



Fondation Apprentis d'Auteuil International (FAAI)



Electricians in training, Morocco © L'Heure Joyeuse

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The **FAAI** is a charitable foundation established in 2013. It supports the **international projects** of the Fondation d'Auteuil (founded in 1866), which are conducted in partnership with local organizations. The FAAI's international activities focus on four areas: **protection of street children; support to families; entrepreneurship and employment; and intercultural exchange.**

The FAAI also **advocates** for children's rights with United Nations (UN) agencies in Geneva and runs **academic support and vocational education projects in Switzerland** for disadvantaged youth and early school leavers.

Our strength and our expertise lie in our **integrated approach**: we accompany each young person from reception to full social, professional and family reintegration. We provide **care, education, vocational training and apprenticeships for young people who have missed out on all or part of their schooling** and who arrive on the job market with no qualifications. We work with the most vulnerable, notably **street children and their families**, so that young people may receive **education, support and training** suited to their needs.



Our programmes contribute to the realization of **9 of the UN's 17 Sustainable Development Goals.**



Our projects in focus

Our programmes around the world

We work with local partners in Africa, Asia, Europe and Latin America. Our programmes consist of **identifying** street children, **removing them permanently** from the street, **enrolling** the older ones in vocational training, **supporting** the parents, **raising awareness** among local communities and **training** social workers.



Training workshop – Kinshasa, DRC © REEJER

Democratic Republic of the Congo

Through a holistic process implemented by our local partner, we provide **street children** with **shelter, care, educational support and vocational training** and **help with starting small businesses**. We also **promote children's rights** among the public authorities at the international and national levels.

Our projects in Switzerland

Enfants du parc

The “Children of the Park” project provides children from disadvantaged families with **after-school care and supervision**. Through a range of extracurricular activities, it supports parents in educating their children and so helps to reduce school drop-out.

Birdhouse

Birdhouse is a **training restaurant for early school leavers**, providing them with a **catering qualification** to facilitate their entry to the **job market**. In all, **70 young people will participate in the programme over 5 years**, supervised by expert trainers and a training and integration coach responsible for fostering their social and personal development.



Young apprentices – Birdhouse, Geneva © FAAI

Advocacy

We help our partners **to raise awareness among national and international decision-makers** of the issues facing vulnerable children. Through our **observer status** at the **UN Economic and Social Council**, we assist them in delivering statements before the **UN Human Rights Council** when their country comes up for the Universal Periodic Review.



Our partners REIPER and Handicap Afrique at the Universal Periodic Review of the Republic of the Congo, Geneva © FAAI