

# **Mohanji International Foundation**

## **Annual Activity Report 2022**

In 2022 Mohanji International Foundation (MIF) continued its efforts of building upon the foundations of its various projects, as well as further outlining projects aligned with the objectives, namely supporting those in need of food, clothing, shelter; providing for the preservation of the ecosystem and supporting animal life; conducting programs that promote physical and mental well-being, and so on.

#### A. Act 4 Hunger

ACT 4 Hunger (A4H) is an initiative of Mohanji International Foundation (MIF). A4H was created in early 2020 as a platform for food service activities conducted by MIF and selected partner organisations to alleviate hunger of all types of beings. The two key features of ACT 4 Hunger are a) serving only plant-based food, i.e. food with no cruelty, and b) serving food without any man-made boundaries such as religion, nationality or species.

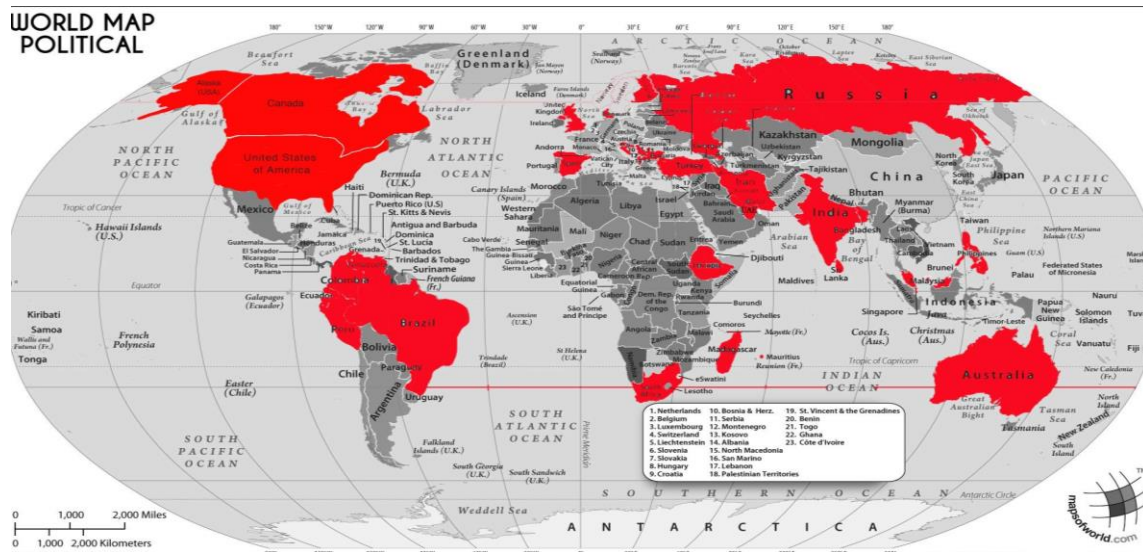
During 2022, MIF focused on maintaining the presence of A4H across the world, especially in the most critical areas, such as war-stricken Ukraine.

Compared to 2021, ACT 4 Hunger has kept the approximately same level of reach, with the notable increase in serving food to animals. The 2022 statistics can be summarized as below:

Meals served:	450,100 meals (478,659 in 2021)
Total Rations donated:	289,459 Kg (254,842 in 2021)
Rations donated to people:	139,189 Kg (171,582 in 2021)
Rations fed to animals:	150,270 Kg (83,260 in 2021)



Act 4 Hunger has maintained its presence in 33 countries in 2022.



ACT 4 Hunger activities occur - in Asia: Bangladesh, India, Sri Lanka, UAE, Qatar, Iran, Turkey; in Australia and South East Asia: Australia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore; in Europe: Albania, Croatia, Denmark, Finland, Macedonia, Serbia, Slovenia, Spain, Russia and the UK; in Africa: Ethiopia, Madagascar, Mauritius and South Africa; in North and South America: Canada, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, USA and Venezuela.



Examples:

In *Iran* ACT 4 Hunger activities have increased to 7 cities across Iran despite the turmoil in the country. The activities mainly focus on providing cooked meals and packages of dry rations containing rice, lentils, beans, chickpeas, soya, pasta, tomato sauce, sugar oil and tea to poor families as well as infant formula cans. Cooked meals and fresh fruit are also provided to the homeless and street kids. Strays and street dogs are also fed cooked vegan food by a volunteer.



In **Australia** food and grocery items are being donated to the homeless and families in need across both Sydney and Melbourne. Volunteers are also working with the Salvation army. Daily food service is provided to wildlife and all sorts of animals including kangaroos at the Mohanji Centre of Benevolence near Perth.

**Ethiopia** had several activities in all quarters of the year. A vegan lunch was served at the Sele Enat Children's Orphanage to celebrate Christmas (locally celebrated in January) and the new year. Mohanji's birthday was celebrated by providing vegan meals on the streets of Addis

Ababa. Eastern Orthodox Easter was celebrated by serving vegan meals to shelters and the homeless on the streets of Addis Ababa and Indian Independence day was celebrated in a similar way.



Every month up to 200 home cooked meals have been served to the homeless since 2019. Most of the activity is carried out in Addis Ababa and the neighbouring areas where ACT 4 Hunger volunteers serve food to the children, orphans, homeless as well as animals.



In **Colombia, Venezuela, Ecuador and Mexico** the focus has been working with poor families, supporting them with hot vegan meals and regular food rations to support their families. They are also supporting dog shelters and feeding various animals.

For the first time in **Morocco**, MIF sponsored the donation of fruits, books and school supplies to about 100 kids in three different places in the course of two days.

In 2022, in addition to the activities executed in collaboration with partner organizations, for ACT 4 Hunger activities specifically MIF received a total of CHF 3,373.46, and spent CHF 2,223.91.



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## B. ACT 4 Ukraine

On the 6<sup>th</sup> of March 2022, two weeks after the start of the conflict in Ukraine, the MIF Board passed a resolution to provide humanitarian support to all those affected by the conflict in Ukraine, under the project 'ACT 4 Ukraine'. In order to facilitate this aid effort, a building was rented by Mohanji International Foundation in Dorohoi, North Romania near the border with Ukraine. This served as our volunteer and humanitarian aid hub.



The main streams of humanitarian efforts taken up by 'ACT 4 Ukraine' are the following:

1. **Food aid.**
2. **Improving living conditions**
3. **Medical aid**
4. **Mental health and overall wellbeing**



**Main recipients of humanitarian support:**

- Refugees living in **Boyany and Mahala Schools**. The main support included:
  - Provision of food aid
  - Installation of showers and toilets at schools,
  - Purchase of a large commercial oven and commercial cooking equipment
  - Provision of cooking utensils and small appliances
  - Provision of toiletries, pharmaceuticals and women's health products
  - Provision of sports equipment such as table tennis tables, hula hoops, soccer nets, badminton nets, footballs, basketballs to keep the children active
  - Installation of a children's' playground



- **Psychiatric hospital for women in Khotyn** where 250 women were staying including 50 recently arrived from the Luhansk region We funded the construction of additional showers, purchased a commercial oven and purchased four 16kg laundry machines on the floors where the residents live. We also supplied food and pharmaceuticals.
- **Regional Psychiatric Hospital of Chernivtsi** housing over 400 displaced Ukrainians adult and children. The laundry and kitchen facilities were unsuitable and insufficient. We purchased over 14 washing machines and 6 dryers for this facility and 3,000 adult diapers needed for personal care.
- **Mahala orphanage:** A hydraulic lift was purchased for showering special needs children and a crib was provided for a special needs child. We also provided food, medicines and toiletries.

- **Sadhora Women and Children’s shelter** for victims of domestic abuse .This facility was housing 210 women and children of which 20 were victims of domestic violence. Our team delivered food, toys for children, women’s hygiene products, baby care products, two microwaves, two hot water kettles, and three suitcases full of summer clothes for the children.



- **Animal Shelter in Chernivtsi.** Parasite treatments were provided for the stray dogs. Donations were made to build dog houses to shelter the stray dogs in Boyany.



In 2022, for ACT 4 Ukraine activities specifically MIF received a total of CHF 93,867.52, and spent CHF 95,042.29.

#### C. Act 4 Sri Lanka

The ACT4SriLanka initiative was launched in July 2022 in the wake of the economic crisis in Sri Lanka. The ACT Foundation team in Sri Lanka started this initiative in collaboration with the ACT UK and Mohanji International teams. The objective of the initiative was to serve the needy people in Sri Lanka beyond all man-made barriers, such as race, religion, caste, gender etc., by providing food and medical needs.

#### Highlights

- Established 3 community kitchens and served more than twenty thousand freshly cooked nutritious vegan meals within 6 months
- Partnered with 2 local hospitals and fully supported 184 cataract surgeries



Act 4 Sri Lanka has established 3 community kitchens in the towns of Bandar, Bandarawela and in Puthiya Nagar, near the town of Mankulam in the Mullaitheevu district, where vegan meals for the poor and underprivileged are served.

We are in the process of establishing a fourth kitchen in a school in the village of Allaippidy in the Jaffna district.



Since starting this appeal in August 2022, 20,440 meals have been served through the community.

In 2022, for ACT 4 Sri Lanka activities specifically MIF received a total of CHF 2,016.73, and spent CHF 1,962.30.

#### D. Mohanji Peace Centre, Slovenia

During 2022, at the Mohanji Peace Centre in Slovenia we had several initiatives where volunteers from the Balkans and all over the world were able to contribute towards the development of our center and learn new skills. Special attention during these initiatives goes to activities designed for children, like painting and placing bird-houses, feeding animals and other activities that raise awareness of the importance of taking care of nature. The focus of these activities was renovation and maintenance of heritage buildings in MPC, planting trees and taking care of plants, cleaning the environment, etc.

Throughout the year, volunteers at the Centre continuously collect and deliver food to refugees, as well as to animals in animal asylum and farms in Slovenia.

In addition, a number of meditation sessions were held in nature, workshops for stress-relief through body exercise and mindfulness, talks about our connection with nature and responsibility towards nature and all living beings.



In 2022, for the development of MPC Slovenia, MIF received a total of CHF 64,318.93, and spent CHF 16,208.22.

#### E. Other initiatives

MIF takes every opportunity to contribute and add value to society of any country.

During a visit of our volunteers to Spain, MIF donated a total of 1,600 kg of food, baby food and hygiene products, in 5 cities: Alcalá de Henares (Madrid), Sevilla, Málaga, Cádiz and Barcelona.



#### F. Support to other Foundations

During 2022, MIF continued support to the well-known local Foundation, Winterhilfe (Kanton Bern and Kanton Genf).

#### Financial Summary

Over the year 2022, the Foundation received contributions of CHF 167,500.00 and made contributions of CHF 106,500.00, leaving a gross surplus of CHF 61,000.00 in our favour. About CHF 100,000 was used for Humanitarian activities connected with the crises situations in Ukraine and Sri Lanka under the Act4Hunger platform, while CHF 2,000 was contributed to Winterhilfe in Switzerland.

The Foundation's expenses were CHF 37,000.00 over the year, including audit expenses, administrative expenses, travel (to bring humanitarian supplies and resources to the affected areas of Ukraine & Srilanka) and other fees. After accounting for all the expenses, Foundation had a net surplus of CHF 24,500.00 for the year 2022.