

Annual Report 2022



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AT A GLANCE

2,823 children

reached on the streets

743 children

supported and provided with education
in our DIC, Homes and in their families

66 children

reunited with their families

328 workshops

held for children, adults & communities

21 young people

supported in their apprenticeship through
our TVET Agency or in university

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FOREWORD BY THE FOUNDATION BOARD

The strategy of the Foundation Board foresees an expansion by two more locations in 2023. Over the past year, the Chance for Children team in Ghana has been working intensively on the implementation of this important goal. After extensive studies of the migration routes of children and families and the socio-cultural and economic reasons for a rural exodus, the regions around Takoradi in the west and Dambai in the north-east of the country have emerged as the most reasonable places for a future presence. The Foundation Board is very pleased that the local Management team has succeeded in developing the necessary foundations and that the opening of the Takoradi and Dambai branches can take place in the first quarter of 2023.

Ghana is currently in a difficult economic situation. The official annual inflation rate for 2022 rose over 50%. This economic crisis has a direct impact on the lives of street-connected children and their families. The cost of food such as rice, oil or meat, or urban transportation has doubled in some cases. This leads to greater pressure for children in street situations and for all families.

The Foundation Board is pleased to note that the local team has responded quickly and adequately to this situation, as they did during the Covid pandemic. Among other things, the social workers intensified their presence on the streets, followed the children and families to their changing inner-city locations and were thus able to maintain contact with them.

The latest developments in Ghana show how important the work of Chance for Children is. With the planned expansion to two more locations, conditions are being created to reach and support children and families at an earlier stage. This will help to prevent many from migrating from the villages to the cities.

The Foundation Board would like to thank the committed team in Ghana, the Swiss office and all the volunteers for important work they do for the benefit of the street-connected children in Ghana.

On behalf of the Foundation Board of Chance for Children Foundation,

Markus Krattiger



LETTER FROM THE DIRECTORS

Dear Donors, Partners, Board, Colleagues and Friends,
Once again in 2022 we continued to pursue our “one inch wide, one mile deep” strategy. We reached over 3,000 children and families this year through 4 locations: Accra, Hebron, Kumasi and Tamale. Despite our growth, the difficult economic situation dramatically impacted the life of street-connected children and their families, as many of them lost their means of livelihood, which left them more impoverished and requiring more assistance.



Our street workers were able to expand our outreach on the street. They were in contact with thousands of children on the streets of Accra, Kumasi and Tamale. This enabled us to understand more and more the country-wide context of streetism, helping us find more holistic, sustainable solutions. We reunified over 60 children with their families and expanded our TVET Agency as well as our collaborations with numerous companies and other organizations. We became part of a coalition of non-profit organizations and academia working for children in street situations in Ghana. In addition, we prepared ourselves towards our growth step in 2023.



The needs of street-connected children are immense, and as a response, Chance for Children is expanding to 2 new branches next year and hoping to grow to 8 locations in total by 2025. We are also planning to bring our TVET Agency model to the youth in the north of Ghana so that they too can improve their chances to become great professionals.

We can only achieve all this thanks to our generous donors, our dedicated and passionate team, the great support of the Foundation Board and the head office in Switzerland, and the valuable advice and cooperation from our many, amazing collaborators, to all of which we are always and immensely grateful.

PREPARING OUR GROWTH STEP FOR 2025

Our mid-term vision for 2025 is to be present at 8 locations in Ghana. This year we worked hard towards this vision and prepared our first growth step of 6 locations in 2023:

1. We ensured continuation and improved services across all departments.

Our departments and programs continued to operate well, assessed their interventions and served the targeted children with their best interest in mind.

2. We concluded a diligent analysis of migration routes to inform our decision on the next locations.

An internal project team studied the migration routes that children follow throughout Ghana, from the North to the South and from the villages to the cities. Along with other information and criteria, this study helped us identify the best suitable place for our new locations.

3. We developed a Standard Operation Procedures Manual that will be used in the new branches.

We assessed the quality of our interventions in the existing branches in Kumasi and Tamale and developed them further to maximize their impact on children. The interventions, guidelines and standards were formalized and documented in a Standard Operation Procedures Manual that will be used in the new branches.

4. We promoted our team's skillset development and implemented an HR Strategy to reach our vision 2025.

Our newly onboarded staff are professionals who know the local context and share the passion to serve street-connected children and their families. We want to make sure that our entire team has the necessary skills and tools to succeed in our expansion next year. This included launching a new curriculum for our social workers, under the guidance of Daniela Duff, professor at the School of Social Work in Valais, Switzerland.

OUR PROGRAMS



**Emotional & Social Development
Education • Health • Reintegration
Handicrafts • Volunteers**

Proving success with our CFC TVET Agency

In 2022 we boosted our Technical Vocational Education and Training (TVET) Agency, expanding this program to our branch in Kumasi. In total, 17 young people and 20 trainers from 17 companies benefited from our TVET services, which we developed further in cooperation with SITECO (Association for Swiss International Technical Connection).

We provided vocational qualifications to our youth so that they can improve their professional prospects. Our Agency combines practical learning in companies with individual support and a training week during which the apprentices gain knowledge, responsibility and ethical values in the workplace.

We developed our performance standards, synchronized our analysis sessions and put together educational material for the subjects taught during the training week.

We are particularly proud of two young adults who completed their training within the Agency this year, as a plumber and beautician respectively.

The Business Club of the CFC TVET Agency was also launched, bringing together companies and donors that foster the Agency's values and development. The Business Club held their first roundtable discussion with the participation of some major international companies, focusing on the key role of employees and youth in their business success.

Strengthening social work

As part of our growth journey, we are dedicated to strengthening social work as a core discipline within our organization. We want to ensure that our social workers contribute with their expertise and talents in the best possible way, are trained, updated on trends in social work and have the necessary skills to constantly adjust the interventions to changing situations.

In 2022 Daniela Duff, professor at the School of Social Work of the HES-SO Valais University of Applied Sciences (HSA), lead a Social Work 4 Future workshop with our social workers, helping us explore new ideas, develop the vision of our interventions and settle our roadmap for the next two years. Furthermore, students from the HES-SO exchanged with a group of our social workers on the topic of interdisciplinary collaboration in mental health.

Preparing our new branches in the South & North Belt

Chance for Children is expanding its coverage to Takoradi and Dambai for 2023. We want to be present wherever street-connected children are in Ghana and to be part of the solution.

With this in mind, we set up a project team of experienced professionals in providing interventions for children, families and communities. This project team gathered to analyse data, visited hotspots to interact with children in street situations and consulted different stakeholders. Based on their findings, we settled on Dambai and Takoradi as our new locations. Mainly fishing communities, these two areas are central for street activities involving children that are either moving in or out.

Once the decision was made, we put together a team of social workers who understand the socio-cultural environment of Dambai and Takoradi, and trained them on our integrated approach in our Kumasi and Tamale branches. They will start working in the new locations in January 2023 with the aim of finding solutions to these children's needs.

2 new teams ready in Dambai & Takoradi



STREET WORK IN ACCRA

The events that took place last year —the demolition of the Agbogbloshie scrapyard and the relocation of the Onion Market—, together with the following global economic challenges, continued to impact the street environment in our primary operational area of the Old Fadama, a central slum area in Accra.

Most of the children who live on the street without the support of any caregivers moved out of this area in search of opportunities elsewhere. Also, this area became a more permanent place of living for many families who stay with their children on the street.

This led us to redefine our interventions: we intensified our engagement with these children's families and provided certain school items so that children could enrol in community school. We also restarted our Afterschool Program at the Technical Training Centre of GIZ (International German Cooperation), where these children can do their homework in a safe and calm environment.

1,291 children
reached on the street

166 children
referred to the Drop-in Centre

82 workshops
held on health, education, available
resources and other topics

3 children
reunited with their families



DROP-IN CENTER

Most of the children visiting the Drop-in Centre live together with their families in the nearby street communities, which through the year developed to become permanent settlements for them. That is why 2022 marked an increased number of children attending the Drop-in Centre daily. In response to this, we readjusted our activities to better target the different needs of children. We offered only-girl days and days for younger children (6 to 10 year-olds) or older children (11 to 14 year-olds). Our daily activities were diverse and ranged from cooking to basic health and sexual education over to school support and psychological and health assistance.

By the end of the year, 195 boys and 195 girls had attended our Drop-in Centre.

390 children attended our DIC throughout the year

9 children enrolled in Primary School

5 children transferred to our homes in Hebron

3 children reunited with their families in the Southern Belt

A photograph of children playing outdoors. In the foreground, a young boy in a white tank top and a skirt made of yellow and green streamers is reaching up with his hands. Behind him, another child in a colorful patterned top and a skirt of multi-colored streamers is also reaching up. A blue ball is suspended in the air above them. The background shows green trees and a string of yellow and green triangular flags.

HEBRON HOMES

After a careful review of our activities conducted in the beginning of the year, we encouraged each child in our Homes to join at least one of the following activities: artwork, choreography, drama and learning of music instruments. These talents were on display at events such as the tribal workshop, the Christmas party and the visits of the BVB (Borussia Dortmund) Legends as well as H.E. John D. Mahama, former President of Ghana. Hosting the BVB legends in Hebron helped us unearth some of the sporting talents of our children, especially within the girls.

The Homes also saw an improvement in the general behaviour of children as a consequence of our constant promotion of positive conduct.

Finally, our teams across all the different branches assisted us to locate several families of children who were hitherto untraceable. As a result, 11 children were able to visit their families for the first time.

73 children

hosted & guided in our homes

13 children

reunited with their families

61 children

completed the school year

2 young adults

completed their professional training



CHILDREN IN FAMILIES ACCRA

In Accra we pursued our main goal to reunify children with their family members and strengthen the entire families so that the children are emotionally stable, remain in their households, attend school regularly and develop towards a bright future.

We held regular counselling sessions with the children and their parents during our monthly visits and follow up calls. We linked them to other available services, worked closely together with local stakeholders and teachers from the schools the children are attending. Some schools decided to waive the school fees for our children as part of their educational support. In addition, we encouraged families to take a more active role in their children's development, observing an increased participation in the different workshops organized by our social workers. Likewise, we saw how some of the families we support have been increasing their autonomy in solving parenting issues and have even been able to cover a larger part of the educational needs of their children.

88 children
supported in their families

7 young people
hosted & guided in the Accra Youth Flat

17 children
prevented from joining the street

8 children completed senior high school/apprenticeship

1 child
reunited with his family

KUMASI

Our headcount of street-connected children, carried out in collaboration with Safe Child Advocacy and Muslim Family Counselling Services in Kumasi in 2021, brought out that over 7,000 children are living on the streets of Kumasi. But even more importantly, it also helped us plan, organize and implement joint initiatives such as street work and workshops for stakeholders, on the need to merge efforts to tackle the phenomenon of street-connected children and to create awareness on reproductive health on the street. Some girls were referred to reproductive health services, and 47 street-connected children were enrolled to the National Health Insurance Scheme with our support.

As part of our strategy of keeping a close collaboration with other institutions, we performed shared interventions with the Department of Social Welfare and SOS Children's Village in Kumasi focusing in children protection. We also continued to reunify children with their families and prevent children from leaving their household.

910 children

reached on the streets of Kumasi

60 children

supported in their families

7 children

reunited with their families

24 children

prevented from joining the street

49 children

completed the school year

71 attendants

to community workshops
on monthly average





TAMALE

Our social workers in Tamale provided 124 families with monthly financial support and counselling, connected them to Government services such as the NHIS (National Health Insurance Scheme), and assisted them in getting access to education and to alternative income generating activities. Our team reunified 17 street-connected children with their families and ensured that 39 children who were at risk of leaving their families and communities, remained with them.

Our team continued to actively reach the children on the streets of Tamale and in the communities of Shigu, Shishegu, Banvim and Cheshie. We worked with established structures such as local committees and opinion leaders, who supported us in organizing educational workshops for their community members and in supervising the children. We also encouraged money saving for children's education within the families.

The team nurtured our networks with existing organizations to empower families and prevent their children from moving to the streets of Tamale and beyond. A good example is our newly established partnership with WUZDA (Wuni Zaligu Development Association), a local NGO together with which we are providing training on agricultural modernization to caregivers working in farming.

622 children
reached on the streets of Tamale

132 children
supported in their families

15 children
reunited with their families

40 children
prevented from joining the street

60 children
completed the school year

43 attendants
to community workshops
on monthly average



GRADUATES

This year 8 of our children finished their journey with CFC after successfully completing their Senior High School or apprenticeship. These include two TVET apprentices who have launched their own small business. Our own production department offered our other three graduates the opportunity to experience our working values while learning craftsmanship and earning an income. These boys and girls bring to 32 the number of young people who have graduated in Chance for Children in the last five years.

68%

of our Graduates are able earn enough income to cover their monthly expenses

76%

of our Graduates are working or going to school

VOICES OF CHILDREN

Junior Adorkor, 6, Drop-In Centre

Currently, I am not attending school, but I visit the Drop-in Centre daily. I feel happy when I am there. I like the food I eat, the games I play and the lessons I have in class. I want to complete school and be a police officer.



Nafisatu Insuah, 8, Hebron Home

I feel happy to be among staff and children who show me so much love and care. I enjoy schooling, three square meals a day with fruits, various games available to play with, going to the beach and excursion to Aburi Gardens during vacation and Christmas party which was held for us. I hope to become a nurse in future.



Wunam-Abdul- Somed, 14, community of Shigu (Tamale)

Anytime I think about CFC, I am very happy and full of joy. I like the support I get from CFC in the form of uniforms, sandals, reading books which help me to study well in school and at home to improve my academic performance. I want to be a famous fashion designer in the future.



Fatawu Ibrahim, 20, CFC Graduate in CIF Accra

After having completed Senior High School, I have started doing an internship with Chance for Children. Whenever I am with CFC, I am happy, and it feels like home. I appreciate the encouragement of the social workers for me to always do my best no matter the circumstances. My dream is to become a mechanical engineer or a military engineer.



Philomena Dzikunu-Nyarsor, 22, CFC TVET Agency

I am doing a vocational training in catering. I want to become a caterer to earn money to give back to society. I feel I have a great loving and caring family at Chance for Children. CFC built me up with great ideas and has empowered me. I am warm-heartedly thankful for the love, care and to be part of CFC



PARTNERS & DONORS



Collaborations

In 2022, we not only maintained our partnership with the PHZH (Zürich University of Teacher Education) and other universities in Switzerland, but also expanded our collaboration with different local stakeholders, organizations, companies and the Department of Social Welfare in Ghana. We have learnt that it is key to share values, services and resources so that, together, we can make a difference on the life of street-connected children, families and communities.

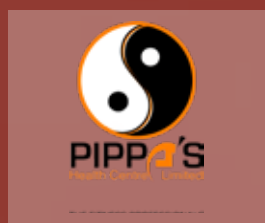
These are a few examples of collaborations which grew stronger in 2022:



International Justice Mission

(IJM) is our main partner in advocating for vulnerable and exploited children and tackling issues of child protection and the restoration of survivors of

child trafficking. This year IJM referred five children to us, and together we ensured that they were safe and reunited with their families. IJM also held a training on trauma-informed care for our team in Tamale and there are plans to extend to our other offices.



Pippa's Health Centre organized two team-building sport sessions for our youth, hired one of our young girls as an intern and participated in the Business Club of the CFC TVET Agency.



The Movenpick Ambassador Hotel Accra hosted a meeting with relevant stakeholders for us, let us use their facilities to hold the Business Club of the TVET Agency and supported us with various donations. They also offered an internship to one of our students.

A special thanks

Once again this year, we would like to express our sincere gratitude to everyone who endorsed our cause in 2022. Thank you so much in the name of each child, family and community! We would like to mention a selection of Foundations, Churches and Associations who have been supporting us:



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OUTLOOK 2023

Our aim is to expand our outreach and accompany over 4,000 street-connected children across 6 locations.

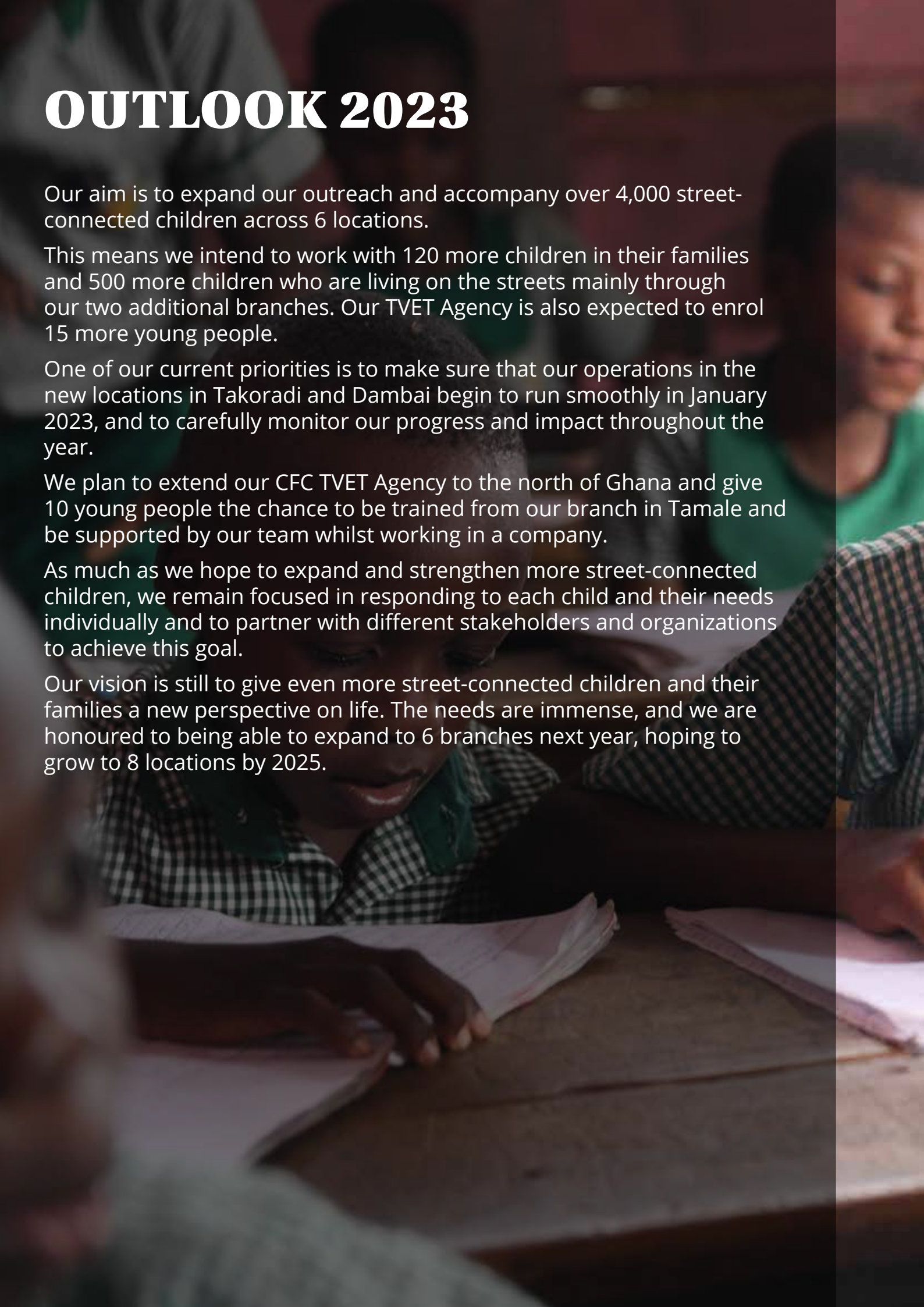
This means we intend to work with 120 more children in their families and 500 more children who are living on the streets mainly through our two additional branches. Our TVET Agency is also expected to enrol 15 more young people.

One of our current priorities is to make sure that our operations in the new locations in Takoradi and Dambai begin to run smoothly in January 2023, and to carefully monitor our progress and impact throughout the year.

We plan to extend our CFC TVET Agency to the north of Ghana and give 10 young people the chance to be trained from our branch in Tamale and be supported by our team whilst working in a company.

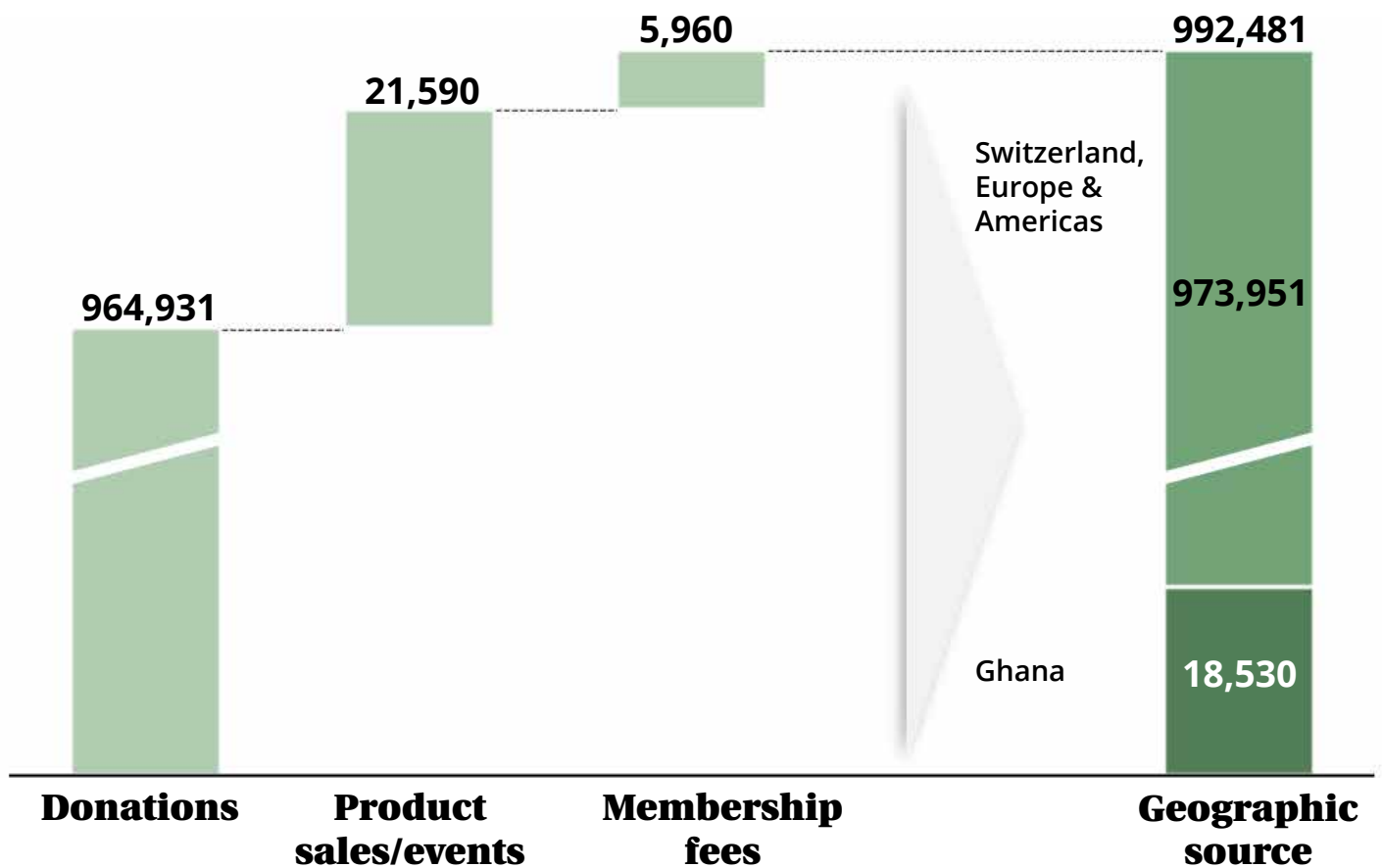
As much as we hope to expand and strengthen more street-connected children, we remain focused in responding to each child and their needs individually and to partner with different stakeholders and organizations to achieve this goal.

Our vision is still to give even more street-connected children and their families a new perspective on life. The needs are immense, and we are honoured to being able to expand to 6 branches next year, hoping to grow to 8 locations by 2025.





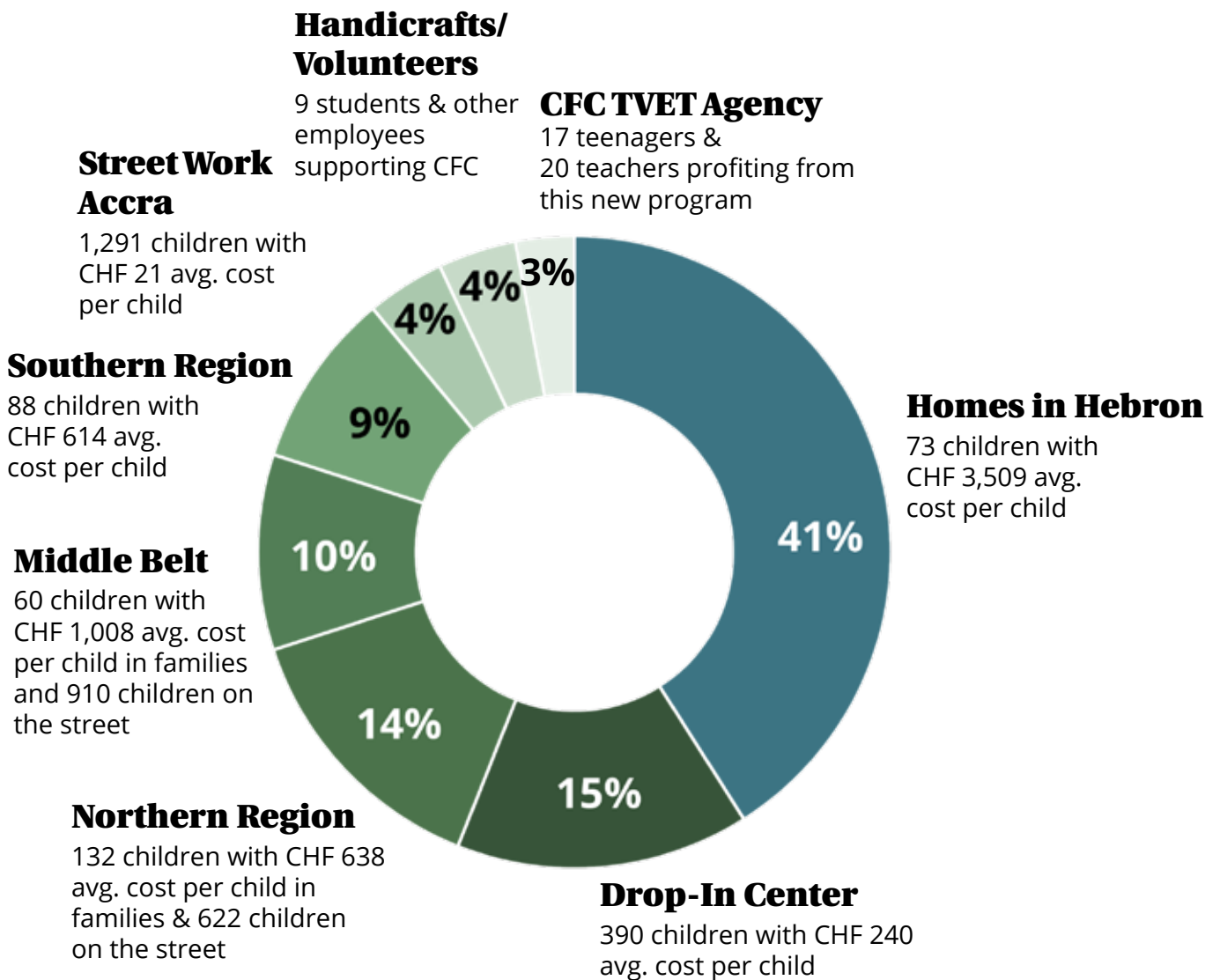
INCOME



Swiss Francs, from January 1 to December 31 2022

EXPENSES

Our CHF 822,979 expenses reached more than 2,800 children in street situations in Accra, Kumasi and Tamale and helped over 350 children attend school or professional training in 2022.





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