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KEY PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES IN 2024

In 2024 in Norway in 2024, 24 facilitator trainings were conducted certifying 300 facilitators, and 12 trainers were trained. ICDP Norway received approval for two projects—one national and one international. These are vital for the organisation's finances, but also serve as strategic pilots.

National Project: Haugerud Community Initiative

Supported by Sparebankstiftelsen DnB, this project explores the role of civil society and faith communities in implementing ICDP, in collaboration with Alna district authorities. Trosterud School is also considering piloting ICDP in schools with separate finances.

International Project: ICDP Sharing Community & Implementation Support

ICDP Norway received funding from Kavli Foundation for this project with two components:

- **ICDP Sharing Community** – A global exchange platform via webinars, developed in collaboration with ICDP International.
- **Implementation support** – to three countries: ICDP Nepal, now independent after 10 years of Norwegian funding; ICDP Tanzania, where facilitator training has been conducted with funding by Strømme Foundation – and will potentially include Uganda and Ethiopia. The goal is to support sustainable national ICDP structures.

Key activities in 2024

- Launched the Haugerud Community Project.
- Initiated collaboration with Trosterud School that might include ICDP.

- Started the ICDP Sharing Community initiative, including implementation support to Nepal and Tanzania.
- Conducted facilitator training in Tunisia, Bhutan, and Tanzania.
- Began developing ICDP Norway's 2025-2030 strategy. Focus is on social impact.
- ICDP Norway has specific responsibility for two ICDP versions:
 - **ICDP for Parents of Children with Disabilities** – Revised and piloted in three municipalities; funding applications in progress.
 - **ICDP in Elderly Care** – Two research articles published (Line Constanse Holmsen, PhD) – partly supported by ICDP Norway and ICDP International to ensure open access. Collaboration with Diakonova Vocational College and hopes of piloting in Tromsø.
- Participated in public hearings.
- Collaborated with det governmental Bufetat (SKM) to launch new certification criteria – and finalize ICDP for parents of adolescents. We also worked together when the government decided to reduce the number of meeting to refugee families. This has been basically reverted.
- Hosted webinars, seminars, digital forums, and newsletters.
- Increased volunteer engagement in working groups and specific tasks.

ICDP Norway continues to work towards financial sustainability through public training contracts, facilitator training programmes, donations, and project funding applications.



#THEGOODVILLAGE AT HAUGERUD, OSLO

– A STORY OF COLLABORATION, ICDP AND HOPE FOR THE FUTURE

In Haugerud, a neighborhood in Oslo's east – rich in language, culture and lived experiences – a new movement is emerging. It's not about romanticizing challenges, but about meeting them with presence, community and collaboration. At the heart of it all is ICDP Norway's project Safe Parents supported by Sparebankstiftelsen in the Haugerud Community – a dedicated effort to strengthen the role of parents as a foundation for children's security and wellbeing.

Haugerud has experienced unrest. In the autumn of 2022, concerns around local youth put the community to the test. In response, the police initiated the Trosterud/Haugerud Collaboration Forum, bringing together local actors to restore trust and connection. The result was a more peaceful 2023. But by the fall of 2024, new tensions had emerged between youth groups – some gaining media attention, others handled quietly within the community through care and dialogue. Haugerud is vibrant and diverse, but faces real challenges: cultural tensions, overcrowded housing, and the need for engaged adults across home, school and community spaces.

Though still in its first year, the ICDP project has become a unifying force. In collaboration with Haugerud Sports Association, Islamic Cultural Centre (ICC), Haugerud Church, the Local Volunteer Center, Trosterud School, and Alna District Council, a strong foundation is being built for parent involvement and trust-based cooperation. The police is an important partner in addition to the school that has served as a central arena for recruitment, dialogue and reflection and are seeking funding to develop a full scale ICDP project with the teachers at their school – also offering ICDP groups to parents.

Through new facilitator training, ICDP-based parent meetings, themed gatherings and dialogue groups, the project is reaching widely. The ethos and the three ICDP dialogues – emotional, meaning-making and regulatory – give parents the tools and language to connect deeply with their children, their peers and their community.

From this, #thegoodvillage (Norwegian: #dengodelandsbyen) is growing – a living expression of local solidarity. In Haugerud, security is being built from the ground up – one facilitator, one relationship, one village at a time.

