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1. Introduction

The Swiss Fund for Child Protection works to identify, promote and share promising approaches in the area of violence prevention among children. Following two years of activities, an assessment has been conducted in 2014 by the funding organizations – the Social Insurance Office, the Oak Foundation and the UBS Optimus Foundation. While the Fund was able to support important prevention and research projects, its functioning as an independent organization has required too many resources. The Fund is therefore not going to be continued and will no longer be supporting any new projects. It is, however, assuming full responsibility for projects that have already received a funding commitment, and will follow these until their conclusion.

2. Fund Governance

The Fund's governance consists in:

- A Board represented by someone of each organization that makes and oversees strategic decisions and
- A management office that implements the strategy operationally.

In the period 2014 there were a General Assembly and 3 Board Meetings held. The Board monitored closely the implementation of the ongoing projects. The Board Members realized over 100 hours of nonpaid work for the Fund.

The managing office was closed by December 2013.

2.1. Human resources

The managing director continued on sick leave. Her working contract was terminated and she dismissed on the end of May 2014. The office manager assumed the administrative tasks and the Board Members assumed the follow up of the projects.

2.2. Activities

2.2.1. Administration

The activities of the office manager were as follows:

- Closing down of the office at Josefstrasse 59 in Zurich.
- Financial management.
- Establishing of a professional book-keeping after problems with former bookkeeper.
- Personnel administration.
- Updating of the website.
- Reporting (narrative and financial).
- Communication with the Board Members and partners.
- Project support (contracts, reports).
- Support of the dissemination of the WHO-Report in Switzerland.

2.2.2. Projects

Funded projects

First Swiss Guidebook of Violence Prevention

(project funded in cooperation with the OFAS)

Project applicant:	Prof. Manuel Eisner from Cambridge University in collaboration with Margit Averdijk from Federal Technical University Zurich ETHZ
Summary:	The study aims at providing a practitioner-oriented overview of the current state of knowledge in the developmental prevention of child abuse, child neglect, child aggressive and antisocial behavior, and adolescent violence. It will result in a report that comprises 30-40 short chapters. Each chapter will use a standardized template to describe a specific violence prevention strategy, summarize current international knowledge on the evidence base, review delivery and implementation issues and target groups, give examples of current utilization in Switzerland, and make recommendation for possible users. The report will be complemented by recommendations on areas where a new meta-analysis could add significantly to practical and scientific knowledge.
Project period:	December 2012 – prolongation until December 2014 Project concluded
Funded amount:	CHF 90'176 for the first phase, CHF 35'460 for the second phase additional 25'000 for third phase Co-funded by the OFAS
Results:	Guidebook in 3 languages (German, French, Italian) published and disseminated Presentation by OFAS in regional workshops

European Report on Preventing Child Maltreatment

Translation of the summary in German, French and Italian

Project applicant:	World Health Organization WHO – Regional Office for Europe
Summary:	There is a need for a European report on child maltreatment prevention in order to collate information on the scale, risks, consequences, and the evidence base of what works for prevention and make a call for the action needed to be taken by governments and other stakeholders to prevent maltreatment from occurring. The European report and its executive Summary is therefore a tool for policy makers and practitioners to address this neglected societal problem. It provides the evidence base on the scale, consequences, risks, preventive programmes and advocates for greater action and shows what needs to be done. This project allows access to the French, German and Italian speaking practitioners and policy makers from Switzerland and other European countries and will therefore present opportunities for cross fertilization across the region and within Switzerland and increase opportunities for prevention.
Project period:	September 2013 – September 2014 Project concluded
Funded amount:	CHF 44'000 CHF 10'000 for the support of the dissemination in Switzerland
Results:	4000 copies in German, 2000 copies in French and 500 copies in Italian of the summary published Almost 2000 copies (German, French, Italian) disseminated in Switzerland

'Keine Daheimnisse'

Project applicant:	National Coalition Building Institute NCBI Switzerland
Summary:	<p>Together with other partner organisations, NCBI Switzerland supports children and youth to deal with the issue of physical punishment and to empower their skills of self-assertion by means of the project 'Keine Daheimnisse – Raise your voice against physical punishment and get help' through local projects.</p> <p>The participative approach shall help to break the taboo about this issue and to promote a sustainable prevention in the communities. After the first pilot phase 2011-2012 the effectiveness of 'Keine Daheimnisse' shall be proven by local projects in the German speaking part of Switzerland. In case the project shows to be effective, the adaptation and preparation of the implementation of the project in other German speaking communities as well as in the French speaking part will be initiated step by step and the implementation made sustainable.</p>
Project period:	September 2013 – prolongation until July 2015
Funded amount:	CHF 185'700 (including the external evaluation)

Roots of Empathy Switzerland

Project applicant:	Roots of Empathy Canada
Summary:	<p>The ROE program is evidence-based and proven to reduce aggression in children. It engages children in their schools by introducing a neighborhood parent and infant to the classroom. A certified ROE Instructor coaches the children in observing the baby's emotions and temperament, as well as the attachment relationship between the parent and the baby. At the moment there are no widely implemented programs in Switzerland which address this concern. Implementing the ROE program will assist in reducing aggression among children who receive it.</p> <p>The part of the project submitted for funding to the Fund consists in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- hiring a Roots of Empathy Manager; a Swiss National;- developing knowledge of local education and culture in the Canton of Zurich and within Switzerland and networking with the relevant actors;- recruitment of the schools willing to participate;- recruitment of the instructors and families- preparing an external evaluation on the feasibility and efficacy of the program (elaboration of the Terms of Reference, Call for proposals).
Project period:	December 2013 – prolongation until October 2014 (Pilot phase) November 2014 – July 2015 (Implementation phase)
Funded amount:	CHF 60'000 CHF 217'000 for second phase

Other Projects

All the remaining project applications presented to the Fund could not be funded.

3. Annual Financial Statement

The Funds capital on January 1, 2014 was CHF 619'568. By end of the year it was CHF 289'207.

Due to the decision of the Board not to continue the Fund, there were no further contributions made. The total amount for project funding was CHF 293'520 (CHF 162'083 directly and CHF 131'437 from the restricted funds); an additional CHF 185'863 is already pledged for 2015. The overhead cost

amounted to a total of CHF 32'800 (CHF 21'661 for staff and CHF 11'139 for other administrative costs).

For the detailed figures see the separate annual financial statement. The bookkeeping was performed according to professional standards and following the Swiss GAP FER 21 regulations by Fidus Partner AG Treuhand und Beratung in Zurich. The auditing was done by Imboden und Partner Treuhand AG, also in Zurich. The audit certifies that the information presented is correct and free from material misstatements. The Financial Statements have been prepared using the Swiss GAP FER 21 Accounting Principles which have been consistently applied and comply with relevant statutory requirements and regulations. Full report is attached.

4. Conclusions

Achievements

- The implementation of the funded projects was successful, even though some of them struggled with considerable delays.
- The project 'Translation of the summary of the WHO-Report' and the 'Guidebook-project' were successfully concluded.
- The cooperation with the partners was positive.
- The lean organizational structure proved to be efficient.

Shortfalls

- No strategy for a long-term structure was defined as the Board decided the close down of the Fund after the conclusion of the ongoing projects.
- No external evaluation was implemented.

5. Perspectives

The Board decided to close down all activities of the Fund by the end of 2015.

The funding organizations are, however, convinced that their cooperation will also be beneficial over the long term, and therefore intend to continue to coordinate their activities in the future. The support for each individual project will, however, be in the purview of one of the participating organizations.

APPENDIX

- Jahresabschluss 2014
- Anhang zum Jahresabschluss
- Revisionsbericht - follows