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**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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In this annual report, we describe the difference we made for children and young people during 2025 and how our resources were used. We follow Quality Code of Giva Sverige (the branch organisation for safe giving) and have chosen to include the required impact reporting here rather than produce a separate report.

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## 80 years in the service of love Always on the children's side

In 2026, ERIKS celebrates 80 years. 80 years in the service of love, as our founder Erik Nilsson put it. When listening to the recordings that remain of Uncle Erik, as he came to be known, it is clear how deeply moved he was by the situation of children. In a radio interview with Sven Jerring in 1951, Erik speaks of how painful it is for him to think of children who are suffering. Perhaps his compassion was born out of his own experience of illness and exclusion. It was likely strengthened by his many exchanges of letters with children in hospital and by his meetings with sick children. At the heart of it all was also Erik's warm faith in God, which called him to serve other people.

In our polarised and conflict-ridden world, organisations such as ERIKS are often forced to navigate politically difficult contexts. Frequently this means working in countries affected by ongoing conflicts or in the midst of heated debate on social media. When we work to ensure that children in Gaza can feel safe and continue going to school, the most common response is that this is important and that people want to contribute in whatever way they can. But there are also those who question our motives.

In the West African country of Mali, the population suffers from continuous conflicts between the government and various Islamist groups. Children grow up in refugee camps where hunger and insecurity shape everyday life. During 2025, 2,036 schools were closed in Mali, leaving 610,800 children without education.

Despite the enormous need for both humanitarian assistance and long-term development interventions, Sweden has decided to withdraw aid from Mali because the ruling military junta has ties to Russia. ERIKS remains committed to safeguarding children and fostering hope for the future through ongoing efforts. This commitment does not indicate any endorsement of the regime.

In Sweden, we continue to be guided by the Convention on the Rights of the Child and to work for equal childhood conditions for all children. Through ERIKS Future Labs, we meet children and young people growing up in socio-economically disadvantaged areas of Sweden. While the Government's focus is on tougher measures and harsher penalties, we work to provide young people with opportunities and the conditions they need to thrive. Despite strong objections from consultation bodies and child rights organisations, the age of criminal responsibility has now, in some cases, been lowered to 13. At the same time, we are seeing the consequences of the fact that particularly compelling humanitarian circumstances are no longer grounds for a residence permit, and 18-year-olds are being separated from their families and deported alone into



uncertain circumstances. Many of the children and young people we meet through ERIKS Future Labs come from immigrant backgrounds. ERIKS sees the power in children's dreams and how, with the right support, they create development for themselves, for one another, for their parents and for their neighbourhoods.

For 80 years, ERIKS has encouraged sick children and helped equip parents to support themselves and their children. We have offered protection in natural disasters, war and abuse. We have nurtured dreams for the future and created life opportunities by giving children access to education. Always on the children's side. Saying that we stand on the children's side necessarily means that we take a stand, speak out, influence and act. Children's vulnerability is always the failure and responsibility of the adult world. Through advocacy, direct contact with governments, public authorities, and local and regional decision-makers, we highlight children's suffering, the ways in which children's rights are being violated, and what needs to be done to ensure that those rights are fulfilled.

Just like our founder Erik Nilsson, we suffer when children suffer. Just like him, we fight every day to relieve distress and create life opportunities. We keep going. For the children. And for the world they dream of.

**Mattias Hörberg**, Chairperson  
**Mattias Ingesson**, Secretary-General

# A better world where children's dreams come true

## OUR VISION

ERIKS is a child rights organisation with a non-profit second hand operation. Together, we share one common vision: a better world where children's dreams come true.

We work locally and globally to strengthen children's rights and give children the opportunity to grow up in safety and with hope for the future. The surplus from our second hand stores, together with gifts from committed donors, makes it possible for us to help promote children's rights to education, health and protection. Through work placements and job training in our second hand stores, we create new opportunities for adults who are outside the labour market. This also helps strengthen children's future. At the same time, our circular sales reduce environmental impact and contribute to a more sustainable world for future generations.

We exist for the children. And the world they dream of.

## OUR MISSION

ERIKS works to combat poverty and vulnerability by promoting children's rights. All interventions start from a holistic perspective, with a special focus on children's right to education, health and protection. We believe in children's own strength and in their right to meaningful participation. When children are given the opportunity to influence their own situation, real and lasting change becomes possible.

## ERIKS CORE VALUES

### 1. We cherish the spirit of Erik

We cherish the legacy of Erik Nilsson, 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. We share a Christian view of humanity

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.

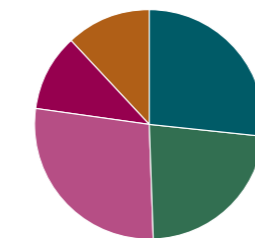
### 3. We work according to the Convention on the Rights of the Child

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. We recognize the equal and unique value of all individuals, regardless of gender, age, ethnicity, sexual orientation, beliefs and religion.

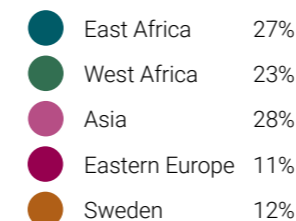
## WE WORK WITH SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT – EVERY DAY

Sustainable development means meeting human needs without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own. For ERIKS, sustainability is a natural part of our mission, because it is crucial to the future of children and families.

Our work contributes to several of the UN Sustainable Development Goals. The link to Goal 8, Decent Work and Economic Growth, is particularly clear through the internships and work training opportunities offered within the organisation. The work also contributes to Goal 4, Quality Education, and Goal 3, Good Health and Well-being. Several of the Sustainable Development Goals permeate the entire organisation.



## Regional distribution of long-term interventions in 2025



84 projects

16 countries

60 local partners



## ERIKS in short – 2025

During 2025, ERIKS carried out long-term interventions for children and families in 16 countries. Eight more urgent humanitarian interventions have been carried out in four countries. In total, ERIKS has reached 264,494 children worldwide through its local partner organisations and 1,253 children in recurring activities in Sweden.

## INTERNATIONAL WORK

ERIKS' international work is always carried out through local partner organisations in each country. Local organisations understand the challenges and have the ideas and expertise needed to address them. They are rooted in the local culture and can build trust and participation.

## WORK IN SWEDEN

In Sweden, ERIKS works with a focus on community development. ERIKS' Future Lab is present in six locations and, together with local actors, runs interventions to strengthen children's rights and increase their participation in society. In collaboration with the local ERIKS Second Hand stores, both young people and parents can develop skills that are important in working life and build social networks.

## PARTNERSHIPS AND NETWORKS

Collaborating with other organisations is important to

ERIKS. In addition to the organisations that carry out interventions in the program countries, ERIKS also collaborates with, among others, Human Bridge, Scandinavian Doctors, Childhood Foundation, Strømme Foundation and Fida. During 2025, we also began a close partnership with the British organisation Cord. Together, we are planning a Sida-funded programme to begin in 2026, in which Cord contributes its experience of working in conflict-affected areas.

ERIKS is also 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

ERIKS work is driven by the commitment of many people. Important sources of funding include gifts from private donors, surplus from our second hand stores, and support from organisations such as Sida, via the Swedish Mission Council (SMC) until 2025, the Swedish Postcode Lottery, and Swedish Radio Aid, including through the Children of the World campaign and the Music Aid event. Many companies, foundations and municipalities also choose to support our work and contribute to the long-term and sustainable financing of our operations.

# Fatoumata now dreams of becoming a midwife

"We had to leave everything. It happened so quickly and I could not bring any of my things with me. No clothes or toys, not even my birth certificate," says Fatoumata, 12.

Since 2012, unrest and conflict have affected the lives of thousands of children in Mali. Fatoumata is one of them. The school in her home village was attacked by terrorists and the family fled in the hope of finding a safer life. Fatoumata had to build a new everyday life in a refugee camp far from home.

## Life in the refugee camp

Fatoumata lives with her family in a refugee camp in Ségou in western Mali. Growing up there is hard. The shortage of food means that many people never get enough to eat. People live crowded together in a small space, and the lack of sanitation and clean water means diseases spread easily. Many people are in very poor health, and the risk of abuse is high.

## Difficult to start at a new school

Despite the unrest, Fatoumata was given the opportunity to return to school, which is run close to the refugee camp. But the first few years were difficult. Fatoumata was bullied, and that made it hard to focus on her schoolwork.

"The other children teased me about my appearance and called me ugly names. I was always alone and had no friends," she says.

When ERIKS started a child rights club at Fatoumata's school, the situation changed. Here, the children learned more about inclusion and the right to education, health

and protection. Fatoumata now has new friends and has regained her motivation for school.

## The dream of a better future

Fatoumata is one of many children in Mali who are forced to grow up with fear, hunger and insecurity. But thanks to the chance to continue going to school, she now has hope for a better future.

"It was difficult at first, but school is going well now. That makes me happy, but at the same time I am still afraid of many things. Afraid of being attacked by armed men and of being subjected to abuse."

Although Fatoumata still lives with fear because of the violence around her, she carries a dream: to return to her village when peace comes and work as a midwife.

### Education and support for displaced children

In West African Mali, more than 400,000 people are currently internally displaced, many of them under the age of 18.

During 2025, 2,036 schools were closed in Mali, which meant that 610,800 children were left without education and 12,216 teachers without work.

ERIKS and partner organisations AMAPROS and AMPDR make it possible for displaced children to attend school. This is done through:

- Safe spaces and temporary schools,
- Distance learning via radio and digital media
- Intensive education programmes known as Speed Schools for children who have missed out on schooling
- Child rights clubs that strengthen children's self-confidence and contribute to peaceful societies



It was difficult at first, but school is going well now.



Fatoumata is one of many children in Mali who are able to continue their education thanks to the school supported by ERIKS in the refugee camp.

## More examples of education interventions in 2025

### Action against child labour in Burkina Faso

In Burkina Faso, many children do not have the opportunity to go to school because of civil conflict and terrorist attacks. Instead, they are often forced to work under dangerous conditions.

By identifying children in vulnerable situations, removing them from hazardous work and supporting their return to school, ERIKS contributes to long-term change. At the same time, families receive support to strengthen their livelihoods, for example through small businesses or livestock farming, so that children no longer need to work.

### Portable schools in Bangladesh

In climate-vulnerable parts of Bangladesh, children's education is threatened by flooding and soil erosion.

ERIKS has been working since 2004 to ensure children's right to education. One important intervention is the use of portable schools that can quickly be dismantled and rebuilt in safer locations when natural disasters strike. The schools reach children in hard-to-reach areas and are combined with education on children's rights and disaster preparedness.

### Focus on Roma children's right to education

In Romania, ERIKS works for the rights of Roma children and for their inclusion in society. The combination of education, health and protection creates better opportunities for a good life.

ERIKS contributes, among other things, to ensuring that Roma children are able to begin and complete their education and that mothers and infants receive healthcare in order to reduce infant mortality.

## The right to education

Education is a fundamental human right and one of the most important keys in the fight against poverty. Yet 278 million children worldwide do not go to school.

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



# Malich grows vegetables and dreams of the future

Cooking is on the timetable for pupils at Karbururi Primary School and vegetables are grown in the school garden. Thanks to support from ERIKS, the pupils are able to eat nutritious food despite the severe drought in northern Kenya.

Thirteen-year-old Malich knows how important it is to eat nutritious food and has learned how best to grow crops in the dry landscape.

"We have always learned how to cook at school, but now we can do it using vegetables from our own garden," she says.

## Longer drought periods

About half a million people live in Marsabit in northern Kenya. Most people here depend on livestock farming for their livelihoods and are therefore highly dependent on the climate. They are used to droughts every year. But because of climate change, the dry periods have become longer and harsher.

Livestock die, harvests fail, and families are left without income and food on the table. Right now, the food shortage in Marsabit is so severe that one in five children suffers from urgent malnutrition.

## A voice for hope and change

ERIKS works long term in northern Kenya, and an important part of the work is helping schools to provide nutritious school lunches. By supporting the school garden at Karbururi Primary School, pupils not only get vegetables for their meals but also gain knowledge of cultivation techniques and nutrition.

In the midst of the worst drought in more than 40 years, Malich and her school have become a voice for hope and change.

Malich spends many hours in the school garden that was established with support from ERIKS.

"In fact, pupils from other schools come to visit us to see our cultivation, and people from the village ask whether they can buy spinach from us," says Malich.

## Better community

The school garden also creates greater cohesion at school, and both boys and girls help to keep it in order.

"We fetch water and weed together, and I help prepare what we harvest," says Malich.

Malich has big plans for the future. She dreams of one day studying to become a nurse and continuing to spread knowledge about nutritious food.

"We need to eat healthy food in order to grow. And if we manage to grow a lot of vegetables, perhaps we can sell some of them and buy schoolbooks."

### Support for families in drought-affected Kenya

Eighty per cent of households in northern Kenya depend on livestock farming. Many families have to walk 6–7 kilometres each day to collect water, and in many areas one in three children under the age of five is at risk of urgent malnutrition.

ERIKS, together with our partner organisation Food for the Hungry, works in the regions of Marsabit and Turkana to save lives and strengthen children's right to education, health and protection. The interventions focus both on meeting immediate needs and on strengthening families' resilience to future droughts.



People from the village ask whether they can buy spinach from us.



Malich waters cabbage in the school's vegetable garden.

## More examples of health-related work in 2025

### Menstrual health, a matter of gender equality

During the year, ERIKS continued its work on menstrual health. Through education, advocacy, improved access to menstrual products and better hygiene and toilet facilities, children gained better opportunities to participate in school and community life. The work also focused on breaking taboos and changing norms around menstruation through dialogue with children, parents, teachers and local leaders. The aim is that menstruation should never be an obstacle to education, health or future opportunities.

### Psychosocial support for children in Ukraine

During 2025, ERIKS strengthened its interventions for children in Ukraine and continued efforts in several locations. These interventions include material and psychosocial support to create safe spaces where children can play and process trauma. Children's war trauma is addressed through art therapy, but the work also includes integration for particularly vulnerable groups, such as children with disabilities.

### The climate crisis threatens children's health

Extreme heat, drought and flooding increase the risk of diseases such as malaria and diarrhoea, while air pollution worsens respiratory problems. Climate change also leads to reduced harvests and food shortages, causing malnutrition in children.

ERIKS works to reduce these consequences by improving access to education, healthcare, clean water and food, and through interventions that help local communities withstand climate-related crises.

## The right to health

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



# “I wish there were no winter”

**Pirita is a temporary settlement on the border between the city of Baia Mare and the village of Săsar. Roma families live there in simple homes without access to electricity, water or a safe place for children.**

In Pirita, ERIKS works with a focus on the rights of Roma children and their inclusion in society. The combination of education, health and protection creates greater opportunities for a good life.

During the colder seasons, families in Pirita struggle with many problems: cold, unsafe food storage, rats and cockroaches, mud, standing water, and the constant fear of fire. Everyone lives in the same room, parents and children alike, without a door that can be properly closed, without peace and quiet, without predictability.

### Children are hit hardest by the harsh winter

Pirita is extremely poor, and all families live on the absolute margins of society. Children are forced to grow up in badly insulated houses where heating consists of simple wood-burning stoves. The wood is often wet and mixed with plastic in order to burn.

“We put in a little wood and a piece of cloth in the stove, light it with a lighter, and then close the door,” say cousins Alina and Narcisa, who, despite being only six years old, are responsible for the fire.

### Violence in the home

The children are rarely able to play outside in winter. Mud from the boggy roads reaches far up their legs, and if it

has snowed, their clothes are soaked through. In winter, the cold is the greatest challenge in Pirita. But families are also fighting something else, often even worse: violence in the home. In many cases, what happens indoors is the worst of all. When winter comes, families spend more time inside the tiny homes, and there are no private spaces. Many of the men in Pirita have alcohol problems, and violence in the homes increases during winter.

“I wish there were no winter,” says Alina.

### The possibility of a good life

Despite the poverty and cold in Pirita, the situation of the Roma families has improved. Thanks to ERIKS, all children now attend school and preschool. They also receive help getting there and back. Local authorities have finally begun to take responsibility for Roma children, who are now increasingly included in activities and health programmes.

### Did you know that..

... Romania has the highest rate of child poverty in the entire EU, and many Roma families live in insecure and extremely basic residential areas. ERIKS works together with the local organisation Pirita Children Association to strengthen the rights of Roma children and increase their inclusion in society. Our work focuses on education, health, and protection in order to give children greater opportunities for a good life.



The children in Pirita are growing up in an unsafe environment and in poorly insulated houses.

## More examples of our work for children’s safety and protection

### Support for children who have experienced abuse

In Cambodia, ERIKS works to ensure that more children who have been subjected to sexual abuse receive medical care and support to continue going to school.

We work with children and women who have survived sexual abuse, human trafficking and other forms of violence. Through trauma treatment, medical care and legal support, children and women are given the opportunity to rebuild their lives and look ahead to a brighter future.

### Interventions against child labour in Burkina Faso

Burkina Faso is marked by extreme poverty, climate change and severe humanitarian challenges. Many children are at risk of child labour, sexual violence, child marriage and being forced to leave school early.

ERIKS supports children and families by promoting education and increasing households’ resilience to the effects of climate change. Through education, children’s clubs and support to generate income, children and families are given opportunities for a safer future.

### Counteracting discrimination against Roma people

Support from ERIKS Country Sponsors makes it possible for us to strengthen the knowledge and understanding of Romanian authorities regarding the most vulnerable Roma families, so that children are prioritised and receive the support they need. We also work to inform and strengthen parents so that they can care for their children. The work also involves building bridges between Roma children and children from other groups, in order to counter continued discrimination and segregation at school and in society.

## The right to grow up safely

All children have the right to grow up in safe conditions. To strengthen children’s right to protection, ERIKS works together with local partner organisations to support children and young people living in vulnerable situations. This is done by strengthening their ability to participate in and influence decisions that affect their everyday lives, and by providing support and rehabilitation.



# Emergency response saves lives in Myanmar

**On 28 March, Myanmar is hit by a severe earthquake. More than 7.5 million people are in urgent need of humanitarian assistance. ERIKS act quickly and launch a disaster response on the very same day.**

Millions of people are affected by the disaster. Several thousand people die and many thousands are injured after being trapped beneath collapsed buildings. In addition to homes and schools, vital infrastructure such as airports, highways, bridges and ponds is destroyed.

ERIKS provides humanitarian support and works with disaster relief in countries and areas where we often already have established partners and interventions, which enables us to act quickly when something happens.

## Safety and dignity

We were therefore able to launch a humanitarian response quickly in the severely affected Mandalay region. Together with our local partner organisation, we provided emergency support to children and families and distributed food and drinking water, hygiene products, mosquito nets and bed sheets. The response saves lives, reduces the risk of disease, and gives people a chance to regain a sense of safety and dignity. There is a particular focus on children, women and people with disabilities. The work takes place in close cooperation with local and international actors and follows international humanitarian standards to ensure that the assistance reaches those who need it most.

"We also prioritise the safety of affected children in order

to protect them from exploitation and further trauma. At the same time, long-term efforts are crucial for rebuilding homes, schools and essential community structures, and thereby restoring hope to affected families," says Rathy Chheng at ERIKS regional office in South-East Asia.

Long afterwards, the needs remain great and there is still a risk of further aftershocks, so ERIKS continues to provide support through, among other things, mobile clinics and psychosocial support.

"Many people are displaced and living under difficult conditions without sufficient protection from weather and health hazards," says Rathy Chheng. "The children can no longer go to school because the schools have been destroyed, and they lack a safe place where they can recover. The psychological strain is enormous, and families struggle every day to cope with loss, uncertainty and simply trying to survive."

## We save lives and support communities

ERIKS provides humanitarian assistance to communities and people affected by crises and disasters, including natural disasters and conflicts.

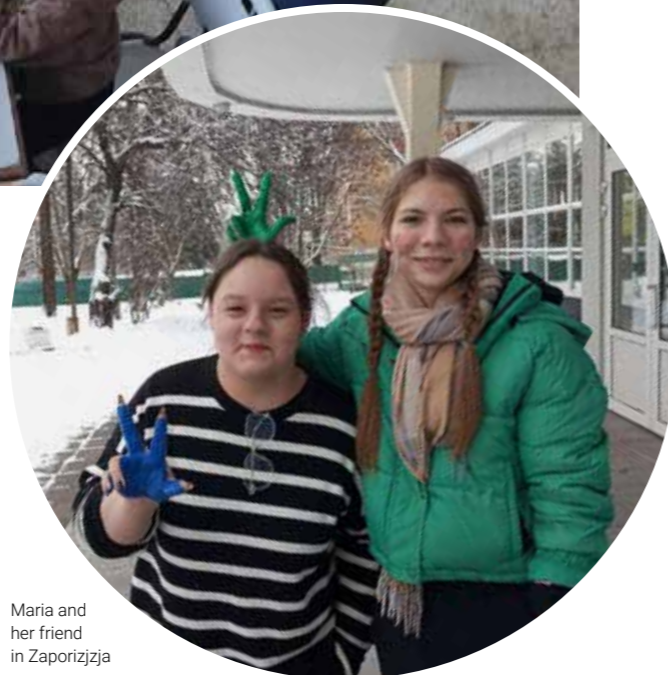
We also work with disaster risk reduction and resilience in order to strengthen the ability of people and communities to handle emergency situations, particularly those caused by climate change. We believe that preventive work is just as important as emergency response when it comes to reducing the effects of future disasters.



Humanitarian intervention in Gaza



Myanmar hit by an earthquake



Maria and her friend in Zaporizjzja

## More examples of humanitarian assistance in 2025

### Food and education in Gaza

ERIKS supports an intervention in Gaza carried out by PMU, a Swedish Pentecostal Mission's Development Cooperation. The humanitarian intervention aims to provide children in Gaza access to education despite the catastrophic situation, and to distribute food to families in need.

ERIKS condemns the violence affecting children on both sides and did not hesitate when we were given the opportunity to make a concrete intervention using funds from our disaster fund. The fund exists so that we can act quickly in disasters, primarily in our programme countries, but it is also possible to support interventions outside those countries under special circumstances.

### Support at the border between Thailand and Cambodia

ERIKS allocates a total of SEK 600,000 to finance humanitarian interventions for children and families in transit centres and refugee camps on the border between Thailand and Cambodia. After the conflict between the countries flared up again in May and escalated in July, thousands of people were forced to flee.

ERIKS interventions include the distribution of drinking water, food, sleeping mats, clothing, hygiene items and school materials. In addition to material emergency support, psychosocial support is provided, as well as child protection screening. This means that particularly vulnerable children are identified in order to protect them from trafficking and abuse.

### Psychosocial support in Ukraine

There are currently eight million internally displaced people in Ukraine. Civilian deaths and injuries resulting from the war increased by 27 per cent during 2025 compared with the same period the previous year.

ERIKS works long term in Ukraine with both humanitarian interventions and psychosocial support to address children's trauma caused by the war. In 2025, in addition to the planned long-term support, ERIKS also carried out humanitarian interventions. We contributed food, water, blankets, clothing and other essentials. We also offered psychosocial support and social assistance both on site and via telephone and the internet.

## The right to a dignified life

Humanitarian assistance helps save lives by providing access to food, water, healthcare and protection, all of which are fundamental to combating hunger and poverty. At the same time, humanitarian assistance can lay the foundation for long-term development towards peace and justice.





Those of us who live in Ekön can have a say.



Rim och Winta from ERIKS Future Lab in Motala.

## Young people make their voices heard

During the autumn, ERIKS Future Lab in Motala, Sweden started a local area group with parents and young people from an area called Ekön. The purpose of the group is to strengthen participation. Among other things, the group helps plan the autumn neighbourhood festival and takes part in the municipality's network meeting for Ekön. The young people prepare a number of questions and receive a very positive response from the other participants. ERIKS looks forward to continuing this work together with the group over the coming year, including filling our premises with activities during the February school break.

"It is good that the group includes both young people and parents. Everyone has something to express," says Sumaya, 14. "Those of us who live in Ekön can be involved, say what we think and help plan activities. We get to have a say and make a difference."

### Young people speak out on child rights issues

Young people from ERIKS Future Lab are now taking part in the review of children's rights that the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child submitted in 2023. The review contained 131 recommendations to the Swedish Government on how work regarding children's rights needs to be strengthened. In the report Children are also human beings and have the right to rights just like adults, also called Civil Society Review 2025, ERIKS, together with 24 civil society organisations and children and young people, has followed up on how far Sweden has come.

The meaningful participation of children and young people is central to the work. Around 100 children from nine child rights organisations, including ERIKS Future Lab, were consulted. They contributed both to the analysis of the recommendations and to highlighting which issues matter most to them.

Through conversations, group discussions and creative methods, the young people selected the five recommendations they consider most important. The prioritised areas are the principle of the best interests of the child, refugee children, violence against children, mental health, and protection against discrimination. Their own words and experiences run throughout the report's analysis and provide a picture of how the rights function in practice. The report shows that progress in several areas is too slow. At the same time, the participation of young people underlines that involvement is not only possible, but essential if real change is to happen.

Some of the young people also had the opportunity to present the report directly to the Minister for Social Services, Camilla Waltersson Grönvall. One of them is 16-year-old Rodas from ERIKS Future Lab in Motala, who took part throughout the entire process.

"It was a good meeting, and the best part was that the Minister gave me advice about things to think about if I want to become a politician. But the most important thing was that all young people's voices were heard," says Rodas.

## More examples of initiatives involving children's and young people's participation

### Child Rights Conference in Jönköping

The young people creating this year's regional Child Rights Conference in Jönköping, Sweden have a clear message. If children and young people are to trust society, society must also trust them.

There are 300 visitors at Jönköping University. What made the conference special was that young people from Jönköping County themselves decided on the theme, created the programme and led the conversations.

The theme of this year's conference was Trust and the rights of the child in a changing world. Throughout the day, discussions focused on what makes young people trust adults, and what can cause that trust to break.

### Young people from ERIKS in Almedalen

ERIKS was present at the Child Rights Square in Almedalen, Sweden's annual political week, in 2025. Young people from ERIKS Future Lab helped prepare the content and played an active role in planning the seminar as experts challenging the image of suburban areas.

### Child Rights Days in Karlstad, Sweden

A young person from Uppsala, Sweden, took part in a panel discussion during Child Rights Days in Karlstad on children's participation in school, together with, among others, Sweden's Ombudsman for Children, Juno Blom. The discussion focused on participation, hope for the future, and what creates trust between pupils and adults.

### Children in Bangladesh teach disaster preparedness

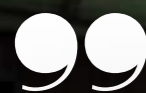
In the hard-to-reach river delta in Bangladesh, ERIKS is training children in disaster risk management. An important method is for them to pass this knowledge on to their families and local communities.

Through a form of theatre called "mock drills", children teach that vulnerable people, such as older persons, pregnant women and people with disabilities, should be evacuated first in the event of a disaster. Another example shows how important documents such as identity papers should be protected by being placed in a waterproof container buried near a landmark, so that it can be found again even after a flood.

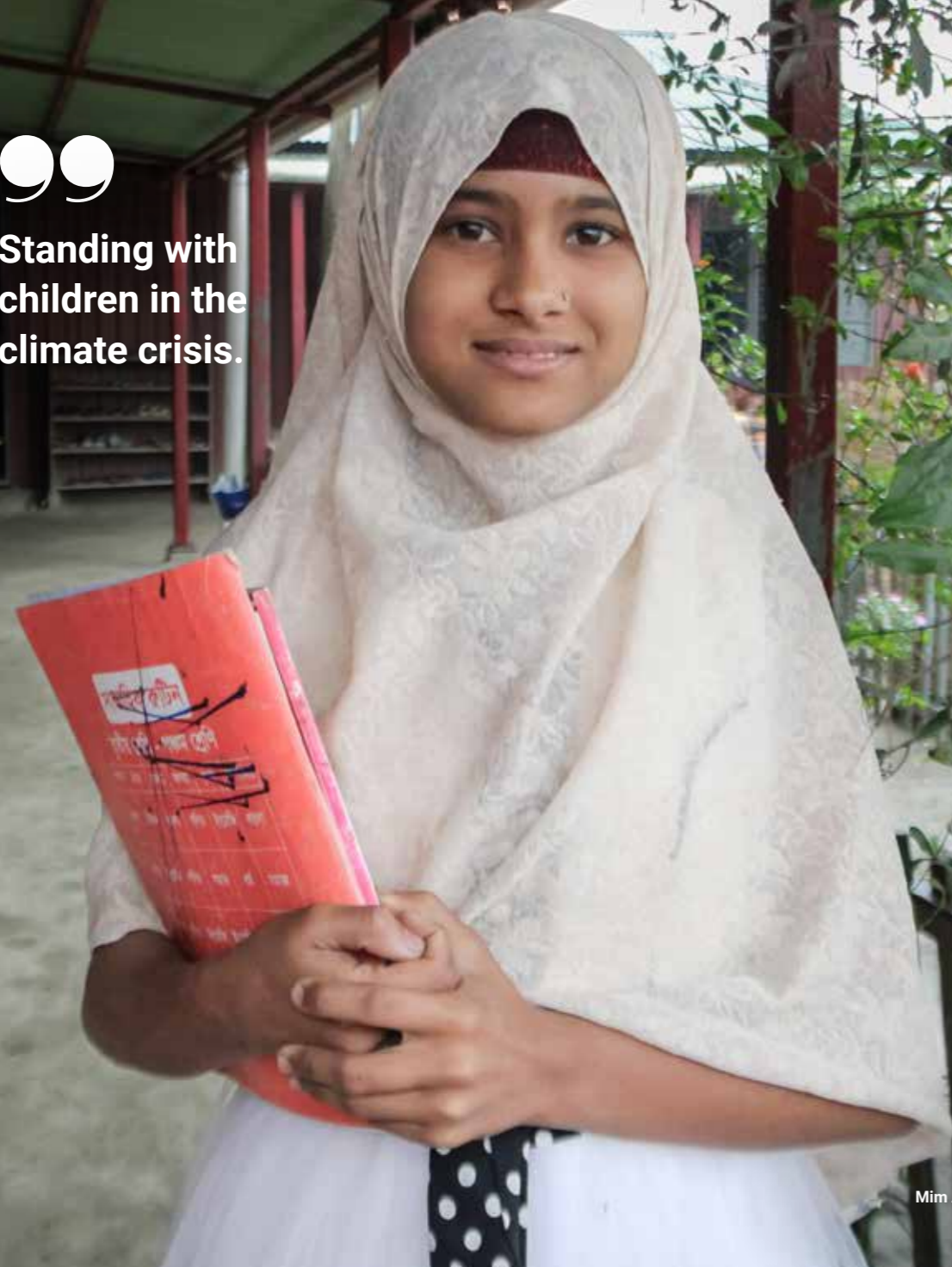
### The right to participate

An equal society is built on the principle that everyone has equal rights and opportunities regardless of gender, ethnicity, religion, disability, sexual orientation or age. It also means building and improving learning environments that are adapted for children and people with disabilities, all in order to provide a safe, peaceful, inclusive and fit-for-purpose learning environment.





Standing with children in the climate crisis.



Mim Akter outside her school

## The climate crisis is also a child rights crisis

When climate change threatens children's safety, education and future, politicians must take responsibility. The climate crisis is not only an environmental issue. It is a child rights crisis. That is why ERIKS and ERIKS Second Hand support the 89 per cent campaign.

For many people around the world, climate change has already changed everyday life. One of them is Mim Akter, who lives with her parents and five siblings on a sand island in the Brahmaputra River in Bangladesh.

The sand islands are hard to reach, constantly changing, and repeatedly affected by floods and cyclones. Landslides and erosion make it difficult to build lasting infrastructure.

When storms sweep in, they destroy both homes and school buildings, undermining children's opportunities for safety and education. Child marriages and child labour are both common in Bangladesh and particularly affect children who cannot get to school and therefore do not receive an education.

### 89 per cent demand change

A study involving more than 130,000 citizens in 125 countries shows that 89 per cent believe their governments are doing too little to respond to the climate crisis.

A crisis that means life on this planet will never be the same again. The research behind the campaign, launched last autumn, is based on real voices: individuals asking their elected politicians to do more. But eleven-year-old Mim Akter was not asked. Yet Mim belongs to the group that has contributed least to the insecure life she is forced to live.

### Our choices affect children's future

As a child rights organisation with a non-profit second hand chain, ERIKS works continuously to extend the life of things and preserve the Earth's resources. How we produce, consume and shape climate policy is also a child rights issue. Every kilogram of carbon emissions affects the possibility of a safe future for the world's children. As an organisation, we are constantly working to minimise climate impact and increase our positive footprint.

### Politicians, show that you stand with children

The climate crisis is a child rights crisis, and by addressing one we can help counter the other. Children's right to a safe future cannot depend on individual initiatives alone. It requires political leadership. That is why we firmly support the 89 per cent campaign and call on this and future governments to take responsibility, act now, and show that they stand on the side of children in the climate debate.

### Children's right to a family

ERIKS continues to raise awareness of the negative impact that orphanages and institutions can have on children and their development. We also want to contribute to change at international level. The goal is both to educate the public about the negative impact of institutions on children's upbringing and to provide input to international work and mission efforts carried out through churches and denominations. In 2025, new child rights ambassadors joined our work, and we continued to develop contacts with denominations and individual congregations.

### Parliamentary seminar with child rights actors

On Wednesday 10 December, a seminar was held in the Swedish Parliament on how Sweden can strengthen children's rights in a rapidly changing aid landscape. The round-table discussion was organised by the Parliamentary Network for International Child Rights Issues.

Under the theme Two years of the reform agenda, what has happened and where do we go from here, ERIKS Secretary-General Mattias Ingesson highlighted our work in Bangladesh. This is long-term work in which children

themselves take part in disaster risk management. By showing how children can be active agents of change, ERIKS underlines that investing in children leads to both safer societies and sustainable development.

### ERIKS issues a strong appeal to the Government

The revelation that Shein had sold "childlike" sex dolls on its open e-commerce platform sparked strong reactions internationally. The environmental consequences, child labour and dangerous products linked to Shein remain

a problem, even though the dolls were quickly removed. ERIKS Secretary-General and the Chief Executive of ERIKS Second Hand therefore issued a strong appeal to the Swedish Government:

"The Government must immediately work to stop the inflow of Shein products into Sweden and the EU. We cannot accept children being put at risk, neither in production nor through products sold on our market," says Mattias Ingesson.

# Objectives and results

## Theory of change and long-term goals

Today, millions of children do not have their basic rights fulfilled. Climate change, armed conflict, growing inequality and a shrinking civil society affect the whole world. Children are affected the most.

ERIKS is a child rights organisation based on the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. Our work focuses both on children as rights-holders and on legal and moral duty-bearers, meaning the actors who have responsibility for, or influence over, children's living conditions.

We work in an inclusive, long-term way with the understanding that those affected by an intervention must also be part of the solution. Children's right to express their views and have them respected is especially important. A child who knows their rights becomes a stronger rights-holder. ERIKS also carries out advocacy to strengthen children's rights and make their living conditions visible.

## International and national interventions

Internationally, ERIKS works to strengthen children's right to education and leisure, health, and protection. The work is always carried out in close cooperation with local organisations that have a deep understanding of the

context and a long-term presence in the country. ERIKS acts as partner, adviser and funder, with staff in Sweden and at regional offices in West Africa, East Africa, Asia and Eastern Europe.

The international programme work is governed by the 2022 to 2026 strategy and includes two goal areas: partnerships and interventions. The aim is to strengthen a child rights-based approach, contribute to peaceful, equal and sustainable societies, and ensure children's rights to education, health and protection.

In Sweden, ERIKS works so that children can grow up under equal and safe conditions. Through ERIKS Future Labs, and together with children, young people and parents, opportunities are created for personal development, meaningful participation, local advocacy and social mobilisation. The work is carried out in close cooperation with municipalities, businesses and other civil society organisations.

ERIKS Future Labs operates in collaboration with ERIKS Second Hand and provides a unique arena for social interventions where children, young people and adults meet. The work takes its starting point in the whole family, the most important protective factor for children.

## Results 2025, international work

ERIKS and our partner organisations work together with children, guardians and decision-makers. The work takes place both locally and at a broader level. The aim is to create long-term change in which children's rights are fulfilled.

2025 has been a year marked by increased conflict and uncertainty in several of our programme countries. In West Africa, the security situation deteriorated. In South Sudan, internal unrest has come and gone. The war in Ukraine continues, and towards the end of the year hostilities also arose between Cambodia and Thailand. Despite these challenges, we and our partner organisations have been able to carry out interventions that improve children's rights to education, health and protection.

To be better equipped for the future, in 2025 we began preparations for a stronger partnership with the British organisation Cord. The organisation has particular expertise in peacebuilding and conflict-sensitive work. Through

this partnership, the goal is to create an even safer environment for children.

During the year, we continued efforts to increase children's opportunities to go to school. We work to ensure that children in the most remote and vulnerable communities gain access to education. At the same time, we focus on ensuring a safe school environment and good-quality teaching. Because of increasing unrest in several countries, including in West Africa, we have worked with distance learning. This has made it possible for children to continue their schooling despite unsafe circumstances.

With regard to children's right to health, interventions in several programme countries focused on countering sexual violence, child marriage and female genital mutilation. In the area of protection, we carried out interventions to support children who had been subjected to different kinds of crimes in a coordinated and safe way. Children were also trained in warning systems and in how to act during natural disasters.



Mim Akter studies at home in Bangladesh.



Adama, in Dassoui, eastern Burkina Faso.



## Children's right to education – Bangladesh

Situation in the country	ERIKS' goals	Results in 2025
<p>Bangladesh is one of the most densely populated countries in the world. Children under the age of 18 make up around 35 per cent of the total population. Climate-related disasters, geographical isolation and weak infrastructure often interrupt children's schooling or leave them without access to education altogether. A lack of trained teachers in remote areas is one of the challenges. In the upper grades, dropout rates also increase because of poverty, child labour and child marriage.</p>	<p>To ensure that children have access to inclusive and quality education, are aware of their fundamental right to education, and are able to take an active part in their own learning process.</p>	<p>During 2025, a total of 8,666 participants were reached through regular activities in schools and education centres, including 3,547 boys, 4,114 girls and 1,005 adults. Pupils form democratically elected student committees that help increase awareness of children's rights and strengthen leadership. Through pre-recorded lessons, access to education has expanded significantly in remote and coastal areas. The use of visual learning methods has further improved children's learning and understanding.</p>
<p>During the year, the education sector faced several challenges, including political changes, limited resources and climate-related disruptions affecting schooling. Weak coordination between different actors further complicates the situation and particularly affects children in remote and coastal areas.</p>	<p>To ensure that children and young people in remote and coastal areas have access to inclusive and quality education. Education should be provided in safe, protected and child-friendly learning environments. By strengthening public authorities, the conditions are improved for reaching children and helping them remain in the education system.</p>	<p>During the year, cooperation between the Ministry of Education and local actors was strengthened. One example is the coordinated distribution of textbooks so that pupils can take part in lessons from the first day of school. This is especially important for children in remote and hard-to-reach areas. Quality checks to improve teaching are carried out in order to ensure a good education for all children.</p>
<p>Social norms and limited knowledge about the importance of schooling restrict children's and young people's opportunities for education. This also reduces their participation in decision-making both within the family and in society.</p>	<p>To strengthen civil society and provide tools to actively defend, demand and promote the right to inclusive and quality education for all children. There is a particular focus on strengthening parents, caregivers and local leaders. Through increased cooperation between families, schools and local authorities, better conditions are created for children's right to education to be fulfilled.</p>	<p>During 2025, more parents and caregivers became involved in their children's education. Increased participation in school activities creates a supportive and stimulating environment where children feel safe, valued and motivated. Parents and caregivers increasingly allow children to take part in family decision-making, and in the same way school leadership and other local groups encourage children to share their ideas.</p>



## Children's right to health – Romania

Situation in the country	ERIKS' goals	Results in 2025
<p>In communities where extreme poverty shapes everyday life, children's future is at risk from the very beginning. A lack of nutritious food and limited knowledge means that many children do not get the nutrition they need in order to grow and develop. Because of discrimination, healthcare is not equally accessible to everyone, and many children do not receive the care they need. The consequences are serious: delayed physical development and health problems that may affect them throughout life.</p>	<p>ERIKS' goal is to give every child a safe and healthy start in life. Through access to nutritious food and good healthcare, we create the conditions for children to grow, develop and thrive.</p>	<p>In the city of Baia Mare, we run a programme for mothers and infants in vulnerable life situations. The programme gives mothers support and counselling, regular health checks during pregnancy, and access to doctor contact during childbirth and hospital care. Every week, medical examinations are carried out for 50 children aged 0–3. Families in need receive baby products and food packages.</p> <p>The results are clear. During 2025, no infants died in the area, and fewer children needed emergency medical care.</p>
<p>Romania has one of the highest rates of teenage pregnancy in the EU. The causes include poverty and harmful practices such as child marriage, especially among Roma communities.</p> <p>The country has inconsistent policies and professional practices when it comes to adolescents' sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR).</p> <p>At the same time, adolescents from vulnerable groups are particularly affected by period poverty, mental health problems and substance abuse, and their access to healthcare is often limited.</p>	<p>ERIKS' goal is to ensure that all adolescents have the right to good physical and mental health, including access to sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) and menstrual health.</p>	<p>During the year, teenage girls in the city of Baia Mare and the village of Cernateaz take part in education on hygiene, physical development, mental health and menstrual health. These activities strengthen their self-confidence and create opportunities for meaningful contact with both peers and adults. Children's emotional well-being is monitored carefully so that emotional stress can be detected at an early stage.</p> <p>In Baia Mare, children also have access to sports equipment, which makes physical activity easier and contributes to better physical and mental health.</p>
<p>Although healthcare for children in Romania is formally free of charge, there are major differences between urban and rural areas. Children from vulnerable groups, especially in Roma families, often face discrimination when seeking care. They risk being ignored or receiving lower-quality care, which affects their chances of a safe and healthy start in life.</p>	<p>ERIKS' goal is to ensure cooperation between healthcare services and public authorities so that mothers and children from the most vulnerable groups receive the care they need. The aim is also for authorities to work proactively to prevent discrimination in healthcare.</p>	<p>During 2025, we worked together with our local partner organisations and community health nurses in Baia Mare and Marghita to register Roma children with family doctors and improve their access to healthcare and vaccinations. Our partner organisations report a positive development in doctors' attitudes towards vulnerable families.</p> <p>Two organisations provided individual support to children and their parents in their contact with family doctors and dentists. At the same time, work is under way to expand the network by involving volunteers and students at medical universities.</p>
<p>More than 60,000 Roma families live in temporary or informal housing, often without access to proper hygiene facilities or safe drinking water. Many homes are located on polluted sites or near industries, waste dumps and landfill areas.</p> <p>Children are affected the most. Many do not attend school and face risks such as accidents, malnutrition, mental health problems and, in the worst cases, death.</p>	<p>ERIKS' goal is to ensure health programmes for the most vulnerable children and to help make sure they can attend school. Another aim is to support parents and caregivers so that they understand their important role and act responsibly in creating a safe and supportive environment.</p>	<p>During the year, children in Marghita and Baia Mare had access to showers, hygiene products, clean clothes and dental care. This helps them overcome stigma and stay in school. The most vulnerable children also had access to medicines.</p> <p>In all the areas where we work, children who take part in pre-school and school activities receive nutritious meals.</p> <p>Parents and caregivers are becoming more actively involved. Several families are working to improve their living conditions and create a safer and healthier environment for their children.</p>



## Children's right to protection – Uganda

Situation in the country	ERIKS' goals	Results in 2025
<p>Although Uganda has extensive laws and national frameworks for children's rights, implementation remains weak. Violence against children, harmful parenting practices and negative social norms are still widespread, especially in vulnerable and mobile communities.</p> <p>When it comes to children's right to protection, the main threats are violence against children, separation from family, exploitation and gender-based violence.</p>	<p>To ensure that children are protected from all forms of abuse and exploitation by strengthening parents' and caregivers' knowledge of children's rights, positive parenting and non-violent methods.</p>	<p>During 2025, parenting groups were established, reaching 130 households and around 650 children. These efforts increased knowledge of children's rights and reduced acceptance of violence and harmful norms. Children actively took part in identifying risks and contributing to protective measures in their local communities.</p> <p>One of ERIKS' local partner organisations identified and rehabilitated 711 girls from the streets in the cities of Kampala and Mbale. The girls received care and support to return to school and were able to re-establish contact with their families. The organisation also worked actively with police, teachers and local leaders to identify, prevent and combat trafficking.</p>
<p>In many local communities, children are expected to be seen but not heard. This means that children are often unaware of their rights or have nowhere to turn in cases of abuse.</p>	<p>To ensure that children have knowledge of their rights, access to information and the opportunity to report cases of abuse in schools and local communities, as well as knowledge of how to protect themselves from abuse.</p>	<p>Through child rights clubs, children's parliaments and child-led activities, children were given platforms to express their views and report abuse. During the year, 197 child rights clubs linked to ERIKS' partner organisations received support. At the same time, 19 Members of Parliament were reached through advocacy for better resource allocation and stronger implementation of child protection legislation.</p> <p>Parents and caregivers set up committees to monitor children's rights in order to prevent cases of abuse such as child violence or child marriage.</p>
<p>The child protection system is weakened by a lack of resources and poor coordination between authorities.</p>	<p>To ensure that responsible authorities have the capacity to safeguard children's right to safety and protection.</p>	<p>During 2025, ERIKS' local partner organisations worked actively with decision-makers responsible for law enforcement and child rights issues. The work focused on improving coordination and promoting child-sensitive decision-making. They advocated for increased resources for child protection and for the implementation of existing laws. One of the partner organisations also submitted a report to the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child based on national child consultations and highlighting systemic gaps in children's participation.</p>

## Results 2025, interventions in Sweden

During the year, ERIKS Future Labs worked with children, young people and adults to support a safe and equal upbringing, increased participation and strengthened hope for the future. In 2025, 1,253 unique children and young people and 576 unique adults took part in recurring activities within ERIKS Future Labs. Every week, children and young people participate in leisure activities, study support, holiday programmes, discussion groups, and local and national forums.

The work is carried out in close cooperation with municipal services, schools, businesses and the wider civil society. These collaborations contribute to long-term and stronger local anchoring in neighbourhoods.

Through four interconnected focus areas, Personal Development, Social Mobilisation, Local Advocacy and Pathways into Working Life, the conditions are created for children, young people and their guardians to influence their situation. These interventions contribute to stronger community, greater responsibility and improved opportunities for children and their families.

## Personal development and social mobilisation – Sweden

Situation in the country	ERIKS' goals	Results in 2025
<p>Sweden today is marked by high socioeconomic inequality, with clear differences between residential areas. This affects children's and young people's opportunities for participation and influence, as well as their belief in the future.</p> <p>In several areas, there is a lack of meeting places where children and young people can take part in meaningful activities, meet positive adult role models and be part of environments that promote trust and a sense of belonging. Access to such settings is an important protective factor against exclusion and strengthens young people's sense of agency, resilience and future opportunities.</p>	<p>ERIKS' goal is for children and young people to have access to meaningful leisure time and a safe community, where they take their own initiatives and responsibility in creating activities for themselves and others. This creates conditions for increased self-esteem, hope for the future and participation in their own contexts.</p>	<p>Open meeting places and leisure activities bring together a growing number of children and young people in all locations where ERIKS operates in Sweden. Every week, children and young people take part in activities such as football, creative activities, games and discussion groups. These efforts have contributed to a stronger sense of community, greater hope for the future, and to young people increasingly taking responsibility and initiative for their own leisure time and development.</p> <p>In all locations, participants take the initiative to organise their own activities or have responsibility for planning and carrying them out, which strengthens their self-confidence and participation.</p>
<p>Differences in participation and influence are clear, and young people in socioeconomically disadvantaged areas often have low trust in society and do not believe that their voice makes a difference. Young people are often not given the opportunity to take space or influence their surroundings. This reinforces feelings of exclusion and powerlessness.</p> <p>At the same time, there is a great need for local role models who understand the area and can help increase safety, trust and hope for the future among children and young people.</p>	<p>ERIKS' goal is for participants to become role models for others in the area and to influence their surroundings in a positive way.</p>	<p>Through ERIKS Future Labs, young people are given the opportunity to take responsibility and act as role models for others. In several locations, older young people take part in leadership training and become important positive role models for younger participants.</p> <p>In Helsingborg, young people organise football tournaments and other activities.</p> <p>In Borlänge, Motala, Linköping and Uppsala, holiday youth workers plan day camps for younger children, where they act as safe leaders and inspire others. This shows how participants, through responsibility and participation, contribute to positive change and strengthen social cohesion in their areas.</p>
<p>Young people and parents in our programme areas carry experience, commitment, drive and ideas that can strengthen both safety and development.</p> <p>At the same time, many describe a lack of forums for dialogue, structures for influence and support in getting their voices heard and influencing the development of the area where they live.</p> <p>Residents' participation is a crucial factor for sustainable and long-term area development.</p>	<p>ERIKS' goal is for children, young people, parents and other residents in the area to be inspired to take their own initiatives that benefit the area where they live.</p>	<p>ERIKS Future Labs help responsibility and engagement spread through local networks and be shared among several actors. Through cooperation with civil society, municipalities and local residents, local initiatives grow with support from the Future Labs.</p> <p>Through youth councils in Borlänge, young people identify issues related to leisure activities and safer environments, and at the same time receive support in how they can influence decisions, for example by submitting citizen proposals or meeting decision-makers directly. In Uppsala, residents take part in different local forums where responsibility and implementation are shared, which strengthens local cohesion.</p>



## Local advocacy and pathways into working life – Sweden

Situation in the country	ERIKS' goal	Results in 2025
<p>More actors are needed who can help ensure that children's voices reach decision-makers. There is often a lack of platforms where children and young people can describe their everyday lives and influence issues related to school, safety and leisure.</p> <p>Local communities need actors who are present, who understand children's situations, and who build relationships that endure over time.</p>	<p>ERIKS' goal is for the Future Labs to be recognised as a relevant and credible actor, both locally and nationally, in issues such as participation, exclusion, community development and preventive work.</p>	<p>During the year, ERIKS Future Labs took part in dialogues with politicians and other decision-makers. In these settings, young people were able to raise issues relating to community development, youth participation and civic engagement. This strengthens our role as a platform where young people can make their voices heard and confirms our relevance in issues relating to youth participation and preventive work.</p> <p>Several young people from Linköping took part in seminars in Almedalen, Sweden's annual political week.</p> <p>In Uppsala, young people participated in panel discussions, workshops and meetings with national and municipal decision-makers, including in connection with the Child Rights Days.</p>
<p>In several of the areas where ERIKS Future Lab operates, there is strong commitment among local residents, but opportunities to influence change are limited. Many people express a desire to contribute but lack clear entry points, forums for dialogue, or support in taking their ideas forward. When such structures are missing, both development and community risk losing momentum.</p>	<p>ERIKS' goal is for local residents to be able to take part, influence decisions, and create positive change in their neighbourhood.</p>	<p>Through locally rooted interventions, children and young people are able to influence issues that affect their neighbourhoods and everyday lives.</p> <p>In Motala, participants from ERIKS Future Lab took part in an area group together with local actors from the municipality and civil society.</p> <p>In Kristianstad, joint community-based initiatives mobilised more positive forces that contributed to stronger safety and community. One example is the continued development of a local community day in cooperation with local actors, bringing together around 300 visitors of different ages.</p>
<p>Unequal conditions during childhood and throughout life affect the opportunities for both parents and young adults to enter employment and strengthen their ability to become self-supporting. Factors such as unemployment, educational attainment, and access to networks and support vary depending on where in the country people live and may make it more difficult to find work. When adults have limited opportunities for employment and financial independence, this affects the security of the whole family and children's opportunities to complete their education and establish themselves in working life.</p>	<p>ERIKS' goal is to strengthen the opportunities for parents and young adults to establish themselves in the labour market and become self-supporting. Through the Future Labs, participants are given the conditions they need to prepare for working life, take responsibility for their own future, and become engaged as leaders within the activities.</p>	<p>Young people and adults were given opportunities to move closer to the labour market through targeted training, meaningful internships and holiday jobs. These activities not only provide work experience, but also references and stronger confidence in the future.</p> <p>In Uppsala, 32 people took part in labour market workshops and 40 people participated in the course Traffic Start.</p> <p>In Linköping, 12 people completed the course A Good Life, and 45 people had internships in ERIKS' second hand store.</p>

## Evaluation and key lessons, international work

Evaluations of our international work show that close cooperation with local organisations is a key success factor. This approach enables us to work effectively and adapt our interventions quickly in changing, conflict-affected and climate-vulnerable contexts.

During 2025 and 2026, we continue to work on improvement areas identified in our self-assessment under the Core Humanitarian Standard. In 2025, this includes clarifying our internal decision-making routes so that we can act quickly in humanitarian crises and continuing to support our partner organisations in developing child-friendly complaints and response systems.



Children playing in the schoolyard at Rampal Child Centre in Bangladesh.

## Evaluation and key lessons in Sweden

For ERIKS, it is essential that our work leads to real change for children and families. In our goals, we describe the change we want to see among different actors, groups and individuals, and we follow up progress through both qualitative and quantitative indicators. The Change Barometer is used to measure qualitative results at group level, for example development in opportunities for influence, responsibility, participation, hope for the future and motivation, as well as supportive contexts and relationships, and mental health and well-being. We analyse the results centrally and use them to strengthen quality and continue developing the work.

In September 2025, the four-year Dream Project "Föräldrakraft" began, financed by the Swedish Postcode Lottery. The vision is that stronger parents create safe children and that the whole family needs to be involved in order to create sustainable change. Within the project, parents meet in a safe community, share experiences and grow in their parenting, while activities are arranged for children and young people so that the whole family can take part. The project also aims to inspire continued engagement and learning after the project ends by maintaining a meeting place where parents can continue to support one another, start their own initiatives and remain active in matters concerning their children and local community.

Within ERIKS Future Lab, quarterly reports are compiled for each location. The work is followed up through narrative descriptions and statistics. The reports

summarise the most important events of the period, follow up the goals and results matrix, highlight quotations from participants, and identify possible risks and areas for development. Together with the annual activity report, these reports create a structured basis for qualitative follow-up and continued development.



ERIKS Future Lab.

# Annual Accounts

## Administration Report

The Board of Directors and the Secretary-General of ERIKS, organisation number 827500-4789, hereby submit the annual accounts for the financial year 1 January to 31 December 2025, which constitutes ERIKS' 79th year of operations. The organisation's full name is ERIKSHJÄLPEN, Insamlingsstiftelsen Farbror Eriks barn- och hjälpverksamhet (in English: ERIKS Development Partner). ERIKS' head office is located in Jönköping municipality.

This financial report also includes certain information about ERIKS second hand operations, which are conducted in a separate legal entity under the ERIKS brand. ERIKS Second Hand is not included in these annual accounts but is covered by separate annual accounts.

### GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE OPERATIONS

ERIKS is a child rights organisation founded by Erik Nilsson, a boy from Småland, Sweden, whose commitment to children in vulnerable situations laid the foundation for the organisation. Based on the conviction that sick and vulnerable children also have the right to joy and hope for the future, ERIKS has from the outset worked to improve children's living conditions. The organisation's work aims to create the conditions for a better tomorrow in which children do not have to live in poverty or exclusion. On the basis of children's rights and perspectives, the organisation works together with children, their families and the surrounding community in order to provide children with equal living conditions and greater life opportunities.

ERIKS primary target group is children and young people, especially those living in vulnerability as a result of poverty, unequal living conditions or social exclusion.

The founder's will and purpose are set out in the founding document that constitutes the foundation's statutes and was adopted in 1967, the year after Erik Nilsson's death. The foundation's purpose is to conduct Christian and social humanitarian activities in Sweden and abroad, primarily among children and young people.

ERIKS is today an international child rights organisation whose values rest on the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, a Christian view of humanity, and the organisation's historical heritage, referred to as the spirit of Erik. ERIKS international operations are carried out in 15 priority programme countries in close cooperation with around sixty different partner organisations. The focus is on long-term development interventions in which we work together with children, guardians and decision-makers to ensure that children's rights are fulfilled both locally and globally.

In Sweden, the work for children and young people is carried out mainly through ERIKS Future Lab. The work is conducted in six locations in close cooperation with ERIKS Second Hand stores and local actors. The aim is to promote equal conditions for growing up and give children in socio-economically disadvantaged areas opportunities for personal development and meaningful leisure time.

ERIKS work in Sweden is also carried out through cooperation with Kultursjukhuset, which has a particular focus on encouraging children and families who spend a great deal of time in hospital. Unlike the broader social mobilisation


of ERIKS Future Lab in underprivileged areas, the cooperation with Kultursjukhuset is directed at children and families in medically vulnerable situations.

ERIKS operations are financed through gifts from private individuals, companies and organisations, grants from public and private funders, and surplus from ERIKS Second Hand.

ERIKS vision is a better world where children's dreams come true.


### SIGNIFICANT EVENTS DURING THE FINANCIAL YEAR

During 2025, ERIKS continued to conduct and develop its operations in line with the foundation's purpose and established strategies. 2025 was the final year of the current strategy, More for More. During the year, work was carried out to develop a new strategy for 2026 to 2030. This took place together with ERIKS Second Hand. The strategy, adopted by the Board in February 2025, contains four shared directions.




**1. FOCUS ON CHILDREN'S RIGHTS**

We want children's rights to influence everything we do. Sustainable development is an important part of this, as it enables children's dreams to come true.




**2. STRONG BRAND**

We want to be a credible organisation with a strong brand that is associated with both work for children's rights and non-profit second-hand.



**3. GROWTH**

We want to increase fundraising and surplus through strong collaborations, conscious choices and innovation.



**4. EFFICIENT ORGANISATION**

We want to work together as ONE ERIKS for efficiency and decisiveness.

This new strategic direction represents a concentrated internal effort and will form an important basis for ERIKS organisation and operations over the coming years.

2025 was heavily affected by the uncertain global situation. Russia's ongoing full-scale invasion of Ukraine forced new interventions and priorities. The conflict between Thailand and Cambodia required additional humanitarian interventions and also affected ERIKS staff. Similarly, the threat posed by terrorist groups in Mali and Burkina Faso entails real security risks for both staff and operations. ERIKS monitors developments in all programme countries and works to ensure the safety of staff and the implementation of planned interventions.

### International work

During 2025, we prepared for a clearer concentration of our work. This means that during 2026 we will phase out interventions in two programme countries, India and Laos, in order to deepen and strengthen interventions in the remaining countries.

Grant funding from Sida, previously channelled through the Swedish Mission Council (SMC), came to an end during the year. After Sida terminated the agreement in 2024, there was initially uncertainty about continued funding, but the agreement was extended and funding through the Swedish Mission Council continued for the first nine months of 2025. In parallel, ERIKS, together with Cord, a British organisation with expertise in conflict sensitivity, applied for new direct support from Sida for the period 2026 to 2028 for the programme Safer Futures: Empowering Civil Society for Child Protection. The main application, totalling SEK 135 million, was formally approved in November 2025. In addition, we have applied for additional funds for Ukraine amounting to SEK 9.5 million for the period 2026 to 2027; however, no decision has yet been received. Towards the end of the year, we were informed that the signing of the new Sida agreement had been delayed. This creates a degree of uncertainty in planning and delays the start of the new programme.

During the year, we also began using our new intervention management system, Compass, in full.

During the year, our disaster fund contributed to eight humanitarian interventions in four countries, with a total of SEK 2.8 million.

### Work in Sweden

The expansion of ERIKS Future Lab was marked during the year by increased interest from several municipalities and actors wishing to deepen cooperation or launch new operations. During 2025, a feasibility study was carried out in Halmstad, financed by a local foundation, resulting in a new Future Lab being launched at the beginning of 2026. In Vetlanda, the municipality expressed interest and granted support for a feasibility study that will be carried out in early 2026.

Operations in Sweden were awarded two larger project grants during the year. Kavli Foundation granted NOK 5 million over three years to strengthen the concept and methods within ERIKS Future Lab. In addition, the Swedish Postcode Lottery granted a total of SEK 11.3 million to the dream project Föräldrakraft, which made it possible to employ one person per site to strengthen the work with parents. The project runs from 2025 to 2027.

To strengthen the operations and reduce vulnerability, activity leaders were recruited in several locations. These leaders work a few hours per week and help make the work more robust and flexible.

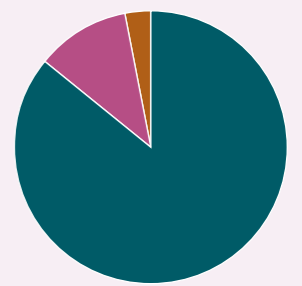
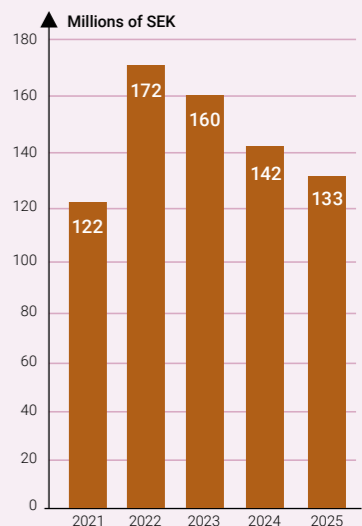
### Communication and fundraising

The market for fundraising from private donors is changing rapidly and competition is increasing. The largest organisations are investing heavily in fundraising, and in a digital and global landscape, new actors are entering the field.

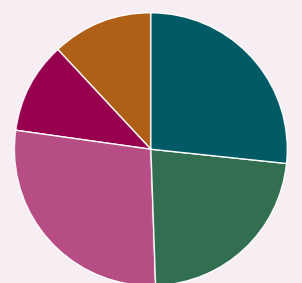
Income from regular donor agreements increased by close to 3.8 per cent during 2025. This increase can be linked to several activities:

### Allocated to programmes

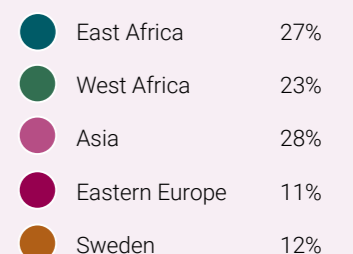
In 2025, ERIKS allocated SEK 133 million to programme activities.

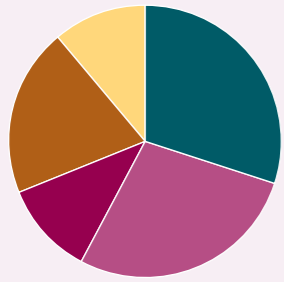


### Distribution of interventions 2025



### Regional distribution of long-term interventions 2025





### Distribution of revenue

Donations	30%
ERIKS Second Hand shops	28%
Swedish Mission Council	11%
Postcode Lottery, Radio Aid etc	20%
Other income (including sales of securities and properties)	11%

### Income 2025

(millions of SEK)

Regular donations	27,4
Wills	11,0
Donations in Honour or in Memory of Others	0,9
Other donations	6,6
ERIKS Second Hand shops	43,0
Swedish Mission Council	17,1
Radio Aid including the Children of the World campaign	13,5
Postcode Lottery	17,6
Other income	17,0
	154,1



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 2025, administration costs were 5,1% and fundraising costs were 7,0% of total income.

- Increased number of events for recruiting new regular donors. The total number of new regular donors acquired through events increased by 30 per cent in 2025 compared to 2024.
- Telemarketing to existing donors with an offer to increase their monthly giving amount.
- Focused work on philanthropy.

During the spring, a new strategy was developed for fundraising aimed at a younger target group. A cross-functional project group was created to implement the strategy. The focus during the year was on three strategic areas: target group-adapted fundraising, relevant and loyalty-building communication, and committed, goal-oriented recruitment.

The Christmas campaign generated increased income in several channels, increases that can be linked to strategic priorities.

### Advocacy

During the year, ERIKS' priority areas for advocacy were reviewed and reworked. New working methods in this area were developed jointly for ERIKS and ERIKS Second Hand.

### PROMOTION OF THE FOUNDATION'S PURPOSE

ERIKS purpose is to conduct Christian, social and humanitarian work for children and young people in Sweden and in other countries. During the financial year 2025, the foundation promoted its purpose through interventions that, in practice, strengthen children's rights and improve their living conditions, in accordance with the statutes and on the basis of the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

International operations were carried out in close partnership with local partner organisations in a number of countries where children live in poverty, conflict, discrimination or other forms of vulnerability. Through long-term development interventions and humanitarian measures, ERIKS has contributed to children gaining better opportunities to go to school, receive health support and live in safer and more protected environments. The work is based on children's own rights and needs and has been carried out in dialogue with children, guardians and local communities, with the aim of achieving sustainable improvements in children's living conditions over time. During the year, the foundation also maintained readiness to act in acute humanitarian crises where children's protection and basic needs were prioritised. During 2025, ERIKS carried out humanitarian interventions where urgent needs arose. Support was directed to children and families in Gaza, Myanmar, Ukraine, as well as areas where people have been displaced. The interventions included distribution of food, water, basic equipment, hygiene items and psychosocial support. The humanitarian work was carried out in close cooperation with established partner organisations.

In Sweden, ERIKS purpose has mainly been promoted through ERIKS Future Lab. Through Future Labs in socio-economically disadvantaged areas, children and young people were offered safe settings in which they could develop, be listened to and strengthen their confidence in the future. The work included supportive and developmental interventions in personal development, social mobilisation, local advocacy and pathways into studies and working life.

Through these combined efforts, ERIKS concretely promoted its purpose in 2025 by strengthening children's rights and improving their living conditions both in Sweden and internationally, thereby contributing to greater opportunities for equal life chances for children and young people.

### RESULTS AND FINANCIAL POSITION

ERIKS operations are financed primarily through gifts and grants. Gifts are received from individual donors, wills, companies and other organisations such as the

### Multi-year comparison

	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
<b>Total income in thousands of SEK</b>	154 089	178 530	152 932	194 509	162 678
<b>Programme costs/Total income %</b>	86	80	105	89	75
<b>Fundraising costs/Total income %</b>	7	6	8	6	6
<b>Administrative costs/Total income %</b>	5	5	6	5	5

Swedish Postcode Lottery. Grants are received from Sida through the Swedish Mission Council, Radio Aid and other individual foundations. ERIKS Second Hand contributed a surplus of SEK 43 million to ERIKS operations. In addition to this, there is surplus from capital management. Having many different sources of finance contributes to a stable financial position with considerable opportunity for the organisation to plan and prioritise interventions. ERIKS' total income amounted to SEK 154 million.

ERIKS reports a result of SEK 2.7 million, which is SEK 3.8 million better than the budgeted result. Income in the form of gifts and grants developed positively, although cautiously. In 2024, ERIKS received record-high gifts from wills, which means that total income in 2025 is lower than in 2024. Costs during the year were kept at a lower level, in line with budget. The positive result is largely due to capital gains on managed assets.

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

The Board has decided that balanced equity should correspond to current turnover for a period of five to seven months. This means that there are sufficient reserves for the programme operations to be wound down in a dignified way if the conditions for fundraising and grants were to change substantially. On the balance sheet date, ERIKS had balanced equity corresponding to 7.4 months of turnover.

### USE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

ERIKS Board has adopted an investment policy governing the management of the foundation's financial assets. The purpose of using financial instruments is to ensure long-term stable capital management, taking into account the requirements of sound return, prudent security and limited risk exposure.

The foundation's financial assets are mainly invested in listed shares and equity funds. Management takes place in accordance with the foundation's ethical guidelines and core values. Investments are made only in companies and funds that comply with international conventions on human rights, the environment and anti-corruption. Investments in activities linked to weapons, war materiel, alcohol, tobacco, gambling, pornography or fossil energy are excluded.

Securities received as donations are sold promptly in accordance with the investment policy. The Securities Committee is responsible for ongoing capital management and for ensuring compliance with established risk limits and ethical guidelines. External financial advice is sought where necessary.

The principal financial risk related to the foundation's financial instruments is currency risk, which arises from operations and commitments in foreign currencies. To limit this risk, the Board has adopted a currency risk policy. Currency risk is managed through the use of derivatives in the form of foreign exchange forward contracts, used solely to reduce exposure to identified currency fluctuations. During 2025, currency hedging was carried out through quarterly maturing foreign exchange forward contracts.

### SUSTAINABILITY INFORMATION

ERIKS work on sustainability is an integrated part of its purpose and contributes to strengthening children's and families' opportunities for a long-term sustainable future. The sustainability work includes social, environmental, ethical and financial aspects and is carried out in accordance with the foundation's sustainability policy and other governing guidelines.

The work is based on the Convention on the Rights of the Child and international conventions on human rights, the environment and anti-corruption. It is governed through established policies on sustainability, internal control, code of conduct, equal treatment, partnerships and procurement. ERIKS requires partners and suppliers to follow these principles, and assessments are carried out before new collaborations begin. The work is followed up through established routines for internal control and reporting.

Social sustainability lies at the heart of ERIKS work. As a child rights organisation, the foundation works to strengthen children's rights and combat poverty, vulnerability and inequality in Sweden and internationally. Through long-term programme interventions, children's rights to education, health, safety and participation are promoted.

Environmental and climate issues are taken into account, particularly in international work where climate change and environmental degradation affect children's and families' living conditions. ERIKS works with disaster risk reduction and resilience as part of its programme operations. Environmental assessments are carried out before

planned interventions. In its own operations, the organisation aims for efficient use of resources and reduced climate impact through conscious choices in working methods, travel and procurement. The head office is environmentally certified according to Svensk Miljöbas, aligned with SUSA (Sustainable Standards).

Gender equality, diversity and inclusion are important parts of ERIKS' sustainability work, both in programme activities and as an employer. The foundation works to promote equal rights and opportunities regardless of gender, background or sexual identity. This is governed through policies on equal treatment and diversity, as well as annual active measures and training initiatives.

ERIKS actively works to prevent irregularities and corruption through clear governing documents, internal procedures and follow-up. The foundation has policies for internal control, a code of conduct and the handling of suspected irregularities. As a holder of a 90-account, ERIKS also complies with the regulations of the Swedish Fundraising Control, which entails requirements for sound internal control, ethical fundraising, transparency and responsible management of donated funds. Procedures for the assessment of partner organisations and suppliers ensure that collaborations are conducted in accordance with the foundation's ethical guidelines and international conventions.

ERIKS strives to be a sustainable and responsible employer through systematic work environment management and preventive and health-promoting initiatives. The work aims to create favourable conditions for engagement, development and long-term commitment within the organization. Leadership development, competence supply and working methods that promote participation are central elements of this work. Through our active efforts, we are an attractive employer.

Financial sustainability is ensured through long-term planning, sound budget discipline and responsible management. Capital management is carried out in accordance with the foundation's investment policy, with requirements for ethical investments, limited risk and transparency. Financial instruments are used only for the purpose of managing identified risks, such as currency risks linked to international commitments.

Through its comprehensive sustainability work, ERIKS strives to promote its purpose in the long term, maintain a high level of trust among donors, partners, authorities and other stakeholders, and to be an attractive employer.

## EXPECTED FUTURE DEVELOPMENT, INCLUDING SIGNIFICANT RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

According to our vision, ERIKS works for a better world where children's dreams come true. We want to help create a safer and better world for all children. By talking to children and including them in our different interventions, children and their families become participants and agents of change in their own lives. By strengthening children's rights to education, health and protection, we help create better conditions and life opportunities for children

and young people around the world.

We live in a troubled time, with war and conflict around the world, political and economic uncertainty, and climate change increasingly affecting people's lives and everyday reality in many of our programme countries. In Sweden, public debate is shaped, among other things, by issues surrounding organised crime and further tightening of migration policy. In all these events and processes, children are the ones most severely affected. This global and national uncertainty affects ERIKS in many different ways. In some cases, it means increased costs or difficulties travelling to and visiting countries and locations. In other cases, long-term development interventions must be adjusted to focus on more urgent humanitarian needs. The assessment of future development is based on current conditions and may change if the external situation develops in another direction.

Against this background, in 2026 ERIKS new Sida-funded programme Safer Futures: Empowering Civil Society for Child Protection will be implemented. Together with the British organisation Cord, which specialises in conflict sensitivity, ERIKS will work in four regions and eight countries with interventions aimed at strengthening civil society organisations in their work to create safe environments for children and strengthen children's rights.

In Sweden, work continues to develop the concept of ERIKS Future Lab, aimed at children and young people in socio-economically disadvantaged areas. The Norwegian Kavli Foundation and the Swedish Postcode Lottery have made continued development possible through two major project grants. Funding from a local foundation means that ERIKS Future Lab Halmstad can begin operations on 1 January 2026, and Vetlanda Municipality has granted funds for a feasibility study aimed at launching a Future Lab in Vetlanda in the years ahead.

The global anxiety and uncertainty will continue to affect and shape ERIKS over the next few years. At the same time, this also means that ERIKS mission becomes clearer and that commitment is awakened among staff, volunteers, customers and donors. In a shared strategic direction, ERIKS and ERIKS Second Hand have decided that children's rights are to permeate all operations. Our ambition is for the organisation as a whole to grow and continue to develop. This strategic direction also means that resources will need to be prioritised and used in ways that create stability and the capacity to deal with rapid changes in the world around us.

The significant risks and uncertainty factors can be divided into two main areas. The first concerns security threats such as the war in Ukraine and the terrorist threat in Mali and Burkina Faso. Depending on how these conflicts develop, they may involve risks to staff as well as uncertainty about the feasibility of carrying out planned interventions. These risks are managed through established security procedures, continuous situation assessments and adjustments to the implementation of operations.

The second concerns the organisation's long-term financial sustainability. In recent years, operating costs have increased more rapidly than income from fundraising, project grants and institutional funding. To ensure a balanced

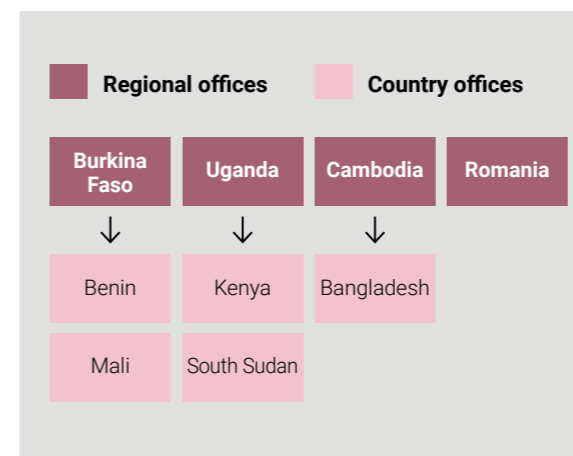
budget and long-term sustainability, an organisational review will be carried out during 2026 with the aim of ensuring balance between available resources, organisational structure, staffing and the scale of programme activities. At the same time, investments are being made to strengthen ERIKS fundraising work. These include efforts to establish new partnerships with philanthropists and other major donors, as well as the development of new donor formats. Financial uncertainty is also affected by changing grant levels and exchange-rate fluctuations linked to international operations, which the foundation actively manages through planning, risk assessments and currency hedging.

## REGIONAL OFFICES ABROAD

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 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 funding from, for example, institutions and embassies in the country. The country office in Bangladesh does not have local registration, which means that ERIKS staff at that office are formally employed by a local host organisation.

The regional offices are responsible for planning, implementation and follow-up of ERIKS country strategies and programmes carried out in cooperation with local partner organisations. They also have responsibility for regional resource mobilisation and advocacy, and for representing ERIKS in relation to public authorities, networks, institutional donors and other actors connected to the work in the region.



## GOVERNANCE

The Board is responsible for the organisation and management of ERIKS operations. In 2025, the Board consisted of ten regular members. During the year, the Board held five meetings. The Board also has an Executive Committee consisting of the Chairperson, First Vice Chairperson and Second Vice Chairperson, which held five meetings during 2025 in order to prepare matters and plan Board meetings.

The foundation is registered with the County Administrative Board in Östergötland, Sweden under foundation number 1014453.

### 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.

### Maria Olausson

Second Vice Chairperson. 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### Linda Jägerskog

Regular member. Lives in Järfälla outside Stockholm. Educated behavioral scientist, has mostly worked with personnel matters in civil society organisations, most recently at the Swedish Mission Council (SMC). Currently works as HR Manager at the adult education association Bilda.

# Financial Report

## Income Statement

Amounts in thousands of SEK

	Note	2025-01-01- 2025-12-31	2024-01-01- 2024-12-31
<b>Operating income</b>	1,2		
Donations	3	104 516	121 652
Grants	3	35 010	46 580
Net sales	4	510	685
Other operating income	3	91	172
<b>Total operating income</b>		<b>140 127</b>	<b>169 089</b>
<b>Operating costs</b>	5,6,7		
Programme costs		-132 842	-142 055
Fundraising costs		-10 729	-11 563
Administrative costs		-7 782	-8 945
<b>Total operating costs</b>		<b>-151 353</b>	<b>-162 563</b>
<b>Operating profit/loss</b>		<b>-11 226</b>	<b>6 526</b>
<b>Result from financial investments</b>			
Income from other securities and receivables that are fixed assets	8	13 897	9 092
Interest income and similar items	9	65	349
<b>Total result from financial investments</b>		<b>13 962</b>	<b>9 441</b>
<b>Profit/loss after financial items</b>		<b>2 736</b>	<b>15 967</b>
Tax on net profit	10	-18	-
<b>Net profit/loss for the year</b>		<b>2 718</b>	<b>15 967</b>



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

### ERIKS' organisation

In 2025, ERIKS had 61 full-time employees in Sweden. The headquarters are located in Huskvarna, Jönköping municipality.

In total, during 2025, 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.

**Auditors:** Lisa Fahlström, PwC Jönköping, authorised public accountant, and Martin Nääs, PwC, Stockholm, authorised public accountant.

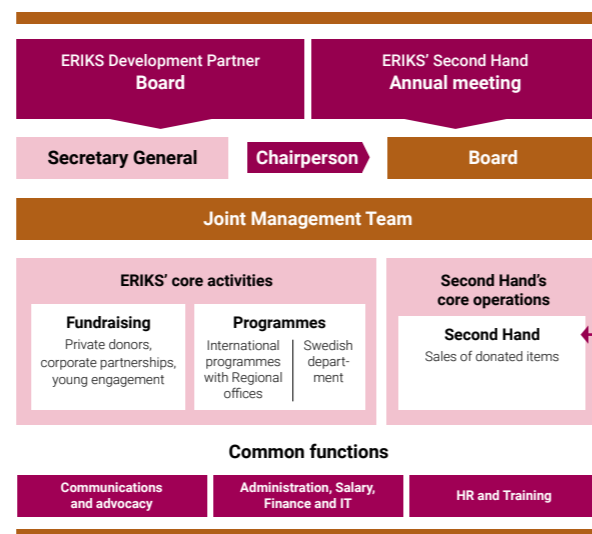
### Management team of the ERIKS Foundation:

Mattias Ingeson, Secretary-General.  
 Elisabeth Holm, CFO.  
 Helena Lind, Communications and Fundraising Manager.  
 Christina Grafström, HR Manager.  
 Anders Malmstigen, Head of International Programs.  
 Jonatan Saldner, Head of Swedish Programs.  
 Sara Hahne, Business Strategist.

### ERIKS Second Hand Association:

A non-profit association consisting of 32 legal members with overall coordination in Huskvarna. The Executive Director is Jerker Sandell. The association's chair was Mattias Ingeson. The second-hand operations have their own management 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 management teams.



There is also a joint management 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.

### SIGNIFICANT EVENTS AFTER THE END OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR

After the end of the financial year, on 14 April 2026, ERIKS received formal approval of the agreement with Sida concerning direct support for the period 2026–2028 within the programme "Safer Futures: Empowering Civil Society for Child Protection". The original application amounts to a total of SEK 135 million. This event relates to conditions that arose after the balance sheet date and has therefore not affected the balance sheet or the income statement as at the end of the financial year.

## Balance Sheet

Amounts in thousands of SEK

	Note	2025-12-31	2024-12-31
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
<b>Intangible assets</b>			
Capital expenditures for software	11	3 219	511
Ongoing software development work	12	-	144
		3 219	655
<b>Tangible fixed assets</b>			
Buildings and land	13	258	265
Inventories	14	375	617
		633	882
<b>Financial fixed assets</b>			
Other long-term securities holdings	15	85 030	78 748
<b>Total fixed assets</b>		<b>88 882</b>	<b>80 285</b>
<b>Current assets</b>			
<b>Current receivables</b>			
Accounts receivable		285	396
Current tax receivables		30	49
Other receivables		189	101
Prepaid expenses and accrued income	16	15 804	8 121
		<b>16 308</b>	<b>8 667</b>
<b>Short-term investments</b>			
	17	203	11
<b>Cash on hand and bank balance</b>			
	18	19 697	23 908
<b>Total current assets</b>		<b>36 208</b>	<b>32 586</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>125 090</b>	<b>112 871</b>
<b>EQUITY AND LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>Equity</b>			
Restricted programme funds		2 316	2 255
Profit/loss brought forward		92 308	89 651
<b>Total Equity</b>		<b>94 624</b>	<b>91 906</b>
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Accounts payable		1 600	1 607
Liability from unused grants	19	16 270	9 193
Other current liabilities		1 949	747
Accrued expenses and prepaid income	20	10 647	9 418
<b>Total current liabilities</b>		<b>30 466</b>	<b>20 965</b>
<b>TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES</b>		<b>125 090</b>	<b>112 871</b>

## Changes in Equity

Amounts in thousands of SEK

	Restricted programme funds	Profit/loss brought forward	Net profit/loss for the year	Total equity
<b>Equity as of 2025-01-01</b>	2 255	73 684	15 967	91 906
Last year's balance profit/loss	-	15 967	-15 967	-
Reservation	1 656	-1 656	-	-
Use	-1 595	1 595	-	-
Net profit/loss for the year	-	-	2 718	2 718
<b>Equity as of 2025-12-31</b>	<b>2 316</b>	<b>89 590</b>	<b>2 718</b>	<b>94 624</b>

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	2025-01-01-2025-12-31	2024-01-01-2024-12-31
<b>Operating activities</b>			
Operating profit/loss		-11 226	6 526
Adjustment for non-cash items			
- Depreciation		472	410
- Capital gains on the sale of equipment		-3	-67
Received interest and dividends		4 044	4 430
Paid income tax		1	-49
<b>Cash flow from operating activities before changes in working capital</b>		<b>-6 712</b>	<b>11 250</b>
<b>Changes in working capital</b>			
Change in current receivables		-7 660	-1 154
Change in current liabilities		9 501	3 365
<b>Cash flow from operating activities</b>		<b>-4 871</b>	<b>13 461</b>
<b>Investing activities</b>			
	21		
Acquisition of tangible fixed assets		-	-187
Sale of tangible fixed assets		7	195
Acquisition of intangible fixed assets		-2 802	-144
Acquisition of financial fixed assets		-25 092	-38 220
Disposal of financial fixed assets		28 739	35 640
Change in short-term investments		-192	1 052
<b>Cash flow from investing activities</b>		<b>660</b>	<b>-1 664</b>
<b>Cash flow of the year</b>		<b>-4 211</b>	<b>11 797</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalent at the beginning of the year</b>		<b>23 908</b>	<b>12 111</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalent at the end of the year</b>	18	<b>19 697</b>	<b>23 908</b>

## Notes

### NOTE 1

#### 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. The accounting practices are unchanged compared to the previous financial year.

#### 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.

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.

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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.

##### Derivative instruments

The foundation uses forward exchange contracts to manage currency risks. Derivative instruments with a negative value are measured at that negative value. Value changes arising under the lower of cost or market principle and changes in negative value are recognised immediately in the income statement. Value changes on derivative instruments classified as current and non-current liabilities are recognised in different line items in the income statement depending on the purpose of holding the derivative instrument, which in the foundation's case means that value changes on forward exchange contracts are recognised in the line item programme costs in the income statement.

##### 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 per cent 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 per cent of the entire equity portfolio, with the exception of investment companies which can amount to 20 per cent.

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

	2025-01-01- 2025-12-31	2024-01-01- 2024-12-31
<b>Donations</b>		
Regular donations	27 366	26 523
Wills	11 042	36 697
One-time donations	7 563	7 599
Post code lottery, core support	15 545	15 000
ERIKS Second Hand	43 000	35 833
<b>Total funds raised (donations)</b>	<b>104 516</b>	<b>121 652</b>

### Grants

#### Non-public grants

Companies	1 622	1 548
Radio Aid	13 453	14 208
Post code lottery, project support	2 092	1 447
<b>Total non-public grants</b>	<b>17 167</b>	<b>17 203</b>

#### Public grants

Sida via Swedish Mission Council	17 068	28 748
Municipality/Region	455	629
Governmental grants	320	-
<b>Total public grants</b>	<b>17 843</b>	<b>29 377</b>

#### Total grants

**35 010**      **46 580**

#### Total funds raised consist of the following

Donations	104 516	121 652
Non-public grants	17 167	17 203
<b>Total funds raised</b>	<b>121 683</b>	<b>138 855</b>

#### Other operating income is distributed as follows

Rental income	55	25
Others	36	147
<b>Total other income</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>172</b>

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	2025-01-01- 2025-12-31	2024-01-01- 2024-12-31
Sponsorship packages	265	475
Sale of goods	114	111
Sale of services	131	99
<b>Total</b>	<b>510</b>	<b>685</b>

**NOTE 5****Employees and staff costs**

	2025-01-01- 2025-12-31	2024-01-01- 2024-12-31
<b>Average number of employees</b>		
Women	41	39
Men	20	21
<b>Total</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>60</b>
<b>Board members on the balance sheet date</b>		
Women	4	4
Men	6	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Senior executives</b>		
Women	3	4
Men	3	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>

**Salaries and other benefits including social costs and pension costs**

Amounts in thousands of SEK	2025-01-01- 2025-12-31	2024-01-01- 2024-12-31
<b>Salaries and other benefits</b>		
Board including chairperson	93	113
Secretary-General	806	1 028*
Other employees	27 728	27 176
<b>Total</b>	<b>28 627</b>	<b>28 317</b>
<b>Pension costs</b>		
Social security contributions according to law and agreement	9 621	9 375
Pension costs for Secretary-General	160	194
Pension costs for other employees	2 164	2 052
<b>Total</b>	<b>11 945</b>	<b>11 621</b>

\* 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 national registrations 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	2025-01-01- 2025-12-31	2024-01-01- 2024-12-31
Programmes	86 453	95 346
Humanitarian interventions	2 833	2 889
Regional offices	14 260	14 215
Programme coordination	15 274	15 306
Material aid Human Bridge	500	500
Scandinavian Doctors	2 107	2 467
Communication	8 612	8 642
Annual grants and other applications	2 803	2 690
<b>Total</b>	<b>132 842</b>	<b>142 055</b>

**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	2025-01-01- 2025-12-31	2024-01-01- 2024-12-31
Within one year	2 089	2 013
Between one and five years	791	2 207
The financial year's leasing fee expenses	2 813	2 518

ERIKS has lease agreements for four premises with a nine-month notice period, as well as one premises with a six-month notice period.

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

Amounts in thousands of SEK	2025-01-01- 2025-12-31	2024-01-01- 2024-12-31
Dividends	2 427	2 408
Capital gains on sales	9 929	5 011
Interest rates	1 541	1 673
<b>Total</b>	<b>13 897</b>	<b>9 092</b>

**NOTE 9****Interest income and similar items**

Amounts in thousands of SEK	2025-01-01- 2025-12-31	2024-01-01- 2024-12-31
Interest income	76	185
Exchange rate differences	-11	289
Impairment	-	-125
<b>Total</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>349</b>

**NOTE 10****Tax on commercial activities**

Amounts in thousands of SEK

	2025-01-01- 2025-12-31	2024-01-01- 2024-12-31
Current tax expense	-18	-
<b>Tax on the year's profit</b>	<b>-18</b>	<b>-</b>
Reported profit, in taxable commercial activities, before tax		
Tax calculated according to the applicable tax rate, 20.6% (20.6%)	-	-
Adjustment previous year's tax expense	-18	-
<b>Reported tax cost</b>	<b>-18</b>	<b>-</b>

**NOTE 11****Balanced development expenditure**

Amounts in thousands of SEK

	2025-12-31	2024-12-31
<b>Accumulated acquisition values</b>		
-At the beginning of the year	696	696
-New acquisitions	2 802	-
-Reclassifications	144	-
<b>At the balance sheet date</b>	<b>3 642</b>	<b>696</b>
<b>Accumulated depreciation</b>		
-At the beginning of the year	-185	-46
-Depreciation for the year	-238	-139
<b>At the balance sheet date</b>	<b>-423</b>	<b>-185</b>
<b>Reported value at the balance sheet date</b>	<b>3 219</b>	<b>511</b>

**NOTE 12****Ongoing software development work**

Amounts in thousands of SEK

	2025-12-31	2024-12-31
<b>Accumulated acquisition values</b>		
-At the beginning of the year	144	-
-Reclassifications	-144	144
<b>Reported value at the balance sheet date</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>144</b>

**NOTE 13****Investment property**

Amounts in thousands of SEK

	2025-12-31	2024-12-31
<b>Accumulated acquisition values</b>		
-At the beginning of the year	436	436
<b>At the balance sheet date</b>	<b>436</b>	<b>436</b>
<b>Accumulated depreciation</b>		
-At the beginning of the year	-171	-163
-Depreciation for the year	-7	-8
<b>At the balance sheet date</b>	<b>-178</b>	<b>-171</b>
<b>Reported value at the balance sheet date</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>265</b>

**NOTE 14****Inventories**

Amounts in thousands of SEK

	2025-12-31	2024-12-31
<b>Accumulated acquisition values</b>		
-At the beginning of the year	2 358	2 507
-New acquisitions	-	187
-Disposals and discards	-225	-336
<b>At the balance sheet date</b>	<b>2 133</b>	<b>2 358</b>
<b>Accumulated depreciation</b>		
-At the beginning of the year	-1 741	-1 686
-Reversed depreciation on disposals and discards	210	209
-Depreciation for the year	-227	-264
<b>At the balance sheet date</b>	<b>-1 758</b>	<b>-1 741</b>
<b>Reported value at the balance sheet date</b>	<b>375</b>	<b>617</b>

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

Amounts in thousands of SEK

	2025-12-31	2024-12-31
<b>Accumulated acquisition values</b>		
-At the beginning of the year	78 748	-
-Acquisitions	25 092	38 220
-Sales	-18 810	-30 629
-Reclassifications	-	71 157
<b>Reported value at the balance sheet date</b>	<b>85 030</b>	<b>78 748</b>
<b>Specification of securities holdings</b>		
Swedish shares	45 196	41 120
Interest-bearing securities, bonds	39 834	37 628
<b>Total</b>	<b>85 030</b>	<b>78 748</b>

All of ERIKS' securities were reclassified from short-term to long-term securities holdings in 2024. The market value of shares and funds as of 31 December 2025 amounts to 102 990 thousand SEK (99 685 thousand SEK).

**NOTE 16****Prepaid expenses and accrued income**

Amounts in thousands of SEK

	2025-12-31	2024-12-31
Prepaid rents	-	165
Prepaid project grants	8 805	631
Accrued testamentary funds	5 074	6 155
Other items	1 925	1 170
<b>Total</b>	<b>15 804</b>	<b>8 121</b>

**NOTE 17****Short-term investments**

Amounts in thousands of SEK	2025-12-31	2024-12-31
Swedish shares	203	-
Bequeathed properties	-	11
<b>Reported value at the balance sheet date</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>11</b>

The market value of shares as of 31 December 2025 amounts to 205 thousand SEK.

**NOTE 18****Cash and cash equivalents**

Amounts in thousands of SEK	2025-12-31	2024-12-31
<b>The following sub-components are included in cash and cash equivalents:</b>		
Bank balance	19 697	23 908
<b>Total</b>	<b>19 697</b>	<b>23 908</b>

**NOTE 19****Liabilities received unused grants**

Amounts in thousands of SEK	2025-12-31	2024-12-31
Radio Aid	6 197	8 336
Postcode Lottery	10 061	853
Other items	12	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>16 270</b>	<b>9 193</b>

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	2025-12-31	2024-12-31
Accrued holiday pay	4 729	4 754
Accrued social security	2 394	2 406
Other items	3 524	2 258
<b>Total</b>	<b>10 647</b>	<b>9 418</b>

**NOTE 21****Cash flow adjustment**

The change in short-term investments has for 2024 been classified within investing activities in the cash flow statement. Purchases and disposals of financial fixed assets are reported for 2024 on a gross basis under investing activities, instead of in the line items change in short-term investments and gain on disposal of shares.

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# Auditor's Report

To the Board of Directors of the foundation ERIKS Development Partner, corporate identity number 827500-4789

## Report on the annual accounts

### Opinion

We have audited the annual accounts of the foundation ERIKS Development Partner for 2025.

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 2025 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 Opinion

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 opinion.

### Other Information than the annual accounts

This document also contains other information than the annual accounts and can be found on pages 1-25. The Board of Directors 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

The Board of Directors 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 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'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 2025.

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.

*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.*

Jönköping, date in accordance with electronic signature

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