



ANNUAL REPORT 2022

BLUE SKIES KINDERGARTEN MONGOLIA

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

ESTABLISHED

2000

LOCATION

Songinokhairkhan District, Ulaanbaatar

BACKGROUND

The Blue Skies Kindergarten was established to support the educational and emotional development of our preschool children (ages 1 to 6) residing at CNCF's Ger Village and vulnerable children living in the wider community, and to date, remains the only free Kindergarten in the local district providing children with holistic support and the only free of charge Montessori Kindergarten in the whole country. This programme aims to create a safe and happy environment where disadvantaged children can develop socially and emotionally whilst learning basic literacy and numeracy skills for Primary School entry, in addition to cultivating healthy life habits, confidence, self-esteem and the ability to think creatively

BENEFICIARIES

Children under primary school age who are residents at CNCF's Blue Skies Ger Village and those living in poverty in the surrounding Songinokhairkhan district area

LOCAL PARTNERS

Association of Mongolian Welfare Kindergartens; Governor's Office of Songinokhairkhan District; Social Development Department of Songinokhairkhan District; Education Department of Songinokhairkhan District; Treasury Department of Songinokhairkhan District; Family, Children and Youth Department of Songinokhairkhan District; 40th Municipal Unit of Songinokhairkhan District; 40th Municipal Unit's Family Clinic; 7th Municipal Unit of Songinokhairkhan District; Gatsuurt Company; Narnii Khuukhduud Kindergarten; Samarkhan Kindergarten; Erdemtugs School; Mongeni School; International Women's Association of Mongolia; IWFCI Mongolia; EcoGer Kindergarten; Agi Charity; UNICEF Mongolia; and ECED Network Mongolia

CNCF ACCOUNTABILITY

CNCF is entirely responsible for funding and programme management, monitoring and evaluation

MONITORING AND EVALUATION

Regular meetings are held between the CNCF Kindergarten Team and the CNCF Ger Village Management and Psychosocial Teams. Monitoring visits are conducted by CNCF's Director of Operations during programme activities to discuss any challenges and programme developments with the Kindergarten staff. All children meet regularly with CNCF's Doctors for health check-ups. The National Authority conducts government inspections to ensure child safety practices are in place and the National Inspection Agency, as well as health and fire safety inspections by the local district authorities are also conducted regularly. A monthly report is completed by the programme manager and an annual report is made available to all stakeholders


OUR YEAR

In 2022, CNCF's Blue Skies Kindergarten continued to implement a comprehensive Montessori curriculum alongside the national pre-education curriculum, fostering the holistic development of each child and strengthening their relationships within the community. Children received age-appropriate lessons on science, mathematics, culture, speech, emotions, and feelings, through a variety of self-directed activities, hands-on learning, and collaborative play.

Throughout the year, our children actively participated in a range of activities and events, including educational field trips, the annual Golden Autumn excursion, and CNCF Mongolia's 25th Anniversary celebration. These activities not only enriched the children's experiences but also provided them with a platform to showcase their talents and the skills they had learned.

To this day, CNCF's Blue Skies Kindergarten remains the first Montessori welfare Kindergarten in Mongolia in which all services are free and available for all children living in abject poverty, nurturing the children's literacy and numeracy skills, as well as their social and emotional development.

Since inception,



1,433 CHILDREN

have been provided with holistic educational, emotional and healthcare support at CNCF's Blue Skies Kindergarten, laying a strong foundation for their primary school education



In 2022,

154 CHILDREN

(79 Boys & 75 Girls)

received holistic care and education at CNCF's Blue Skies Kindergarten

04 CHILDREN

from CNCF's Blue Skies Ger Village

08 CHILDREN

from CNCF's Child Sponsorship Programme

137 CHILDREN

from the wider community

05 CHILDREN

of CNCF Staff

30 CHILDREN

enrolled in the spring term

68 CHILDREN

enrolled in the autumn term



83 CHILDREN

remained at the Blue Skies Kindergarten at the end of 2022



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OUR YEAR

Age Group

04
Children

1 year old

15
Children

2 years old

34
Children

3 years old

53
Children

4 years old

20
Children

5 years old

28
Children

6 years old

Education Outcomes



58 CHILDREN
achieved Excellent Performance



44 CHILDREN
achieved Good Performance



28 CHILDREN
achieved graduated from
the Kindergarten

Extracurricular Activities



35 CHILDREN
engaged in Music classes



37 CHILDREN
engaged in Sports classes

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Healthcare



106

CHILDREN

received health check-ups



34

CHILDREN

received flu vaccinations



37

CHILDREN

Vitamin D supplements



06

KINDERGARTEN
STAFF

received Vitamin D supplements

Additional Family Support



50

FAMILIES IN NEED

were supported with Emergency
Relief Packages, including essential food
items, clothes, and stationery





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Life Skills Trainings, Health Talks & Excursions



76 CHILDREN
attended 06 trainings and workshops



09 TRAININGS AND WORKSHOPS
were organised for the students' parents
and guardians



55 CHILDREN
took part in 02 excursions

Staff Training



06 KINDERGARTEN STAFF
attended 14 trainings and workshops

OUR STORIES

Fostering Change And Growth

*Shagai's enrolment at CNCF's Blue Skies Kindergarten this year was the result of a collaborative effort between our team and the local authorities, acknowledging the challenges he faced due to his family's financial difficulties. His mother was often absent, leaving Shagai and his younger sibling unattended in a dilapidated hut, lacking firewood or coal to stay warm.

Shagai arrived at the Kindergarten with severe anxiety; he was very protective of himself and would often avoid interactions with his teachers and caregivers. This stemmed from both the lack of parental care and communication in his early years, and the added burden of social stigma surrounding his father's physical disability. We then took the initiative to provide Shagai with individual psychological counselling empowering him to overcome challenges and thrive in his new academic environment. Over the course of the following few months, Shagai attended the Kindergarten consistently, making significant progress in his learning. In addition, we facilitated open discussions with Shagai's parents regarding the wellbeing of their children, and gradually, we witnessed a transformation. Both parents are now more involved in Shagai's education, attending school events and creating a supportive environment where he feels comfortable learning and interacting with his teachers and his friends.

We continue to visit Shagai's home regularly and perform risk assessments, with the goal of enrolling him in CNCF's Child Sponsorship Programme for long-term and sustainable growth. Additionally, Shagai's mother has recently secured stable employment, contributing to the family's overall wellbeing. As we focus on Shagai's growth and development, we are hopeful about the promising future that lies ahead for this determined young boy.

*Name and identity changed to protect privacy





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A Foundation Of Transformation

Anujin* was enrolled at CNCF's Blue Skies Kindergarten when she was 3 years old. Despite never having experienced kindergarten before, Anujin quickly adjusted to the new environment, and expressed her eagerness to learn and explore. Under the guidance of the Teachers, Anujin has blossomed into a bright and creative young girl excelling in various subjects, including mathematics, language, and the arts. Anujin's rapid learning captivates everyone, and her passion for music was further showcased through her remarkable performance at the Blue Skies Kindergarten New Year celebration this year.

In support of her daughter's education, Anujin's mother often volunteers at a range of activities organised at the Kindergarten. Through these experiences, she expressed her aspiration to become an assistant teacher upon acquiring the necessary qualifications, and has been participating in training opportunities facilitated by CNCF, assisting her in securing employment. Additionally, we recently extended our support by enrolling Anujin's younger sibling in the Kindergarten, demonstrating the comprehensive and grass-root assistance of our programmes, transforming not only a child's life but also her family's.

"Whilst she enjoys learning and playing with her peers very much, she holds a special place in her heart for her dedicated Teachers at the Kindergarten who have supported her every step of the way. From a shy child struggling to grasp basic concepts and interact with others, Anujin has flourished and developed into a confident and capable individual, thanks to the entire Blue Skies Kindergarten team. I am incredibly grateful to CNCF and the Blue Skies Kindergarten for providing my daughter with such a nurturing and supportive environment. Thank you." – Mother of Anujin

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FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

The operational cost of the Blue Skies Kindergarten in 2022 was:

\$48,563 USD

Heartfelt thanks to our donors who enable CNCF to keep this project operating and also to the many kind individuals not mentioned for their additional support which enables us to keep our costs down.

Our audits can be found [here](#).











BLUE SKIES KINDERGARTEN EXPENDITURES IN 2022

Expenditure	Amount (USD)
Food & Consumables	7,467
Festive/Birthday Celebrations for Children	1,620
Education Supplies and Expenses & Teachers' Stationery	661
Equipment & Items	893
Staff Salaries	28,654
Social Insurance	3,488
Utilities (Electricity, Firewood & Coal)	2,084
Sewage Removal, Maintenance & Improvements	1,372
Staff Training, Public & Staff Relations	1,312
Miscellaneous / Others	118
Depreciation	894
TOTAL COST	48,563



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