

**HUMAN
DIGNITY
FOUNDATION**

2025
**ANNUAL
REPORT**

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INTRODUCTION

Throughout 2025, **Human Dignity Foundation** (HDF) continued to strengthen its contribution to the global fight against the sexual exploitation and abuse of children while advancing its commitment to supporting vulnerable young people through innovative, evidence-based initiatives.

EXPANDING GLOBAL EVIDENCE

Following the publication of the first global Child Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (CSEA) Prevalence Index in 2024, Childlight, the Global Child Safety Institute, expanded the reach of its [*Into the Light Index*](#) in 2025 across Europe and Asia. These regions were prioritised due to their significant burden of Child Sexual Abuse Material (CSAM) and the opportunity to drive large-scale impact through improved evidence and policy engagement.

Available in more than 100 languages, the Index provides 40 detailed country-level estimates across a range of key indicators in Western Europe and Asia. By equipping policymakers, practitioners and decision-makers with robust data, the Index supports more targeted and effective responses to child sexual exploitation and abuse within local contexts.

The continued expansion of the Into the Light Index demonstrates Childlight's unique ability to translate advanced research and data into meaningful policy influence, operational action and public engagement. It has further strengthened the Institute's role in positioning CSEA as a global public health issue and reinforced its reputation as a trusted authority on child safety.

EMBEDDING CHILD-CENTRED POLICING

In 2025, INTERPOL's Crimes Against Children Unit completed the first year of implementation of its Preventing the Cycle of Harm strategy, which is primarily funded by HDF. This strategy represents a significant evolution in INTERPOL's approach to combating CSEA by embedding child safeguarding principles within law enforcement interactions with child victims.

Alongside ongoing efforts to support the identification of victims and prosecution offenders, the strategy seeks to minimise the trauma and potential re-victimisation children may experience during investigative processes. By promoting child-centred practices, supporting the timely removal of children from unsafe environments, and facilitating referrals to appropriate support services, the programme aims to improve recovery outcomes for children who have experienced abuse.

STRENGTHENING ORGANISATIONAL FOUNDATIONS

During 2025, Care and Learn Ireland continued to strengthen its operational foundations and long-term sustainability. A significant milestone was achieved with the successful securing of

funding from the Health Service Executive (HSE), Ireland's public health and social care authority.

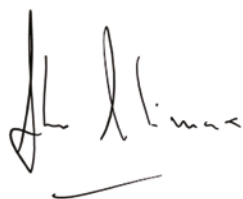
This support contributes to securing a sustainable funding base for the organisation and will help ensure the continued delivery of its distinctive model of bespoke learning, care and multidisciplinary therapies for young adults with severe to profound intellectual disabilities.

STRENGTHENING FINANCIAL ALIGNMENT

Following a review of its operating environment, HDF adopted the euro as its functional currency with effect from 1 January 2025, replacing the US dollar. This change better reflects the currency profile of the Foundation's operating expenditures and grant-making activities, the majority of which are denominated in euros.

EXPANDING OUR PLATFORM FOR GLOBAL IMPACT

In 2025, HDF received approval from the Swiss authorities to establish a charitable subsidiary in the United Kingdom. This important development will support the Foundation's continued growth and international reach, strengthening its ability to collaborate with like-minded organisations and accelerate innovative approaches to preventing and addressing the sexual exploitation and abuse of vulnerable children globally.



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.

HDF secured in 2025 a pro-bono engagement from KPMG to do a full review the foundation's risks processes and tools with a view to overhaul and strengthen HDF's risk management approach in 2026.

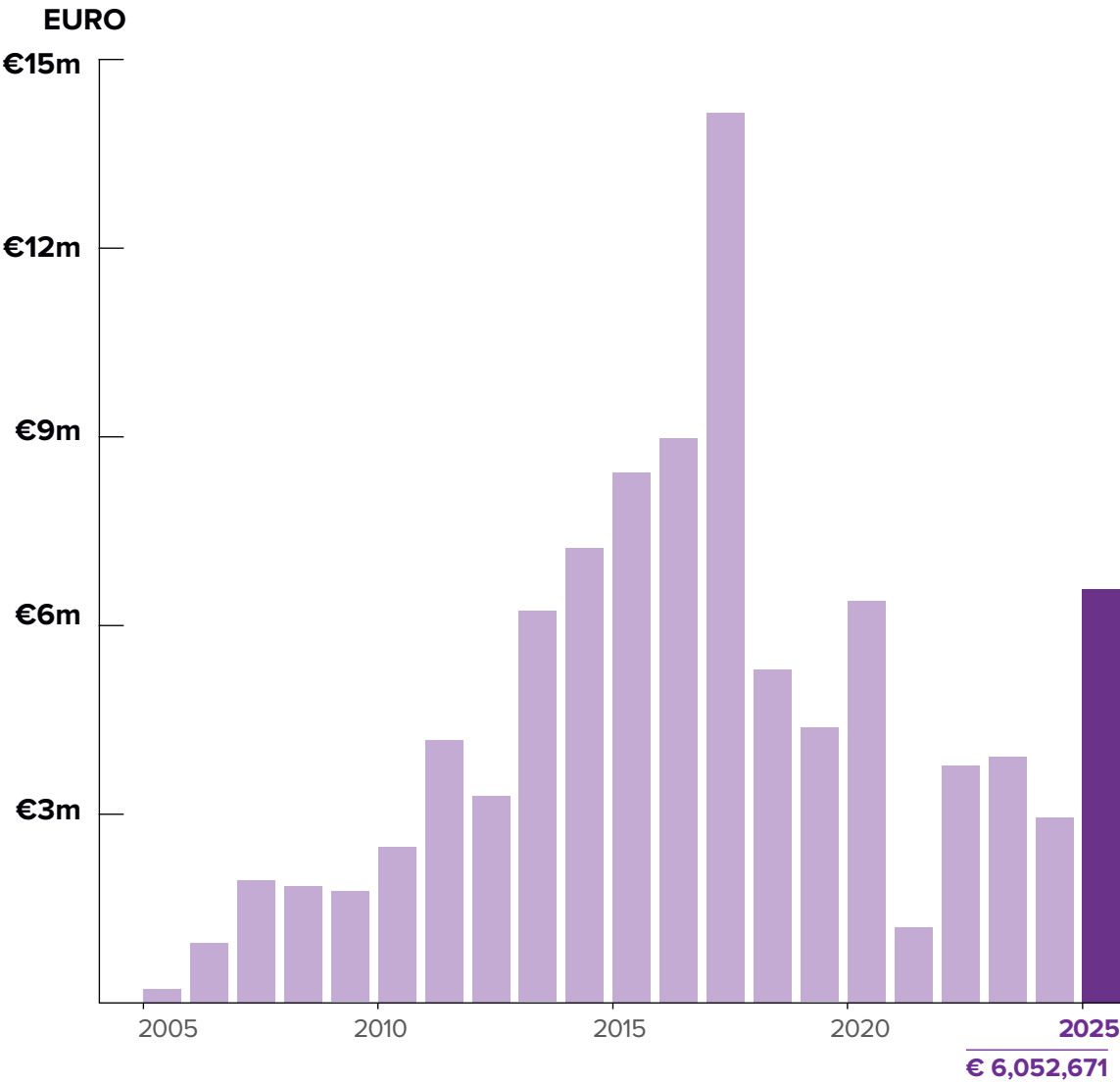
EXTERNAL AUDIT

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 2025 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 2025

Childlight (University of Edinburgh)

INTERPOL

Care and Learn Ireland (Cali) Centres

€ 6,052,671

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