

Annual Report 2024



ERIKS
Development Partner

For the children. And the world they dream of.



It all started with a child

Erik Nilsson was just a child when he started helping other children. He was born in Småland, Sweden in 1929. Because he had hemophilia, he was often in the hospital. It was in a hospital bed, that his dream of encouraging other children in a similar situation, was born.

The young Erik started sending greetings and small gifts to sick children. He got the addresses by listening to The Children's Letterbox, a radio program with the host Sven Jerring. Already in 1946, when Erik was 17 years old, his aid work was established. When he was interviewed on the radio by Sven Jerring a few years later, the work really took off. People from all over the country wanted to join in and help.

Erik, who came to be known as Uncle Erik, was only 37 years old when he died in 1966. But the work he started lives on. A year after his death, ERIKS Development Partner (ERIKS) was founded. Even today, we work for a changed world, where children's dreams come true. All thanks to the boy Erik and his courage to turn his dream into reality.



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A few words at the beginning...

It is just theatre. Not for real. Still, I wipe a tear from my cheek and swallow my cry. As Secretary General, I am visiting a small village in northern Bangladesh. On the makeshift theater stage, a desperate father's face is contorted in grief as he bends over his teenage daughter and discovers that she is no longer breathing. She has been married off far too young and then beaten to death.

It is just theater. And yet, it's real. In Bangladesh, child marriage is still common. Despite being illegal, the custom is strong. Girls are married off and die. For real.

2024 was another year where children's suffering and vulnerability became evident. According to UNICEF, over 14,000 children have been killed in the war between Israel and Hamas in Gaza. In Ukraine, Russia continues its full-scale invasion with recurring missile attacks against civilian targets. Children are killed, injured, and traumatized. Climate change leads to more frequent and unpredictable natural disasters. In May 2024, cyclone Remal hit the southern coast of Bangladesh, destroying over 40,000 homes. In West Africa, Burkina Faso and Mali are paralyzed by terrorist groups spreading fear, causing governments and aid organisations to retreat. And in Sweden, children and young people growing up in underprivileged neighbourhoods have to navigate a reality where prejudices, low expectations, crime, and violence become obstacles on the way to the future.

Many of us probably experienced 2024 as a dark year. But there is another story, which is also real.

By creating opportunities for girls to go to school, ERIKS helps reduce the risk of girls in Bangladesh being married off, becoming slaves, and potentially killed. By spreading knowledge, for example through amateur theater, people become aware of the problem. By ensuring that legal help is available in the villages, girls in danger are helped to contact the police and other authorities. All this happened this year, for real.

In Rampal and Mongla, the areas hardest hit by cyclone Remal, hundreds of families received support to rebuild their homes and find new ways to support themselves. In other places in Bangladesh, teenagers are being trained as "Flood volunteers," ready to intervene and save lives and property when the next flood comes.

In Burkina Faso and Mali, ERIKS contributes to safe zones for children in refugee camps and continues to work for children to be able to start and complete their schooling despite the country's uncertainty. When others give up and the ongoing humanitarian crisis in West Africa is forgotten, ERIKS stays and does what we can, because the children and their families need our support, for real.

Through ERIKS' Future Labs in Sweden, children and young people gain access to a safe and meaningful

environment where they get the opportunity to create positive change for themselves and others. During 2024, young people from our Future Labs have met and conversed with governors, ministers, party secretaries, and local politicians. They have learned that they can make an impact, for real.

We want to give a warm and heartfelt thanks to all of you who contribute to ERIKS' work as donors, volunteers, board members, partner organisations, and staff. 2025 looks to be at least as tough a year for the world's children as 2024. But we keep working. Everything we do together becomes a counterforce to the violence, oppression, natural disasters, insecurity, and everything that threatens the children's future. It is not just theater. It happens every day. For real.

Mattias Hörberg, Chairman
Mattias Ingesson, Secretary General



A changed world where children's dreams come true

OUR VISION

ERIKS is a child rights organisation with a non-profit secondhand business. Together we have one common vision, a changed world where children's dreams come true. Locally and globally, we work to strengthen and help children. The surplus from the secondhand business, together with gifts from generous donors, contributes to our interventions to ensure that children can go to school, be healthy and feel safe. The possibility of on-the-job training in our secondhand shops also gives children with parents who are outside the labour market, hope for the future. And the circular sale provides environmental hope for future generations. We exist for the children. And the world they dream of.

OUR MISSION

ERIKS works to fight poverty and vulnerability by realizing children's rights. All interventions start from a holistic perspective, with a special focus on children's right to education and leisure, health, security and protection. We believe in children's participation and children's own ability to be involved and change their situation.

OUR VALUES

ERIKS' values rest on three pillars.

1. The spirit of Erik

We protect Erik Nilsson's legacy, which was shaped by his personal commitment and Christian faith. To work in the spirit of Erik means for us to be empathetic and creative, with a focus on opportunities. Just like Erik, we take great care in our responsibility in management of donors' gifts and customers funds.

2. Christian view of mankind

ERIKS' values are based on a Christian view of humanity, with particular emphasis on:

- All people are loved by God and have the same value.
- All people have the right to a dignified and developing life.
- All people have responsibility for the earth, to use it and not abuse it.

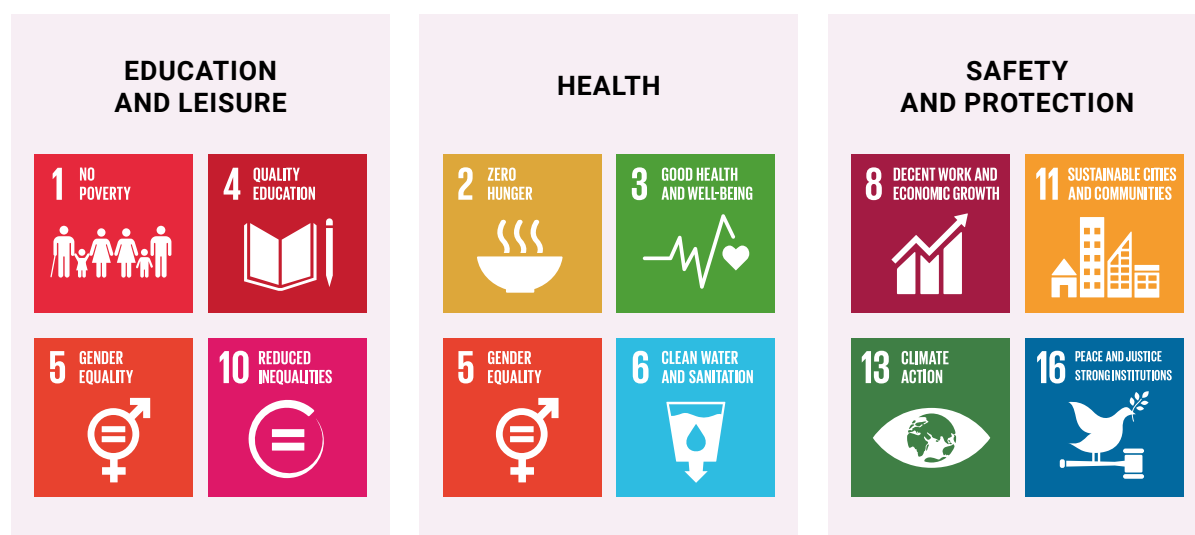
3. The Convention on the Rights of the Child

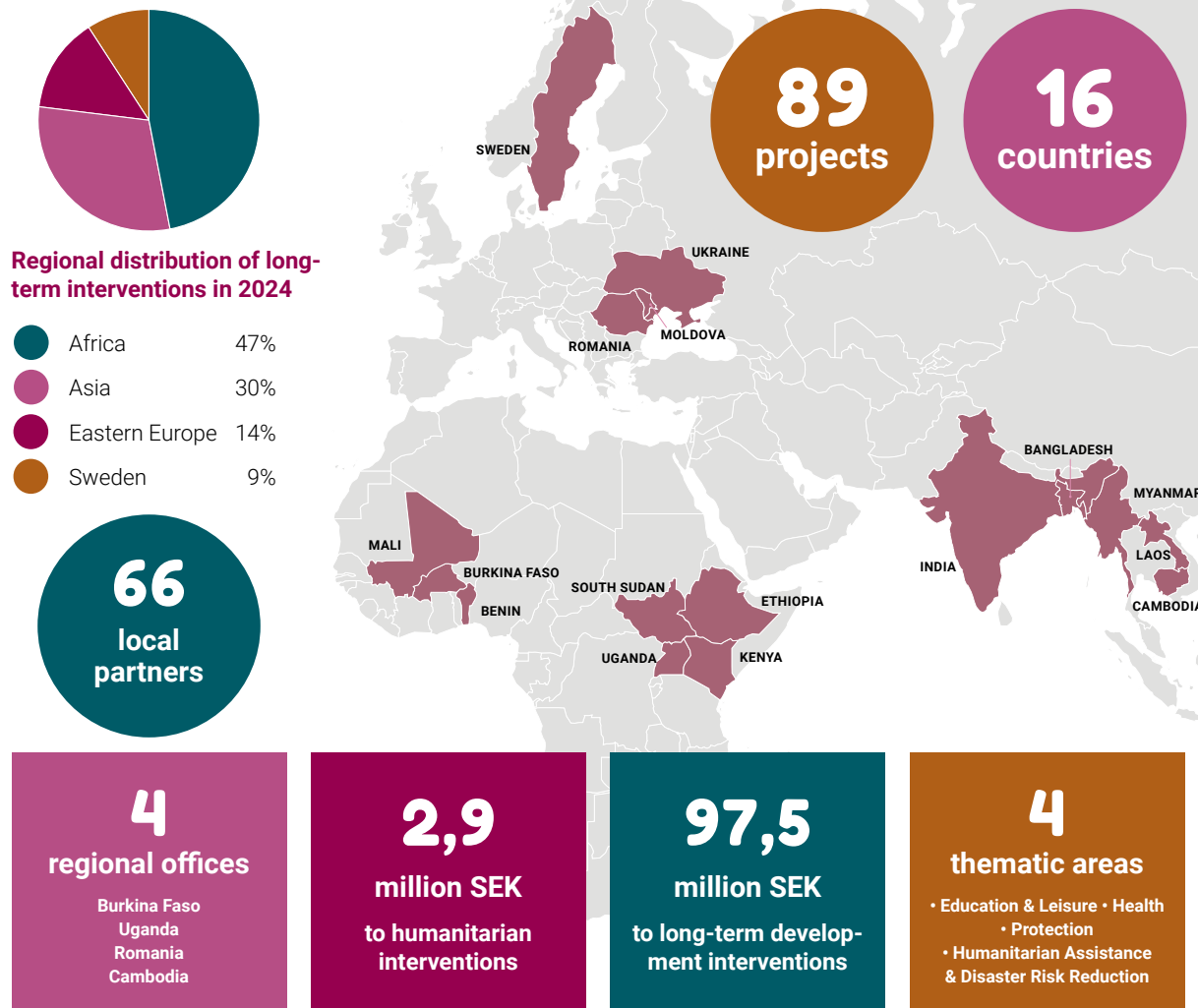
The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child defines the universal conditions under which children in our world have the right to live, and to which ERIKS works toward. It includes, amongst other things, the equal and unique value of all individuals, regardless of gender, age, ethnicity, sexual orientation, outlook on life, and religion.

WE WORK WITH SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT – ALL THE TIME

Sustainable development is development that meets today's needs without compromising the ability of future generations to meet theirs. To contribute to our vision, work with sustainability is fundamental as it affects the possibilities for children and families to have a long-term future. Our focus areas have several connections to the global goals and their sub-goals. Below is a selection of these, although several goals permeate all our work.

The most obvious goal for ERIKS Second Hand is goal 12, Sustainable Consumption and Production. By offering internships and job training, the business also contributes to goal 8 Decent Working Conditions and Economic Growth as well as most of the other global goals.





ERIKS in short – 2024

During 2024, ERIKS has worked with long-term interventions for children and families in 16 countries. Six more urgent humanitarian interventions have been carried out in four countries. In total, ERIKS has reached 271,125 children worldwide with the help of its local partner organisations and 1,230 children in recurring activities in Sweden.

INTERNATIONAL WORK

ERIKS' international work is always carried out through local partner organisations in each country. This approach offers many advantages, not least because coordination on site can more easily build on local competence and thus include a long-term perspective. A local organisation also has the advantages of knowing the country's culture and often already has a good relationship with people in the areas where they operate.

WORK IN SWEDEN

In Sweden, ERIKS works with a focus on neighbourhood development. ERIKS' Future Lab is present in six locations and, together with local actors, drives interventions to strengthen children's rights and increase their participation in society. In collaboration with ERIKS' local second-hand store, both young people and parents can train skills that

are important for meeting the demands of working life and create social networks.

PARTNERSHIPS AND NETWORKS

Collaborating with other organisations is important for ERIKS. In addition to the organisations that carry out interventions in the program countries, ERIKS also collaborates with, among others, Human Bridge, the Scandinavian doctors, the Childhood Foundation, the Strømme Foundation, and Fida.

During 2024, ERIKS has been an active partner in several networks where we can influence and highlight children's rights, including the Swedish Mission Council, Concord, EU-Cord, and the Network for the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

FUNDING

It is private donors who lay the financial foundation for ERIKS' work. Other important financiers are ERIKS Second Hand, Sida (via the Swedish Mission Council), the Postcode Lottery, and Swedish Radio Aid, for example through Children of the World-campaign and the Music Aid event. A large number of companies also choose to support ERIKS' work for children's rights by becoming ERIKS' Corporate Partner.



We get help with homework. And we have a lot of fun together!

Jannatul Ferdus is 11 years old and one of the many children who are part of the Pakkhali Education Center, an educational center supported by ERIKS' donors.

More examples of educational interventions in 2024

Roma children often miss out on their right to education.

Discrimination exists in the school system, and difficult housing and home conditions prevent children from benefiting from education.

New Horizons Foundation works in the city of Carei, Romania with the goal of promoting the right to good education for 200 Roma children. The work includes an additional 22 children from two other vulnerable Roma communities. By working with all actors, the focus of the intervention is to change the children's situation both at home and at school.

A large number of children live on the street instead of attending school in Uganda.

It can be due to violent home conditions, dysfunctional families, and poverty, but also weak structures for identifying children living in socially vulnerable situations. ERIKS' interventions aim at better protection and education for children living on the street or at risk. The work includes rehabilitating children from the streets and reintegrating them into their families. It also includes creating long-term sustainability in education, by applying for scholarships and working to ensure that free public education is available in state schools.

School changes the lives of children in Pakkhali

To go to school. Not being married off. Having the opportunity to dream. And daring to believe that the best is yet to come. These are the rights of all children.

Eleven-year-old Jannatul Ferdus is, along with many other children, part of Pakkhali Education Centre, an educational centre supported by ERIKS' donors. We are in southern Bangladesh, in the rural area where the landscape is constantly changing and children's access to education is limited.

In the area around Pakkhali Education Centre in southern Bangladesh, there are about 500 families living. Many of the children come here for tutoring and to participate in various activities. There is also a parent group associated with the centre. Here, children receive support to succeed in school and prepare for further studies. Last year, 8 of the children received help to advance to secondary school! Currently, there are 33 students enrolled at Pakkhali Education Centre, of which 22 are girls in grades 2-5.

Few children here continue their studies after grade five. Poverty, poor roads and long distances to school, parents' low education levels, and being married off are some reasons why children are forced to interrupt their education. Many families cannot afford to finance their children's schooling. The girls risk being married off, and the boys are forced to work. Therefore, the centre is important; several children have received help to apply for scholarships that enable them to continue studying despite their family's economic situation.

– Here at the centre, we get the opportunity to prepare ourselves, and we get help to succeed in school, says Jannatul.

At the centre, there are trusted adults who support the children. Disaster preparedness, ensuring that families are better equipped to adapt to climate change, is one of the goals of the activities. Another is that children should have better knowledge of their rights and participate in influencing their local community. Providing children with meaningful leisure activities and helping them succeed in their studies is the third. And the benefits are enormous. The children shine when they talk about what the centre means to them; this is their community.

To meet the need for access to education for children in Bangladesh's coastal areas, ERIKS has brought together its partner organisations Friendship and CODEC. Both have extensive experience working in isolated areas exposed to extreme weather and natural disasters. Together with them, ERIKS, through local participation and ownership, has built eight new schools with classes from sixth to eighth grade. We train teacher assistants who receive training and further education so they can be responsible for classroom teaching, where recorded lessons with experienced teachers are shown on a video screen in the classroom. We build toilets adapted to girls' needs and safety. We combat negative social norms and practices, including child marriage and child labour. Conversations are held with parents and village leaders, but also among the children themselves. In "Shonglap groups," girls meet outside school hours and become active change agents who learn more about their rights and how to protect themselves from abuse. It is not uncommon for these – tough – young women to come together and save the area's girls from child labour and child marriage.

In Mali, the proportion of girls attending school is still significantly lower than for boys. The humanitarian crisis in the country has further deteriorated girls' access to education, while girls are subjected to abuses such as female genital mutilation. The goal of ERIKS' interventions is to protect children, especially girls, from harmful traditional practices such as female genital mutilation, child marriage, and dropping out of school in two regions in southwestern Mali.

Right to education

Education is a fundamental human right and one of the most important keys in the fight against poverty. Yet, there are 260 million children worldwide who do not attend school.

ERIKS works long-term to promote children's right to education, including advocacy, strengthening families' ability to support themselves so that they can afford to send their children to school, and providing support to children with special needs.





**A toilet influences
our everyday life
– and our future**



**Shukhi Mony, 12 years,
Mongla in Bangladesh**

More examples of health work in 2024:

The proportion of people suffering from chronic hunger is increasing in the Indian State of Madhya Pradesh, women and children are particularly affected. About 55% of all women of reproductive age suffer from anaemia, which in turn worsens an already high maternal mortality rate. The number of neonatal deaths is alarming, as is malnutrition among children under five years old.

ERIKS and the partner organisation EFICOR work to raise awareness, not only among women but the entire local community, about the importance of pregnant women

attending regular health check-ups, eating nutritious food, breastfeeding their newborns, and later ensuring their children having access to a varied and good diet.

ERIKS' partner organisation DEDRAS works in the Alibori region in northeastern Benin to combat violations of girls' rights, especially in rural areas. The project focuses on reducing the number of child marriages and early pregnancies by keeping girls in school, influencing parents and local leaders, and strengthening girls' knowledge of sexual and reproductive health and rights. The goal is to give

Menstrual health is a matter of equality

What difference can a toilet make for girls' rights? For Shukhi Mony and Piya Mong in Mongla in southern Bangladesh, it makes all the difference in the world. Thanks to the school's new toilet, the girls' school attendance has increased. Nowadays, the girls can concentrate on their schoolwork and perform better in school.

The school has about 250 students in grades five to eight. Piya and Shukhi show off the school's new accessible toilet. It includes both a traditional toilet with a hole in the floor and a water toilet, the first of its kind in the area. There are also several new sinks and a cabinet full of everything a girl might need during periods of menstruation.

Nearly two billion people on earth menstruate. At least a quarter of them lack the resources needed for good menstrual health. The consequences of this affect their entire lives. Menstruation is much more than a hygiene or health issue. Menstruation is an issue of equality and girls' rights. When children enter their teenage years, we see how violations of certain rights increase dramatically. Especially for girls and young women, but also for LGBTQI people.

One of ERIKS' priority areas is therefore sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR). These are rights

that apply throughout life. The onset of puberty creates disproportionate differences between genders. Menstruation, which is such a fundamental and natural process, instead becomes a major setback for millions of girls in many areas and rights. The perception that girls are of marriageable age leads to a dramatic increase in risks for child marriage, female genital mutilation, and other forms of gender-based violence. Girls' opportunities to attend school are quickly taken away from them. That ERIKS continues to defend girls' right to education is therefore not just a protective factor but a fundamental right that becomes crucial for girls' future prospects.

For it is not just the new toilet itself that has made a difference for Piya and Shukhi in Mongla. It is also the recognition that girls' needs, situations, and challenges are real. That girls are important. That they are seen as a resource and a force in society and that they have the right to be given the conditions to educate themselves and help shape their own future.

– This toilet affects our everyday life and our future. Now we can keep-up better in school and in this way, we have better opportunities for the future, says 15 year-old Piya Mong.

girls better conditions for an independent life and reduce maternal mortality and social stigmatization related to involuntary pregnancies.

In Turkana, Kenya, ERIKS supports a project that uses mobile teams to visit pregnant women and newly delivered mothers and their children up to five years old, at home. When families don't need to travel long distances, the risk of losing contact with healthcare decreases. Volunteers are also trained to offer care, vaccinations, and health information.

Right to Health

Health is a fundamental right and a prerequisite for people to live a dignified life. The right to health means that children should have access to preventive healthcare such as vaccinations, clean water, good hygiene, sanitation, and nutritious food. By ensuring that families have access to good health and medical care, ERIKS invests in a more just and sustainable future, where all children are given better opportunities to reach their full potential.





Through Life Skills, I have gained better self-esteem



Lawrence Kabila,
15 years, Kodiaga
Prison Primary School

More examples of our work for children's safety and protection:

In Benin, ERIKS works closely with local organisations

and local authorities. The country faces several challenges related to children's right to education, such as children being taken out of, or dropping out of, school, and children with disabilities not receiving adequate education. ERIKS' main focus is on children's right to education, health, and safety and protection by increasing knowledge about sexual and reproductive health and rights.

ERIKS' work against trafficking is highlighted in a new study from Umeå University.

Researcher Andreas Henriksson has examined how religious organisations succeed in reaching the secular aid world and shows that organisations not tied to a specific church or denomination can, in some cases, better bridge the gap to secular actors.

Children learn to stand up for their rights

It is dangerous to be a child in Kenya. Adults often punish children with violence, both at home and at school.

Children in Kisumu, particularly girls, are at high risk of abuse while traveling to and from school. There is a culture of silence, and abuse is not something shared with parents or teachers.

The Life Skills project is run by ERIKS' partner organisation ICS-SP (Investing in Children and their Societies-Strengthening Families, Protecting Children). In Kisumu, ICS works to empower families and teachers and encourage them to collaborate in order to create a safe environment for children in school, at home, and in the community. ICS's approach is to include and empower parents and teachers so they can improve school attendance, enhance social skills, and increase students' motivation to study.

"Parents and teachers are often unaware that it is actually illegal to hit children in Kenya," says Lillian Onyango, program coordinator for the Life Skills project in Kisumu. Violence is commonly used as a disciplinary method both at school and at home. Our task is not only to inform guardians and teachers that they are committing a crime by hitting a child but also to empower children and provide them with tools to stand up for their rights and speak out if they are abused.

Previously, many children went home from school for lunch, but girls were sometimes attacked during this period. The school has had several cases of abuse involving girls as young as 7-8 years old. To prevent these abuses, ICS has supported the school in providing lunch for the children. ICS's mentors in the schools, inform and discuss children's rights with children and adults and emphasize the importance of speaking up about abuse.

Fifteen-year-old Lawrence Kabila's parents live in a village a few hours away from Kisumu. He stays with his uncle, who works at the prison and lives on the school grounds during the school terms. The relationship between Lawrence and his uncle has not always been good. Initially, they did not talk much to each other, and Lawrence was often beaten when they misunderstood each other.

About a year ago, Lawrence and his uncle started participating together in the ICS Life Skills project.

Now Lawrence learned to stand up for himself and his rights, and his uncle received tools to solve problems with his nephew without using violence.



Lillian Onyango, program coordinator for the Life Skills project in Kisumu

Fact box about the organisation ICS-SP

ICS-SP (Investing in Children and their Societies-Strengthening Families, Protecting Children) works on development for children and families in Kenya. The organisation collaborates with children and their families, authorities, and companies in the private sector. The goal is to raise awareness and provide insight on how best to tackle violence, poverty, and inequality.

Right to a safe upbringing

All children have the right to grow up under safe circumstances. To strengthen children's right to safety and protection, ERIKS works with local partner organisations to help children and young people living in vulnerability. This is done by strengthening their ability to participate in and influence decisions that affect their daily lives, and by providing support and rehabilitation.



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Dear Dad,
I love and miss
you very much



Alisa and her twin sister Liya are seven years old and go often to ERIKS' art therapy. Here they have a chance to be creative and at the same time they can work through hard trauma with professional help.

More examples of humanitarian assistance in 2024:

According to UNHCR, over 43 million children are displaced around the world. ERIKS works in several conflict areas, such as Ukraine, Burkina Faso, Myanmar, and Mali, to support children and families who are displaced or otherwise affected by armed conflicts.

In the end of May, Cyclone Remal struck hard in southern Bangladesh with wind speeds of 135 kilometres per hour. Approximately 4.6 million people were affected, and over 40,000 homes were completely destroyed. The worst

impact was in the regions of Rampal and Mongla, where ERIKS has long been working with various interventions to create resilience and support children and their families. Now, ERIKS gives support to an emergency intervention to help families recover after the cyclone's devastation.

ERIKS provides support to displaced families in Myanmar. Anxiety and violence have marked Myanmar for several years, and many people have been forced to flee, both within the country and to neighbouring

Now Alisa and Liya dare to dream again

Twin sisters Alisa and Liya were only five years old when Russia invaded Ukraine. They fled with their family to Slovakia and then watched their father return home to fight. Now the family is back in Ukraine, and thanks to ERIKS, the sisters can process everything they've been through.

Three years after Russia's large-scale invasion, 3.5 million people are displaced in Ukraine. People who have been forced to leave their homes in occupied areas or war zones to settle elsewhere in the country. Many of them are children and families carrying severe trauma.

The need for social and psychosocial support is significant. Thanks to ERIKS and the organisation Women's Consortium of Ukraine, children affected by the war can receive professional help from psychologists while just being allowed to be children.

Through art therapy, the children have access to a safe space where they can do something they enjoy. The creative activity helps the children open-up and express their feelings. Child psychologist Lyudmila Burtseva explains that many children draw houses or a safe place to live.

– All children in Ukraine have an unmet need for safety. There is not a single place in the country that has not been affected by the war. Not a single day goes by without

plans for the day being disrupted by an air raid alarm. This is something children react very strongly to. Therefore, these meetings are much about creating a place where the children can feel good and safe, she says.

Alisa and Liya remember being scared when the family fled to Slovakia. Scared and sad. When the war broke out, Alisa and Liya had to go through things that no five-year-old should have to experience. They remember how missiles flew over them as they fled from Kiev to Slovakia.

– Mom was very scared, and we ran to a shelter. Then she got some medicine so she wouldn't be scared anymore, says Alisa.

And they remember when their father returned to Ukraine to fight against Russia. Then they wrote letters to him, telling him how much they loved him.

– Once I wrote a letter to my dad, and when he was off duty, I gave it to him. I had written: "Dad, I love you and miss you very much," says Alisa.

Today, the twin sisters Alisa and Liya are seven years old and live in Kiev. At ERIKS' art therapy, they can process their trauma together with professional psychologists. They get away from the war for a while and just focus on being creative. On drawing. Crafting. Or singing together. It also makes them dare to dream of a future without war.

countries. In a humanitarian intervention together with the organisation Early Childhood Care and Development (ECCD), which works with the Parenting under Pressure (PUP) method, ERIKS contributes psychosocial support and education to guardians who are in an extremely vulnerable situation during the ongoing conflict in the country. The education includes tools to function well as a parent under the stress they are experiencing, thereby giving the children the care and support they need.

Global Goals

To eradicate extreme poverty, ensure that no one goes hungry, and promote peace and justice are three of the Global Goals that world leaders have pledged to achieve by 2030.





**Find your voice
and daring
to believe it
matters**



Fadek Chaseb,
Minna Alhassani and
Mariam Zaoujan.

More examples of work with children's and young people's participation:

In Rampal, in southern Bangladesh, lies Surjer alo Child Center, supported by ERIKS' donors. The centre is a place for leisure activities with children's clubs and other activities for the children in the area. 16-year-old Ayesha Akter and 15-year-old Preema Das are two of those participating in the children's club activities. Here they have learned about children's rights and have had the opportunity to practice expressing their feelings, needs, and opinions.

In Bangladesh, girls still do not have the same rights as boys. But despite the challenges they face, the girls have clear goals. They want to work for community improve-

ments and want to be involved in changing their own and others' situations.

Burkina Faso is a country in serious need of humanitarian support. As many households live in extreme poverty, the country suffers from high rates of child labour, sexual violence, child marriage, and unwanted teenage pregnancies. Children's rights are often low priority.

ERIKS works together with local organisations in various areas of Burkina Faso to educate adults to recognize their responsibility to respect, protect, and promote children's

“It’s about building self-esteem and hope for the future.”

ERIKS’ Future Labs are currently located in six cities in Sweden. In under-prioritized residential areas, we work preventively to support children and young people to invest in school, dare to be creative, and find their interests. This can include help with homework, recreational activities, leadership training, or career guidance.

– It’s about finding your voice and daring to believe it matters, says Mariam Zaoujan, activity coordinator at ERIKS Future Lab in Helsingborg. With us, every young person receives support to develop, not only as an individual but also in relationships with others. It’s about more than just activities – it’s about building self-esteem and hope for the future.

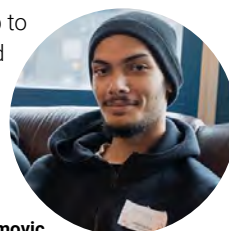
At ERIKS Future Lab, children and young people can explore their motivations, strengthen their abilities, and feel that they can influence the development of their own residential area. By highlighting local problems and challenges, but also to change public perception.

There is a great desire from the local community to collaborate with our future Labs, both as participants and sponsors. Working arm in arm with local initiatives increases the possibility of reducing social exclusion and creates greater opportunities to develop children’s and young people’s ideas.

In 2024, ERIKS Future Lab will celebrate its fifth anniversary. The project started in Helsingborg, and during the first years in Adolfsberg it has already made a significant impact. For instance, during the autumn of 2024, job and entrepreneurship training were provided for young individuals. For six weeks, we trained young people about working life and what it entails. Every week included a new theme related to jobs and the future. With themes such as mental and physical health, education, writing CVs, interview techniques, and job opportunities. The purpose of the training is to increase young people’s understanding of issues related to work, health, and entrepreneurship. What does an employer really think? How easy is it to start your own business?

Ismet Rajimovic is one of the participants in the job and entrepreneurship training and was one of the first young people at ERIKS Future Lab in Helsingborg.

– The Future Lab means a lot to me. Here I have received help with school, interned in the second-hand store, and received help to find my first job. I have participated in various leadership trainings and now I lead football practices and tournaments for other children here in the area.



Ismet Rajimovic

rights. ERIKS has also started children’s clubs and children’s councils where children learn about their rights and how to report if these are violated.

In 2024, the Convention on the Rights of the Child will be 35 years old and has been Swedish law since 2020. ERIKS believes that it is high time we take responsibility and give children and young people real influence.

The 2024 report from the Youth Barometer shows that more and more young people feel they have little or no opportunities at all to influence society. At the same time,

political engagement among young people is declining, and their confidence in politicians’ ability to handle societal challenges is decreasing. ERIKS Future Labs currently work in six residential areas and engage children, young people, and parents to level out unequal growing conditions.

Right to participate

An equal society is based on the principle of equal rights and opportunities for all, regardless of gender, ethnicity, religion, disability, or age.





Hope for children in Burkina Faso



Ten-year-old Ali Ouedraogo, from Burkina Faso, slides down a slide in the yard of the Children's Friendly Space, which ERIKS is a part of. Here, he and other children can feel safe while also gaining access to education and recreational activities.

From July 25-27, ERIKS was present in Almedalen, Sweden's annual political week where politicians, organisations, and citizens gather to discuss current issues. This year, we were once again part of the Children's Rights Square and arranged two seminars. Representatives from ERIKS' department for operations in Sweden, along with young people from ERIKS' Future Lab in Uppsala, were present at Children's Rights Square. Our focus during the week was on young people's participation. The first

seminar was about area development with Sweden's Minister of Social Services, Camilla Waltersson Grönvall. The second seminar focused on young people's political engagement and future prospects, where the Children's Ombudsman Juno Blom and Liberal Party Member of Parliament Jakob Olofsgård participated.

On September 26, 100 years after the Geneva Convention was adopted, ERIKS and 14 other aid organisations signed

A year of waiting for news from Sida

The conflict in Burkina Faso is considered one of the world's most forgotten. Here, ERIKS works together with the local partner organisation OCADES (Organisation Catholique pour le Développement et la Solidarité) to support children and families who have fled from armed militias that terrorize large parts of the country.

The announcement on the content of the Swedish government's new aid reform came at the end of 2023, and there was great concern that the proposals would put an end to several of ERIKS' interventions in countries like Burkina Faso. The country is one of those that the Swedish government is leaving, but where ERIKS' interventions continue.

Throughout the year, ERIKS, together with the network Concord Sweden, worked out recommendations on how the government's aid reforms should look for sustainable global development. An important piece of the puzzle was to ensure that the promise of increased funding for the civil society could be kept.

On February 1, the government presented its new strategy for Sweden's development cooperation with the civil society (Civsam strategy). In connection with that, it was also decided that a review of the system regarding channelling funds through strategic partner organisations would be conducted during 2024.

On March 15, Sida announced that it would terminate all ongoing agreements with current strategic partner organisations on December 31, 2024. Instead, it was announced that organisations both in Sweden and other countries would be able to apply for support directly from Sida, where an appeal would open in May.

In the short term, this meant that ERIKS did not know what resources we would have for our programmes in 2025 and beyond. This could mean that several ongoing or planned

collaboration agreements might have to be terminated. But ERIKS continued to work for continued and perhaps even expanded cooperation with Sida.

At the beginning of July, we received the news that we had advanced in the application process together with the British organisation Cord, with whom we have had long-term cooperation through the EU-CORD network. Now ERIKS continued into an assessment process based on the documents we submitted. Should we be approved and move forward, the next step was to submit a final application together with Cord.

Throughout the process, ERIKS continued discussions with its political contacts, including the Christian Democrats and their foreign aid policy spokesperson Gudrun Brunegård, who visited our office on September 3. We also contacted the Social Democrats, who announced their own reform process for Swedish development cooperation, and participated within the advocacy platform Concord.

In early November, ERIKS finally received the good news we had hoped for. We had made it to the final step in the selection process and could now submit a complete application on February 1, 2025.

ERIKS is applying together with Cord, which contributes with its added value regarding conflict sensitivity. The cooperation is already ongoing, and they visited ERIKS in Huskvarna on November 19-20.

– With the changes that have taken place, we feel that it is time to take this step, says Secretary General Mattias Ingesson. Cord contributes valuable expertise in areas such as conflict management, which complements our child rights perspective. Something that is becoming increasingly important in many of the areas where we operate.

an open letter for children's rights. The purpose was to jointly highlight the situation of children and the need to act.

Children's participation and inclusion were in focus at this year's Children's Rights Conference in Jönköping, which was organized by, among others, the county government and ERIKS.

During the Children's Rights Conference at Jönköping University, about 300 participants from schools, social

services, healthcare, and the non-profit sector gathered. In one of the panel discussions, Sweden's Minister of Social Services, Camilla Waltersson Grönvall, Police Chief Carin Götblad, and Jönköping's County Governor Brittis Benzler shared their perspectives on children's participation and were questioned by young people from Vetlanda Youth Council and Underground Råslätt.

Objectives and results

Theory of change and long-term outcome

Millions of children today do not have their fundamental rights met. In recent years, we have seen several inter-linked crises that ultimately hit children very hard: climaterelated disasters, increasing conflicts, growing inequalities, and a shrinking space for civil society. As a **children's rights organisation**, ERIKS works based on the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, focusing on both rights holders and duty bearers.

Legal duty bearers are actors with a legal responsibility to respect, protect, and fulfil children's rights, such as governmental agencies and, in some cases, guardians.

Moral duty bearers are individuals and organisations with the power to influence children's lives and thus have a moral responsibility to improve their situation, for example, parents, civil society organisations, religious or private actors.

We work long-term by involving people in our interventions so that those affected become part of the solution. We do this to create change that lasts, even after we have completed an intervention. It is especially important that children have the right to express their views and have them respected. A child who knows their rights becomes a stronger **rights holder**. ERIKS also engages in **advocacy work**. We want to be a clear voice for children in vulnerable life situations and contribute to increased knowledge about children's living conditions and rights.

In international interventions, ERIKS works to strengthen children's right to education and leisure, health, and protection. We always collaborate with **local organisations** that understand the context and have already built trust and relationships with the people in the areas or interventions they work in. They remain for the long term, which increases the sustainability of the interventions carried out. ERIKS acts as a partner, advisor, and financier and has staff both at the headquarters in Sweden and at four regional offices in West Africa, East Africa, Asia, and Eastern

Europe to work with planning, monitoring, and evaluation of the interventions.

ERIKS' **international operations** follows an overarching strategy that applies from 2022 to 2026 and is adapted to each country. The strategy has two **outcome areas**: partnerships and interventions. The vision for **partnerships** is that ERIKS' partner organisations should work based on a child rights-based approach, contribute to peaceful, inclusive, equal, democratic, sustainable, and resilient societies, and work to reduce risks related to climate change in the local context.

The **interventions**' goal area is about ensuring children's right to quality education and leisure, equal health, and safety and protection. Children should be met with non-discrimination, gender equality, and freedom of religion in a safe and peaceful environment. Decision-makers, authorities, and moral duty bearers also take appropriate measures to secure children's rights within the aforementioned areas.

In national interventions, ERIKS works to ensure that children in **Sweden** grow up under equal conditions and have the opportunity to succeed in school, access to meaningful leisure activities, good health, and to grow up in safe conditions free from abuse and violence. ERIKS' **Future Lab** creates conditions for personal development, social mobilization, and participation in the development of their own area together with children, young people, and parents. The work is carried out in close collaboration with municipal services, businesses, and the rest of civil society.

The Future Labs are operated in collaboration with ERIKS Second Hand, with employed staff both at the headquarters and in the **six locations** around the country where the operational work is carried out. Through collaboration with ERIKS' **second-hand stores**, a unique arena for social interventions is created where ERIKS can engage with both children, young people, and adults.



Girls playing at recess at Rampal Child Centre in the district of Khulna in Bangladesh.

Results 2024 – International work

During 2024, ERIKS and our partner organisations have worked together with children, guardians, and decision-makers to create long-term change, ensuring children's rights are met both locally and in a broader perspective. Throughout the year, we have gathered partner organisations in all regions to jointly analyse the situation in the regions and respective countries, identifying goals and strategies for future work. For example, a regional **partner meeting** was held in Uganda, bringing together all 20 partner organisations from Uganda, Kenya, South Sudan, and Ethiopia. Approximately 50 participants met to discuss ongoing regional developments, share reflections on current interventions, and make strategic decisions moving forward.

During the year, we have continued to work to increase the possibility for **children to attend school**. We are striving to ensure that children in the most remote and vulnerable communities have access to education and that a safe and quality learning environment is secured. Several initiatives have specifically focused on girls' right to education as part of strengthening their empowerment, safety, and protection.

In 2024, we have expanded our partner portfolio in Ukraine to provide more children with **psychosocial support** and the opportunity to process ongoing trauma. Related to children's right to health, several initiatives in our program countries have focused on combating sexual violence, child marriage, and female genital mutilation, as well as measures to improve maternal and child healthcare.

Regarding children's right to **protection**, interventions have been made to support families in creating a safe home environment free from violence, through rehabilitation centres for children living on the streets, and through ongoing work with child and youth groups where they can explore and fight for their rights in a secure environment. Through these groups, children and youth have influenced their local environment and decision-makers to strengthen children's security in society. Children have also received education on warning systems and measures during natural disasters.



Katja, 12 years from Kiev

The following section provides examples of results achieved in international work during 2024.

Children's Right to Education – Myanmar		
Situation in Country	ERIKS' Outcomes	Achieved Results 2024
<p>Education crisis after the military coup</p> <p>Since the military coup in Myanmar on February 1, 2021, the country's education system has faced significant disruptions. Security forces have occupied schools and used them for military purposes, violating children's rights and exacerbating the existing education crisis.</p> <p>Almost 12 million children and young people have lost access to education due to school closures, a situation worsened by earlier damages caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.</p>	<p>Children in Myanmar have the right to quality education according to the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. They understand the value of education and every child's right to it.</p> <p>To ensure that children receive education in safe and supportive environments even in crisis situations, ERIKS and our partner organisations prioritize children's education by offering informal schooling in villages, communities, refugee camps, and through home or church-based teaching.</p>	<p>Local learning centers provide children access to education</p> <p>During 2024, ERIKS and our partner organisations have created opportunities for children's education despite the difficult situation in the country.</p> <p>One organisation aimed to enrol 1,350 children in school. The goal was exceeded, and 1,806 children, 915 girls, and 874 boys, were enrolled in local schools by mid-2024. Seventeen of these children had disabilities.</p> <p>The children are more active in their learning and motivated to educate themselves to then teach others.</p> <p>They have become better at resolving conflicts, show greater self-control, and take responsibility for their daily tasks both at school and at home.</p> <p>Through access to educational centres, alcohol and drug problems among the young have been broken.</p>
<p>Authorities do not take responsibility for children's education</p> <p>Civil society organisations face significant challenges, including increased surveillance, legal restrictions, and operational risks, making it difficult to hold authorities accountable for violations of children's rights. As a result, alternative education systems are emerging.</p> <p>Children are forcibly recruited into armed groups, further violating their rights.</p>	<p>ERIKS and our partner organisations focus on working with parents to help them protect and fulfil their children's right to education. This includes ensuring that children have access to quality education and supporting informal education initiatives to fill the gaps left by weak state systems.</p>	<p>Parents engage in their children's education</p> <p>Parents have become more engaged in their children's education as they see positive changes in their school performance and behaviour. They work hard and use their incomes to support the children so that they can go to school or local learning centres.</p> <p>Parent meetings have strengthened cohesion among families. The parents now think about the well-being of the entire community and show a shared commitment to education and inclusion.</p>
<p>Local actors' work for the children in Myanmar</p> <p>Religious leaders, child-focused organisations, and local community actors in Myanmar work to promote children's rights and education despite conflicts. Religious leaders have played a significant role in promoting peace, tolerance, and the importance of education even in times of crisis, but they face challenges such as security risks, limited resources, and difficulties reaching conflict areas.</p>	<p>Religious leaders advocate for children's rights by encouraging parents, civil society, and authorities to take responsibility for children's education. Advocating for children's rights is extremely difficult in Myanmar. The focus has therefore shifted to meeting the immediate educational needs of children in vulnerable areas and refugee camps. Non-formal education is prioritized while elements from the formal curriculum are introduced to ensure that children continue to learn and build a foundation for the future.</p>	<p>Religious leaders and other community actors support children's education</p> <p>Despite the challenges posed by military presence and security issues, religious leaders and communities have worked to protect educational centres and create a supportive environment for children's education.</p> <p>Religious leaders have understood their crucial role in promoting peace and social cohesion. They have created an action plan for peace to address the community's challenges and have influenced local authorities towards this.</p> <p>People who have fled from various conflict-affected areas, mainly children, live in the Yangon area. Each family therefore takes care of 15-20 children in their household. Here, interventions have been made to provide education and support to the many children who have been displaced through a learning centre.</p>

Children's Right to Health – Benin

Situation in Country	ERIKS' Outcomes	Achieved Results 2024
<p>High rate of teenage pregnancies</p> <p>Teenagers in Benin are at high risk of becoming pregnant at an early age. They have poor access to contraceptives. The risk of getting pregnant is significantly higher in rural areas than in cities. This is especially true for girls aged 15-19. 15-16% of both boys and girls have had intercourse before the age of 15. Only 20% of teenagers use contraceptives, and only 15% have complete knowledge about AIDS.</p>	<p>Youth are informed about their right to health and their sexual and reproductive rights.</p> <p>They are given tools to resist harmful practices and counter gender-based violence so they can make informed decisions.</p>	<p>Increased awareness among youth</p> <p>Children and youth have become more aware of the risks they expose themselves to through harmful sexual behaviours and are more likely to report when they are subjected to violence and sexual abuse.</p> <p>The number of child marriages has decreased from 13 in 2023 to 6 in the target area in 2024.</p> <p>153 of 243 teenagers have abandoned at least one risky behaviour in 2024.</p> <p>The number of youths becoming infected with HIV has decreased significantly. In Péhunco, zero cases were reported in 2024 compared to 124 cases in 2022. In Kérou, there were nine cases in 2024 compared to 34 cases in 2022.</p> <p>Sexually transmitted diseases have decreased in the target areas.</p> <p>The number of initiatives to promote sexual and reproductive health led by the children themselves has increased.</p>
<p>High rate of child marriages</p> <p>16% of girls aged 15-19 are married or living in marriage-like relationships. 32% of women aged 20-49 were married before the age of 18. Women aged 20-24 who were married before the age of 18 have decreased from 32% to 26%.</p>	<p>Girls have access to appropriate sex education. They take initiatives to promote menstrual hygiene and fight gender-based violence in schools and workplaces.</p>	<p>Girls know their rights</p> <p>In the six municipalities where interventions have been ongoing, the proportion of girls who know their rights, including sexual and reproductive health, has increased from 26% in 2022 to 73% in 2024. They are also more likely to report cases of child marriage, female genital mutilation, and gender-based or sexual violence.</p>
<p>Poor access to youth health care</p> <p>The quality of sexual and reproductive health services in Benin is poor. They are often integrated into regular health facilities and rarely utilized. Youth-adapted clinics are very few. This is one of the reasons why girls aged 10-17 are still denied their rights to sexual and reproductive health.</p>	<p>The authorities provide health care tailored to the needs of children and youth. This includes access to water, sanitation, and hygiene. They promote good sexual and reproductive health as well as proper nutrition and growth for children under five years.</p>	<p>Advocacy has yielded results</p> <p>Through advocacy and capacity-building measures towards health authorities, the possibility for children and youth to receive help within sexual health has significantly improved.</p> <p>All 67 reported cases of sexual abuse in Péhunco and Kérou have been addressed.</p> <p>In 2022, there was no access to activities in sexual and reproductive health, today it is offered in seven clinics.</p> <p>The number of reported cases of gender-based violence that have been followed up has increased from 515 cases in 2023 to 617 cases in 2024.</p> <p>All health centres now provide services in sexual and reproductive health.</p>
<p>High prevalence of malnutrition</p> <p>The prevalence of chronic malnutrition is higher among boys than girls (35% compared to 29%). Stunted growth is more common in rural areas (35%) than in cities (28%). 17% of children in Benin are underweight, and 4% of them suffer from severe forms. In certain age groups, 9-11 months and 18-23 months, the prevalence is even higher; 20-21%.</p>	<p>Moral duty bearers defend children's right to good and appropriate health care. They know how to protect children under five from malnutrition and preventable diseases.</p> <p>They develop their ability to support children regarding their right to sexual and reproductive health.</p>	<p>Malnourished children have been helped</p> <p>66% of households follow advice on food and water hygiene, and 91% have greater variety in their diet, which is slightly more than in 2023.</p> <p>Of 14,660 children examined, 1,718 were malnourished. These were admitted to a clinic for malnourished children, and 93% of them have recovered.</p> <p>The number of cases of sexual abuse reported by moral duty bearers has increased significantly.</p> <p>Parent training has led to more dialogue between children and parents.</p>

Children's Right to Protection – Moldova

Situation in Country	ERIKS' Outcomes	Achieved Results 2024
<p>Children are subjected to violence and abuse</p> <p>Violence against children, including sexual abuse and physical violence, continues to be a challenge in Moldova.</p> <p>The most common contexts where children are subjected to violence and abuse are within the family and at school. One in seven girls and one in twenty boys have been subjected to sexual violence before turning 18, and one in three boys have experienced physical violence.</p>	<p>Children in Moldova are protected from violence, exploitation, and abuse, and have access to professional support and rehabilitation.</p>	<p>Strengthened collaboration between authorities for rehabilitation and preventive work</p> <p>In 2024, 71 girls and 47 boys received individually tailored rehabilitation at the "Amicul" centre. 99 guardians (73 women and 26 men) received psychosocial support.</p> <p>The centre was founded in 2003 by ERIKS' partner organisation "National Centre for Child Abuse Prevention (NCCAP)" and is a centre where police, social services, prosecutors, and child and adolescent psychiatry collaborate to prevent children from being subjected to violence and abuse. The centre also offers rehabilitation for affected children.</p>
<p>Implementation shortcomings in child protection legislation</p> <p>In Moldova, the legal framework is in place to assist children who have been subjected to or witnessed violence and abuse, but implementation is lagging. The cross-sectoral collaboration for child protection is only partially applied due to bureaucratic delays and limited capacity of those responsible.</p>	<p>Responsible authorities make necessary legal and financial decisions to ensure children's rights to protection against violence, exploitation, and abuse, as well as rehabilitation.</p>	<p>Authorities have taken greater responsibility for rehabilitating vulnerable children</p> <p>In 2024, the responsible department in Moldova renewed its commitment to support the establishment of 15 new rehabilitation centres for children in the country and include the cost of these in the 2025 budget.</p> <p>The organisation "NCCAP" has strengthened its cooperation with responsible authorities and in May 2024 entered into a partnership agreement with the "Police Family Justice Centre (PFJC)", which provides support to people who have been subjected to violence, including sexual violence, at home.</p>
<p>More children are subjected to bullying</p> <p>Bullying, including cyberbullying, is a growing problem among children and youth in Moldova. Of the students who reported being bullied, a high proportion are boys aged 11–15. 20% have been subjected to various forms of sexual abuse. Only 21% have knowledge of gender-based violence.</p>	<p>Children understand the consequences of bullying, including cyberbullying, and become aware of their role in preventing bullying and supporting those who have been affected.</p>	<p>Children have been empowered to defend their own and peers' rights</p> <p>ERIKS' partner organisation "Child Rights Information Centre (CRIC)" works to enable children to defend and promote their own and other children's rights. This leads to children informing peers, reporting violations, and monitoring that children's rights are respected in schools and their neighbourhoods. They also provide suggestions for changes to laws and regulations.</p> <p>800 students from different parts of the country participated in a learning module on freedom of expression, inclusion, bullying, and discrimination. The conclusions from these discussions were brought to responsible decision-makers who expressed their support for continuing to work on the issues raised by the children.</p>
<p>Children are forced to work and exploited through human trafficking</p> <p>24% of all children in Moldova aged 5–14 are forced to work, with 97% within agriculture. In addition, children in Moldova are subjected to the worst forms of child labour, including commercial sexual exploitation, sometimes as a result of human trafficking.</p>	<p>Children are active in preventing and reporting violence, exploitation, and abuse.</p>	<p>Children have gained knowledge about human trafficking and how to protect themselves</p> <p>Approximately 100 students (15–17 years) from five different educational institutions in the municipality of Chişinău learned how to identify various forms of human trafficking and how to protect themselves. ERIKS' partner organisation "Health for Youth Association" runs 41 youth clinics in the country and was responsible for these information sessions.</p>

Results 2024 – initiatives in Sweden

During the year, ERIKS reached 1230 children and young people in Sweden, focusing on offering a safe community, increased motivation for studies, and hope for the future. Some groups meet several times a week, while others meet once a month. Both independently and in collaboration with other actors, ERIKS Future Lab has provided

study support, reading projects, language cafés, holiday activities, discussion groups, dialogue evenings with politicians, football activities, and neighbourhood festivals for children, young people, and their families. ERIKS has also trained 22 young people in entrepreneurship and leadership.

Below are examples of results from ERIKS' work in Sweden in 2024 related to children's right to education and leisure, health, and safety and protection.

Children have good conditions to cope with school and have knowledge of their rights. Children feel that they have access to meaningful free time - Sweden		
Situation in Country	ERIKS' Outcomes	Achieved Results 2024
<p>Completed studies are one of the most important factors for young people to be able to establish themselves in the labour market, earn their own income, and live an independent life. Despite this, the Swedish National Agency for Education's report from 2023 and OECD comparisons show that equality in the Swedish school system has deteriorated, and that students' socioeconomic background has gained increased importance.</p>	<p>Moral duty bearers fulfil their responsibilities and contribute to children's right to good education and meaningful leisure.</p>	<p>ERIKS Future Lab has, in several locations, together with local collaboration partners, provided study support for children and young people. During the year, approximately 175 children and young people participated.</p>
<p>Having a rich leisure time where one becomes part of a positive social community plays a significant role in well-being, personal relationships, development of social skills, and own identity. It is a preventive factor against exclusion, destructive activities, and criminality. There are several large differences in participation in recreational activities between young people living in areas with major socioeconomic challenges and young people living in areas with good socioeconomic conditions.</p>	<p>Children experience that they have the conditions to succeed in school to move forward in working life, develop, and reach their full potential.</p>	<p>Several children and young people who have participated in the study support have expressed that it has positively affected their education and self-esteem.</p>
	<p>Children experience that they have increased opportunities to improve their own and other children's access to good education and meaningful leisure.</p>	<p>ERIKS Future Lab has, during the year, mentored 20 young summer workers. The young people have, among other things, worked to increase knowledge of children's rights and created meaningful activities for children during the summer holidays.</p>
	<p>Moral duty bearers fulfil their responsibilities and contribute to children's right to good education and meaningful leisure.</p>	<p>Through Football For All Global, ERIKS Future Lab, together with collaboration partners, has enabled meaningful leisure for 206 children and young people. During the year, over 250 football activities and discussion meetings (Life Class) were held for children and young people aged 10–18.</p>
		<p>Through Activity Leisure, ERIKS Future Lab has also enabled meaningful leisure for 63 children on 52 occasions. The initiative has been appreciated by both children and guardians.</p>



Rim and Winta from ERIKS Future Lab in Motala.

**Children grow up in safe environments and neighbourhoods.
Children experience good mental health and well-being.**

Situation in Country	ERIKS' Outcomes	Achieved Results 2024
<p>Legal duty bearers are responsible for ensuring that children's rights are met in accordance with the Convention on the Rights of the Child. This is crucial for children to grow up in a safe environment. When legal duty bearers take responsibility and give children opportunities to participate in decisions that affect them, it creates the possibility for children to highlight and solve problems related to their own neighbourhoods.</p>	<p>Legal and moral duty bearers provide children with increased opportunities to improve their own and other children's living environments and neighbourhoods.</p> <p>Children experience that they have increased opportunities to improve their own and other children's living environments and neighbourhoods.</p>	<p>ERIKS' Future Lab has created platforms for children and young people to make their voices heard to those in leadership in all six locations. They have been involved in issues both locally and nationally related to perceived safety. Young people have participated in several dialogue evenings with local and national politicians, panel discussions during Almedalen, and the regional children's rights conference in Jönköping.</p>
<p>Over the past twenty years, mental health issues among children and young people have increased. The connection between participation, influence, and health is clear. If one feels that one lacks the ability to influence one's own living conditions and the development of society at large, a sense of exclusion and powerlessness arises, contributing to poorer health. Children who are involved in various organisations or leisure activities feel a greater trust in society and an increased sense of influence over their life situation.</p>	<p>Legal and moral duty bearers provide children with increased opportunities to improve their own and other children's mental health and well-being.</p> <p>Children experience that they have increased opportunities to improve their own and other children's mental health and well-being.</p>	<p>The Swedish Agency for Youth and Civil Society has interviewed four young people (aged 15-17) from ERIKS' Future Lab for a report on children's uneven living conditions, which will be published in 2025. The young people have expressed their appreciation for the opportunity to share their experiences and perspectives.</p> <p>ERIKS' Future Lab, through ongoing work with other children's rights organisations, has conducted consultations with children and young people to gather their opinions on the UN's recommendations to Sweden, so that they can influence changes related to children's rights. In 2025, young people will also participate in the analysis of the consultations.</p> <p>Several young people express how much ERIKS' Future Lab has meant for their personal development. Conversation groups have been important, but several young people have also highlighted the significance of leadership training, which has contributed to a more positive self-esteem and future prospects.</p>



Godwin Coyitungiye and Zahara Siraj

Evaluation and Lessons Learned

Close collaboration with partner organisations is a success factor

Evaluations we have conducted in our international work show that one reason our interventions have been implemented effectively is our close collaboration with local organisations. This close collaboration has also made it possible to quickly adapt interventions to changing conditions due to conflicts or natural disasters.

Evaluations show good results and provide us with important lessons

At the end of 2024, ERIKS' self-evaluation regarding the Core Humanitarian Standard (CHS) was completed. Over the next two years, ERIKS will work on the improvement areas identified. This includes clarifying internal decision-making processes for rapid response during a humanitarian crisis and how we can continue to support our partner organisations in developing child-friendly complaint and response mechanisms. A limited evaluation was also conducted in 2024 to follow up on internal work processes and decision mandates. This was done to ensure the most effective routines and processes possible. The evaluation showed good results that we will build on in future work.

Children and young people develop in our future labs

In 2024, ERIKS compiled the results of two external evaluations of ERIKS Future Lab in Helsingborg and Uppsala, conducted during the period 2019–2023. This compilation was done also using ERIKS' own experiences and statistics. The results show that the work is highly relevant and meets the needs of children, young people, and adults that are not otherwise addressed by society. The evaluation underscores that the methods used have been successful and are supported by both research and practical examples. Surveys among the children show that goal fulfilment is good, with evaluators assessing that

children and young people have developed as individuals, believe in themselves and the future, and have had their voices heard, for example, in meetings with decision-makers and through participation in Sweden's annual political week in Almedalen. The evaluation also assesses that the series of interventions that labour market coordinators work with to catch and support parents, as well as the vocational and careerpreparatory courses, seem to have had a positive result, with several parents also finding employment.

Developing systematic follow-up and strengthening the concept

Going forward, we will continue to develop our systematic follow-up work in Sweden through impact measurement, statistics, and evaluations. We are also investing in strengthening capacity and knowledge in areas such as children's rights, gender equality, and sustainability. Additionally, we will work to improve our working methods and techniques based on the success factors we have seen over the past five years. ERIKS Future Lab's concept and strength lie in the approach of working with the entire family to strengthen the most important protective factor for children.



Juno Blom and Sudi Osman

Measurement Method

For ERIKS, it is central that our operations lead to real change for people on the ground. Our goal structure describes the **desired change** we want to see in various actors, groups, and individuals in terms of behaviours and attitudes we want to influence. We measure the results both qualitatively and quantitatively.

We follow up our international work using indicators linked to development within our two goal areas: partnerships and interventions. We measure, among other things, how well our partner organisations work in accordance with the Convention on the Rights of the Child, that they have systems, methods, and tools to ensure children's participation, safety, and protection in their activities, and that they have democratic governance and work for cost-effectiveness and aid effectiveness. We also measure

how well our interventions perform in terms of children accessing and actively demanding their rights, and that both decision-makers and moral duty bearers include and promote children's rights in policy and practice.

In Sweden, we measure development on indicators linked to our four thematic areas. We measure, among other things, that children have increased knowledge about their rights and show confidence and trust in their ability to influence issues related to children's education, leisure, health, living environments, and neighbourhoods. Follow-up is also carried out regarding how well legal and moral duty bearers fulfil children's rights and provide platforms for children where they can make their voices heard on these issues.

Financial Report

Management Report

The Board of Directors and the Secretary General of ERIKS hereby present the annual report for the financial year January 1 – December 31, 2024, ERIKS' 78th year of operation. The organisation's full name is Erikshjälpen, Insamlingsstiftelsen Farbror Eriks barn- och hjälpverksamhet (in English: ERIKS Development Partner), registration number 827500-4789. ERIKS' head office is located in Jönköping municipality.

The following financial report only includes the operations of ERIKS Development Partner, excluding the association ERIKS Second Hand. In the management report, ERIKS' second-hand operations are also mentioned. These are run as a separate legal entity under ERIKS' brand. A separate annual report is prepared.

GENERAL ABOUT ERIKS

ERIKS is a Child Rights organisation literally founded by a child. ERIKS was started by Erik Nilsson, a small boy from Småland who, with the natural resolve of a child, addressed the problems he saw around him. He believed that sick children also had the right to be happy. Since then, the organisation has continued to act in the same spirit. ERIKS creates opportunities for a better tomorrow where children should not be forced to live in poverty or exclusion. With children's dreams as the driving force, ERIKS works together with children, their parents, and the adult world around them to give all children equal living conditions and life opportunities.

Erik Nilsson's purpose and will are preserved in the deed that constitutes the foundation's statutes, adopted in 1967, the year after his death. It states that the foundation shall conduct Christian, social, and humanitarian activities for children and young people in Sweden and foreign countries.

Today, ERIKS is an international Child Rights organisation based on the Convention on the Rights of the Child, a Christian view of humanity, and Erik's spirit. Poverty and vulnerability are fought through extensive international operations with regional and country offices cooperating with local organisations in fifteen countries. In Sweden, work for children and young people is primarily conducted through the operation called ERIKS Future Lab. Future Labs are currently established in six locations and are run in cooperation with ERIKS' second-hand stores. The purpose of ERIKS Future Lab is to promote equal opportunities for development and provide children growing up in socio-economically disadvantaged areas with opportunities for personal development and meaningful leisure activities. ERIKS Future Lab coordinates and mobilizes civil society actors in the area, thereby contributing to positive development at the community level.

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS DURING THE FINANCIAL YEAR

The financial year 2024 has, like the previous year, been affected by ongoing crises and conflicts in our world. War, climate disasters, and political uncertainty impact both

economic development and the conditions for carrying out our children's rights work. Economically, 2024 has been a significantly better year for ERIKS than the previous year. In 2023, lower revenues and large cost increases led to an economic deficit that had to be managed through tough priorities in operations, organisational restructuring, and staff reductions. During 2024, these measures, along with revenue from wills, have resulted in a positive economic outcome that stabilizes operations. In 2024, ERIKS received assets from several large wills.

The three largest brought in between five and seventeen million each. In total, wills worth approximately SEK 37 million accrued to ERIKS in 2024. In a rapidly changing world, however, we must work continuously and long-term to ensure financial stability that allows us to make the greatest possible difference for the children we are here to help. A total of SEK 142 million has been distributed to the cause. 88 percent has been used for international development interventions, 3 percent for disaster relief, and 9 percent for national operations.

Operationally, the war in Ukraine has continued to be a focus and required significant resources. Outside media interest, the political uncertainty and the threat from terrorist groups in West Africa have had a significant impact on our operations in Burkina Faso and Mali.

One of the events with the greatest impact on ERIKS in 2024 is the introduction of the Swedish government's new strategy for development cooperation with civil society actors and Sida's termination of ongoing agreements. At the same time as ongoing agreements were unexpectedly terminated in the spring of 2024, a process began where Swedish organisations, in competition with international actors, could apply for new cooperation agreements with Sida. The uncertainty and ambiguity about how cooperation with Sida will develop has affected the entire Swedish development aid sector.

Despite the uncertainty, the changes in cooperation with Sida also present opportunities for the future. ERIKS has previously received Sida funds mediated through the Swedish Mission Council, which in turn has been a strategic partner to Sida. Now, ERIKS has the opportunity to apply for its own agreement directly with Sida. Together with the British organisation Cord, we have been approved

to submit a final application for a partnership with Sida after several stages of review. The application was submitted at the end of February 2025, and Sida is expected to make a decision in the fall of 2025.

In February 2024, Mattias Ingesson assumed the position of Secretary General of ERIKS. In August, Jerker Sandell took up the position as the new Executive Director of ERIKS Second Hand. During the fall of 2024, ERIKS and ERIKS Second Hand conducted a project to formulate joint strategic directions for the period 2026-2030. This document will be of great importance for the development of ERIKS' organisation and operations in the coming years.

International Work

During 2024, ERIKS and our partner organisations have worked together with children, caregivers, and decision-makers to create long-term change where children's rights are met, both locally and in a broader context. The work has been carried out through our regional offices, together with around 60 partner organisations in our 15 programme countries. A significant focus has been on long-term development interventions. Support has also been provided for six disaster relief interventions in four countries.

During the year, we have gathered partner organisations in all regions to jointly analyse the situation in the regions and respective countries and identify goals and strategies for the work. During the year, a new country strategy for Romania and a strategic plan for our work in Ukraine were approved. Cooperation has been initiated with four new organisations while some partnerships have been phased out. During the year, follow-up trips were made to Bangladesh, Benin, Moldova, Kenya, Uganda, and South Sudan.

Since April 2023, we have been members of the Core Humanitarian Standard (CHS). CHS is an organisation for an international quality standard aimed at strengthening accountability and quality in aid. During the year, we have conducted and completed a comprehensive self-assessment process, which is part of our membership. Based on the results of the self-assessment, there is now an improvement plan integrated into ongoing operational activities for 2025. One example of an area for improvement is the need for better mechanisms for target groups to provide feedback and complaints about our work; another area involves improved harmonization between governing documents. During the year, a new intervention management system was also procured, which will be developed and start being used in 2025. Within the international department, working methods have continued to be developed and clarified, including updating all job descriptions.

Work in Sweden

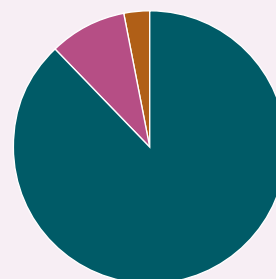
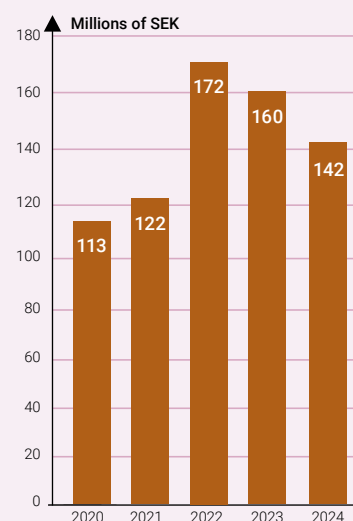
ERIKS Future Lab is present in six locations. ERIKS Future Lab involves, in cooperation with local actors from various sectors of society and with the participation of the target group itself, initiating activities and social mobilization in underprivileged areas to counteract exclusion among children, youth, and parents. An important part of the work is the target group's participation in advocacy and influence work. During the year, the operations have had several visits from politicians and decision-makers at both local and national levels, and the target group has participated in various conferences and fairs. Notably, youth participated in panel discussions with representatives from both authorities and the government during Sweden's annual political week in Almedalen.

The concept Football For All Global, which works with children and young people's entire life situation with focus areas related to sports, academics, social, and existential issues, is used as a method primarily in our Future Labs. During the year, a leadership training was developed and implemented in some locations. It will be spread to more locations in the coming years. Strengthening youth to participate as leaders for children in their area and thereby contributing to more participating in meaningful activities is something that has been requested by the youth themselves.

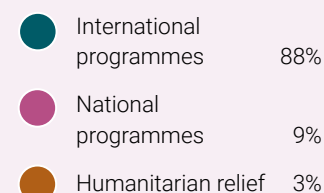
During the year, we have utilized, updated, and transferred large parts of our educational material about the Convention on the Rights of the Child and the Global Goals for Sustainable Development to erikshjalpen.se.

Allocated to programmes

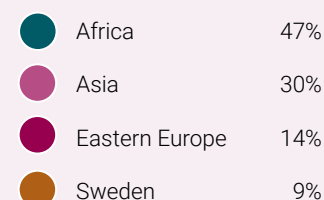
ERIKS' programmes during 2024 costed 142 million SEK

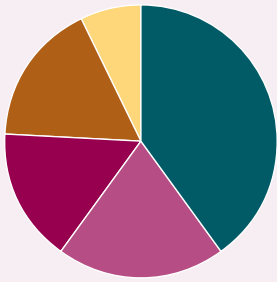


Distribution of interventions 2024



Regional distribution of long-term interventions 2024





Distribution of revenue

Donations	40%
ERIKS Second Hand shops	20%
Swedish Mission Council	16%
Post code Lottery, Radio Aid etc	17%
Other income (including sales of securities and properties)	7%

Income 2024

(millions of SEK)

Regular donations	26,5
Wills	36,7
Donations in Honour or in Memory of Others	1,0
Other donations	6,5
ERIKS	
Second Hand shops	35,8
Swedish Mission Council	28,7
Radio Aid including Världens Barn	14,2
Post code Lottery	16,4
Other income	12,5
	178,5



ERIKS has a 90-account that guarantees donations are used according to its intention. ERIKS is controlled by Swedish Fundraising Control, who allows a maximum of 25% spent on fundraising and administration. ERIKS' overhead costs are low. In 2024, administration costs were 5,0% and fundraising costs were 6,6% of total income.

Communication and Fundraising

The market for fundraising from private donors is changing rapidly, and competition is increasing. The largest actors invest in fundraising, and in a digital and global landscape, new actors are entering. This requires us to be relevant, credible, and clear to retain and attract donors.

Receiving regular feedback on how my donation has made a difference is crucial for long-term engagement. ERIKS' loyal donors and supporters receive information throughout the year through many channels about how we together contribute to building a better world for children: magazine, social media, digital newsletters, mail, advertisements, website, press releases, and materials in ERIKS' second-hand stores.

During 2024, we have developed our work with donor relations in various ways, which has contributed to reducing the number of dropouts and increasing the revenue from contractual donations. However, the trend is declining, and it has become more challenging to recruit new monthly donors, which many other fundraising organisations also testify to. ERIKS' primary channel to meet new donors is concerts and events, and in 2024, 570 new contractual donors were recruited through these venues.

ERIKS' magazine reaches approximately 38,000 readers per year. Half of the circulation is distributed in ERIKS' second-hand stores, and half is sent to donors. An evaluation of the magazine was conducted during the year together with ERIKS Second Hand, and one result is that we are now testing a new, smaller format.

Revenue from wills has exceeded all expectations during the year, underscoring that this revenue is difficult to predict and that long-term work pays off. We informed donors and contacts about the possibility to make a gift to ERIKS in their will and conducted two will campaigns during the year.

Advocacy

Internationally, we conducted a survey of advocacy activities at the regional office level in 2024. The survey shows that we have ongoing advocacy work in all regions, but the extent is greatest in the countries where we also have regional offices.

In the political week in Almedalen, ERIKS, together with several other organisations, arranged the meeting place "Children's Rights Square". ERIKS organized two seminars where young people from ERIKS Future Lab in Uppsala participated and also led panel discussions. Seminar topics included: Area Development through Young People's Engagement and Participation, and Young People's Political Engagement and Dreams for the Future.

In January, ERIKS invited all members of parliament from Jönköping County to discuss challenges and opportunities for ERIKS' work in Sweden and other countries. Six members heeded the invitation, and the focus of the discussions was on the government's directives for a reduced aid budget. The visit received significant coverage in both local and national media. Both local and national politicians have also visited ERIKS Future Lab in various locations and gained a deeper insight into challenges and solutions there.

At the beginning of the year, ERIKS started developing an advocacy plan for an increased child rights perspective. The goal is for ERIKS to be a leading actor with a child rights perspective that permeates the entire organisation, including advocacy and opinion work.

In two reports on children's experiences of being placed in institutions in Thailand, Tanzania, and Sweden, ERIKS aims to increase knowledge and change attitudes towards orphanages. In a joint debate article in the newspaper Aftonbladet, ERIKS and the World Childhood Foundation write about the recent reports confirming the risks of growing up in orphanages.

ERIKS has a 90-account, a Swedish quality mark that guarantees that donations are used correctly. The operations are monitored by the Swedish Fundraising

Multi-year comparison

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Total income in Thousands of SEK	178 530	152 932	194 509	162 678	139 875
Programme costs/Total income %	80	105	89	75	81
Fundraising costs/Total income %	6	8	6	6	5
Administrative costs/Total income %	5	6	5	5	5

Control, which allows up to 25 percent to be used for fundraising and administration. ERIKS' operating costs are low. In 2024, administrative costs amounted to 5.0 percent and fundraising costs to 6.6 percent of total revenue.

Quality Code of Giva Sverige

ERIKS is a member of Giva Sverige (the branch organisation for safe giving) and applies its quality code. The quality code aims to strengthen members' work with internal control and governance, thereby contributing to strong and long-term trust in giving donations in Sweden. In turn, this creates resources to achieve the organisations' purposes. One requirement is that each member organisation annually prepares an impact report based on Giva Sverige's template. The purpose of the impact report is to show donors, the public, and other stakeholders the benefits the organisation provides. It also requires the organisation to have governing documents for ethical guidelines for fundraising.

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS AFTER THE END OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR

No significant events have occurred that are deemed to have a financial impact on ERIKS' operations after the end of the financial year.

RESULTS AND POSITION

ERIKS' operations are primarily financed through donations and grants. In addition, there is a surplus from capital management. Donations are received from individual donors, wills, companies, and other organisations such as the Postcode Lottery. Grants are received from Sida via the Swedish Mission Council, the Swedish Radio Aid, and other individual foundations. Having so many different funding sources contributes to creating a stable financial situation with great opportunities for the organisation to plan and prioritize interventions. ERIKS Second Hand has provided a surplus of SEK 35.8 million to ERIKS' operations. ERIKS' total revenue amounted to SEK 179 million.

ERIKS reports a result of SEK 16 million, which is SEK 21 million better than the budgeted result. The surplus is solely due to this year's record-breaking of wills. Overall, there has been positive revenue development compared

to 2023, while costs have been kept at a lower level. This combined results in positive development of key figures.

ERIKS' financial position remains stable. There is diversification in revenue sources, good budget discipline and follow-up, and liquidity that functions over time.

The board has decided to have a balanced equity over time corresponding to the current turnover for a period of five to seven months. In this way, sufficient reserves are available to wind down operations with dignity if the conditions for fundraising and grants change significantly. As of the balance sheet date, ERIKS has balanced equity equivalent to 6.2 months of turnover.

USE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

ERIKS' board has established a currency risk policy aimed at minimizing the currency risk that may arise in operations. This is done by, as far as possible, using various types of currency hedging instruments to avoid unwanted changes in working capital. For 2024, a combination of forward contracts with quarterly maturities have been used.

INVESTMENT POLICY

ERIKS' board has established an investment policy aimed at laying the foundation for responsible and efficient financial management that provides the foundation with long-term sustainable conditions to carry out its mission. The foundation shall manage its funds in such a way that the requirement for good returns and adequate security is met. We choose investments with low risk and do not speculate with donated funds.

The funds shall be managed in an ethically defensible manner in accordance with the foundation's fundamental values. ERIKS chooses investments in listed companies and equity funds that follow the international conventions on human rights and the environment that Sweden has adopted. ERIKS avoids investments in activities that violate international norms and that are linked to weapons, war materials, alcohol, tobacco, gambling, pornography, and fossil energy. The Securities Committee is responsible for ongoing management and is responsible for the strategic and ethical direction. For advice on ongoing management, ERIKS engages external expertise.

SUSTAINABILITY INFORMATION

To contribute to ERIKS’ vision, sustainability work is of fundamental importance, as it affects children’s and families’ opportunities for a long-term future. ERIKS actively works with the three perspectives of sustainability: environmental, social, and economic sustainability. The foundation for this work is a sustainability policy.

Environment and Climate

ERIKS works with disaster risk reduction and resilience to contribute to people’s and communities’ ability to handle changes, particularly due to climate change. Reducing climate risks and building resilience are part of ERIKS’ goals for international work, and environmental assessments are made for every planned intervention. In all ongoing work, active choices are made to reduce our negative climate impact. For example, follow-ups and reviews are done digitally to a higher degree, and international trips are planned carefully with a minimal number of participants. In Sweden, ERIKS works to reduce climate impact by actively choosing climate-smart alternatives regarding, for instance, travel and purchases.

Every year, the head office is environmentally certified in accordance with the requirements of Svensk Miljöbas. This means that we have a well-documented environmental management system in place, where we work with continuous improvements and implement concrete environmental improvement measures.

Gender Equality and Diversity Work

Goal 5 of the UN Global Goals, achieving gender equality and empowering all women and girls, is an important goal in ERIKS’ program operations and for ERIKS as an employer. In 2024, we held a training day for the entire organisation focusing on diversity and inclusion. Following the day, our policy for equal treatment, diversity, and gender equality was updated. It is complemented by an action plan with an annual plan for developing the organisation in this area.

In 2024, the child rights organisation had 60 employees, 39 women and 21 men, which means that the proportion of women was 65 per cent and the proportion of men was 35 per cent. The management team consists of four women and two men.

Attractive Employer

ERIKS has continued with its health-promoting, preventive, and rehabilitative work. ERIKS’ staff is offered wellness grants to promote physical activity, and agreements are in place with quality-assured occupational health services. During the year, we have started work to deepen our trust-based leadership, and a leadership training program has been developed to be offered to all managers.

ERIKS, as an employer, has set goals regarding sick leave and staff turnover. The objective is for sick leave not to exceed 4 percent and for staff turnover, based on permanent staff, not to exceed 10 percent.

Key figures	2024	2023	2022
Sick leave	5,1 %	4,7 %	5,2 %
Staff turnover	17,3 %	15,3 %	25 %

Neither of these goals has been met for 2024. There is ongoing work to counteract sick leave. Staff turnover has increased slightly compared to the previous year, partly due to the cutbacks made in the fall of 2023, with some employments ending in 2024.

During the year, an employee survey was conducted, showing a positive shift compared to 2022 and strong results compared to external benchmarks. The survey, conducted every other year, covers areas such as work climate, employee engagement, organisation, and leadership.

Area	2024	2022	External comparison
Employee index	85	77	74
Leadership index	95	88	80
ENPS*	41	21	13

*to what extent you can recommend an employer

The total value of the index is a maximum of 100, and ENPS has a scale from -100 to +100.

EXPECTED FUTURE DEVELOPMENT, INCLUDING SIGNIFICANT RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

ERIKS exists for children, and the work for children’s rights permeates everything we do, whether it involves emergency interventions in Ukraine, long-term development work in Burkina Faso, or social work in Sweden. The uncertain global situation continues, and in wars and disasters, children are always the worst affected. Even in countries where children’s rights are relatively strong, there is a risk that previous progress will be rolled back. Children’s right to education, health, and safety is not prioritized when wars and disasters strike. On the contrary, we see a development where children and civilian targets, such as schools, are increasingly attacked as part of warfare.

The suffering and needs are immense, and ERIKS and other children’s rights organisations need to mobilize to both highlight the importance of protecting children’s rights and to meet these needs in practice. We see great needs related to mental health among children and young people, unequal living conditions, child poverty, and children being exploited for criminal purposes. In the coming years, ERIKS will work to develop ERIKS Future Lab as an important tool to support children and young people in Sweden.

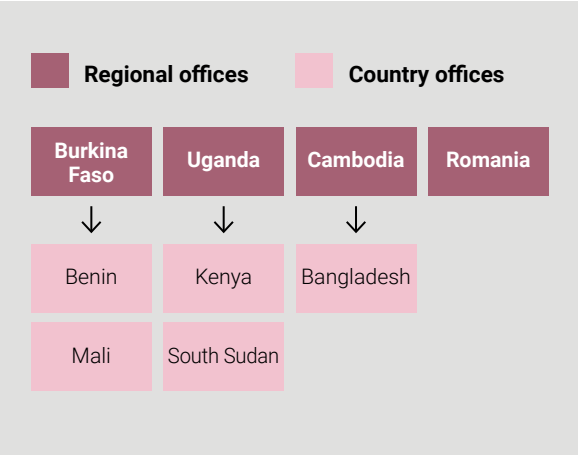
The greatest risks in the coming years involve physical threats to employees and partners in several of our program countries, with Burkina Faso, Mali, South Sudan, and Ukraine standing out. The security situation in these countries affects our staff and our operations and requires

ongoing monitoring and adaptation. ERIKS' response to these situations is both to mobilize and seek funding for continued interventions, as well as to work systematically to create a safe working environment for our employees and partners as far as possible. Beyond physical security risks, ERIKS closely monitors political developments in aid, both in Sweden and internationally.

The security situation, uncertainty in the global economy, and risk of new recessions can affect ERIKS' funding both directly and indirectly through reduced governmental and institutional grants and decreased private fundraising. ERIKS actively works to adapt the organisation and operations to the prevailing conditions. This involves maintaining a high level of cost-awareness and making tough priorities, as well as working to engage donors and find new sources of income. In the spirit of our founder Erik's values, we aim to manage all the funds we collect in the best possible way to make as much difference as we can. For the children and the world they dream of!

REGIONAL OFFICES

ERIKS has four regional offices located in Burkina Faso, Uganda, Romania, and Cambodia. In addition to the regional offices, there are five country offices. The four regional offices and the country offices in Benin, Mali, South Sudan, and Kenya operate under national registrations as Eriks Development Partner in each respective country. Operating under national registration means, among other things, being able to open a bank account, officially own a vehicle, rent premises, and pay salaries to



employees. It also means that ERIKS can apply for project funds from institutions and embassies in the country. The country office in Bangladesh lacks local registration, meaning ERIKS' staff at this office are formally employed by a local host organisation.

The regional offices are responsible for planning, implementing, and monitoring ERIKS' country strategies and programs carried out in collaboration with local partner organisations. They are also responsible for regional resource mobilization and advocacy work, as well as representing ERIKS to authorities, networks, institutional donors, and other stakeholders connected to the work in the region.

MANAGEMENT

ERIKS' Board

The board is responsible for the organisation and management of ERIKS' operations. In 2024, the board comprised of 10 regular members. During the year, the board held five meetings.

Mattias Hörberg

Chairperson. Lives in Jönköping. Has a degree in economics. Has experience in various roles within finance, HR, IT, sustainability, and operations management. Currently works as People and Development Director at Nefab.

Tobias Nilsson

First Vice Chairperson. Lives in Lerum. Holds a Ph.D. in economics from Stockholm University. Senior consultant at Gullers Grupp in communication and leadership.

Evy Jonsson

Second Vice Chairperson. Lives in Gothenburg. Journalist. Secretary-General at Kraftens Hus. Former fundraising leader at the Swedish Sea Rescue Society and responsible for the National Fundraising Campaign for the World's Children.

Jonas Sandwall

Regular member. Lives in Ljungskile. Marketing and Communications Manager at Chalmers Ventures.

Henrik Törnqvist

Regular member. Lives in Gothenburg. Vicar in Trollhättan Parish, Church of Sweden.

Maria Olausson

Regular member. Lives in Nässjö. Trained as a children's rights lawyer with a master's degree in law. Works as an officer/pastor and with children's rights issues in the Salvation Army.

Kjell Larsson

Regular member. Lives in Värnamo. Pastor and congregation leader in Gislaved Free Church Congregation. For ten years, mission leader for the Swedish Alliance Mission (SAM).

Maria Larsson

Regular member. Lives in Jönköping. Trained teacher. Former Member of Parliament, Minister for Children and the Elderly, and County Governor. Has several board assignments.

Maliza Matovu

Regular member. Lives in Gothenburg. Trained economist. Works as an auditor at a government agency.

Henrik Eklund

Regular member. Lives in Lund. Holds a law degree and a master's degree in economics from Lund University. Former CEO of Ikano Bank.



ERIKS' Board, from left: Maria Larsson, Kjell Larsson, Evy Jonsson, Henrik Törnqvist, Maliza Matovu, Henrik Eklund, Maria Olausson and Mattias Hörberg. Absent: Tobias Nilsson och Jonas Sandwall.

ERIKS' organisation

In 2024, ERIKS had 60 full-time employees in Sweden. The headquarters are located in Huskvarna.

In total, during 2024, 23 people were employed at the regional offices. Regional offices are located in Ouagadougou in Burkina Faso, Kampala in Uganda, Phnom Penh in Cambodia, and Cluj in Romania.

Nomination committee:

Cecilia Hjort Attefall, Jönköping (chair), Daniel Skoghäll, Göteborg, and Kjell Larsson, Värnamo (from November 29, 2024).

Auditors:

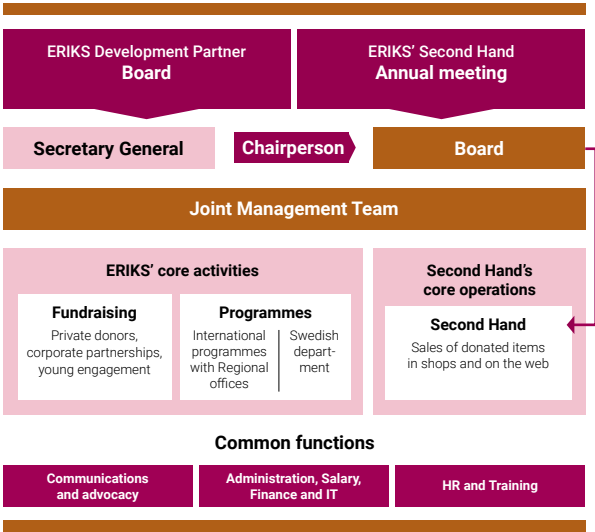
Lisa Fahlström, PwC Jönköping, authorized public accountant, and Martin Nääs, PwC, Stockholm, authorized public accountant.

Leadership team of the ERIKS Foundation:

Daniel Grahn, Secretary General (until January 31, 2024), Mattias Ingeson, Secretary General (from February 1, 2024), Elisabeth Holm, CFO. Helena Lind, Communications and Fundraising Manager. Christina Grafström, HR Manager. Anders Malmstigen, Head of International Programs. Birgitta Johansson, Head of Swedish Programs. Sara Hahne, Strategy Advisor.

ERIKS Second Hand Association:

A non-profit association consisting of 32 legal members with overall coordination in Huskvarna. The Executive Director was Anette Alm Gustafsson (until August 11, 2024) and Jerker Sandell (from August 12, 2024). The association's chair was Daniel Grahn (until January 31, 2024) and Mattias Ingeson (from February 1, 2024). The second-hand operations have their own leadership team.



Overall issues such as vision, purpose, brand, and finances are managed by the foundation's board, coordinated with the association's board, and executed through both operational leadership teams.

There is also a joint leadership coordination group for matters concerning the whole organisation, culture, identity, and leadership. This group includes the Secretary General, Executive Director, HR Manager, CFO, and Communications and Fundraising Manager.

Financial report

Income Statement

Amounts in thousands of SEK

	Note	2024-01-01- 2024-12-31	2023-01-01- 2023-12-31
Operating income	1,2		
Donations	3	121 652	79 387
Grants	3	46 580	53 554
Net sales	4	685	1 097
Other operating income	3	172	8 307
Total operating income		169 089	142 345
Operating costs	5,6,7		
Programme costs		-142 055	-159 926
Fundraising costs		-11 563	-12 331
Administrative costs		-8 945	-9 576
Total operating costs		-162 563	-181 833
Operating profit/loss		6 526	-39 488
Result from financial investments			
Income from other securities and receivables that are fixed assets	8	9 092	-
Interest income and similar items	9	349	10 587
Total result from financial investments		9 441	10 587
Profit/loss after financial items		15 967	-28 901
Tax on net profit	10	-	-5
Profit/loss brought forward		15 967	-28 906

Balance Sheet

Amounts in Thousands of SEK

	Note	2024-12-31	2023-12-31
ASSETS			
Fixed assets			
Intangible assets			
Capital expenditures for software	11	511	650
Ongoing software development work	12	144	-
		655	650
Tangible fixed assets			
Buildings and land	13	265	273
Inventories	14	617	821
		882	1 094
Financial fixed assets			
Other long-term securities holdings	15	78 748	-
Total fixed assets		80 285	1 744
Current assets			
Current receivables			
Accounts receivable		396	1 035
Current tax receivables		49	-
Other receivables		101	4 155
Prepaid expenses and accrued income	16	8 121	2 274
		8 667	7 464
Short-term investments	17	11	72 220
Cash on hand and bank balance	18	23 908	12 111
Total current assets		32 586	91 795
TOTAL ASSETS		112 871	93 539
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES			
Equity			
Restricted programme funds		2 255	2 145
Profit/loss brought forward		89 651	73 794
Total Equity		91 906	75 939
Current liabilities			
Accounts payable		1 607	1 429
Liability from unused grants	19	9 193	6 951
Other current liabilities		747	828
Accrued expenses and prepaid income	20	9 418	8 392
Total current liabilities		20 965	17 600
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		112 871	93 539

Changes in Equity

Amounts in Thousands of SEK

	Restricted programme funds	Profit/loss brought forward	Net profit/loss for the year	Total equity
Equity as of 2024-01-01	2 145	102 700	-28 906	75 939
Last year's balance profit/loss		-28 906	28 906	
Reservation	1 487	-1 487		
Use	-1 377	1 377		
Net profit/loss for the year			15 967	15 967
Equity as of 2024-12-31	2 255	73 684	15 967	91 906

Restricted programme funds consist of donations and grants that for various reasons have been reserved for specific interventions. It can be funds raised during a targeted campaign or wills and donations that have been linked to some special conditions. Reported earmarked funds at the beginning and end of the year were mainly set aside for our work in East Africa.

Cash Flow Statement

Amounts in Thousands of SEK

	Note	2024-01-01- 2024-12-31	2023-01-01- 2023-12-31
Operating activities			
Operating profit/loss		6 526	-39 489
Adjustment for non-cash items			
- Depreciation		410	577
- Capital gains on the sale of equipment and property		-67	-7 880
Profit on sale of shares		5 011	6 459
Received interest and dividends		4 430	4 130
Paid income tax		-49	-41
Cash flow from operating activities before changes in working capital		16 261	-36 244
Changes in working capital			
Change in goods for sale		-	222
Change in current receivables		-1 154	-1 652
Change in current liabilities		3 365	-18 641
Cash flow from operating activities		18 472	-56 315
Investing activities			
Acquisition of tangible fixed assets		-187	-1 063
Acquisition of intangible fixed assets		-144	
Disposal of tangible fixed assets		195	8 754
Cash flow from investing activities		-136	7 691
Financing activities			
Change in short-term and long-term investments		-6 539	30 674
Cash flow from financing activities		-6 539	30 674
Cash flow of the year		11 797	-17 950
Cash and cash equivalent at the beginning of the year		12 111	30 061
Cash and cash equivalent at the end of the year		23 908	12 111

Notes

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Accounting and valuation principles

The accounting and valuation principles of the fundraising organisation comply with the Annual Accounts Act, BFNAR 2012:1 (K3), and Giva's Governing Guidelines for Annual Accounts.

INCOME STATEMENT

OPERATING INCOME

Only the inflow of financial benefits that have been received or will be received for own account is recognized as income. Revenue is valued, unless otherwise specified below, at the fair value of what has been received or will be received. Below is described, for each revenue item, when revenue recognition occurs.

Donations and grants

A transaction in which ERIKS receives an asset or service that has a value without giving back a corresponding value in return is a donation or received grant. If the asset or service is received because the organisation has met or will meet certain conditions and if the organisation has an obligation to repay the counterparty if the conditions are not met, it is a received grant. If it is not a grant, it is a donation.

Donations

Donations are reported as income upon receipt, according to the primary accounting principle. Assets obtained through a will are treated as donations. Donations such as shares, properties, and artworks are reported as income at the time of the donation, i.e. when the recipient has obtained control over the donation. Reported donations are classified either as assets or expenses based on whether they are consumed immediately. Donations intended for long-term use in organisational operations are categorized as fixed assets, while other non-consumed gifts are categorized as current assets. Donations are generally valued at fair market value. If ERIKS provides compensation to receive the donation, the value of the donation is adjusted accordingly. Services provided as donations are not reported as income.

Grants

Grants are recognized as income when the conditions for receiving the grant have been met. Received grants are recognized as liabilities until the conditions for receiving the grant are met. Grants received to cover costs are reported in the same financial year as the cost that the grant is intended to cover arises, i.e., payment to the purpose is made. Received grants are valued at the fair value of the asset that the organisation has received or will receive.

Net sales

Revenue from the sale of goods and services is normally reported at the time of sale.

Other income

Rental income is accounted for in the period the rental refers to.

Financial income

Interest income is reported as it is earned. Dividends are reported when the right to receive the dividend is assured.

Income in the form of capital gains on securities is reported when the asset is realized.

OPERATING EXPENSES

Operating expenses are divided into the following categories: programme costs, fundraising costs, and administrative costs.

Programme costs

Programme costs are classified as such costs that have a direct connection with ERIKS' vision and mission according to the statutes. This includes, among other things, costs for ERIKS' development cooperation programmes, information projects, advocacy and forming of opinion (e.g., through ERIKS' magazine or website) as well as material and humanitarian aid. The item programme costs include salary costs and administrative costs for the employees who work with these activities as well as shared costs that are allocated to all branches of operations. For projects where grants have been received from external financiers, income and costs are reported at the same pace as payment to the project is made.

Fundraising costs

Fundraising costs mean costs for fundraising work aimed at donors, i.e., costs to inspire and encourage people to contribute to ERIKS' programmes through donations and wills or as monthly donors and sponsors. Fundraising work includes both contacts and communication with existing donors and external interventions to recruit new donors. Fundraising costs include costs for advertising and marketing, production costs and postage for fundraising letters and thank-you letters, salaries and administrative costs for fundraising staff as well as shared costs distributed across all branches of operations.

Administrative costs

Administration costs include such costs that are necessary to manage ERIKS' organisation. This constitutes a quality guarantee for the purpose and for the donor. Administration costs include salary costs for administrative staff (HR, finance, IT, etc.) and the Secretary General, as well as distributed shared costs. The administrative costs also includes accounting and auditing costs and other costs that cannot be attributed to fundraising or programme activities.

Leasing and rent

All leasing agreements of ERIKS are reported as operational, i.e., the leasing fee (including first increased rent) is reported linearly over the leasing period.

Employee expenses

Ongoing expenses for employees in the form of salaries, social security contributions, and similar are accounted for as costs as the employees perform services. Since all pension obligations are classified as defined contribution, a pension cost is reported in the year the pension is earned.

Income tax

ERIKS is exempt from income tax in its non-profit operations as it meets the requirements as a public benefit according to tax legislation. ERIKS is, however, liable for income tax on surpluses from property rental. The tax cost for the year includes tax related to the year's taxable result and part of previous years' income tax that has not yet been reported.

BALANCE SHEET

Assets, liabilities, and provisions are valued at acquisition value unless otherwise stated below.

Tangible and Intangible Fixed Assets

Fixed assets are valued at acquisition value minus depreciation according to plan and any devaluations. In ERIKS, tangible and intangible fixed assets are reported according to two different definitions. As a general rule, a fixed asset is an asset held for the purpose of conducting business (provide cash flow). For the non-profit sector, a fixed asset also includes assets held for the non-profit purpose, even if the general rule is not met. Most fixed assets have been classified according to the latter rule as they are used for ERIKS' non-profit purpose. Impairment testing is always carried out for assets that no longer meet the criteria to be defined as fixed assets. According to K3, reclassification is not to be done.

Grants, under both private and public law, intended for the acquisition of fixed assets reduce the asset's acquisition value.

Expenses for ongoing repairs and maintenance are reported as costs. Capital gains or losses on the sale of a tangible fixed asset are reported as Other Operating Income or Other Operating Costs.

Depreciation Periods

Tangible and intangible fixed assets are depreciated systematically over the asset's estimated period of use. When determining the depreciable amount of assets, the asset's residual value is considered, when applicable. A straight-line depreciation method is used.

The following depreciation periods are applied:

Land: No depreciation

Buildings:

Frame 50 years

Exterior 50 years

Roof 30 years

Finishes 30 years

Computers 3 years

Equipment 5-10 years

Balanced software costs 5 years

Financial Assets

Financial fixed assets are reported in accordance with the rules in K3 chapter 11, which means valuation is based on acquisition cost plus direct transaction expenses.

Other long-term securities holdings mainly consist of shares and interest-bearing assets. Holdings are held for the long term. Assets included in the item are initially valued at acquisition value. In subsequent reporting, shares are valued at acquisition value with an assessment of whether there is a need for impairment.

During 2024, the entire securities holdings of ERIKS have been reclassified. What was previously reported as short-term investments is now reported as long-term investments, as the purpose of the holdings is considered to be to long-term secure parts of ERIKS' financing of operations.

ERIKS applies a portfolio valuation of all long-term securities. All assets held for risk diversification are considered part of a securities portfolio and are thus treated as one item in valuation according to the lower of cost principle and impairment testing. There is a documented risk diversification strategy in ERIKS' investment policy.

Erikshjälpen chooses investments in listed companies and equity funds that work credibly with environmental and climate issues, human rights, fair working conditions, and business ethics. Investments in activities that violate international standards and are linked to weapons, war materials, alcohol, tobacco, gambling, pornography, and fossil fuels are excluded.

Short-term investments are valued according to the lower of cost principle, i.e., at the lower of acquisition cost and net selling value on the balance sheet date. Accounts receivable are valued individually at the amount expected to be received. Receivables and liabilities in foreign currency are valued at the exchange rate on the balance sheet date.

Donations and wills

Assets, such as real estate, shares, and other securities donated to ERIKS are valued at market value at the time of donation. The income is reported as donations.

Risks

ERIKS wants to be able to make informed strategic decisions and ensure the best possible effect of donations and grants. Based on established guidelines for risk analysis and risk management, work is carried out to maintain donors' trust and the organisation's reputation and brand. Risk management involves identifying and preventing or minimizing risks regarding staff health and safety, programme operations, organisational assets, or other disruptions and losses. A well-functioning risk management increases the likelihood of achieving set goals.

Regarding ERIKS' financial assets, risk management guidelines are documented in the organisation's investment policy. ERIKS must manage its funds in such a way that the requirement for good returns and satisfactory security is met. The funds must be managed in an ethically defensible manner in accordance with ERIKS' core values.

According to the board's decision, ERIKS must have a balanced equity that corresponds to current turnover for five to seven months. At least 80 percent of the investable funds must be invested so that they can be converted into liquid funds at short notice. The investment policy specifies limits for the proportion of equity-related and interest-related investments. Investment in individual shares may amount to a maximum of 10 percent of the entire equity portfolio, with the exception of investment companies which can amount to 20 percent.

Forward exchange contracts are used when deemed necessary to protect against changes in exchange rates by establishing the rate at which an asset or liability in foreign currency will be realized. Forward exchange contracts are entered into based on guidelines in ERIKS' Exchange Rate Risk Policy. This policy sets out guidelines for how ERIKS' foreign exchange risks are managed, which risks must be limited, and how this must be done.

ERIKS has zero tolerance for money laundering. The organisation follows established routines and conducts checks to prevent money laundering, for example, by continuously reviewing activities where the risk of financing terrorist activities is deemed possible.

Restricted programme funds

As restricted programme funds in equity, donations and grants not yet used, which have been reserved for specific interventions for various reasons, are reported.

Liability received unused grants

In cases where ERIKS has received grants but has not yet met the conditions, this is reported as a liability.

Cash Flow Analysis

The cash flow analysis is prepared using the indirect method and shows cash inflows and outflows divided

into operating activities, investing activities, or financing activities. The reported cash flow only includes transactions that have resulted in cash inflows or outflows. In addition to cash, liquid funds include available deposits with banks and other credit institutions as well as short-term liquid investments listed on a marketplace.

Conversion of Foreign Currency

Receivables and liabilities in foreign currency are valued at the exchange rate on the balance sheet date.

The entire effect of changes in exchange rates is reported in the income statement when the hedge ceases, and the hedging instrument becomes due for payment.

NOTE 2

Estimates and Assessments

The board does not see any significant uncertainty factors in the estimates and assessments that exist as of the balance sheet date and that could entail a considerable risk of a significant adjustment of the reported values for assets and liabilities during the next financial year.

NOTE 3**Operating income**

Amounts in Thousands of SEK

	2024-01-01- 2024-12-31	2023-01-01- 2023-12-31
Donations reported in the income statement		
Regular donations	26 523	25 945
Wills	36 697	5 552
One-time donations	7 599	6 223
Post code lottery, core support	15 000	15 000
ERIKS Second Hand	35 833	26 667
Total funds raised (donations)	121 652	79 387
Grants reported in the income statement		
Non-public grants		
Companies	1 548	2 133
Radio Aid	14 208	16 322
Post code lottery, project support	1 447	1 975
Total non-public grants	17 203	20 430
Public grants		
Sida via Swedish Mission Council	28 748	30 542
Municipality/Region	629	2 122
Governmental grants	-	460
Total public grants	29 377	33 124
Total grants	46 580	53 554
Total funds raised consist of the following		
Donations	121 652	79 387
Non-public grants	17 203	20 430
Total funds raised	138 855	99 817
Other operating income is distributed as follows		
Rental income	25	314
Others	147	7 993
Total other income	172	8 307

Regular donations include contractual donations (such as sponsorship contributions) and donations in connection with monthly newsletters and magazines. One-time donations include spontaneous donations such as disaster fundraising campaigns and celebration and memorial donations. Both regular donations and one-time donations include donations from individuals, associations, and companies.

Grants have been recognized as income with amounts corresponding to the specific costs incurred during the

year, whereby the remaining part of grants received has been debited. Contributions for administration costs are also included in the amount recognized as income.

Donations Not reported in the Income Statement

Donations that are not reported in the income statement means, for example, advertising space received, free or reduced rent and voluntary work. According to the assessment of ERIKS, no significant gifts have been received that have not been reported in the income statement.

NOTE 4**Net sales**

Amounts in Thousands of SEK

	2024-01-01- 2024-12-31	2023-01-01- 2023-12-31
Sponsorship packages	475	680
Sale of goods	111	417
Sale of services	99	-
Total	685	1 097

NOTE 5**Employees and staff costs**

	2024-01-01- 2024-12-31	2023-01-01- 2023-12-31
Average number of employees		
Women	39	44
Men	21	24
Total	60	68
Board members on the balance sheet date		
Women	4	3
Men	6	6
Total	10	9
Senior executives		
Women	4	5
Men	2	2
Total	6	7

Salaries and other benefits including social costs and pension costs

Amounts in Thousands of SEK

Salaries and other benefits

Board including chairperson	113	163
Secretary General	1 028 *	766
Other employees	27 176	28 560
Total	28 317	29 489

Pension costs

Social security contributions according to law and agreement	9 375	10 026
Pension costs for Secretary General	194	220
Pension costs for other employees	2 052	2 093
Total	11 621	12 339

* In 2024, a new Secretary General was appointed. The positions overlapped for a short period of time.

Other social costs include employee insurance, payroll tax, and employer contributions for employees. For the ERIKS' Secretary General, no other benefits were provided during the financial year besides a contractual pension. There is also no overtime compensation for the Secretary General. ERIKS has no other pension or severance commitments to persons in leading positions.

Volunteer Work

During the year, a number of individuals have volunteered for ERIKS to a minor extent, for example, at events and

concerts of various kinds. The value of this work has not been recognized in the income statement as it is deemed to be of an insignificant amount.

Regional Offices

The staff at ERIKS' regional and country offices are employed under a national registration of ERIKS as an organisation. The costs for all these 23 (23) positions are reported as programme costs under the item Regional Offices in note 6 and are not included in the above statement.

NOTE 6**Programme costs**

Amounts in Thousands of SEK

	2024-01-01- 2024-12-31	2023-01-01- 2023-12-31
Programmes	95 345	107 349
Humanitarian interventions	2 889	7 985
Regional offices	14 215	13 829
Programme coordination	15 306	18 343
Material aid Human Bridge	500	-
Scandinavian Doctors	2 467	1 689
Communication	8 642	8 038
Annual grants and other applications	2 690	2 693
Total	142 054	159 926

NOTE 7**Operating lease – lessee**

ERIKS mainly leases office premises as well as computers and other office equipment.

Future lease payments are due as follows:

Amounts in Thousands of SEK	2024-01-01- 2024-12-31	2023-01-01- 2023-12-31
Within one year	2 013	2 006
Between one and five years	2 207	4 412
The financial year's leasing fee expenses	2 518	2 064

ERIKS has leases for four premises, all of which have a notice period of nine months.

One of these has been terminated in February 2025. The last month of rent will be November 2025.

NOTE 8**Income from other securities and receivables that are fixed assets.**

Amounts in Thousands of SEK

	2024-01-01- 2024-12-31	2023-01-01- 2023-12-31
Dividends	2 408	-
Capital gains on sales	5 011	-
Interest rates	1 673	-
Total	9 092	-

NOTE 9**Interest income and similar items**

Amounts in Thousands of SEK

	2024-01-01- 2024-12-31	2023-01-01- 2023-12-31
Dividends	-	2 572
Interest income	185	1 279
Realization result from the sale of securities	-	6 459
Exchange rate differences	289	277
Impairment	-125	-
Total	349	10 587

NOTE 10**Tax on commercial activities**

Amounts in Thousands of SEK

	2024-01-01- 2024-12-31	2023-01-01- 2023-12-31
Current tax expense	-	-5
Tax on the year's profit	-	-5
Reported profit, in taxable commercial activities, before tax	-	54
Tax calculated according to the applicable tax rate, 20.6% (20.6%)	-	-11
Adjustment previous year's tax expense	-	6
Reported tax cost	-	-5

NOTE 11**Balanced development expenditure**

Amounts in Thousands of SEK

	2024-12-31	2023-12-31
Accumulated acquisition values		
-At the beginning of the year	696	-
-New acquisitions	-	696
At the balance sheet day	696	696
Accumulated depreciation		
-At the beginning of the year	-46	-
-Depreciation for the year	-139	-46
At the balance sheet day	-185	-46
Reported value at the balance sheet day	511	650

NOTE 12**Ongoing software development work**

Amounts in Thousands of SEK

	2024-12-31	2023-12-31
Accumulated acquisition values		
-At the beginning of the year	-	-
-New acquisitions	144	-
At the balance sheet day	144	-

NOTE 13**Investment property**

Amounts in Thousands of SEK

	2024-12-31	2023-12-31
Accumulated acquisition values		
-At the beginning of the year	436	15 102
-Disposals and discards	-	-14 666
At the balance sheet day	436	436
Accumulated depreciation		
-At the beginning of the year	-163	-13 925
-Reversed depreciation on disposals and discards	-	13 996
-Depreciation for the year	-8	-234
At the balance sheet day	-171	-163
Reported value at the balance sheet day	265	273

The Vetlanda Rösaberg 1:128 property in Holsbybrunn has been sold in 2023.

NOTE 14**Inventories**

Amounts in Thousands of SEK

	2024-12-31	2023-12-31
Accumulated acquisition values		
-At the beginning of the year	2 507	5 085
-New acquisitions	187	-
-Business acquisition	-	367
-Disposals and discards	-336	-2 945
At the balance sheet day	2 358	2 507
Accumulated depreciation		
-At the beginning of the year	-1 686	-4 129
-Reversed depreciation on disposals and discards	209	2 741
-Depreciation for the year	-264	-298
At the balance sheet day	-1 741	-1 686
Reported value at the balance sheet day	617	821

NOTE 15**Other long-term securities holdings**

Amounts in Thousands of SEK

	2024-12-31	2023-12-31
Accumulated acquisition values		
-At the beginning of the year	-	-
-Acquisitions	38 220	-
-Sales	-30 629	-
-Reclassifications	71 157	-
Reported value at the balance sheet day	78 748	-
Specification of securities holdings		
Swedish shares	41 120	-
Interest-bearing securities, bonds	37 628	-
Total	78 748	-

All of ERIKS' securities were reclassified from short-term to long-term securities holdings in 2024. The reason for the reclassification is described in Note 1. The market value of shares and funds as of 31 December 2024 amounts to 99 685 thousand SEK.

A breakdown of securities holdings as of 31 December 2024 is published on ERIKS' website.

NOTE 16**Prepaid expenses and accrued income**

Amounts in Thousands of SEK

	2024-12-31	2023-12-31
Prepaid rents	165	33
Prepaid insurance premiums	-	48
Prepaid project grants	631	1 386
Accrued testamentary funds	6 155	-
Other items	1 170	807
Total	8 121	2 274

NOTE 17**Short-term investments**

Amounts in Thousands of SEK	2024-12-31	2023-12-31
Swedish shares	-	38 549
Equity funds	-	59
Fixed income funds	-	32 549
Bequeathed properties	11	1 063
Reported value at the balance sheet day	11	72 220

The market value of shares and funds per 31/12/2023 amounts to 93,495 thousand SEK.

All of ERIKS' securities were reclassified from short-term to long-term securities holdings in 2024.

The reason for the reclassification is described in Note 1.

NOTE 18**Cash on hand and bank balance**

Amounts in Thousands of SEK	2024-12-31	2023-12-31
The following sub-components are included in liquid funds:		
Bank balance	23 908	12 111
Total	23 908	12 111

NOTE 19**Liabilities received unused grants**

Amounts in Thousands of SEK	2024-12-31	2023-12-31
Swedish Mission Council	-	913
Radio Aid	8 336	3 681
Post code Lottery	853	2 300
Other items	4	57
Total	9 193	6 951

The liabilities relate to projects not started, as well as partially started, where costs in the projects that will be financed by grants received have not yet been incurred.

NOTE 20**Accrued expenses and prepaid income**

Amounts in Thousands of SEK	2024-12-31	2023-12-31
Accrued holiday pay	4 754	4 829
Accrued salaries	-	79
Accrued social security charges	2 406	2 649
Accrued project grants	-	156
Other items	2 258	679
Total	9 418	8 392

Signatures

Huskvarna on the day indicated by my electronic signature.

Mattias Hörberg
Chairperson

Mattias Ingeson
Secretary General

Tobias Nilsson

Evy Jonsson

Jonas Sandwall

Henrik Törnqvist

Maria Olausson

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Our audit report has been submitted according to the date shown by the electronic signature.

Lisa Fahlström
Chartered Accountant

Martin Nääs
Chartered Accountant

This is an unofficial translation of the annual report for the fiscal year. The original financial report, equivalent to page 26-45 in this translation, was signed electronically by the board and auditors. The board signed the original financial report on April 7-9, 2025 and the auditors submitted their audit report on April 11, 2025.



Unofficial translation

This is a translation of the Swedish language original. In the event of any differences between this translation and the Swedish language original, the latter shall prevail.

Auditor's Report

To the Board of the foundation ERIKS Development Partner, registration number 827500-4789

Report on the annual accounts

Opinions

We have audited the annual accounts of the foundation ERIKS Development Partner for the financial year 2024.

In our opinion, the annual accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Annual Accounts Act and present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the foundation ERIKS Development Partner as of 31 December 2024 and of its financial performance and cash flow for the year then ended in accordance with the Annual Accounts Act. The administration report is consistent with the other parts of the annual accounts.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISA) and generally accepted auditing standards in Sweden. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities section. We are independent of the association in accordance with professional ethics for accountants in Sweden and have otherwise fulfilled our ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinions.

Other Information than the annual accounts

The other information is comprised of the Annual Report and is included on the pages 1-31 in the Annual Report that the foundation ERIKS Development Partner publishes. The Board of Directors and the general secretary are responsible for the other information.

Our opinion on the annual accounts does not cover this other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion regarding this other information.

In connection with our audit of the annual accounts, our responsibility is to read the information identified above and consider whether the information is materially inconsistent with the annual accounts. In this procedure we also take into account our knowledge otherwise obtained in the audit and assess whether the information otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

Should we, based on the work performed concerning this information, conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibilities of the Board of Directors and the general secretary

The Board of Directors and the general secretary is responsible for the preparation of the annual accounts and that they give a

fair presentation in accordance with the Annual Accounts Act. The administrator is also responsible for such internal control as it determines is necessary to enable the preparation of annual accounts that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the annual accounts, the Board of Directors and the general secretary is responsible for the assessment of the association's ability to continue as a going concern. It discloses, as applicable, matters related to going concern and the use of the going concern basis of accounting. The going concern basis of accounting is however not applied if the administrator intends to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibility

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the annual accounts as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs and generally accepted auditing standards in Sweden will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these annual accounts.

As a part of our audit according to ISA, we undertake professional judgments and have a professionally sceptical approach during the entire audit. In addition, we execute the following activities:

- We identify and assess the risk of material misstatement in the annual accounts and consolidated accounts, whether due to fraud or error, design and execute audit measures based, amongst other things, on these risks and obtain audit evidence which is sufficient and appropriate to comprise the basis of our opinion. The risk for failing to identify material misstatements arising due to fraud is greater as regards a material misstatement due to error, as fraud can include engagement in collusion, forgery, intentional omission, incorrect information or disregard of internal control.
- We obtain an understanding of that portion of the Foundation's internal control having significance to our audit to design audit measures which are appropriate with regard to the circumstances but we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the internal control.
- We evaluate the appropriateness of the accounting policies applied and the reasonability of the administrator's estimations in the accounts and associated disclosures.

- We test the appropriateness of the Board of Director and general secretary's application of the assumption of going concern in preparing the annual accounts. We test, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether there are significant factors of uncertainty referring to such events or circumstances that can lead to significant doubt as to the association's capacity to continue its operations. If we come to the conclusion that there are significant factors of uncertainty, we are required to provide a statement in the Auditor's Report, noting that the disclosures in the annual accounts involve factors of uncertainty, provided that such information is insufficient, modifying our opinion regarding the annual accounts. Our conclusions are based on the auditor's evidence obtained up until the date of the Auditor's Report. However, future events or circumstances can imply that the Foundation can no longer continue its operations.
- We evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the annual accounts, including the disclosures, and if the annual and consolidated accounts reflect the underlying transactions and events in a manner providing a true and fair view.

We are required to inform the Board of Directors of, amongst other things, the planned scope of the audit and its focus, and the time schedule for the audit. We are also required to inform on any significant observations made during the audit, including any identified significant deficiencies in the internal control.

Report on other legal and regulatory requirements

Opinion

In addition to our audit of the annual accounts, we have also audited the administration of the Board of Directors of the foundation ERIKS Development Partner for the financial year 2024.

In our opinion the members of the Board of Directors have not acted in contravention of the Foundations Act, the Foundation's Regulations or the Annual Accounts Act.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted the audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards in Sweden. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities section. We are independent of the association in accordance with professional ethics for accountants in Sweden and have otherwise fulfilled our ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinions.

Responsibilities of the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors is responsible for the administration according to the Foundations Act and the Foundation's Regulations.

Auditor's responsibility

Our objective concerning the audit of the administration, and thereby our opinion about discharge from liability is to obtain audit evidence to assess with a reasonable degree of assurance whether any member of the Board of Directors in any material respect:

- has undertaken any action or been guilty of any omission which can give rise to liability to the association, or reason for removal of any member of the administration, or
- has, in any way, acted in contravention of the Foundations Act, the Foundation's Regulations or the Annual Accounts Act.

Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards in Sweden will always detect actions or omissions that can give rise to liability to the association.

As part of an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards in Sweden, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. The examination of the administration is based primarily on the audit of the accounts. Additional audit procedures performed are based on our professional judgement with the starting point in risk and materiality. This means that we focus the examination on such actions, areas and relationships that are material for the operations and where deviations and violations would have particular importance for the association's situation. We examine and test decisions undertaken, support for decisions, actions taken and other circumstances that are relevant to our opinion.

Jönköping, Sweden, date according to our electronic signature

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