



BENIN

# WE RING THE BELL 2019



In 2019 we rang the bell:  
 With **270.331** children  
 At **1.321** schools  
 In **27** countries



INDIA

## CAMPAIGN OUTCOMES

Mary is a girl from **INDIA** who was born with cerebral palsy. Compared to other children at school, she was not treated equally. Teachers did not really care about her abilities. The We Ring the Bell campaign has made a positive impact on Mary's life. She feels more appreciated and supported in class and is treated with respect.



PERU

CEPETRI is a school in **PERU** that has participated in the We Ring the Bell campaign for three years already. They have improved the infrastructure in their buildings to make them more accessible to children with disabilities. On top of that, teachers now receive regular trainings about behavior management and inclusive education.



In Benin, children with disabilities often do not receive their birth certificate. However, they need this document for many things, like to be able to vote during elections and to make exams in order to receive a diploma. Due to the awareness raised through the We Ring the Bell campaign, close to a hundred children with disabilities received their birth certificate already, just like the children with a hearing impairment in the picture. Local authorities have expressed commitment to provide birth certificates to all children with a disability.

### THE WELCOME TO SCHOOL CASE

**'It is time that inclusive and accessible education becomes a reality everywhere.'**

STEVEN VAN BERLEKOM,  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LILIANE FOUNDATION

The playful materials, provided in the Welcome to School Case help accessible education become a reality. With the tools provided in this case, children can investigate with a set of fun tasks how welcoming their school is to children with disabilities. The case can be applied as a learning or training tool in schools, to raise awareness and to gather evidence for advocacy to actually improve accessibility and make education more inclusive. In 2019, 43 schools in 9 countries have been assessed with this fun tool.



## ABOUT THE LILIANE FOUNDATION

The Liliane Foundation contributes to a world that is open to everyone and in which children with a disability that grow up in extreme poverty are able to develop and use all their talents. Together with local organisations in Africa, Asia and Latin America, we make children stronger and their environment more accessible.

The Liliane Foundation supports children with disabilities and their families in the fields of health, education, social contacts and work and income. Through our local partner organisations, more than 55,000 children with disabilities get access to education annually.

### Achieving Inclusive Education

For the Liliane Foundation, inclusive education of children with disabilities is one of the most important components of its strategy. Inclusive education offers high quality formal and informal learning opportunities for every child within a mainstream system that adapts to the needs of all learners. In order for children with disabilities to attain meaningful inclusive education, the Liliane Foundation considers four general principles: acceptability, availability, accessibility and adaptability.

- > **Acceptability** requires from the government minimal standards on the curriculum and quality of teachers. The school is a safe place to learn.
- > **Availability** means that for every child there is a school or learning opportunity close to their home. The school has qualified and trained teachers and appropriate resources and equipment for children with and without disabilities.
- > **Accessibility** means (implementation of) inclusive policies and legislation, acceptance from teachers, peers and other school staff. The whole school, including classrooms and toilets, are accessible.
- > **Adaptability** means that the education system is flexible and the curriculum can be adapted to the needs of each individual learner.

### Contact us

If you would like to know more about the Liliane Foundation's approach to inclusive education, feel free to contact us at: [education@lilianefonds.nl](mailto:education@lilianefonds.nl)

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