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30 Years Pradip - Partner One World

Annual Report 2026



Summer 2026

Dear Friends of “Pradip – Partner One World”,

Thirty years - what a journey. Since the 1990s, we have been working together with our Indian partner organisations, *Women's Interlink Foundation* (WIF) and *Familia India*, alongside those who would otherwise have little chance of living a life of dignity: children from slums and the streets, children and adults with disabilities, children and young people from red-light districts and victims of human trafficking. Today, we can look back with gratitude and pride, knowing that this long-term commitment has transformed many lives for the better.

In spring 2026, I visited our projects together with my family. Once again, we met many former beneficiaries who are now leading independent lives - as teachers,

taxi drivers, accountants, skilled workers, and social workers. Many have completed secondary school, some have even graduated from university, while others have gained solid vocational qualifications.

For years, we have observed significant progress in the communities where we work: child labour has declined considerably, early teenage marriages have become less common, and in Sonagachi, Kolkata's largest red-light district, none of the children in our programmes have been forced into prostitution. These achievements are the result of reliable, patient, and professional social work - and of your loyal support over the past three decades.

For this reason, we would like to express our heartfelt thanks: for your perseverance, your trust, and your generosity - especially during economically challenging times.

Our work remains as essential as ever. Behind India's impressive economic growth figures lies a reality marked by poverty for the vast majority of the population. High inflation affects the most vulnerable particularly severely, and hardship in the slums and on the streets remains widespread. We are often asked whether our support is still needed. The answer is clear: yes, absolutely. Every euro helps provide protection, education and opportunities while preventing exploitation, violence and hopelessness.

With the start of the new project year in April 2026, our work begins anew: in India through our partners WIF and Familia - committed, highly skilled and close to the communities they serve - and in Europe through all of you and through our own efforts, including fundraising activities, awareness-raising, and our long-standing and straightforward cooperation with the Protestant Parish of Simbach. We are grateful that, even after 30 years, we remain a volunteer-led initiative whose administrative expenses are entirely covered privately. Every donation goes directly to the projects.

People often ask me why I chose to become involved in India. The answer is, in many ways, a matter of chance. It was in Kolkata that I first found the opportunity to engage in meaningful social work. I am deeply grateful for the opportunities that have been given to me and my family simply because we are citizens of a safe European country. At the same time, I am convinced that the global economy is marked by profound inequalities and exploitative systems from which we in the Global North benefit. I therefore feel a responsibility to give something back where I can make a concrete difference.

India became that place "by chance." As a young university student, I joined a work camp in Kolkata. What began as a first encounter grew into a lifelong commitment, built on trusted local partnerships and visible results for children, young people, and families.

In this annual report, you will find an overview of our work as well as current insights into the projects we support. At the end of the report, several long-time companions and supporters share their reflections on this journey.

We also invite you to visit our website regularly, where you will find updates on our projects and upcoming events: www.pradip.de/en

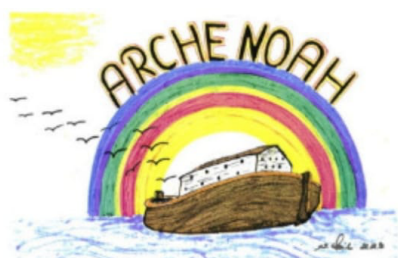
Thank you for your loyalty and trust - since 1996 and into the future.

With warm regards,

Anja Fischer

Celebrating 30 Years of Pradip - Partner One World

Save the date - We look forward to seeing you!



something good...

(schokolade für die ohren)



3.October 2026, 6.30 p.m. Concert and project presentation with the group **Arche Noah**, followed by an open discussion,
Evangelische Gnadenkirche Simbach,
Albert-Seidl-Straße 6

4. October 2026, 10.30 a.m.
Festive church service with the band **something good**
Evangelische Gnadenkirche Simbach

Our projects for 2025 – 2026¹

projects	content	costs in euro	partner
Familia Home Familia Senior Citizens Home	support for operational costs for three month: 54 children and 25 elderly people; establishment of an emergency fund; financing school education	17.000 15.000 10.000	Familia India <u>mainly</u> <u>special</u> <u>donations</u>
Centre for children of sex workers (Sonagachi)	50 children vocational training: 6 young adults	12.635	Women 's Interlink Foundation (WIF)
Home for children of sex workers, victims of human trafficking, etc. (Nijoloy)	residential care, vocational programmes for 78 girls, salaries for staff	30.575	WIF
Centre for street children (Kumartully)	65 children	10.750	WIF
Centre for children of corps burners (Kalighat - Sasan)	60 children	10.596	WIF
Police partnership programme for street and slum children (Nabadisha)	educational support for 17 particularly vulnerable young people	602	WIF
Childcare Home	rehabilitation programmes and residential care for 7 women	7.401	WIF

¹ We currently calculate on the basis of an exchange rate of €1 = INR 110. Euro amounts are approximate and may vary depending on exchange rate fluctuations.

project for people with special needs (Pradip)	support for one adult beneficiary, including residential care	1.165	WIF, Cheshire Homes
Estimated Total Costs		115.724	

Partner organisation „Familia“ – our partner since 1996

Pradip - Partner Eine Welt has enjoyed a close friendship with **Familia India** since 1996. The organisation follows a unique model that is exceptional in the state of West Bengal. In several family-style homes, around ten orphaned children live together with a married couple who serve as their parents. In this way, every child grows up within a family environment and maintains close contact with their “siblings” and “parents” even after reaching adulthood.

The organisation also operates a small agricultural programme consisting of cattle, pigs, goats, vegetable gardens, rice fields, poultry farming and fish farming. In addition, Familia runs a residential home for senior citizens, a childcare centre, a school, a vocational training centre, and a health centre. Beyond its residential programmes, Familia supports vulnerable children in surrounding villages and conducts awareness and outreach campaigns. (<https://www.familiaindia.org/>)



A school for sustainability – Familia School

Around seventeen years ago, KC Thomas, now 86 years old and founder of *Familia India*, had the vision of establishing an English-medium school.

His goal was twofold. First, he wanted to create a sustainable source of income that would eventually allow the orphanage to cover its operational costs independently of foreign donations. Already it is a big help! Second, he wanted to provide children and young people in rural areas with access to a high-quality English-language education.

Today, the school is permanently accredited by the **Indian Certificate of Secondary Education (ICSE)** board and offers students the opportunity to complete their secondary education and university entrance qualifications.

(<https://www.familiaschoolkpa.org/>)



The biogas systems that we donated approximately 25 years ago are still being used today as a source of fuel for cooking. This has become particularly valuable in the current energy crisis resulting from the conflict with Iran.



Electricity costs have risen dramatically in recent years. The solar energy systems financed by "Pradip" therefore make a significant contribution to reducing Familia's operating expenses.



Rice fields surrounding the Familia home



Poultry farm



A tenth-grade student returning home from school.



Fulmoni grew up in Familia, completed a training in hotel management and started her first job in March.

Every year, we support Familia with special projects and urgent needs. Last year, for example, we contributed to the installation of battery storage systems for the solar energy programme.

This year, thanks to two extraordinary donations, we are also able to support Familia with operational expenses and the establishment of an emergency fund. The emergency fund is urgently needed to ensure that financial reserves are available in times of crisis.



A particularly generous contribution came from the well-known German actor **Miroslav Nemec**, famous for his role in the television series *Tatort*. He donated the prize money from the award "*Goldenes Schlitzohr*" to Familia. This contribution made it possible to cover the educational expenses of the children living at Familia, as well as those of the children supported in the surrounding villages, for an entire year.

We were also fortunate to receive a legacy specifically designated for Familia.

Emergency fund:	15.000 €
School education partly 24/25 und 25/26	10.000 €
Operational costs:	17.000 €

Partner organisation „Women´s Interlink Foundation“ (WIF): Partner since 1999!

In addition to the Familia orphanage, *Pradip - Partner Eine Welt* has been working with the Indian non-governmental organisation **Women´s Interlink Foundation (WIF)** since 1999.

Unfortunately, the organisation's founder and chair person, **Aloka Mitra**, passed away in October 2025. Her daughter, **Nilina Mitra**, has now assumed leadership of the organisation and, like her mother before her, carries out this responsibility on a voluntary basis. Nilina studied social work and spent many years working both with "Terre des Hommes India" and as a social worker for youth services in London in a leading position. We are deeply grateful that she has taken on this important responsibility.

I first met Nilina in the 1990s. Ever since, I have been impressed by her professionalism, efficiency, and, at the same time, her genuine compassion for every child entrusted to her care.



WIF-Team: in the middle at the right next to me is Nilina.

To mark our 30th anniversary, Nilina has written reflections on our shared work over the past decades. Therefore, each project description in this report begins with a short contribution from her.

These reflections offer an additional perspective on the projects and complement the information presented in previous annual reports.

Sonagachi (Centre for the children of sex workers)
financed since 2000

Nilina Mitra:

PPOW² has been supporting WIF's Red light area project in Sonagachi since 2000. This drop in/remedial education centre in the heart of Kolkata's largest redlight area has protected innumerable children of sex workers over the years through consistent education, nutrition, primary health care, community awareness generation and recreational support. It gives me great joy to be able to say that this work has proactively contributed in the abolition of children being inducted into sex work in the area. Between 2010 to 2025, these remedial education centres have charted encouraging academic outcomes. During this period 9 students successfully passed the secondary examination, of whom 7 progressed to and passed the higher secondary examination. Among these, 4 students completed their college education. All of these students are simultaneously engaged in employment while continuing their education, reflecting their strong commitment to academic advancement alongside financial self-reliance. The vocational training unit in Sonagachi redlight area enables women and adolescent girls to gain a skill of tailoring and soft toy making. This unit is facilitating socio-economic upliftment of vulnerable girls and preventing them from being drawn into the sex trade.

² PPOW: Pradip – Partner One World



The social worker **Nishi Kanta Nayak** has been working with the children and women of Sonagachi since the project was established. Here you see him with one of the mothers.

"Through continuous awareness-raising among mothers, school dropout rates have steadily decreased, and awareness of health and hygiene has improved significantly."



Annual Costs for 50 children

and 6 participants in vocational training programme:

approx. 12.635 €

Nijoloy - Home for children of sex workers, victims of human trafficking, exploitative child labour and marriage fraud

co-financed since 2006

Nilina Mitra: *In addition to community outreach projects, PPOW has been supporting Nijoloy Home, a residential facility for women and girls who have been rescued from human slavery over several years with focussed need based funds. Nijoloy presently has 85 girls and women, 75 of whom are sponsored by Anja. Anja's support over the years has enabled us to provide holistic support to the women and girls and it has resulted in promoting and developing essential life skills, self reliance, improved the self esteem of the girls and enabled them to focus on education, skills development, and engage in counselling, recreational activities such as dance and yoga, along with various vocational skills trainings. It is heartening that many of the women and girls have been rehabilitated into their families and we have a new cohort of women and girls to assist. The confident young ladies have bank account savings and are getting married and having a family.*



Vocational training programmes in **textile printing** and **sewing** form an important part of the rehabilitation process for the girls and women living at Nijoloy.

Although the government provides financial support for the home, this funding is far from sufficient to cover the actual operating costs. Together with other sponsors *Pradip – Partner One World* therefore contributes to closing this gap.

Our support helps finance essential components of the programme, including vocational training opportunities and staff salaries.

The rehabilitation approach focuses not only on providing safe accommodation but also on equipping residents with practical skills that enable them to build independent lives and secure employment opportunities in the future.

Annual costs for 75 girls and women:

approx. 30.575 €

Kumartully (Centre for street children)

financed since 2004

Nilina Mitra:

"Pradip – Partner One World 's" support in Kumartully education centre for children living in the slums and street areas has enabled children who are at risk of being displaced continue their education through regular attendance at the centres. The Kolkata Police also plays a constructive role in maintaining law and order, ensuring the safety of women and children, supporting child protection initiatives, and facilitating NGO outreach efforts. Their co-operation contributes significantly to creating a safer and more secure environment for vulnerable children and families. From 2010 to 2025, the centre has demonstrated encouraging academic outcomes. During this period, 18 students successfully passed the secondary examination, of whom 12 progressed to and passed the higher secondary examination. Among these, 5 students completed their college education, while 2 students appeared for their graduation examinations. All of these students are simultaneously engaged in employment while continuing their education, reflecting their strong commitment to academic advancement alongside financial self-reliance. In addition, 3 students appeared for the Secondary and 1 student appeared for the higher secondary examination in 2026, reflecting the continued academic advancement of the beneficiaries.

The educational achievements described in the project statistics are truly remarkable given the circumstances in which these children grow up:

Many of the children and young people supported by this project live on the pavements of Kolkata's Kumartully district. At night, families seek shelter beneath

plastic sheets, storing their few possessions on the sidewalks. Some families have lived on the streets for generations, while others have recently migrated from rural areas in search of better opportunities. Many eventually return to their villages, while others remain in the city because they see no realistic prospects elsewhere. For many, Kolkata offers the possibility of finding work in the informal economy, even if only on a day-to-day basis. Typical occupations include rickshaw pulling, waste collection, paper-bag making, assisting in small tea stalls, or casual labour on construction sites.

At the centre, children receive educational support, complete their homework, and benefit from food assistance, clothing, and basic healthcare services. A doctor visits the project once a week to provide medical care.

The programme also recognises the importance of recreation and emotional well-being. A dance instructor works regularly with the children, allowing them to momentarily escape the hardships of their daily environment. Excursions to museums, the zoo, and other educational venues are organised throughout the year.



While attending the centre, children wear school uniforms to emphasise the value of education.



Several former students returned to the centre specifically to meet us during our visit.



The same girl ten years ago (picture in the middle, girl in the middle)



Living conditions on the streets of Kumartully.



annual costs for 65 children:

approx. 10.750 €

Example of an annual budget

Programme for 30 school children (group 2)	Annual costs (in euro)
Personnel Costs	
Social Worker	1.145
Two teachers (part-time)	991
Helper	256
Accountant	478
Education	
school material	252
school uniform and school bags	325
Food	654
Health care	
Medical consultations	252
Medicine	58
Hygiene material for children	78
Cloth	117
Recreation (excursion, sports, dance classes)	84
Administrative costs in India (rent, telephone, transport etc.)	482
Total	5.172

Budget explanation:

For each project, we contribute proportionally to the salary costs of a social worker, as staff members are generally involved in more than one programme. Administrative expenses of the partner organisation are likewise allocated proportionally across projects.

One important principle in recruiting teachers is that they should come from the same community as the children whenever possible. This helps them better understand the children's circumstances and needs. The teachers have completed higher secondary education and subsequently participated in specialised training programmes that enable them to teach the core academic subjects effectively.

Kalighat - Sasan (centre for the children of corps burners)

financed since 2000

Nilina Mitra: Another innovative project that Anja has been supporting since 2000 is in the Kalighat Burning Ghat area. The education centre initially targetted the children of the 'doms' who burn the bodies of the deceased in the crematorium. This community was looked on as 'untouchables' and education was a distant dream for them when we started our work in the area. It gives me great joy to say that large numbers of children of this community have received education and moved away from this trade. The centre has brought equality among the castes and now there is a mixture of children from all segments of the community who study together and are supported with holistic support. This remedial education centre provides education support to children to prevent the high rate of drop out in the area. Due to sustained awareness initiatives with the community and continuous handholding support over the years, a significant

number of children has been prevented from engaging in informal labour activities. Instead, they are now able to focus more consistently on their schooling and academic development. As a result of these interventions, school dropout rates have shown a gradual decline over time. There has also been a notable shift in community attitudes, with parents and guardians increasingly recognizing the importance of formal education and regular school attendance as essential pathways to long-term socio-economic improvement.

One of the primary objectives of this project is to protect children from criminal influences and exploitation. The surrounding area is challenging and often unsafe, making the centre an important source of stability and support. Many parents struggle to provide adequate care and supervision for their children due to difficult living conditions and demanding work schedules. The centre therefore offers a safe environment where children can learn, develop and receive encouragement for their future.

In memory of Shymal Gosh

Both in Sasan and in several of the other projects, the highlight of the week for many children was the arrival of **Shymal Gosh**, who taught dance classes with extraordinary dedication and enthusiasm. Sadly, Shymal passed away suddenly and unexpectedly just one week after our visit in February 2026.

His loss has left a profound void in the lives of the children, the project staff, and everyone who had the privilege of knowing him. Through his warmth, encouragement, and passion for teaching, he brought joy and confidence to countless young people over many years. He will be deeply missed and fondly remembered.



The children's favourite day of the week: when dance teacher Shymal Gosh comes to the centre.



Shymal proudly watching the performance of his students.



Sandhya has attended the centre since she was six years old. She is now in grade 11.



Classes take place in a local temple.



Living concitions of the children in the community.

Annual Costs for 60 children:

approx. 10.596 €

Cooperation with the police: slum and street children (Nabadisha)

Nilina Mitra: Over the years Anja has supported many of our projects with women and children. One such project is the street children education project in collaboration with the Kolkata Police. This holistic support of education, nutrition, medicines and recreational support has enabled over 1000 children to receive quality education and stay off the streets and away from the petty criminal activities that they were engaged in over the years. While PPOW is no longer supporting these centres, Women's Interlink Foundation continues to run them and they are continuing to keep the most vulnerable street and working children off the streets and in education. We are very grateful to Anja for her support in bettering the lives of hundreds of the most vulnerable and exploited children who continue to live on the streets but are now building a life for themselves. Over the years Anja has supported a number of students from these centres to further their education. This is a direct sponsorship support that enables them to continue their higher education. At present there are 17 boys and girls who are benefitting from this education sponsorship to continue their higher education, many of whom are in college and pursuing their university degrees.

The informal sector

Many of the parents of these scholarship recipients - and in some cases the students themselves - work in India's informal economy. Employment in the informal sector is often insecure and highly exploitative. Workers typically receive very low wages and can easily lose their jobs if they become ill, are unable to work, or refuse unreasonable demands from employers. They generally have no legal protections, no pension schemes and no health insurance.

Common occupations include drivers, domestic workers, van-pullers, tea vendors, and various forms of casual labour.

Many families migrated to Kolkata either from Bangladesh, from other Indian states, or from rural areas in search of better opportunities. While they often succeed in surviving economically, their lives remain marked by uncertainty, and they frequently live from one day to the next.

Under these circumstances, financing a child's education is often beyond the means of a family.

Examples from the programme (names have been changed):

Chitresh: Grade 12 student, grandparents migrated from Bihar, father works as a security guard, mother works in a plastic factory, six siblings, entire family lives in a single small room, monthly household income: approximately €140

Arband: College student, two siblings, parents migrated from Bihar, father works as a driver, mother is a housewife, monthly household income: approximately €90

Neha: College student, father passed away, mother works as a domestic worker, two brothers, monthly household income: approximately €30

Extremely challenging living conditions:

Life in Kolkata's slums is characterised by severe overcrowding and inadequate infrastructure. Entire families often live together in a single room. Access to sanitation facilities is extremely limited, with many residents sharing only a small number of toilets. Public water points are frequently opened only twice a day, forcing people to queue for long periods in order to collect water for their daily needs.

Sanitation facilities are often little more than makeshift structures connected directly to open drainage systems. As a result, hygiene conditions are extremely poor and contribute significantly to health risks for residents.

Despite these hardships, many families place enormous value on education and make extraordinary sacrifices to give their children opportunities for a better future.



annual costs:

Educational support for 17 young adults and adolescents:

approx. 602 €

Child Care Home (CCH), co-financed since 2000

Nilina Mitra: *Anja has supported our Child Care Home, a Home for lost, abandoned, orphaned and victimised girls over the years when there was no one willing to support the girls. She now supports 7 of the after care residents who are differently abled women, who have grown up in the home and not been able to leave due to their significant support needs. These women are supported in their care solely through Anja's kind support and we are ever grateful to her. Anja's support provides essential nutritional support to the women along with essential medical care and psychological support. I would like to thank Anja for her care and concern for these special needs women who have grown up in the Child Care Home and have nowhere to go.*

Shefali 's Story

In the year 2000, Nilina Mitra took me with her to what she described as an emergency situation. She and her mother had received information that a very young child named **Shefali** was in serious difficulty in a government-run children's institution and urgently needed help.

I will never forget seeing Shefali for the first time. She was perhaps two years old and immediately clung to me, although I was a complete stranger.

Shefali was admitted to the Child Care Home and we have supported her ever since.

Today she works as a kitchen assistant at the Nijoloy Home and takes great pride in her work and independence.

Her journey from a vulnerable child in need of protection to a young woman with meaningful responsibilities is a remarkable example of what long-term care, stability, and opportunity can achieve.



Shefali and Nilina 26 years later



Shefali in the year 2002



Former residents who have successfully built independent lives.

Annual costs:

rehabilitation and care for 7 women

approx. 7.401 €

In memory of Aloka Mitra:



On 18th October 2025, **Aloka Mitra**, the founder and director of our partner organisation **Women's Interlink Foundation (WIF)**, passed away. We had worked together since 1999 and shared a deep friendship. Aloka dedicated her entire life to serving those most in need of support: women in prostitution, their children, street children, orphans, and countless others facing poverty, exploitation, and exclusion. Through her commitment, compassion, and determination, thousands of people were able to begin a life of dignity and opportunity. It was an immense privilege to work alongside her and to learn from her over so many years. Her legacy lives on in the lives she transformed and in the work that continues through Women's Interlink Foundation. She is greatly missed and will always be remembered with gratitude and respect.

project for people with special needs (Pradip) financed since 1996

This project was largely completed many years ago, as almost all of the children originally supported through the programme have become independent and are able to earn their own living. However, our namesake **Pradip** will continue to receive lifelong support. Pradip lives in a residential care facility near Kolkata that provides the specialised care and support he requires. This year, we had the special opportunity to visit him on his birthday. Seeing him happy, well cared for, and living with dignity remains one of the most meaningful reminders of why this initiative began nearly three decades ago.



This year we visited Pradip at his birthday and celebrated with him.

Annual costs:

approx. 1.165 €

Pradip – Partner One World – a small family initiative – how it all began

In 1996, while still a university student, I participated in a work camp in India where I became familiar with a number of development projects.

During this time, I was asked whether I could imagine organising sponsorships for children with physical and intellectual disabilities. That question marked the beginning of what would eventually become *Pradip - Partner One World*.

I approached the pastor of the Protestant parish in Simbach at the time and asked whether we might undertake this effort together. This conversation laid the foundation for a partnership that continues to this day.

Since then, the Protestant Parish of Simbach, together with the Protestant Deanery of Passau, has provided the administrative framework for our projects. Over the years, several pastors serving in Simbach have joined and supported the initiative. From the very beginning, my parents played a central role. My father took responsibility for accounting, while my mother managed numerous organisational tasks, including preparing and mailing annual reports.

Many friends, colleagues, students, and supporters have contributed over the years. Some have travelled with me to Kolkata, others have organised fundraising campaigns, offered professional advice, or provided practical assistance whenever it was needed.

Without all of you, none of this would have been possible.

My heartfelt thanks go to everyone who has supported this journey over the past thirty years and especially to my family, whose encouragement, commitment, and unwavering support have made this work possible.



visiting Kumartully center

Organisational Information

- *Pradip - Partner One World* works in close cooperation with the Protestant Parish of Simbach. All donations are processed through the Protestant Parish Office in Simbach.
- If you require a donation receipt, please include your full postal address when making a transfer. If you have any questions, please contact **Anja Fischer** or **Andrea Müller** at: **pfarramt.simbach@elkb.de**
Phone: +49 8571 2366
- The financial records in India are independently audited by **Kumar Ray**.

- All activities in Germany are carried out entirely on a voluntary basis. Travel expenses to India, accommodation, printing, postage, and all other administrative costs are covered privately. Every donated euro goes directly to the projects.
- If you would prefer to receive future annual reports in digital form only, please send us an email.
- Website: Our website (www.pradip.de) contains previous annual reports, interviews, media coverage, and extensive additional information and photographs about our work.



Thank you

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to all donors for their outstanding support.

Without your generosity, the work of our partner organisations would not be possible.

We are especially thankful to those who have stood by us for many years. Among our supporters are private individuals, schools, kindergartens, senior citizens' groups, foundations, and many others who dedicate considerable time and effort to fundraising activities such as charity runs, benefit events, and community initiatives.

Thank you for the trust you place in us and in our work.

Your support enables children, young people, and vulnerable women to access education, healthcare, protection, and new opportunities for the future.

We hope that you will continue to accompany and support us in the years ahead.

With our warmest wishes and heartfelt thanks,

Anja Fischer

on behalf of the entire Pradip Team

**Some words of people who visited the projects, team members, partners.
The comments are in the original language.**

**Unsere Partnerorganisation „Familia“: Von Pradip Mondal/ partner
„Familia“**



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Dear Anja, Frank and Pradip Partner One World,

On behalf of FAMILIA, it is my great pleasure to express our gratitude and deep appreciation for your thoughtful donations and contribution towards the orphan, destitute & needy children and destitute senior citizens of Familia.

“Pradip Partner One World” extended its helping hands in various charitable and development projects of Familia to help the underprivileged children, bringing them to the main stream of the society. With your generous help, Familia managed to organize various development works like - Tailoring Project, Construcion of Classroom, KG Section of Familia School, Equipments of Play School, Power Generator. Basketball Court, Roof top Solar Panels, Battery and Inverter and help for smooth running of the organization.

Pradip Partner One World is partnering with Familia for more than 30 years. Thanks to all the well wishers and donors for your extraordinary generosity towards Familia. Your generosity and kindness enables us to extend our reach and better serve our community. Thank you for your immense support.

On its 30 years of service to the people in need, we extend our heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to all the donors of “Pradip Partner One World”. We value your commitment to the society and are proud to have your partnership. Together, we're creating lasting change.

We would be honored to give you a behind-the-scenes look at the progress of this project on your visit to Familia.

Special thanks from KC and Kabita to Anja, Frank and all the donors of “Pradip Partner One World”.

Lots of love from the children, senior citizens and students of Familia School.

You all are in our prayers.

With appreciation,

FOR FAMILIA

Administrator

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Administrator

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**Unsere Partnerorganisation Women's Interlink Foundation: Nilina Mitra
Partner WIF/ our partner WIF**

Many congratulations Anja, on your 30 years of dedicated service ❤️❤️❤️

It is my honour and privilege to have been asked by Anja to write a few words on the occasion of Pradip-Partner One World's 30th Anniversary. Our Partnership spans across these three decades. This Partnership started between Anja Finckh-Fischer, Founder of Pradip-Partner One World and my mother Mrs Aloka Mitra, the Founder of Women's Interlink Foundation and has resulted in the empowerment of the most deprived women, children and communities in and around Kolkata, West Bengal. The projects that Anja supports are ones which result in maximum benefits to the community. My mother passed in October 2025 and I became the chairperson of Women's Interlink Foundation after being an office bearer for several decades. In these interim years Anja and I have developed a beautiful bond. I deeply value Anja's sincerity and dedication to make a positive change in the lives of the most needy and vulnerable women and children in Kolkata. I am truly honoured to have enjoyed her company over the years and feel inspired by her tireless hard work and commitment in raising crucial funds for those who are so needy and requiring her support. Anja is truly worthy of every honour bestowed on her. She has such a large heart and does not even hesitate to use her precious holiday time to come to Kolkata and spend every waking minute in the field, meeting with each and every beneficiary personally, always respectful and ever curious, asking pertinent questions and offering her assistance unconditionally. Anja brought her husband Frank and sons with her to Kolkata and straight away put them to work. Not once did she think of taking even a day out as 'family time'. She is truly a very special woman and she commands the respect of each and every member of Women's Interlink Foundation and has the love of the women and children in the community and in the homes with whom she has such incredible ties.

I marvel at Anja's journey of service to humanity which started with a young Pradip, who is now a happy middle aged man living with dignity in a residential care facility that meets his needs. Anja has taken him through the journey of life from the streets to his present comfortable residence. Her own philanthropic journey has expanded over the years and she has tirelessly raised funds to improve the lives of 1000s of women and girls in Kolkata, India.

Over the years Anja has supported many of our projects with women and children. (see description for the projects) ...

Anja visits all the centres every year and knows all the students and their families personally. She tracks each child's progress and visits their homes and conducts meetings with the family to understand the hardships that are faced by the children and their families first hand. This enables her to be empathetic to their plight and assist them with holistic services to prevent drop out. We are very happy that Anja is such a hands on partner and the close relationship she has built with the children and the community over the decades enables Women's Interlink Foundation to achieve its mission of creating a society of equals where the poorest of the poor are empowered to have a strong sense of self worth.

We are truly very grateful to Anja for her care, concern, commitment and kind generosity through the years. I feel very happy that Anja is so thorough and detailed in personally knowing each woman and child whom she supports. Each visit of hers is a learning experience for the Team. Anja ensures that the needs of every child she supports are addressed individually and takes a personal interest in observing and monitoring the journey and lived experience of every woman

and child supported by her. Her tireless dedication is an inspiration for us all. Anja comes to see her projects every year and documents in detail the journeys of several of the children who she supports. Her knowledge, curiosity and understanding of the socio-economic and political aspects of India encourage lively discussions.

I have been very close to Anja over the decades. I have had the pleasure of being hosted by her in Germany and enjoyed the company of her wonderful husband Frank and their two beautiful boys Hannes and Jonas. It is my heartfelt wish that the Universe blesses Anja and her family and all who contribute to in Pradip-Partner One World with the greatest of abundance, happiness and success in everything they do.

I would like to congratulate Anja and Pradip-Partner One World in completing 30 years of dedicated service to the most deprived and needy women and children. May you stay blessed always and continue the wonderful work with the blessings of all who know you and love and respect you.

Yours truly, Nilina

**Christian Muschler, Pfarrer in der evangelischen Gnadenkirche Simbach/
priest**



Liebe Anja, lieber Frank, liebes Pradip-Team!

Die Kirchengemeinde Simbach am Inn gratuliert „Pradip – Partner Eine Welt“ sehr herzlich zum dreißigjährigen Bestehen! 30 Jahre – das ist ein großer Zeitraum. Dass wir dieses Jubiläum begehen dürfen, verdankt sich in erster Linie dem Herzblut, mit dem sich Anja, Frank und das Pradip-Team für dieses Projekt einsetzen.

Was machen die 30 Jahre aus, die nun das Pradip-Projekt besteht?

30 Jahre „Pradip“ bedeuten 30 Jahre hohe Verlässlichkeit für die Partnerorganisationen in Indien.

Sie stehen für ein kontinuierliches Bemühen um Spendengelder.

30 Jahre Pradip stehen außerdem für regelmäßige Präsenz vor Ort in Indien.

30 Jahre Pradip bedeuten aber auch ein äußerst erfolgreiches Wirken in Indien: Bildung, Fürsorge, medizinische Versorgung und neue Lebensperspektiven sind an zahlreiche Menschen durch die Unterstützung von Pradip weitergegeben worden.

30 Jahre Pradip bedeuten aber auch das Bemühen, Bewusstsein zu wecken für Menschen, die weit von uns entfernt leben.

Und nicht zuletzt bedeuten 30 Jahre Pradip ein hohes Maß an Idealismus für Menschen, die unserer Hilfe bedürfen.

Wir empfinden größten Respekt gegenüber Anja, Frank und dem Pradip-Team für das bewundernswerte Engagement in den vergangenen 30 Jahren.

Von Herzen gerne unterstützen wir von Seiten der Kirchengemeinde „Pradip – Partner Eine Welt“!

Wir wünschen „Pradip – Partner Eine Welt“ für die Zukunft weiterhin viel Erfolg und Gottes Segen!

Im Namen des Kirchenvorstands und in Vorfreude auf die anstehenden Jubiläumsfeiern,

Euer Christian Muschler, Pfr.

**Dante – Gymnasium München, Schulleiter Johannes von der Forst/
director of Dante-High School**

Dreißig Jahre Engagement für eine gerechtere Welt – dieses Jubiläum von *Pradip – Partner Eine Welt e. V.* ist ein eindrucksvolles Zeugnis dafür, was langfristige Partnerschaft und verlässliche Solidarität bewirken können. „Pradip“ steht seit drei Jahrzehnten für nachhaltige Hilfe, für Bildung als Schlüssel zur Zukunft und für die Überzeugung, dass Verantwortung nicht an Landesgrenzen endet.

Für das **Dante-Gymnasium** ist die Partnerschaft mit „Pradip“ weit mehr als ein unterstütztes Projekt – sie ist ein fester Bestandteil unseres Schullebens.

Generationen von Schülerinnen und Schülern haben sich mit großem Engagement eingebracht: bei Spendenläufen, Benefizkonzerten, Basaren, Aktionstagen und im Unterricht. Sie planen, organisieren, informieren, diskutieren – und erleben dabei ganz konkret, dass ihr Einsatz Wirkung zeigt.

Dieses Engagement ist getragen von Neugier, Empathie und dem Wunsch, etwas zu bewegen. Unsere Schülerinnen und Schüler lernen durch die Zusammenarbeit mit „Pradip“, globale Zusammenhänge zu verstehen, Verantwortung zu übernehmen und Solidarität nicht nur als Begriff, sondern als Haltung zu begreifen. Dass ihre Unterstützung Kindern in Indien Bildung, medizinische Versorgung und neue Lebensperspektiven eröffnet, verleiht diesem Einsatz eine besondere Tiefe.

„Pradip“ ermöglicht genau diese Erfahrung: dass Hilfe partnerschaftlich geschieht, respektvoll und nachhaltig. Die Erfolge der Projekte – die Bildungswege, die eröffnet werden, die Chancen, die wachsen – sind ein starkes Zeichen dafür, was gemeinsames Handeln bewirken kann.

Im Namen des Dante-Gymnasiums gratuliere ich „Pradip – Partner Eine Welt e. V.“ herzlich zum 30-jährigen Bestehen. Mein Dank gilt allen Engagierten – insbesondere auch den vielen jungen Menschen, die diese Partnerschaft mit Leben füllen. Möge sie auch in Zukunft Mut machen, verbinden und Perspektiven eröffnen.

Johannes von der Forst Schulleiter Dante-Gymnasium München

**Kalkuttalauf in der Stockdorfer Grundschule: Lehrerin Bettina Lang/
charity run in the primary -school Stockdorf: teacher Betting Lang**

Mein Name ist Bettina Lang und ich bin Lehrerin an der Grundschule an der Würm in Stockdorf. Seit fast mit Beginn des Kalkuttaprojektes vor 30 Jahren veranstalten wir einen jährlichen Spendenlauf bei uns in Stockdorf, damit wir das Straßenkinderprojekt unterstützen können.

Mit viel Engagement und Herzblut bereiten wir unsere Kinder auf den Spendenlauf vor. Zunächst informieren sich die Kinder über ausgehängte Plakate in unserer Aula über das Projekt. Es gibt viele Fotos, Lesetexte und Informationen über die Kinder, die auf der Straße leben müssen. Anja kam im letzten Jahr ebenfalls zu uns zu Besuch und hat einen Vortrag über die Straßenkinder und ihren Alltag auf der Straße und im Zentrum gehalten. Dass das Leben dieser Kinder so ganz anders aussieht als das bei uns in Deutschland, war für die Kinder sehr eindrücklich.

Der Spendenlauf findet bei uns meist im Herbst statt. Alle Kinder unserer Schule gehen zunächst gemeinsam mit ihren Lehrerinnen von der Schule los zu einer nahegelegenen Wiese, die einem Bauern gehört. Eine Runde um die Wiese ist ungefähr 500 m. Auch Eltern kommen mit, weil sie ihre Kinder anfeuern wollen. Nach einem Startpfeiff unserer Rektorin sprinten alle Kinder los. Die Motivation ist hoch. Auch einige Schulhelfer und Lehrerinnen mischen sich unter die Läufer und

Läuferinnen und nutzen die Gelegenheit, sich zu bewegen. Bei jeder gelaufenen Runde stempeln die Lehrerinnen den Kindern einen Stempel auf den Arm. So weiß man später, wer wie viele Runden gelaufen ist. Und wieder eine Runde geschafft, Ärmel hoch und den heißersehten Stempel abgeholt. „Wie viele Runden werde ich heute schaffen?“ „Ich laufe bis zum Schluss!“ „Ich will 20 Runden schaffen!“ Diese und andere Stimmen hört man im Laufe des Vormittages. Wenn um 11.00 Uhr der Lauf beendet ist, blickt man in viele erschöpfte aber glückliche Gesichter. Schon auf dem Heimweg zählen die Kinder ihre Stempel und sind glücklich, dass sie wieder dabei sein durften und einen Beitrag für das Straßenkinder-Projekt leisten durften. Durch die Sponsorenverträge, die die Kinder schon vor dem Lauf sammeln, bekommen die Kinder Geld von Familie, Freunden oder Firmen. Ich hoffe, dass wir unsere Schüler und Schülerinnen noch viele Jahre motivieren können, das Straßenkinder-Projekt zu unterstützen.

Bettina Lang

Grußwort Gymnasium Friedberg: Direktorin Ute Multrus/ director of Friedberg Highschool

Die Initiative **Pradip – Partner eine Welt** feiert im Jahr 2026 ihr 30-jähriges Bestehen. Zu diesem besonderen Jubiläum gratulieren wir sehr herzlich und danken allen Beteiligten für ihr langjähriges und beeindruckendes Engagement. Als **Gymnasium Friedberg** unterstützen wir Pradip bereits seit dem Jahr 2010. Durch Frau Anja Fischer, die viele Jahre als Lehrerin an unserer Schule tätig war, konnten wir die Initiative und ihre Arbeit aus nächster Nähe kennenlernen. Ihr persönlicher Einsatz und ihre große Überzeugung haben uns gezeigt, wie wichtig und wertvoll dieses Engagement ist. Es ist uns daher eine große Freude, die Arbeit von Pradip regelmäßig zu unterstützen – unter anderem durch Spenden aus unseren Schulkonzerten. Wir wissen, dass diese Hilfe dort ankommt, wo sie gebraucht wird, und konkret etwas bewirkt. Für die kommenden Jahre wünschen wir der Initiative weiterhin viel Erfolg, engagierte Unterstützerinnen und Unterstützer und zahlreiche Spenden. Herzlichen Glückwunsch zu 30 Jahren großartigem Engagement!

Mit freundlichen Grüßen
Ute Multrus

Kyra Schneider, ehemalige Schülerin, Sozialwissenschaftlerin/ former student, social scientist

Dass ich schon als Schülerin und dann wieder als Studentin die Möglichkeit hatte, Anja zu den Pradip-Projekten zu begleiten, hat mich tief beeindruckt und geprägt. Besonders in Erinnerung geblieben ist mir ein Mädchen, vielleicht 14 Jahre alt, die uns von schrecklichen Gewalterfahrungen und Missbrauch berichtete. Auf die Frage, was sie sich für die Zukunft wünscht, sagte sie: "Dass ich mit erhobenem Kopf durchs Leben gehen kann." Das hat mich sehr bewegt. Es geht nicht "nur" um Gesundheitsversorgung, Schutz und Bildung - sondern auch um Würde. Ich denke, die von Pradip unterstützten Projekte tragen ihren Teil dazu bei, diese den Menschen zurück zu geben!

Kyra Schneider, Sozialwissenschaftlerin

Martina Mauß: ehemalige Kollegin aus Friedberg: Kalkutta 2013/ teacher



Die Reise nach Kalkutta war für mich sehr eindrucksvoll und eine Reise in eine andere Welt. Die Stadt - laut und voll und manches an der Grenze des Aushaltbaren.

Die Bedingungen, unter denen viele Kinder in verschiedenen Teilen Kalkuttas groß werden, sind oft so schwierig, dass ich mich gefragt habe, wie das überhaupt funktionieren soll. Vor allem, nachdem ich 2014, ein Jahr nach meinem Besuch der Projekte, selbst Mutter einer Tochter geworden bin. Die

Unterschiede wurden mir noch bewusster: die mangelnde medizinische Versorgung von Kindern und Frauen in Kalkutta und demgegenüber die gute Betreuung und Unterstützung, die ich und wir in den vergangenen Jahren erfahren haben.

Besonders in Erinnerung geblieben ist mir der Besuch und das Interview mit Gulshan, die mit ihrer Familie in einem Slum lebt und mit ihren damals 11 Jahren täglich für Cent-Beträge beim Zuschneiden von Gummistöpseln helfen musste. Gulshan konnte – durch Pradip unterstützt – die Schule beenden und hat eine Arbeit, mit der sie die Familie unterstützen kann.

Ina Hellmann, ehemalige Kollegin von der Europäischen Schule München/ teacher



Als Anja – damals meine neue Kollegin an der Europäischen Schule – am Strand von Alicante von ihrem Projekt „Pradip“ erzählte, war ich sofort begeistert. Aus der spontanen Frage „Kann ich vielleicht mal mit?“ wurde ein Plan, den wir im Jahr 2016 in die Tat umgesetzt haben. Bis heute zählt diese Reise nach Kalkutta zu meinen bisher prägendsten Erlebnissen. Ich war überwältigt von den vielen Menschen auf der Straße und deren Lebensbedingungen, aber auch beeindruckt von der farbenfrohen Lebensfreude und positiven Stimmung in den Zentren der

Woman´s Interlink Foundation, in denen wir so herzlich begrüßt wurden.

Ich hatte das Glück, die beiden wichtigsten Partner von „Pradip“ kennenlernen zu dürfen: Aloka Mitra, die Gründerin von WIF, und K.C., den Gründer der Hilfsorganisation „Familia“. Die Schule und das Altenheim waren damals noch im Aufbau. Dort auf dem Land, umgeben von Reisfeldern, außerhalb des Smogs, der Verkehrsdichte und der Menschenmassen Kalkuttas, herrschte eine idyllische Atmosphäre. Es ist für mich noch heute unfassbar, welch wunderbaren Ort dieser lebenswerte Mensch in seinem Leben aufgebaut hat und mit welchem Mut und Optimismus er sich immer neue Aufgaben gestellt und diese angepackt hat.

Die unbändige Energie und Herzlichkeit, die beide – K.C. und Aloka – ausgestrahlt haben, waren für mich ebenso inspirierend wie deren Einsatz für ihre jeweiligen Hilfsorganisationen. Ich hatte den Wunsch, etwas davon „mitzunehmen“ und nicht nur Familie und Freunden, sondern auch meinen Schüler:innen etwas von meiner Erfahrung mitzuteilen. So entwickelte ich zusammen mit Aloka das Projekt „Welcome to my world“: ein Erfahrungsaustausch mit Hilfe von Kunst. Sowohl die Kinder in den verschiedenen WIF-Zentren Kalkuttas als auch die Schüler:innen der Europäischen Schule Alicante erstellten Kunstwerke, die ihren Alltag, ihre Wünsche und ihre Zukunftsträume darstellten. Es war bis heute mein aufwendigstes Kunstprojekt, das mit einer großen Ausstellung der verschiedenen Bilder und Lebenswelten endete.

Was ich sonst noch „mitgenommen“ habe? Abgesehen von einem Schwung wunderschön gemusterter farbenfroher Seidentücher (von denen wir einige auf

Schulfesten verkauft haben), habe ich die Gewissheit mitgenommen, dass jeder einzige Cent bei „Pradip“ genau an der richtigen Stelle landet. Anja und ihre jeweiligen Begleiter:innen zahlen die Reisekosten selbst und es entstehen keinerlei Verwaltungskosten. Es gibt einen unabhängigen Buchprüfer in Kalkutta, der die Buchhaltung der Partnerorganisationen ebenso akribisch im Blick behält wie Anja. Es ist erstaunlich, wie viel man mit einem noch so geringen Spendenbetrag in Kalkutta erreichen kann.

Julia Asmussen – ehemalige Kollegin vom Gymnasium Friedberg/ teacher



Mein einwöchiger Aufenthalt im Februar 2014 mit Anja in Kalkutta, war eine Erfahrung, die mich tief berührt und nachhaltig geprägt hat. Schon bei der Ankunft wurde mir bewusst, dass diese Reise anders sein würde als alles, was ich bisher erlebt hatte: die Hitze, der Lärm, die Gerüche, die enorme Dichte an Menschen – all das wirkte überwältigend und faszinierend zugleich.

Besonders eindrücklich war das Kennenlernen der Akteurinnen und Akteure vor Ort. Die Mitarbeitenden, viele von ihnen selbst aus der Region, begegneten mir mit großer Offenheit und Herzlichkeit. Sie erzählten von ihren täglichen Herausforderungen, aber auch von Erfolgen, kleinen Fortschritten und der Hoffnung, die sie aus ihrer Arbeit schöpfen. Ihr Einsatz wirkte nicht aufgesetzt oder distanziert, sondern zutiefst persönlich. Es wurde deutlich, dass nachhaltige Hilfe nur dann gelingen kann, wenn sie auf Vertrauen, Respekt und echter Beziehung basiert. Überall war spürbar, dass hier nicht nur verwaltet, sondern mit Herz, Geduld und langfristigem Engagement gearbeitet wird.

Daneben hat mich die Begegnung mit den Kindern und jungen Erwachsenen gleichermaßen bewegt. Trotz der oft extrem prekären Lebensbedingungen – beengte Wohnverhältnisse, mangelnde medizinische Versorgung, unsichere Zukunftsperspektiven – begegneten uns die Kinder mit Neugier, Offenheit und erstaunlicher Lebensfreude. Gespräche, gemeinsames Spielen, Lachen machten deutlich, wie viel Potenzial, Stärke und Würde in diesen jungen Menschen steckt. Gleichzeitig war die Konfrontation mit Armut und Elend kaum auszuhalten. Das Leben auf der Straße, Kinderarbeit, fehlende Bildungschancen standen in starkem Kontrast zu dem, was für mich bisher selbstverständlich war. Diese Eindrücke ließen sich nicht einfach „abschalten“ – sie forderten mich emotional heraus und zwangen mich, meine eigene Lebensrealität kritisch zu hinterfragen.

Umso wichtiger war es zu sehen, wie konkret Hilfe wirkt. In den Projekten von „Pradip Partner Eine Welt“ wird sichtbar, was Unterstützung bewirken kann: Kinder, die zur Schule gehen können, Jugendliche, die eine Ausbildung beginnen, junge Erwachsene, die beginnen, an sich und ihre Zukunft zu glauben. Es sind oft kleine Schritte, die Großes verändern – ein sicherer Ort, eine Mahlzeit, ein Gespräch, kontinuierliche Begleitung.

Diese Reise hat mir gezeigt, dass „Entwicklungshilfe“ kein abstrakter Begriff ist, sondern aus Beziehungen, Begegnungen und langfristigem Engagement besteht. Ich bin mit dem Gefühl zurückgekehrt, dass wir als Einzelne vielleicht nicht die Welt verändern können, aber sehr wohl das Leben einzelner Menschen. Und manchmal ist genau das der Anfang von allem.

Der Aufenthalt in Kalkutta hat Spuren hinterlassen – in meinem Denken, meinem Fühlen und meinem Blick auf globale Verantwortung. Dafür bin ich dankbar.

Dorothea Weiß – ehemalige Kollegin aus Alicante/ former colleague from Alicante



Vor einigen Jahren durfte ich gemeinsam mit Anja Fischer Projekte und Partnerprojekte von Pradip in Kalkutta und der näheren Umgebung besuchen. Diese Reise hat mich tief bewegt und nachhaltig beeindruckt. Nicht nur die Lebensrealitäten vieler Kinder haben mich berührt, sondern vor allem die Art und Weise, wie Pradip und die Women's Interlink Foundation seit nunmehr 30 Jahren arbeiten. Was mir besonders wichtig ist: Die Arbeit ist vollständig transparent. Es geht kein Geld auf dem Weg verloren. Alle

Mittel werden sorgfältig dokumentiert, von einem Buchhalter geprüft und Anja Fischer in regelmäßigen Abständen vorgelegt. Diese Offenheit schafft Vertrauen – und sie ist in jedem Projekt spürbar. Die Strukturen sind klar, die Abläufe gut organisiert, und viele Mitarbeitende arbeiten seit vielen Jahren engagiert in den Projekten. Diese Kontinuität ist ein großer Wert.

Im Mittelpunkt stehen die Kinder. Sie erhalten Nachhilfe, individuelle Förderung und verlässliche Begleitung. Sozialarbeiterinnen und Sozialarbeiter stehen in engem Austausch mit Schulen und Familien, damit die Kinder überhaupt die Chance haben, regelmäßig zur Schule zu gehen und ihre Hausaufgaben zu bewältigen. So bekommen Kinder aus stark benachteiligten Familien – zum Beispiel Kinder von Prostituierten oder von Leichenwäschern – eine echte Möglichkeit, einen anderen Lebensweg einzuschlagen als den, der ihnen oft von Geburt an vorgezeichnet ist.

Nach 30 Jahren Arbeit gibt es viele Erfolgsgeschichten. Kinder, die ihren Schulabschluss geschafft haben, die studieren oder eine Ausbildung machen und heute selbstständig ihr Leben gestalten. Diese Geschichten sind zutiefst berührend und machen Mut. Sie zeigen, dass Veränderung möglich ist – auch wenn es manchmal schwer auszuhalten ist, wie ungerecht die Ausgangsbedingungen für diese Kinder sind und wie viel härter sie kämpfen müssen als andere.

Für mich steht Pradip für Verlässlichkeit, Transparenz und echte Perspektiven. Diese Arbeit verändert Leben – und sie verdient großen Respekt und Dankbarkeit.

Kumar Ray Buchprüfer/ accountant



It was the starting of the year 1996, when I met a very young and with decent personality woman from Germany Anja Finckh with determination to serve the underprivileged children and other people in India. Her first step was to rescue and rehabilitate Pradip Mondal otherwise abled child from the unorganised shelter place in the outskirts of Kolkata to a safer and better place in Cheshire Home. Then under the banner of Pradip - Partner One World PPOW subsequently she started to work with Aloka Mitra, the Chair Person of Women's Interlink Foundation (WIF).

After that it is a long journey over 3 decades with Partner WIF with the following activities:

- Remedial street children and slum children programme: Direct funding has provided thousands of children living in urban poverty with a safe environment, nutritional support, and bridge schooling to integrate them into formal education.

- Nabadisha Education Programme: Working in synergy with local authorities like community policing wing, Kolkata Police, establishing learning centres providing a protective shield and academic foundation for children at risk of trafficking and child labour.
- Legacy sponsorships: Beyond primary and secondary school, sponsorship education of old students.
- Construction of Nijoloy old age home: To provide a sanctuary for elderly women who lack family support. The project is still ongoing.
- Financial support to shelter homes: With this enormous support, the aftercare girls as well as the girls from various schemes are benefitted. Extra nutritional care is provided. Extra clothes, shoes and stationery is provided. Education coaching support is provided to the school and college going girls.
- Jointly funding administrative and operational expense.

As a professional man these 30 years have been very important for me as it is altogether a different environment/exposure for me with non-profit organisation. Initially I concentrated in accounts and related activities only and subsequently also I enjoyed the entire term and experienced a huge knowledge. I visited WIF 3 times a year mainly concentrated on accounts and also the activities of the organisation. This has enriched my experience to a great extent. All these years I continuously exchanged and discussed my views and Anja's views. Anja used to come to India once in a year, and I always accompanied her to different projects and discussed different issues which we came across during our visits and if there was any need to discuss any matter with the partner, we used to do so.

My principal role was financial audit as per accounting regulations wherein I used to compare the expenses incurred for particular item with the budgeted figure and to find out the variations, if any to find the reasons for such deviation. Also checking of the utilisation of funds as per budget and the opening and closing balances. I also used to be present during the budget session and suggested if any quarries were asked to me. I also used to check whether statutory payments were paid in time.

I have learnt lot of things from Anja, her behaviour with staff members and others. Her patient hearing of any arguments, and tolerance of any situation. Understanding the situation with no tension and tremendous work pressure with journeys was never seen in her appearance. She had acquired to cope up with Indian accounts and procedures and her open questions whenever she felt like and understanding. I have learned lot of more important things from Anja. Anja possibly has learnt the accounts' part from me. Also, Anja learned crisis management at difficult times.

My heartfelt regards to Anja.

**Bhavini Lad: ehemalige Kollegin an der Europäischen Schule Alicante/
former colleague at the European School of Alicante**



For me, being a part of the Pradip team means the world. I met Anja in Alicante when we worked together. I promised her I would go to India with her to visit all the different projects. When the time came, I don't think anything could've prepared me for all I saw and experienced. Being of Indian origin, the projects all struck me quite differently, it was all very eye opening. The work that is done to support the different projects and the amount of people that it reaches is incredible. It is a pleasure to be on the team and to see how much of a difference all the fund raising does.

Claudia Schlie: Ehemalige „Schülermutter“ in Alicante, EUIPO/ former mother of a student in Alicante, EUIPO



Die Erfahrungen in Kalkutta haben mich tief beeindruckt, insbesondere die Tatsache, dass trotz des Elends selbst kleine Gesten große Freude erwirken können. Pradip schafft mit wenigen Mitteln "Oasen" für Kinder und Jugendliche, Orte und Momente des kleinen Glücks, wie zum Beispiel durch die Unterstützung von Familia Home, wo Waisenkinder ein Zuhause und eine Familie finden, in der sie sicher aufwachsen können und eine Chance auf eine Zukunft bekommen.

Mithu Barua, Lehrerin und erstes unterstütztes Mädchen/ teacher and first sponsored child:



Anja Didi came into my life as an angel. Today I am a Bengali teacher and I also work for an NGO for street children as I have learned from my Didi³. From my childhood, it was my dream to be a Bengali teacher. But it was not an easy task for me because of poverty. There was my Anja Di, who gave me support for my study. I was in class XI, I met her in a girls hostel of an NGO. From then we talked and met like real sisters. I never felt that she is a foreigner for me, always she loved me a lot and I also see her as my big sister and I see her husband as my brother ('Dada', in bengali term). My parents always said, "Mithu, if you are honest and confident about your ambition, it will definitely be fulfilled by the grace of God." I have seen a miracle in my life. Anja Di came into my life as an agent of God. From the very beginning, I really feel, we know each other for many years. So, I can say we are not only friends for 30 years, but also for life long. I love you Didi a lot, you live so far from your Mithu, but by heart you are so so close, so I don't feel any distance from you. I always see you as an inspiration and respected one. 'Thank you' is a very little word for your help, so I must say I am grateful for your help. ❤️❤️❤️⁴

³ Didi means „big sister“.

⁴ A kind of warning: Our Indian friends express their love and gratitude much more emotional than the „average“ German!