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**Dalyan Foundation  
Annual Report 2025**



# A year of strategizing – Looking Back and Moving Forward



This summer, we met with our Board in the Swiss mountains for two days of reflection on the past, the present, and the future. We worked intensively on shaping our strategy towards 2030 and, in doing so, gained valuable insights into how to design and run a strategy process that truly adds value.

We began by taking a close look at where we stand today, drawing on perspectives from a wide range of stakeholders. Throughout the discussions, we committed to an open and respectful dialogue. With the support of an experienced moderator, we were encouraged to step beyond our comfort zones and explore new ideas. This journey was anything but straightforward, but it created space for a lively exchange before we gradually narrowed our focus, clarified priorities, and translated our thinking into a clear and workable strategy.

We will talk about our new strategic direction in our next annual report, once the dust has settled.

After bold and exciting decisions were made, our real work starts now: to bring the wheels on the ground and execute... some sweat is guaranteed!



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# Our Learnings

## from our strategy retreat

### BEFORE

Take the time to find the right consultant. Find the person that can inspire and challenge you to bring your reflections to the next level. Gather 360° anonymous input from NGO partners and team members. Honest feedback from main stakeholders enriches the thinking and strengthens ownership. Don't underestimate the preparation time. Meaningful preparation and alignment are essential for a successful retreat.



### DURING

Trust the process and the group's collective wisdom. Don't panic if you feel stuck or lost — moments of confusion often lead to the most valuable insights. Create a special and balanced setting. Good food, space to breathe, and a calm atmosphere boosts the group's focus and creativity. Step out of your comfort zone. Try new tools, methods, and formats. Innovation often happens when you dare to experiment.

### AFTER

Know that real work begins afterwards. Don't expect overnight change — this is the starting point, not the finish line. Keep the momentum alive. Without a structured follow-up, even great ideas will be lost. Set clear milestones and ensure regular review. Check in regularly to track progress and accountability. Share the outcomes widely. Make sure the entire team benefits from the retreat's insights.



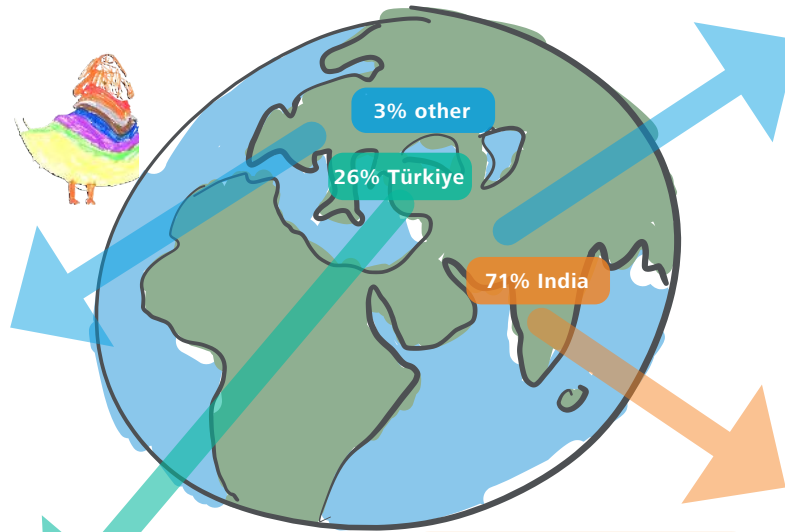


### Programme focus:


- education
- life skills
- organisational development
- livelihood generation
- "He for She"
- earthquake support

# Our NGO partners 2025

in % of disbursements



**ALLIANZ CHANCE +**  
 Founded 2021  
 Annual NGO Budget 490'000 CHF  
 Partner since 2021




Creating a platform for a strong civil society network committed to sustainably reduce structural inequalities in the education sector in Switzerland.

**ÇYDD**  
 Founded 1989  
 Annual NGO Budget 10.6 mio CHF  
 Partner since 2011




Ensuring access to progressive and secular education for children and youth of all backgrounds through scholarships and mentoring programmes.

**KODA**  
 Founded 2016  
 Annual NGO Budget 840'000 CHF  
 Partner since 2018



Improving the quality of education in rural schools by building the capacities of young teachers and creating local teacher support networks.

**STDV**  
 Founded 2016  
 Annual NGO Budget 2.5 mio CHF  
 Partner since 2019




Bringing together donors and civil society to strengthen grassroots NGOs through fundraising, capacity building and core support

**EARTHQUAKE SUPPORT TÜRKIYE**



STDV channeled support to BAYETAV

**SULUKÜLE GÖNÜLLÜLERİ D.**  
 Founded 2010  
 Annual NGO Budget 110'000 CHF  
 Partner since 2018




Improving the well-being of children and minimising school dropouts in Istanbul's historical district Sulukule through workshops and family engagement.

**ADHYAYAN QUALITY EDUCATION**  
 Founded 2015  
 Annual NGO Budget 360'000 CHF  
 Partner since 2025



Improving the quality of government schools for engaged learning of children through capacity building of leaders in the educational system.

**AZAD**  
 Founded 2008  
 Annual NGO Budget 1.3 mio CHF  
 Partner since 2018



Enhancing agency and life choices of young women through mentoring, skill building and scholarship support, with a focus on non-traditional livelihoods.

**KSV**  
 Founded 2001  
 Annual NGO Budget 170'000 CHF  
 Partner since 2025




Empowering underprivileged children through academic education and Indian classical performing arts.

**WOMANITY**  
 Founded 2005  
 Annual NGO Budget 1.6 mio CHF  
 Partner since 2023



Educating girls in Afghanistan.

**EDELGIVE Framework Agreement**



Strategic partnership between Dalyan Foundation and EdelGive Foundation for joint support of NGOs since 2016.

**SOVA**  
 Founded 1993 Partner since 2019  
 Annual NGO Budget 360'000 CHF  
 Promoting education, child rights and gender equity in rural communities.


**TORPA**  
 Founded 1995 Partner since 2019  
 Annual NGO Budget 420'000 CHF  
 Strengthening women's positions and livelihoods in tribal communities.

**MAHILA HOUSING TRUST**  
 Founded 1994  
 Annual NGO Budget 2.1 mio CHF  
 Partner since 2018




Improving the living conditions of low-income families by focusing on housing, livelihood, skill development for women, microfinance and urban governance.

**MEDHA**  
 Founded 2011  
 Annual NGO Budget 1.4 mio CHF  
 Partner since 2016



Supporting career progression and agency of young women and men through career counselling and post-college support.

**PRAGATI**  
 Founded 1994  
 Annual NGO Budget 730'000 mio CHF  
 Partner since 2022



Improving families' livelihoods in resource-poor communities (mostly tribal families) through climate-smart agriculture and the promotion of small enterprises.

**REBUILD INDIA FUND by DASRA**  
 (Partner since 2012)



Started in 2022  
 Supported since 2023  
 Annual Programme Budget 3.2 mio CHF  
 Capacity building, untied funding and networking support for 500 grassroots NGOs.

Dalyan supports four NGOs:

**DIKSHA**  
 Founded in 2001 Partner since 2024  
 Annual NGO Budget 50'000 CHF  
 Enabling community leadership and building agency among children and youth.

**IRCDS**  
 Founded in 1979 Partner since 2024  
 Annual NGO Budget 240'000 CHF  
 Empowering vulnerable rural communities through skill building, forming women's collectives and accessing government resources.

**JHARKHAND MAHILA UTHAN**  
 Founded in 2002 Partner since 2024  
 Annual NGO Budget 180'000 CHF  
 Capacitating youth and women in rural communities by building skill and leadership and securing land rights.

**SEVA NIKETAN**  
 Founded in 2003 Partner since 2024  
 Annual NGO Budget 90'000 CHF  
 Building capacity and financial resilience in Adivasi communities, focusing on women in forest management and conservation.

**THE EDUCATION COLLABORATORS by EdelGive Foundation**



Annual Programme Budget 530'000 CHF  
 Started in 2016  
 Supported since 2018

A collaboration of donors, government and NGOs led by EdelGive Foundation for improving public education in Maharashtra.

**THE YP FOUNDATION**



FOR YOUR HEART

Founded 2002  
 Annual NGO Budget 770'000 CHF  
 Partner since 2021

Facilitating marginalised young people's feminist and rights-based leadership on issues of health equity, gender justice, sexuality rights, and social justice.

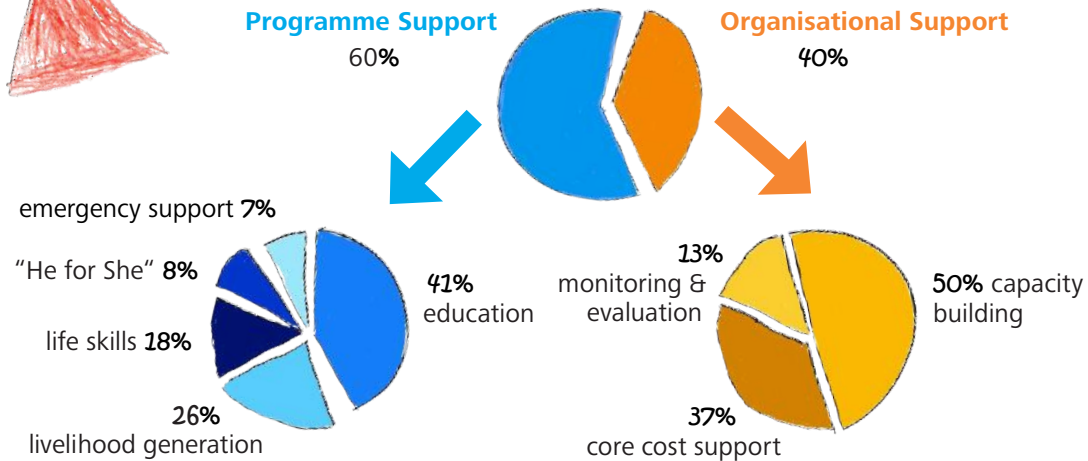
Read more about Dalyan's NGO partners [here](#).



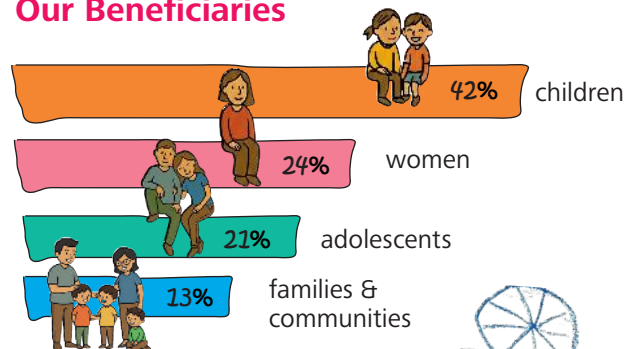
# Dalyan in Numbers in 2025



## Our Contribution to our NGO Partners



## Our Beneficiaries



## Our Partnerships

**21** NGO partners

**7** years is our average partnership duration

**38%** of our support are towards underfunded areas (e.g. pilots, young NGO's)



# About **Dalyan** Foundation

since 2008

## Goal

Enhancing the personal and economic well-being of women, adolescents and children from underprivileged backgrounds

## Value Add

Strengthening NGOs through programme, core cost and capacity building support

## Geography

India and Türkiye

## Principle

Neutrality towards race, caste, religion and gender

## Risk Appetite

We also support pilot projects and young NGOs



## Themes

Education, livelihood, life skills and gender equity

## Commitment

Long-term partnerships with NGOs

## Beneficiaries

Women, adolescents and children from underprivileged backgrounds

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