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THE IDENTITY

The NAAA (Aid Assistance Welcoming Network - Onlus) is an Association established by adoptive parents. Our purpose is the one of **offering a true, correct and disinterested assistance**, to the Italian families engaged with international adoption practices and projects.

The work method used, consists in a punctual and systematic intervention, concerning the information and the formation, personalized to the adoptive family, that enables **to follow all the adoption procedure** course, through interventions carried out by side of qualified staff, who moreover has personally lived one or more international adoption experiences, with valid and positive results.

To the adherent families the NAAA assures the maximum engagement, considering that its activity, besides being addressed to go over the problems deriving from the international adoption course, it is mainly based on **subsidiarity as well as solidarity operations**. That said, it is necessary to tell once again that the aim of the Association is the one of giving a family to a child who is lacking of it, discouraging every kind of choice based on "parameters" as the origin, the race, the procedural costs, etc.

Competences and awards

Starting from July 17th 2002 the Association can work on all the national territory. The Association is in possession of:

- The recognition of **Moral Corporate Body** in date of April 20th 1999
- Enrollment to the **Regional Charity Work Register** of Piedmont in date of October 5th 1998, no. 374/30.4
- Enrollment to the **Authorized Boards Register** in date of October 31st 2000
- **Accounts certification:** Global Consult sas – Torino
- Certification **UNI EN ISO 9001:2000 N. 11359/2008**

The informative meetings

The goal of the informative meetings is the one **to face all the problematics**, clearly visible and hidden, regarding the international adoption.

The meetings are held by **professional foster parents of the NAAA:**

- volunteers,
- psychologists,
- social workers.

The NAAA has a course itinerary trained in **5 meeting groups**.

The first meeting

Informative multimedia meeting about the Italian law and concerning the concrete possibilities to adopt with the NAAA.

Main Office: the meetings take place at the national main office as well as at the local offices.

Families: at most 10 married couples with or without the law decree.

The adoption puzzle (formation of 1st level)

Formative itinerary shared in two modules, with a total duration time of 16 hours, for the married couple enrichment and information at the beginning of the pre-adoptive itinerary. To know the international adoption principles, to face the problematics linked with the subsidiarity towards the minor children in difficulty. To evaluate the stages, the laws, the procedures and the scheduled timing of the International Adoption according to the several foreign Countries. Possibility of meeting with true histories of adoption.

Main Office: the meetings take place at the national main office as well as at the local offices.

Families: at most 10 married couples with or without the law decree.

The NAAA Countries

Countries authorized by the International Adoption Committee on December 31st, 2008:



A Zig Zag (formation of 2nd level)

Awareness of the location about the Countries where the married couple will adopt. To comprehend the roles, the emotional characteristics as well as the behavioral ones of the protagonists of the adoptive event. To know and to compare the various institutionalization realities, where the children live in the various ethnic-cultural contexts. To observe the different ethnic-cultural contexts of the NAAA adoptive plans. To face with true and lived "life" histories.

Main Office: he meetings take place at the national main office as well as at the local offices.

Families: at most 8 married couples with the law decree.

From the adoptive choice up to the meeting

Multimedia meeting focused on the psychopedagogical and practical aspects for the preparation to the meeting with the son; families that have adopted little children (0-2 years old), in the pre-school age (3-6 years old) and in the school age (6-10 years old) can be present.

Main Office: at the national main office and at the local offices if the families number is enough.

Families: at most 12 married couples which will adopt in a short-time, in various Countries.

Country you go

Specific multimedia meeting on the Country where the adoption is focused, as for the cultural, legal, logistical and practical aspects.

Main Office: the meetings take place at the national main office.

Families: at most 12 married couples, all with the same destination.



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TO ADOPT with NAAA

Our international adoption is mainly carried out with those **Countries where it exists a central authority for the adoption** to which addressing the documentation for the matching with a child already in state of abandonment.

The children always are in the adopting state, already declared at the moment of the signal to the future adoptive family and according to the contents of the art. 4 of the Hague Treaty dated 1993.

Our adoptions are mainly carried out by proxy, with **the preventive acceptance of the child by the side of the family**, through the support transmission both in documents than photographic (when provided us) about the child, enabling in this way **to slightly reduce the family permanence in the child's Country of origin**.

The adoptions carried out by the NAAA are always in the higher interest of the child.

In the few cases where the Countries of origin directly proceed to the adoption proposal with the family on the premises, the NAAA informs the family of the Qualified Foreign Authority about the day in which they will have to be present in the foreign Country.



Meeting proposal (matching)

The Foreign Authority of reference, once received the documentation, will insert the families in the waiting lists for the proposed matching. Therefore, the so-called "waiting lists" are at the Boards, Institutions or Central Authorities of the children's Country of origin, which consider the documents and the proposals concerning all the wishful parents of all the Nations which adopt with a specific Country of origin.

The NAAA does not interfere in the definition made from the Foreign Authorities about the children to be suggested for the adoption, but it complies with the availabilities of minor children put on evidence by the Authorities, the Boards, and the Institutions on the premises.

Departure

In the Country where the adoption will be finalized, there will be a local representative, who will follow the married couple. This last one will be able to stay in an hosting family, in a residence or in an hotel: **the married couple will have to keep a behavior appropriate to the culture, to the laws and to the local customs, traditions and habits**.

They will have to attain to the given dispositions as well as to the information of the local responsible person as for the tasks to carry out in the Foreign Country.

Post-adoption

Concerning on the contrary the writing of the post-adoptive relations, **the indications foreseen from the Country of origin of the minor children are obligatorily followed as well as the CAI costs data tables**. The missed respect of the engagements from the adoptive family is noticed to the Italian Central Authority (CAI) and to the competent juridical authorities.



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ADOPTION and ASSISTANCE

Our activities during year 2008 were mainly characterized by the commitment that our Board bestowed onto the **re-organization of our inner structure and the strengthening of our relations** as regards the co-operation with some new countries of Africa. Another element which marked year 2008 was the difficulty we met in some areas where our Board regularly operates, connected with the political and social dynamics in those native Countries (Bulgaria, Peru, Nepal and Vietnam). Such efforts for re-organization were duly rewarded: we obtained the **ISO quality certification** for the following activities:

- Adoption, including the activities relevant to the training of the couples and of the operators; post-adoption, including the activities relevant to the training and support offered to the couples and to the operators.
- Planning and implementation of activities relevant to co-operation for development, including all the

training activities in Italy and abroad. An important part of our activities refers to our **co-operation with Ariete board based in Naples**; we have a constant dialogue with them as regards the methods we use and the real possibilities of interaction. We promoted several opportunities for meetings between the professional operators of both Boards; such meetings originated a mutual enrichment and a fruitful sharing of the main contents of the training courses and of the methods which should be followed to support the adopting couples.

The system which accounts for the couples' feedback about the service which is offered to them was monitored for the second year by the **"Family Satisfaction"** method. This is a list of question which is sent to the couples and which gives us the possibility to evaluate all the phases of the course, before adoption takes place, during adoption and after.

Here below we summarize a comparison of the data relevant to the survey of year 2007 and 2008 (partial):

	Surveyed couples	Returned questionnaires	Replies	Feedback rating: good	Sufficient	Not sufficient
2007	133	116	2407	1244	937	226
	100%	87%	100%	52%	39%	9%
2008 – as per sept 30th	140	81	1510	912	503	95
	100%	58%	100%	60%	33%	6%

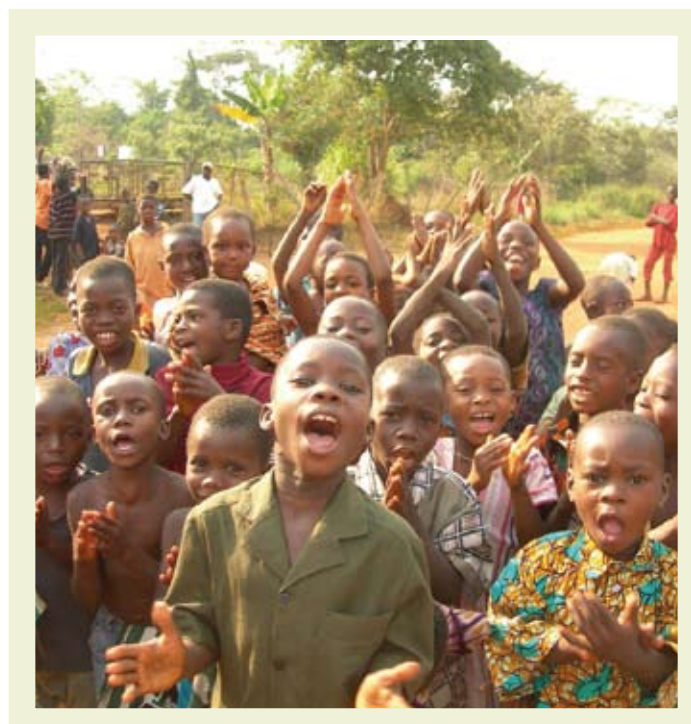
Family Satisfaction:

Even though the comparative analysis is based on the partial data of year 2008, it does point out an improvement as regards the level of **satisfaction of the families** and a reduction of the degree of discontent as regards the services offered to the couples, in comparison with the previous year (from 9 in year 2007 to 6 in 2008). We undertook the necessary actions to improve our services, since year 2007; we organized missions abroad and within the peripheric seats, which originated the above mentioned data and which enabled us to consolidate a result about the quality of our services which is between "good" and "satisfactory" in 93% of the cases. This means we obtained an improvement of 3% in comparison with year 2007.

Pre-adoption assistance

During year 2008 we accepted 195 new commissions; this testifies of the remarkable effort which the Board is willing to make, to take care of a large quantity of entrustments and to help the couples whose decree is about to expire. As per December 31st 2009, there were 429 active commissions, including 23 which were "extended" upon request of the couple, i.e. situations where the procedure had been delayed due to various "personal" problems. The commissions which were not fulfilled are:

National adoptions	32
Pregnancy	11
Repeal by our Board	16
Repeal by the couples	52
Commissions transferred to another board	8



45 couples completed the training phase and did not confirm the commission. These case histories include those couples who did not offer the proper availability to welcome the minor (child's age) with reference to their own personal age, and those couples who could not reach a final agreement as regards the Country where the adopted child should be native from. As regards the activities which is carried out directly with the couples, we arranged the following **training and information events**:

PIM

(Multimedia Informative Presentations)

30 collective meetings

294 participant married couples

which eventually originated 195 commissions

Pre-adoption courses

(1st level pre-decree / regional protocol e 2nd level after-decree and prior to the journey)

76 courses

399 couples

Personal meetings with professionalists

Each couple meets the professional operators once or several times, in order to detect the most suitable destination and also in order to receive a further support. This is especially necessary for those couples who had to face some painful experiences in their past (such as abortions, artificial insemination and similar).

We arranged 273 meetings, each one lasted from 1 to 3 hours.

The training and information courses, and the meetings with the professionalist psychologists and/or the welfare workers are offered in all the 6 peripheral seats, other than in the main seat.

In April 2008 we **opened a new seat based in Samu-gheo** (province of Oristano, Sardinia region), which replaces the seat we used to have in Sassari city. Therefore the current seat in Sardinia is active under every aspect and it's managed by two qualified volunteers and by a part-time employee.

During the last two years our Board reached an operating **capacity of about 200 adoptive commissions per year**, relevant to those active countries where we regularly operate.

We should consider that the number of commissions should not exceed more than double quantity of the yearly operative capacity, and this is one of the basic reasons (together with the decreasing trend of adoptions) which made us decide to reduce the number of new commissions we accept.

Adoptions realized

We supported 175 children, native from Nepal, Vietnam, Ukraine, Poland, Colombia, Cambodia, Bulgaria and Peru, **and helped them to be welcomed by 162 families**.

If we compare this data to the number of authorized entries of year 2007 (218 minors for 206 adoptions) we can see it represents a remarkable decrease which is mainly due to the freezing of adoptions in Nepal, from March to November 2008, and from the reduction of entries from Vietnam.

The largest number of entries was registered from Vietnam, where the bilateral agreement signed between our two Countries and the authorization to operate in 13 provinces enabled us to arrange an important welcome activity, which originated anyway results that were inferior by 30 minors, in comparison with the previous year.

As regards Vietnam, we had to handle some "difficult" situations: we faced a case of very long stay of a couple who went through a re-matching procedure, after they had found out that the baby who was originally entrusted to them was ill with a grave pathology. The couple had to wait on the spot for a long time, until the local police officers complete their controls.

In some cases, it also happened that the couples gave up their willingness to adopt, before they left Italy for Vietnam. We take this opportunity to give our sincere thanks to CAI association, which enabled our Board to handle these situations in the best possible manner through their precious actions, both with respects to the couples and to the local Authorities.

Nevertheless, it is just fair to underline that many little children native from Vietnam, from Cambodia, from Poland, from Ukraine and from Colombia were indeed afflicted by various pathologies, such as polydactyl disease, cleft lips, palatoschisis, hepatitis B, hepatitis C, deformities, grave malnutrition, remarkable mental and physical retardations and others. Our Board commits itself, a regards year 2009, to operate in a more precise manner with reference to this specific kind of



In 2008 were welcome 175 children.

observations and to record these pieces of information into the general database which is at disposal of CAI association and of all couples.









As regards other Countries, we point out the following:

- **Peru:** a difficult situation remains in this area, as we duly pointed out to our Central Authority; the situation refers to a deep lack of official translators. This generates some extremely long waiting periods before the applications for adoptions are finally processed.
- **Bulgaria:** we detected a certain re-start of the procedures of matching with minors; nevertheless, we cannot see a similar acceptance from the applicants to adoption. As regards this point, we believe it's quite important that the competent boards should review, on a periodical basis, the couples' motivations and suitability to adopt. In fact, even

though time passes by, the couples show a certain inability to update their willingness to welcome and this is the origin of most refusals which the Board considers as "groundless".

- **Nepal:** the new set of rules was approved at the end of year 2008 and now we are waiting for the relevant application, which is supposed to occur during the first months of 2009. The new procedure establishes that the costs of adoption procedures should be fixed by means of a decree, differently than the regular costs mentioned by the tables for adoptions abroad.
- **Poland:** the costs established as per the tables for adoptions abroad are not sufficient to keep this channel running. Poland underwent some remarkable increases of the national inner expenses, which are mainly due to the fact that the Country joined the European economic system.

Children entry chart 2008

	jan	feb	mar	apr	may	jun	jul	aug	sep	oct	nov	dec	Tot.
 CAMBODIA	2			2		5			1			3	13
 NEPAL	2	1	2	1					1				7
 VIETNAM	9	1	5	7	26	7	22	6	10	5	5	5	108
 POLAND			4				2		3		4		13
 UKRAINE	3	1	1	4	2			3	6				20
 BULGARIA												1	1
 COLOMBIE		1	1	1		2	4	1				1	11
 PERU			1								1		2
Monthly tot.	16	4	14	15	28	14	28	10	21	5	10	10	175

Post-adoptive assistance

As per December 31st 2008, the number of minors who have been followed within the post-adoptive assistance plan is 1308. During such post-adoptive phase all adopting family units are required to follow some standard procedures which are fixed according to the kid's age. During year 2008 our Board handled, by competence, 340 post-adoption reports; together with the reports, our Board took care of the relevant translations and consulate legalizations as well, with the purpose to inform the native Country about the children's status of adaptation to the new family and social framework they currently live in. In case the families had been followed directly by the local territorial offices for social services, we duly arranged the transfer of the reports to the relevant native Countries. We do not wish to generalize, but we must point out that some difficulties still remain when it comes to receive the reports from some Local Medical Units, within the timing established by the Countries and according to the contents which are required. NAAA

board is going to try and take back to our own seat the issuing of the post-adoptive reports which are not being followed in the proper manner by a few offices for Territorial Services; this is quite necessary since, as CAI association knows, the non-respect of the obligations about the reporting activity has some direct consequences on the adoption.

ICS association will co-operate together with NAAA, through its own professionists, to achieve a larger presence of operators on the territory, in order to give a better assistance and improve the results of the post-adoption reporting activity. **The co-operation with I.C.S. association (Centre for Studies of Turin city) started in 2008 and it's going to continue in year 2009.** The goal of such co-operation is to follow the families during their post-adoptive course, by means of seminars which will be arranged so that they may suit both the children and also their parents.

ICS association already represents an important reference element for many schools of Piedmont region as regards the training of teachers who deal with pupils from adoptive families.



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PROJECTS of SUBSIDIARITY

According to the Millennium Goal Declaration by the United Nations, eight goals are pointed out, which represent a treaty on a global international level, among rich Countries and poor Countries. The treaty is based on the mutual commitment to carry out all the activities which are necessary to create a world which is safer, wealthier and more rightful for everybody. These are eight basic goals which should be achieved within 2015.

Our Board acquired such goals and pays particular attention to those which are more tightly connected with infancy:

- cancel extreme poverty and hunger,

- reach school primary education all over the world,
- promote genders equality and women's' empowerment,
- decrease infantile mortality,
- improve mothers' health conditions,
- fight HIV / AIDS, malaria and other diseases.

therefore, all the activities which are briefly summarized and listed here below are duly organized in order to march the Millennium Goal.

Abroad

■ NEPAL

Nirvana Boarding School

We keep giving our support to Nirvana Boarding School which aims to help Nepalese minors to create a future for themselves, by means of school education and professional training.

Food supporting programmes

We continued the food supporting programmes for OCCED institutes, Bal Mandir and Sahara Group.

A Life-Improving Opportunity for Youngsters

We started the works to build a new structure which will be arranged according to the latest up-to-date educational criteria and which is meant to host street-minors who are in conflict with the law. Besides, we completed the study relevant to the activities for the social recover of the youngsters, and their professional training.

Creation of the music laboratory

We started the works to build a new music room for the minors who are hosted in Bal Mandir Institute of Katmandu. Other than the creation of this room, the project Music at Himalaya feet implies the involvement of a professionist teacher and of some volunteers. The project is meant for minors of all ages, according to various different methods, and its purpose is to stimulate a serene and well-balanced growth by means of artistic spurs.

■ VIETNAM

Institutional Agreement

Which includes several activities in the provinces of Phu Tho, Vung Tau, Bac Kan, Hanoi 4.

Deworming

In co-operation with the World Health Organization.



NEPAL: A music class for children hosted at Bal Mandir Institute.

This activity represents a fight against parasitosis of the intestine, in the area of northern Vietnam. During year 2008, NAAA support helped to sponsor the distribution and the awakening activities in 14 provinces.

Support for the children of the Bac Kan hospital

A programme of support for children who are hospitalized in the hospital of Bac Kan.

During year 2008, we continued the support to mo-

thers and children hosted in the hospital of Bac Kan province. Health assistance in Vietnamese hospitals is almost completely charged to the sick.

Children are offered medical visits and medicines for free, but meals and laundry service are to be paid separately.

Our project includes, in co-operation with Bac Kan Institute, the preparation and supply of two meals a day for those needy children who are hospitalized and to the relevant parents who stay in hospital with them.

Street children

In co-operation with the Center for Support of Social Development Programs (CSDP) based in Hanoi, we carried out the study and analysis of the situation about street children in the city of Hanoi and in the province of Thanh Hoa, the province were most street children are native from. Following to the analysis, we arranged a study for the feasibility of a project meant to integrate and support these street children.



VIETNAM: Helping Street Children.



CAMBODIA: Water filters providing, workshop on sanitation, medical check-ups.

■ CAMBODIA

Innocent Prisoners

The project "Innocent Prisoners" which is carried out in co-operation with Ariete Association of Naples and which is meant to offer food support and psychological aid to women who are jailed in Cambodian prisons, together with their babies. The project's goal is to avoid that imprisonment becomes a reason for the women to desert their children.

Drinkable water in a Cambodian village

This project's goal is to spread all the necessary actions which are required to use water in a safe way. The project will be implemented through three steps: Supply of filters for water; Workshop about the basic sanitary measures; Medical and health controls on children. The project is going to be continued for the whole year 2009.

■ POLAND

Support for the Pizkowice Institute

a House for the Sick which is managed by the Nuns of the Virgin Mary, where we are finishing the works to enlarge the structure of the House itself. In this place, nuns host and cure about forty-five children whose age goes from one year to fifteen years; they are all handicapped minors who have problems such as Down's syndrome, deformities of various type and mental diseases.

■ PAKISTAN

Mother and child Nest

We offer our support to "Mother and child Nest" centre, in favor to the local Bagri population, which represents an ethnic minority group of Karachi who professes Hindu religion. The centre includes a medical visiting room, a school and a few training laboratories for girls.

■ TOGO

Creation of school refectory

In this secondary school the refectory functions three days a week and it's managed by a group of twelve women who will have a chance to start an activity that will generate some income for themselves. Besides, we pay for the wages of two "volunteer" teachers (whose terms are entirely charged to the families); as a consequence, the terms amount is reduced, especially for girls.

As regards four primary schools in Todomè, we supply the payment for nine "volunteer" teachers, which means we grant a completely free education service in primary schools, and an increase of the volunteers' wages from 5.000 CFA (€ 7,62) to 15.000 CFA (€22,87). In this way, the "volunteers" wages are made equal to the government labourers' ones. The beneficiaries are 932 children.

Stationery and other school material, garments

We arranged the delivery and distribution of educa-

tional material and of garments (including uniforms), in co-operation with the four primary schools (two schools based in the village and two schools in the countryside) and with the local secondary school.

Container

At the end of the month of October we shipped out a container from Genova port, which was delivered to Togo and which includes various materials and specific equipments for Todomè village. The shipment was carried out thanks to the co-operation with "3T project", arranged by an association which is based in Sirmione city. We are partners to this group, as regards the projects that take place in Togo.

■ DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

Sheguè children / Wizards children

This project will last two years and its goal is to create a helping centre for the children who are considered "wizards", and to arrange a series of meetings with the local families and authorities, in order to awaken the local population as regards the cases of wizard children. These children (who are usually the last-born within the families) are accused of being the cause of all the disgraceful events which occur to the family (deaths, diseases, AIDS, loss of job), they are ill-treated and chased away from home. Tens of thousand minors live in the streets of the cities of the Democratic Republic of Congo.



TOGO: Creation of school-kitchen for boys of secondary school.



DEMOCRATIC REP. OF CONGO: Medical cares for Street Children.

■ HONDURAS

Restoring of the rooms of 21 October Institute

This institute is located in Tegucigalpa, it's a centre which mainly hosts teen-agers and young children who are repatriated from Mexico or from USA after they have passed through Guatemala, waiting to trace back their native families. The situation inside the Institute is often difficult: the minors do not attend any school or training courses. This status of non-activity sometimes makes the minors behave in a complex or violent manner. The structure of the building, which is already crumbling, suffers further damage from this situation. In particular, the old beds made of iron are torn up and used either as a weapon or to play around. The actions we plan to carry out is to remove the old beds, which cannot be used anyway, and arrange some brick structures applied to the walls, to be used as beds for night rest. Currently the minors sleep on the floor.

Medical support in Honduras

NAAA association undersigned an agreement with the local Honduras Institute for Infancy and Family (IHNFA) which offers medical care for deserted children. The agreements which were signed include a direct activity by NAAA, in tight co-operation with IHNFA, who will point out those minors who need medical cures and minor surgeries.

IHNFA will receive the notifications from the Institutes and will arrange a screening on all hosted children, and will eventually submit to NAAA those cases which are in need of help.



HONDURAS: Medical help.

■ COLOMBIE

Abogados por Colombia

During the month of December we signed an agreement with a Colombian foundation of lawyers who are active within the social field. The foundation is called "Abogados por Colombia" and according to the agreement, we plan to implement an important sanitary project which will be sponsored, among others, also by NAAA. The project's goal is to perform some medical visits on minors, under the tutorship of ICBF. These are minors who are not meant to be adopted. The project is going to start in 2009.

In Italy

We continue our activities in favor of women immigrants who live in the territory of Urbino. The activities are carried out in co-operation with the Red Cross, Caritas, Asur (Regional sole medical unit) of territorial area 2, ICS onlus, comprehensive Institute Pascoli of Urbino. Besides, we also continue our activities to teach Italian language to foreigners.

■ LOMBARDIA

Stranitalia le vie del mondo

This is a project that's carried out in co-operation with some associations that are based on the territory of Milano area. It's a series of activities whose goal is to awaken the population sensibility as regards immigrants. The following activities were arranged during a period of three months: four meetings to introduce some books who-



Projects to be studied in 2009

■ TOGO

We are studying a project about professional training in Todomè, in order to create some activities that may offer an income. The project also includes schooling and courses about hygienics for women and girls who live as singles, together with their own children in school age.

■ CONGO

We are developing a project about food safety and microcredit, meant for women who have babies.

■ NEPAL

We are working on Vocational Training 2, a project about professional training which is meant for disadvantaged women in the areas of Lalitpur e Mahendranagar in Nepal. Our local partner for this project is Children's Home association.

We are developing project about agricultural training, for disadvantaged women.

We created a computer laboratory for 150 minors; 100 of them are hosted at the Bal Mandir institute of Kathmandu.

■ CHILE

We are working on a project about medical examinations, cures and minor surgeries for the children who are hosted in the institutes of Senema area.



RAVENNA: La notte del cuore for Nepal. NAAA gets the memorial plaque.

se main subject is the situation of immigrants; two projections of movies, one theatre play, one congress. We also organized some music lessons and cooking lessons, which were free and open to the local population. We arranged a photograph exhibition about "Immigrants' countries".

■ RAVENNA

La notte del cuore

We introduced the project Music at Himalaya feet. During the show, we arranged a reading of a book written by Linda Griva: that's the story of an adoption and its title is "The greatest gift of all".

■ SIRMIONE

Photographs exhibition about the countryside in Togo, awakening activities.

■ TRENTO

Awakening meeting about the projects which are being carried out in favor of disadvantaged women in Nepal.

■ COLOMBIA

Also in this country, we are working on a project about medical examinations, cures and minor surgeries for the children who are hosted in the local institutes.

■ CAMBODIA

Deworming: project in co-operation with the World Health Organization; it's a project that includes activities to fight intestine parasitosis and it will be carried out in some countryside areas of Cambodia which are still to be decided.

■ CHINA

Deworming project in co-operation with the World Health Organization; it's a project that includes activities to fight intestine parasitosis and it will be carried out in some countryside areas of China which are still to be decided.

We plan to create some rooms to learn music, inside the Institutes.

■ VIETNAM

We plan to create a laboratory for tailors and dress-makers, and to arrange some professional training courses for the boys and girls who are hosted in Yen Bai institute.

Bright future for street children in Hanoi. This is a project in favor of street children, which includes schooling, professional training course, food support and primary cures.

■ ITALY

Our activity in favor of immigrants in our seat of Urbino city will be carried on during 2009 year. Other than a school to teach Italian to foreigners, we plan to open up a desk counter to welcome immigrants who speak Arabian languages; the counter will be positioned inside the hospital of Urbino. Besides, we will continue the courses for women immigrants, to obtain the certificate as "volunteers". All activities are carried out in co-operation with the local territorial association and with the Italian Red Cross.





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SUPPORT at DISTANCE

NAAA board operates within the field of long-distance support; we help, in different manners, **487 minors who live in the countries where NAAA is present**. The number of babies born in Cambodia who receive this kind of support has greatly increased recently, whereas we have detected, unfortunately, that the offers for support to children of Pakistan decreased and therefore we will have to discontinue this project in 2009.

The long-distance support procedure is carried out in favor of minors, who live in a disadvantaged status, within their own native families, so that they can avoid being deserted or hosted in institutes.

Only the 18 minors of **Children's Home** live in an institute and they take advantage of our support which is offered to enable them to study.

A basic importance have all the surgeries which **we supported in Peru and whose number has lightly increased**, in comparison with previous year. The minors who underwent a surgery in year 2008 were 49 (we are waiting to receive the documents relevant to 9 of such surgeries). In some cases, the surgery solved two problems in one time only (for instance, cleft lip and cleft palate).

The 49 surgeries are divided as follows:

Surgeries in Perú:

clubfoot (in 3 cases, this was a bilateral defect)	13	hemiparesis	1
varus foot	5	neurofibromatosis	1
palatoschisis	3	surgery to settle a face deformity	1
cleft lip	5	surgery to settle a chronic ulcer	1
surgeries for short Achilles' tendons	2	bilateral flexa knee	1
surgeries to settle a problems of deep burns	2	surgery for fingers separation	1
surgeries for microtia (small ear) deformity	2	Aper syndrome and polydactylism	1
surgery to settle one left ankle fracture	1	surgeries which have not been completely finished yet	9

According to the requirement mentioned by San Juan de Dios hospital, we agreed that in case they host some children who are waiting to receive some surgery, even a type of surgery which is not specifically included in the list of help we usually offer, they are allowed to use the fund which we put at their disposal. For this reason, this year we supported a wider group of different surgery.

The long-distance support activities are divided as follows:

COUNTRY	MINORS	TYPE OF SUPPORT	BOARD
Cambodia	121	SAD	NAAA Cambodia, children from Pursat e Kompong Thom
Nepal	18	Study	Children's Home
Nepal	87	Study	Educating Children's in Népal
Nepal	52	Study	Nirvana Boarding School
Nepal	40	Study	Nepal Children's Organization (Bal Mandir)
Nepal	21	Study	Sahara Group
Ukraine	68	SAD	Association for support to Infancy, from Chernigov and Kiev (**)
Peru	49	Surgeries	San Juan de Dios and Caritas board in Lima
Pakistan	7	Study and SAD	Woman and Child NEST Centre– Karachi (*)
Poland	24	SAD	A.D.F.
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(*)The programme was discontinued due to the political and religious status that occurred in the Country, since the children could run the risk of being persecuted due to the fact that they attend catholic centre.

(**)The programme relevant to the support offered in co-operation with the Foundation for infancy of Kiev was discontinued because the agreement was not renewed.

Besides, last December 2008 **a new project for long-distance support was started in Togo, in co-operation with AFRI-MUSE, a Non-Governative Organization**. This project plans to offer long-distance support to 30 children and boys who are orphans or one or both parents, and who still live in their own native family. The support pays for their school expenses, for the material which is necessary for their studies, the uniform and for food. The supports will be issued starting from year 2009. NAAA association takes part of the **coordinating committee for long-distance support of the City of Torino**; this board has arranged a paper guide about long-distance support activities, which will be distributed starting from December 2008 and which offers a complete list of all the organizations which operate in Torino and within the surrounding area.



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PUBLISHING and EVENTS

Publishing

During year 2008 we presented a book and a multimedia product:

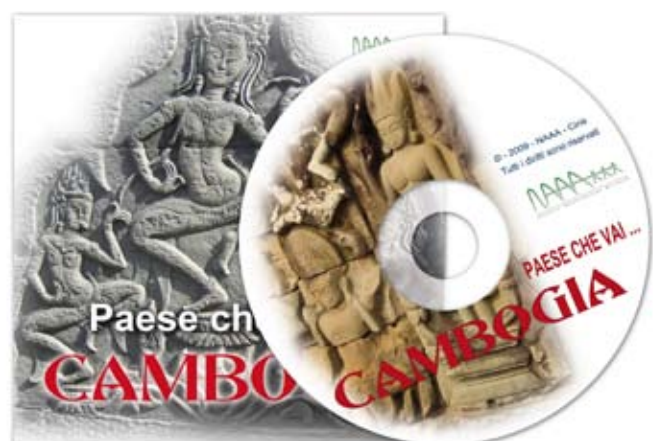
I primi passi nell'adozione

Edizioni Erickson

This is a book which is meant for adopting parents, for the operators who give their services to support them and also to all educators and teachers who will welcome in their school classes some adopted children.

This text is actually the prosecution of another book, titled "Welcoming an adopted child" which was also published by the same house Edizioni Erickson, last year.

The authors are doctor Cinzia Fabrocini, psychopedagogue and director of NAAA adoption department, doctor Maria Teresa Niro, psychologist and psychotherapist, who is a counsellor to the ordinary Court and to the Juvenile Court, and who is also a member of the team of professionalist who operate within NAAA. Another author is doctor Irene Pavese, psychologist, who is currently a member of the team of professionalists who operate within NAAA.



Paese che vai...Cambogia

Cd multimedia

This is the fourth multimedia CD-ROM we arranged, for the collection named "So many countries...". It tells about the nations where NAAA operates, by means of feelings, colors and images. We believe this CD may represent an important support to those couples who plan to adopt a child native from Cambodia.

Recreational meetings and events

Until year 2005 the Board regularly organized recreational meetings and events on a yearly basis, which took place on a national level; nevertheless, when the quantity of persons who took part to the last event reached 2000 units, which is quite a remarkable quantity, we started to have difficulties to find some structures which could be suitable to welcome and offer an occasion for safe playful activities for the children. Therefore, we decided we'd better entrust the peripheric seats with the organization of some meetings which would include the local population only and a limited number of couples.

We arranged two meetings during year 2008:

■ Padova (august 31st 2008)

3rd Cambo-Viet convention, which took place and gathered about 340 people.

■ Grange di Nole (July 15th 2008)

We arranged a gathering of couples who adopted vietnamese children native from Vung Tau province; about 100 persons took part to the meeting.

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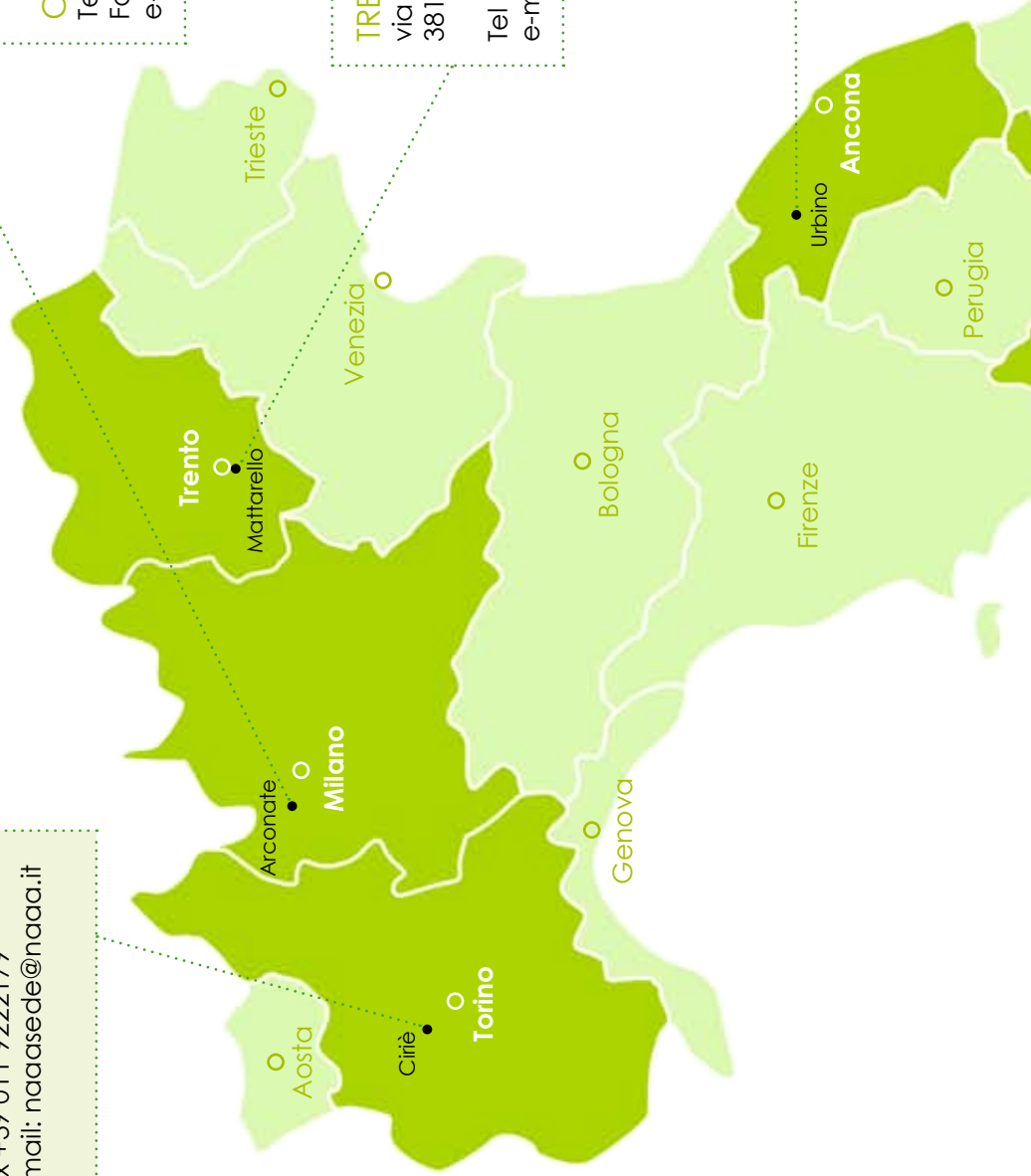
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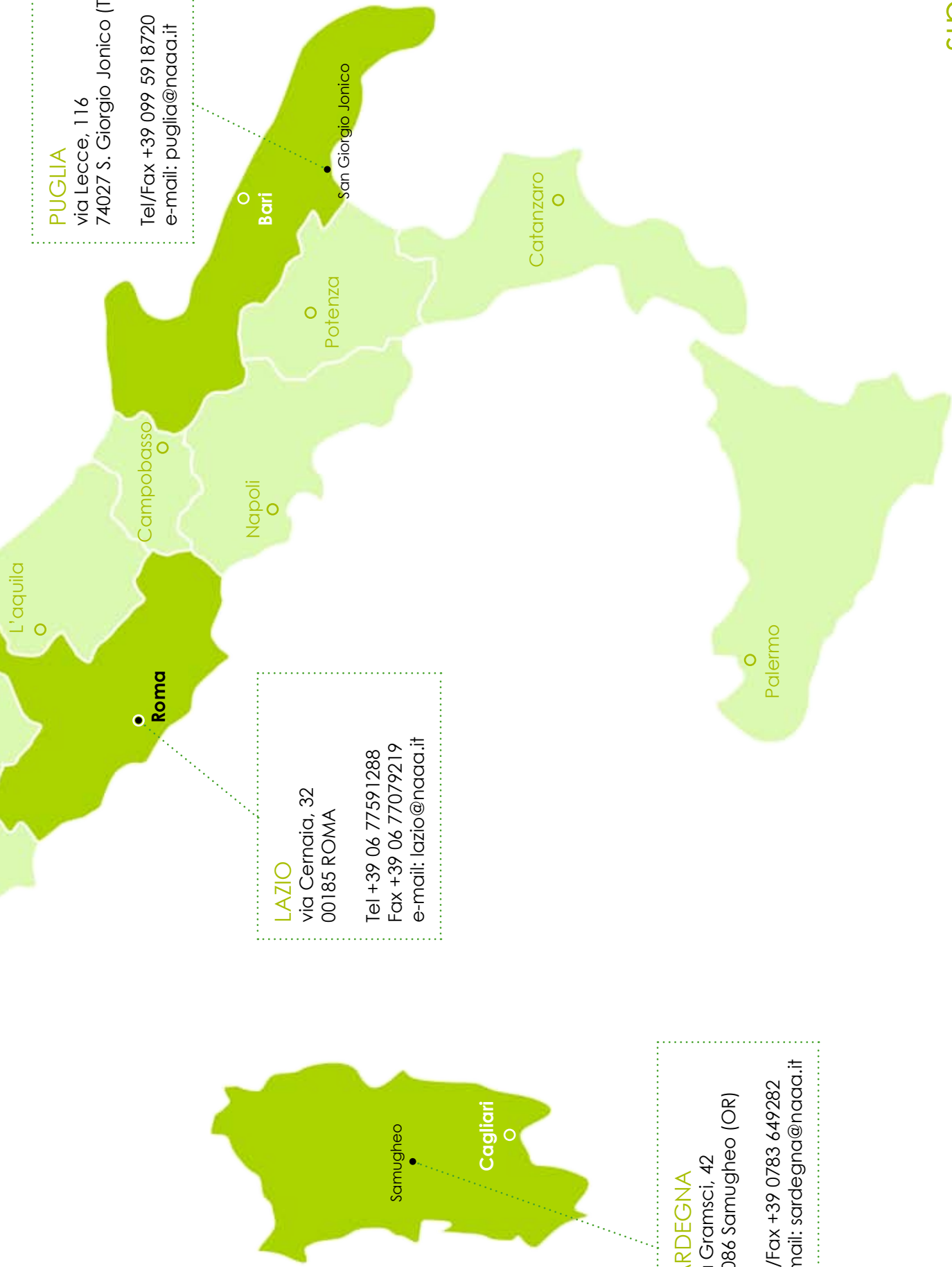
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