 2021 to progress towards a substantive Centre that would support MIF's objectives.

C. Mohanji International Foundation website

The Board felt that it would be appropriate to have a global website for MIF, so as to showcase the broad spectrum of activities of MIF, highlighting major programs of MIF and updates thereof. The website domain <https://mohanji.foundation/> was selected and procured for this purpose. Content was created and site development commenced, though the site went live only in 2021.

D. Support to other Foundations

MIF received a number of requests for support from various foundations within Switzerland and beyond. In most cases, MIF decided that the causes did not merit participation of MIF and responded appropriately.

However, MIF decided to support one well known local Foundation, i.e. Winterhilfe (Kanton Bern and Kanton Genf), given their track record and the alignment of their values with MIF.

Financial Summary

- ▶ Over the year 2020, the Foundation received contributions of CHF 222,770.65 and made contributions of CHF 2256, leaving a contribution of CHF 220,514.65 in our favour.
- ▶ The Foundation had expenses of CHF 11,404.15 over the year, including expenses for creation of the Foundation, audit expenses and other fees. This left the Foundation with net proceeds of CHF 209,110.50 for the year.