

**HUMAN
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INTRODUCTION

Human Dignity Foundation was established in 2004 and has focussed its mission in recent years on funding organisations who help protect and support children subjected to or in danger of child sexual exploitation and abuse (CSEA). HDF is driven by the urgency to safeguard children: children can't wait.

CSEA PREVALENCE GLOBAL DATA

Since 2021, HDF has turned its attention to seeking to expose the scale and nature of this abuse worldwide, through the foundation an independent global data institute for child safety: Childlight. Childlight will use global CSEA prevalence data to support governments, law enforcement agencies, policy makers and other organisations in taking action to safeguard children.

2022 has been a critical year in Childlight's set up, with the recruitment of its team, the definition of its strategy and ways of working, the establishment of data flows with key partners and the initiation of its research projects. With these structures in place, Childlight was formally launched in early 2023.

RESPONDING TO ABUSE AND SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN

HDF's longstanding collaboration with INTERPOL has continued to support efforts to identify and rescue children victims of sexual exploitation and abuse. Using their International Child Sexual Exploitation (ICSE) database, INTERPOL is uniquely placed to coordinate and bolster efforts needed to identify and locate victims of CSEA and remove them from immediate harm.

Whilst this is a critical first step, approximately half of child sexual abuse victims report sexual revictimization later in life.* This dire statistic highlights that more needs to be done to safeguard survivors of CSEA in the short, medium and long term. In late 2022, HDF initiated discussions with INTERPOL to continue to support their critical work, and expand its scope to help find and scale up solutions to break the cycle of child sexual exploitation and abuse.

HDF believes that CSEA is preventable and will continue to fund projects with partners that can have a real, practical and measurable impact on the protection and safeguarding of children through victim centric and data driven approaches.



John Climax
Executive Chairman

* Papalia, Nina, et al. "Child Sexual Abuse and Risk of Revictimization: Impact of Child Demographics, Sexual Abuse Characteristics, and Psychiatric Disorders." *Child Maltreatment*, vol. 26, no. 1, 23 June 2020

AUDIT & ASSURANCE

PORTFOLIO OVERSIGHT

HDF gains assurance from a wide range of activities, including in-house audits, independent third-party evaluations, and management oversight. All projects are subject to these assurance activities. Audits are particularly crucial, ensuring that HDF funds are safeguarded and that recipients are given regular opportunities to enhance their own assurance processes.

MANAGING RISK

On a quarterly basis, HDF forecasts risks that could threaten the achievement of strategic objectives. This process allows the organisation to identify, quantify, and ultimately reduce its exposure to risk. In late 2019, we developed an embedded risk management framework for application at the corporate level and on each individual HDF investment. This framework has been built upon and further refined throughout 2022. In 2023 this risk management framework will be extended to recipients of HDF funds and the work they deliver.

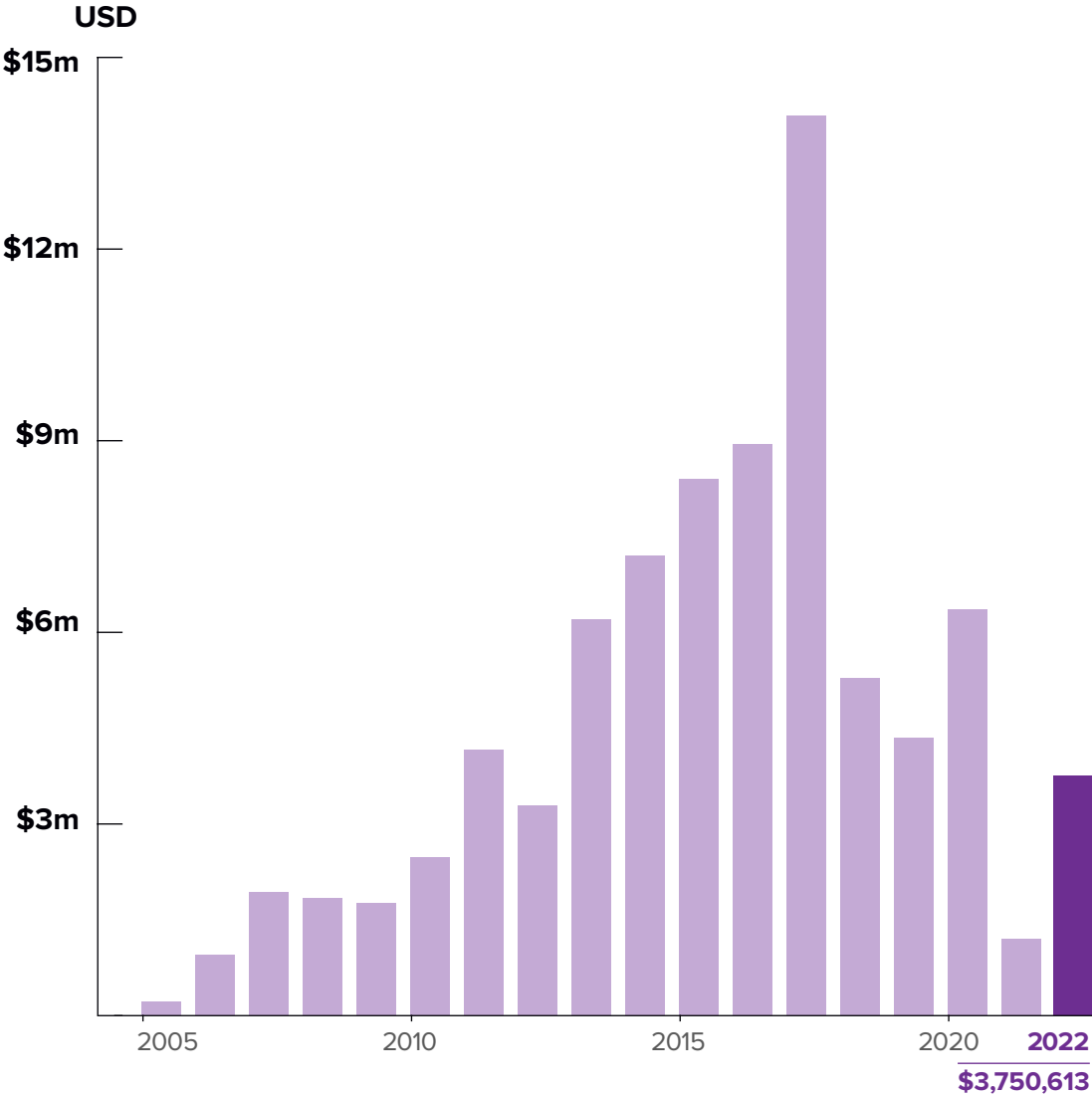
EXTERNAL AUDIT

HDF's internal processes and controls are tested annually by third party auditors. The 2022 KPMG audit report confirmed that HDF has a sound system of control, which in turn ensures an effective control environment. All significant internal control systems were tested and verified to be effective and in compliance with all applicable Swiss regulation.

GOVERNANCE

HDF's Board and Audit and Investment Committee meet at least three times annually, providing oversight of HDF's audit function, internal controls, budgeting, expenditure, and policy framework.

GRANT EXPENDITURE



DISBURSEMENTS 2022

Fund to End Violence Against Children (UNICEF)

INTERPOL

Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health

New Venture Fund

Orchid Project

\$3,750,613

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