



## **Aflatoun International ranks number 29 in the world's top 500 NGOs**

Amsterdam, The Netherlands (20 June, 2016) – Aflatoun International, working to improve the lives of children and young people, has made it to number 29 in the fourth edition of NGO Advisor's Top 500 NGOs, listing the world's top charitable organisations.

### **Turning dependence into independence**

For the second year in a row, Aflatoun International ranked 29<sup>th</sup>, offering social and financial education to children and young people worldwide through its innovative social franchise model. NGO partners using Aflatoun curricula also scored high in the Top 500 NGOs list, including key partner BRAC returning to the number one spot.

Aflatoun International CEO Roeland Monasch welcomed the news: *"This reflects the efforts of our dedicated team and committed partners and shows the increasing support for social and financial education. We are now getting closer to providing all children and young people with the tools to build a better future."*

In many countries children and young people do not have the knowledge and skills to actively participate and contribute to their societies, often characterised by weak education systems, poor social services and limited employment opportunities.

Aflatoun International's Social and Financial Education allows children and young people to break the intergenerational cycle of poverty and inequality, turning dependence into independence. By becoming socially and economically empowered they are inspired to discover their talents and stand up for their rights.

With the support of a strong network of 190 NGOs and 28 governments, Aflatoun International reaches four million children and young people in 120 countries.

*"Our method enables children and young people not only to survive, but to thrive in an increasingly complex and interconnected world,"* Monasch said. *"Our aim is to reach 20 million by 2020, making sure that the next generation gets along and gets ahead in life."*

Grounded in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child and building on its strong network, Aflatoun International has an important role to play in fulfilling the Sustainable Development Goals. Through its transformative programmes Aflatoun International directly contributes to four of these goals: *No Poverty; Quality Education; Decent Work and Economic Growth, and Reduced Inequalities.*



### **About Aflatoun International**

[Aflatoun International](#) is a non-governmental organisation offering social and financial education to children and young people worldwide through an innovative social franchise model. This enables children to make a positive change to their lives and communities, with the ultimate aim to break the cycle of poverty in which many find themselves.

### **About NGO Advisor**

[NGO ADVISOR](#) is a Geneva-based independent media organisation that produces the Top 500 NGOs, a series of reviews of the best nonprofit organisations from around the world. To date NGO Advisor is publishing the unique such ranking. The organisation combines sound journalism with comprehensive research to highlight innovation, impact, and governance in the nonprofit sector.

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