

**HUMAN
DIGNITY
FOUNDATION**

**2024
ANNUAL
REPORT**

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INTRODUCTION

Human Dignity Foundation (HDF) celebrated 20 years in 2024, with the implementation of its renewed strategic focus on Child Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (CSEA), as approved by HDF's Board in 2023.

THE FIRST GLOBAL INDEX OF CSEA PREVALENCE

Childlight, founded by HDF in 2021 and formally launched in 2023, published its first global index of CSEA prevalence in May 2024: [Into the Light](#). This index provides the world's first estimate of the scale of CSEA globally. Beyond the provision of academically robust data to increase knowledge and understanding of this issue, it intends to raise the awareness of frontline workers, policymakers and governments to enable them to make data-driven decisions in order to safeguard children around the world from this form of exploitation and abuse. Childlight will publish its Into the Light Index annually, seeking to increase the granularity of its data year on year, whilst continuing to produce original academic research in their Searchlight report every 2 years to investigate the nature and risk factors of CSEA.

PREVENTING THE CYCLE OF HARM

HDF has awarded a new grant to INTERPOL, thereby continuing a decade-long collaboration. This project, entitled Preventing the Cycle of Harm, for implementation from 2025 onwards, has 3 core objectives:

- Identifying children who are sexually abused across the world
- Identifying and arresting the perpetrators of these crimes;
- Defining and introducing a new child safeguarding approach. This will aim to ensure that survivors of child sexual exploitation and abuse are protected from further harm throughout their engagement with law enforcement agencies and thereafter.

HDF'S OPPORTUNISTIC FUND

HDF holds and manages a small opportunistic fund, to make awards for smaller projects outside of the foundation's core strategy. HDF provided seed funding to Care and Learn Ireland (Cali) Centres under this funding stream, for a period of three years, to establish the first day centre of its kind for young adults with severe to profound intellectual disabilities. This centre, which opened its doors full time in April 2024, provides a day service for 4 young adults to receive the one-to-one support they require to thrive: it enables them to access a unique blend of bespoke learning, care and multidisciplinary therapies.

TACKLING THE ISSUE OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE MATERIAL (CSAM)

The world has seen an exponential proliferation of CSAM online. HDF believes tackling this issue requires an innovative approach which goes beyond the endless cycle of taking down CSAM online. To understand what is holding back governments, child protection professionals and the technology industry from eradicating this grave breach of children's rights, HDF has initiated plans to convene a roundtable with subject matter experts. This forum will bring together key stakeholders in January 2025 for an in-depth discussion on strategies to catalyse the prevention and eradication of CSAM online.

HDF will continue to support the CSEA ecosystem to strive to find novel and disruptive ways of tackling the sexual exploitation and abuse of children at scale and with urgency because children can't wait.



John Climax
Executive Chairman

AUDIT & ASSURANCE

PORTFOLIO OVERSIGHT

HDF gains assurance from a wide range of activities, including in-house and externally performed 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 foundation to identify, quantify, and ultimately reduce its exposure to risk. This approach is applied both at the corporate level, and to projects receiving HDF funding. This allows HDF to effectively manage risks at an individual project level, based on their unique profile.

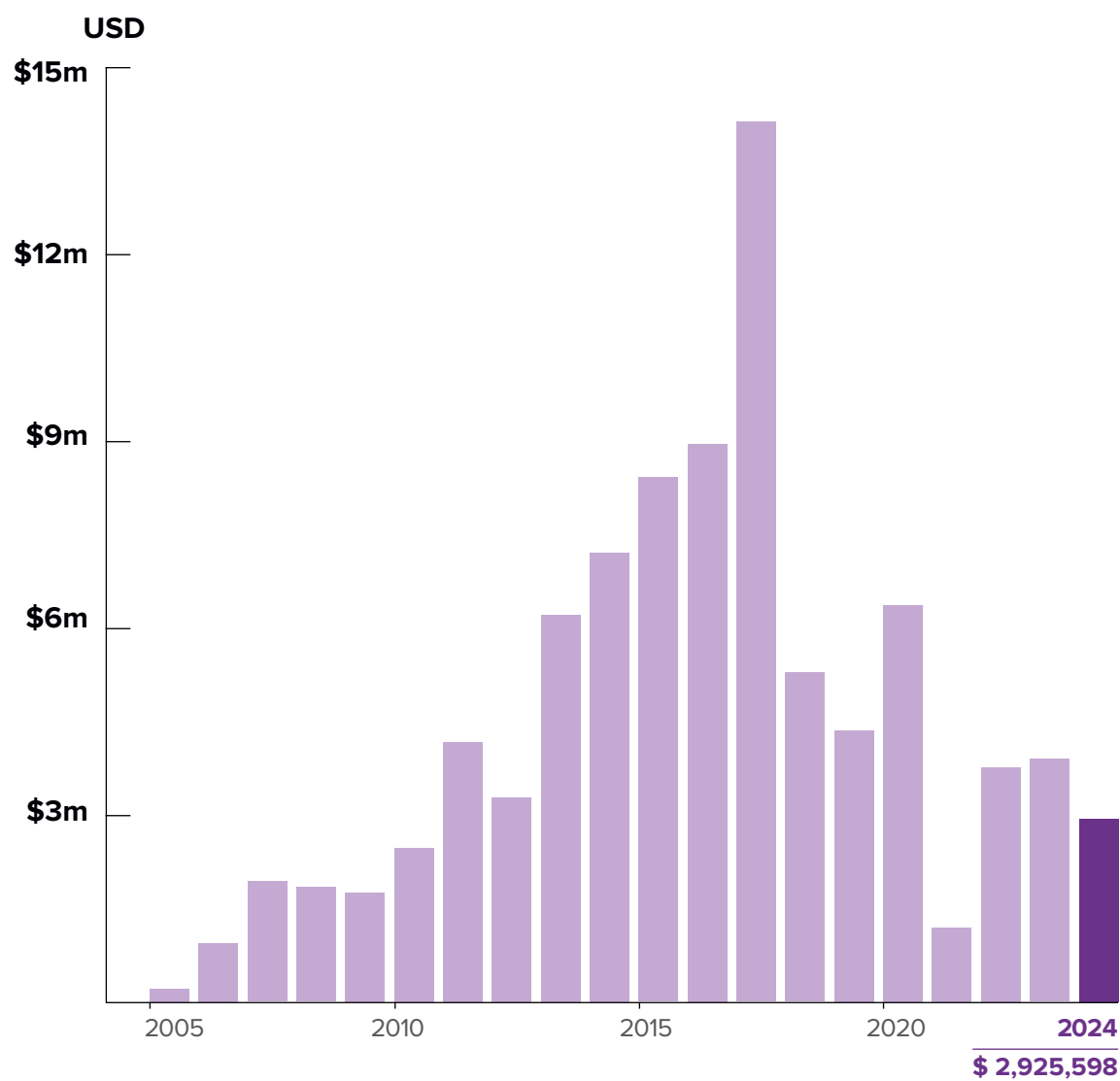
EXTERNAL AUDIT

KPMG performed a limited statutory examination of HDF's financial statements, to identify any material misstatements within the annual accounts. As statutory auditors, they did not identify any issues and confirmed that the financial statements to 31st December 2024 were compliant with Swiss law and the foundation's charter and regulations.

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.

AWARD HISTORY



DISBURSEMENTS 2024

Childlight (University of Edinburgh)

INTERPOL

Care and Learn Ireland (Cali) Centres

\$ 2,925,598

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