

Y'S
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PROJECTS APPROVED FOR FUNDING FROM TIME OF FAST
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2008/2009

**TOF 07-03
(Ongoing)**

**India: Y's Men's Club of Kanhangad, West India Region
Mission Awareness (An HIV/AIDS Awareness Programme)**

Location: The Coastal region of Kasaragod District, North western part of the Kerala State, India

Background: Kerala is well known for its socioeconomic advancement among other states. Lying in the north western part of the state of Kerala, Kasaragod District was formed on 24 May 1984. When comparing with the State average, the district is evidently backwards in literacy, industry, health, sanitation and many other areas. Contrary to the Kerala State average, the income per capita disparity is more in this district. A good number of people of this district are either working in the Middle East or in other states, especially in the state of Maharashtra and particularly in Mumbai. This district has a concentration of migrant labour class among the other districts. This makes them more susceptible to the risk of HIV/AIDS. Studies conducted by the Government as well as NGOs prove, that the district of Kasaragod, especially its coastal areas, hosts the maximum number of people infected and people who are prone to be infected are constantly rising. To make it worse, the coastal area of Kasaragod has a complex texture of less literate and orthodox religious groups and less literate low earning fishermen community. The low rate of literacy, high rate of poverty and distinctive income disparity along with the delicate religious structure of the society are creating greater damage to the preventive work of the organisations. The people of this area have a direct or indirect link with the state of Maharashtra, where the highest number of cases of HIV/AIDS are reported so far.

Project: The selection of resource volunteer will be found at Rural Adolescent Clubs, Higher Secondary Schools, Colleges, National Service Scheme Members, self help group members of rural areas and recommended persons from Municipal/Panchayath Representatives. Training of selected persons will be imparted at the instituted training facility by professionals (hired, non hired or deputed by Government/NGOs). It will be a two day training programme for each team of 10 volunteers with financial assistance and material support. The trained volunteers will hold study classes, seminars, conventions and one to one information at the area they represent. Such programme will take place at least once every month by each trained volunteer. On monthly basis the trained volunteers report to the professional co-ordinator. This project is planned to be implemented in four phases consisting of six months each. On district level/Panchayath level programmes will be organized by the project officer directly on a monthly basis with help of trained volunteers and other NGOs.

After phase IV, the project will continue in co-operation with Self Help Groups for at least three year. The reduced cost will be born by the Y's Men's Club of Kanhangad and its sponsors.

Expected number of beneficiaries: 199,890 individuals directly and 469,850 individuals indirectly.

Budget:

Item	Total cost		Club contribution		Requested from ToF	
	Ph. I + II	III+ V	Ph. I + II	III + IV	Ph. I + II	III + IV
Rent to training facility	30,000		15,000		15,000	
		30,000		15,000		15,000
Office expence	18,000		9,000		9,000	
		18,000		9,000		9,000
Training equipment: Laptop, LCD Projector, OHP etc.	280,600		140,300		140,300	
Office stationary (Recurring expence)	6,000		3,000		3,000	
		6,000		3,000		3,000
Office stationary (Furniture)	15,000		7,500		7,500	
Honorarium to the Project officer	60,000		30,000		30,000	
		60,000		30,000		30,000
Honorarium to Office assistant	30,000		15,000		15,000	
		30,000		15,000		15,000
Training expenses	55,000		27,500		27,500	
		20,000		10,000		10,000
Expenses to reimburse to Volunteer trainees	390,000		195,000		195,000	
		720,000		360,000		360,000
Cost of publicity (Slide-shows, CD's, Book-lets etc)	200,000		100,000		100,000	
		200,000		100,000		100,000
Transportation, Conveyance etc.	48,000		24,000		24,000	
		48,000		24,000		24,000
Unforeseen/Miscellaneous	5,000		2,500		2,500	
		5,000		2,500		2,500
Total	1,137,600		568,800		568,800	
		1,137,000		568,500		568,500

100,000 INR ≈ 2,412 USD ≈ 2,957 CHF

Approx. 16,819 CHF

Approx.16,811 CHF

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**TOF 07-07 India: Y's Men's Club of Alakode, West India Region
(Ongoing) Establishing a Voluntary Counselling and Testing Centre (V.C.T.C.),
Seminar Hall and HIV/AIDS Awareness in four selected Rural Panchayaths of
Kannur District in Kerala State**

Location: Kannur District is located in the northern part of Kerala State, just south of Kasaragod District.

Background: Y's Men's Club of Alakode was formally established in 2000. From 2001 and onwards the club has conducted Free Cataract Operation Camp with the help of Arawind Eye Hospital, Coimbatore. So far they have been able to help appr. 1200 cataract patients belonging to the lower class of society to successfully undergo surgical treatment free of cost. For the last years the club members are committed to take up stop HIV/AIDS as their major and life long project. The death of six young people due to AIDS in their locality really shocked us and we decided to start this project for the coming years. The project started a year ago when the club on World AIDS Day 1st of December 2005 appointed a Project Officer and ten supervisors and they were given training. A comprehensive base line survey was organised with help from supervisors and club members.

Project: The prime objective of the project is to turn this area that comes under the project, an HIV/AIDS free zone as far as possible. To realise a healthy community which is capable of practising positive health practises including sexual behaviour is also an equally important goal. The Y's men's Club of Alakode will be the responsible body to implement the project and will try to reach their goal by setting up a Voluntary Counselling and Testing Centre (VCTC) and Seminar Hall for the public, especially for the vulnerable and downtrodden group. The club will provide free test facilities for suspected cases, pre and post counselling, render referral services to the needy and provide a forum for the HIV/AIDS infected to share their concern and empower themselves. The project includes liaisons with Governmental and Non Governmental organisations for the HIV/AIDS infected and their treatment, rehabilitation etc. To conduct awareness programmes they will carry out seminars, quiz programme, cartoon competition, street corner plays, band race, essay-writing competitions etc. and will also give possibility to provide pre-marital counselling and train risk groups in safe sex practice and promote use of condoms. The overall supervision and policy decision will be done by the Director of Board of Y's Men's Club of Alakode with the help of the project staff. The four Grama Panchayaths and five Primary Health Centres also co-operate with the club in implementing the project. Half yearly reports will be sent to Y's Men International. After the next three years the club will be fully responsible for continuing the project.

The building covers an area of 101.32 m² in two floors. At the ground floor are three rooms and a lab and at the second floor the hall for seminars etc.

This project is expected to run for at least six years, with the club providing funding for the latter half of this project. The club will send its members for counselling courses and ensure their free service as counsellors. Besides, Ymt. Dr Martha Thomas, who is the Superintendent of Govt. Taluk Hospital, has kindly consented her free service to the project after her retirement in 2008.

Budget:

Amount spent so far by the club				INR
Personnel: Project manager, field supervisors				108,000
Monitoring & review: Travel, baseline survey, evaluation				175,000
Field level activities: Seminars, workshops, school education etc.				223,000
Cost of land, cost of foundation & basement, stationery				472,325
Grand Total				978,325
Item	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009	Total
Project manager, field supervisors, doctors etc.	198,000	198,000	198,000	594,000
Travel, review planning & evaluation	25,000	25,000	25,000	75,000
Seminars, workshops, school education etc	85,000	85,000	85,000	255,000
Building VCTC Hall & Seminar Hall	346,000			346,000
Test kit	25,000	25,000	25,000	75,000
Printing & stationery	40,000	40,000	40,000	120,000
Total amount requested	719,000	373,000	373,000	1,465,000

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**TOF 07-08 India: Y's Men's Club of Bangalore Bourdillon, South India Region
(Ongoing) HIV/AIDS Project for Rural Population in Bangalore North Taluk**

Location: Northern Bangalore in the state of Karnataka, South India

Background: Bangalore is the fastest growing city in India. More than 500,000 people are now living with HIV in Karnataka and the majority of them are living in and around Bangalore city and the majority of them are women. The city is surrounded by many villages and the living conditions of the people in these areas are miserable. They have no proper employment nor have they any land to cultivate to earn a livelihood. Y's Men have organized a few volunteers to study more on HIV/AIDS diseases prevalent in the Bangalore rural and particularly at the Hoskote Taluk of Bangalore rural district. It has about 303 villages and a population of about 165,000 people. Most of the villagers are illiterate and work on daily wages. Among them 60 % of people are from the backward community. Most of them are addicted to alcohol. Their health and hygiene is very poor and they work for landlords and their wages are very low. There are a few colonies in town where people also work on day-to-day basis. Most of the male are alcoholics and do not care for their families. Many women have, to get their daily bread, got into prostitution and in this way the dreadful HIV is spreading very rapidly.

Project: Together with Hoskote Mission and Medical Center (HMM), (a NGO organisation, that among other things, gives free medical care for poor patients), the Y's Men's Club will provide counselling, identifying, treating and helping HIV affected people. The Y's Men strongly believe that an un-healthy population and poverty is the root cause of many problems in the rural areas. The beneficiary group will be sick men, women and children mostly from the backward communities. Preliminary survey jointly conducted by Y's Men and HMM has revealed the existence of many sick people, mainly young men and women. The activities are planned as follows:

1. Create awareness about AIDS in the community and in the village
2. Conduct workshops on AIDS in the villages
3. Give proper counselling to the patients and their family members
4. Provide medicines to patients

Around 5,000 people will be counselled, 480 patients identified and treated during the period. Awareness about AIDS will be created in the community, the stigma will be removed and the affected patients will not be ostracized.

Budget:

Item	1 st year		2 nd year	
	INR	Total	INR	Total
Part time doctor	120,000		132,000	
Nurse	60,000		66,000	
Health workers	72,000		79,200	
Records clerk	30,000		33,000	
Assistant nurse	26,400		29,040	
Administration		308,400		339,240
Medicine and diagnostic tests	48,000		60,000	
Treatment	120,000		140,000	
Flash cards and teaching AIDS	30,000		30,000	
Building rent	24,000		26,000	
Electricity and water	2,400		2,600	
Vehicle maintenance	24,000		26,000	
Incidental expenses	3,500		3,500	
Recurring expenditure		251,900		288,100
Vehicles (two wheelers)	92,000		0	
Furniture and medical equipments	125,000		0	
Lab/clinical equipment	75,000		0	
Non-recurring capital		292,000		0
GRAND TOTAL		852,300		627,340
Club contribution (10 %)		- 85,230		- 62,734
REQUESTED FROM TOF		767,070		564,606

100,000 INR ≈ 2,412 USD ≈ 2,957 CHF

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Approx. 16,695 CHF

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**TOF 07-09 Latin America/Caribbean: Ecuador; YMCA (ACJ) of Ecuador
(Ongoing) Youth Training and Communication for Self-Esteem Development
and Responsible Sexuality**

Location: Southern part of Quito (zone 7), Ecuador

Background: According to information provided by the Ecuador Health Ministry:

- There has been an increase in prostitution, especially of young women from smaller cities and Colombia. They work in terrible conditions, unhealthy and without any permits nor registrations, which increases sexually transmitted diseases (STDs)
- Although in Quito there are initiatives to prevent HIV/AIDS, however they are not coordinated and have not been directed to young people. One of the networks on the issue has not been able to develop an integrated program and it is difficult to develop a broad preventive training program among youth in high schools. This affects mostly high schools in the south of Quito.
- Poverty, limited access to education and lack of information on sexual health are related to problems of sexual violence, undesired teen pregnancy and a high risk of STDs and HIV/AIDS. 68 % of teenagers living in cities are migrants from other Ecuadorean provinces, therefore there are problems that effect their emotional stability.
- There is an important number of adolescents who have abortions which causes problems also such as unfinished studies, limitations to work, family rejection, social condemnation and physical and emotional problems.

Project: This project works based on an approach of rights and responsibilities, using open dialogue without taboos and myths. It addresses an issue that is personal, related to the family and public.

Youth participating in the project do not have adequate information on sexuality. In general the information is confusing, since they are constantly watching television which does not provide adequate information and messages, since sex is conceived as a merchandise. Also in virtual electronic pages, there is distortion in relation to sexuality and stimulates irresponsible practices related to economical and patriarchal power. Youth also exchange information with their peers in school or receive sexual education with only a biological approach, which is also the case with their parents, with a moralistic view.

Beneficiaries: *Direct:* 400 youths, age 15-19 years, in State High Schools in South Quito

Indirect: 200 families, 1,000 men and women. (age 15-19 years old).

Strategies:

- Stimulate learning to promote personal development, self esteem and the value of human sexuality
- Generate debate in relation to certain beliefs and myths on sexuality and promote individual and social responsibility on sexuality
- Consolidate gender and self-confidence identity in both male and female teenagers
- Promote healthy sexual life and culture based on scientific knowledge
- Develop abilities and attitudes that promote HIV/AIDS and STDs prevention
- Participation of at least 40 % female teenagers
- Motivation to maintain respectful relations among participants
- Motivation for female participants to assume leadership roles
- Use of non-sexist language

Budget:

Item	1 st year		2 nd year	
	Local	USD Request	Local	USD Request
Personal: coordinator, secretary		6,000		6,000
Logistic: electricity, water, phone, office equipm	2,400	2,400	2,400	2,400
Consultants: design training system, web info	800	500		500
Equipment and services: maintenance, internet	1,000	1,300	400	1,500
Training: copies, documents, food, training mat.	600	1,900	600	1,900
Communication: posters, stickers, bulletins	400	1,200	400	1,200
Culture: trainers, cultural groups, work shops	1,800	2,400	1,800	2,400
Other costs: external audit, follow-up		2,200		2,200
TOTAL	7,000	17,900	5,600	18,100

1,000 USD ≈ 1,226 CHF

Approx. 21,945 CHF

Approx. 22,191 CHF

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**TOF 07-13 Latin America/Caribbean: ACJ of Costa Rica (through Owen Sound Y
(Ongoing) Service Club)**

Light Up Costa Rica Project for Indigenous People

Location: Indigenous Reserves of Talamanca, Costa Rica

Background: Costa Rica has many enlightened laws on the books regarding human rights and in the support of the special needs of the Indigenous Peoples, but the capacity to enforce those laws and provide for the needs identified by the legislators has not caught up to the legislators' vision. In spite of high average literacy rates and an excellent health system for much of the Costa Rican population, the Indigenous People do not benefit from these advantages. Land use and human right abuses are frequent. The Indigenous People present a development challenge to their leadership as they tend to live apart on the reserves and far off established roads. Communication is difficult and slow. They derive few benefits from the material development of the country as a whole, but have been severely affected by it. Much of their culture has been lost and there is a concerted effort in the Indigenous educational system to provide for a re-learning of traditional cultural practices, value systems, languages and lifestyle.

The "Light Up Costa Rica" project started by LaSalle High School Principal David Wiwchar of Sudbury, Ontario, Canada presented the opportunity to add the support of the Owen Sound Y Service Club to a good idea and assist with making it sustainable. Brian Minielly went to Costa Rica in March 2007 to work with the representatives of all three agencies. He joined David Wiwchar for community meetings in the Talamanca and Turrialba regions. He also travelled to Buenos Aires and met leaders of the ARADIKES organization. It is the umbrella organization under which CEDIN operates in the Salitre Indigenous reserve area. This was also the opportunity to meet with the Y in Costa Rica, to introduce the details of the project and to build a foundation for an effective partnership.

In mid-November 2007 the Y Service Club will be formed in San Jose. We anticipate that it will become an active partner in this project at that time. The President of the Owen Sound Y Service Club will participate in that event in San Jose.

Project: The "Light Up Costa Rica" project is facilitating the installation of solar lighting systems in the homes of Indigenous People in the southern Indigenous Reserves of Costa Rica. This has been done thus far through the leadership of three influential individuals from these communities.

The objective of this project is to add some elements to make the project sustainable and eventually driven by the Indigenous community. With the support and participation of ACJ Costa Rica, we plan to increase the number of lighting systems provided each year to more than 100 units so that they can be imported most cost-effectively and so that a significant impact can be had in kerosene replacement throughout the whole community. To increase delivery capacity and to transfer the knowledge and practice into the hands of the local population, we propose to train 6 teams in total, 2 teams of 2 people in each of the three areas. Each team will have one person able to install, maintain and repair the solar lighting systems. The other person will be the organizer who sets up community meetings, explains the concept of the neighbourhood lending group and the microfinance principles behind it and keeps track of the systems and repayments. The existing coordinators of the three distribution networks will supervise the teams' work.

The Y in Costa Rica, plus the new Y Service Club when it comes into existence, are important partners and necessary to the success of this project. They will receive the lighting system components and store them for distribution to the various regions. This is a key part of the strategy needed to increase the number of systems installed each year and to ensure that the Indigenous People are able to maintain control of the project on their reserve areas.

Beneficiaries: Many families will be able to replace ineffective, dangerous and expensive kerosene lighting with solar-powered LED lighting, thus freeing cash resources, improving health and safety in homes and allowing children to read and do homework much more easily. The addition of practical illumination after sunset in the home will also impact on adults in the areas of culture, literacy, cottage industry and activities related generally to social and economic development in the larger community.

Budget: Total cost covers the expenses for travel, training programme development, training materials, instructor fees, trainees, coordinators and teams.

100 lighting packages and initial costs in 2007-08	14,000 USD (16,964 CHF)
120 lighting packages in 2008-09	7,000 USD (8,482 CHF)
140 lighting packages in 2009-10	9,000 USD (11,034 CHF)

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08-01 Africa: YMCA of Liberia: Establishment of a Y's Men High School

Location: Zorzor City, Lofa County, Liberia

Background: Zorzor City, one of the oldest and historical cities of Lofa County, was devastated by the 14-year civil conflict with all infrastructure destroyed like all other cities and towns of the county. With peace now prevailing, most structures and facilities are actively being rehabilitated or reconstructed. The return to normalcy has witnessed the influx of people into the city from various places of refuge including Internally Displaced Camps, Refugee Camps, etc.

In this development phase, among the critical issues to be addressed in the city is school accommodation, especially High School. Zorzor District has 42 schools: 35 Elementary Schools, 6 Junior High Schools and 1 Senior High School that is located in Zorzor City – Zorzor Central High School (ZCHS). ZCHS is the only High School in Zorzor and Salayea Districts. All other schools in these two huge communities are feeder schools. Consequently for the Academic Year 2007/08, ZCHS has more than doubled its capacity and is using any available unfinished buildings and makeshift structures to accommodate students. Despite all these efforts, students who could not obtain admittance at ZCHS due to lack of space far outnumber those admitted. Without doubt, the demand for another High School in Zorzor is high.

Due to its location and adequacy of its facilities, the Zorzor YMCA Youth Center is seen as ideal for a High School. On numerous occasions, YMCA has been approached by the Zorzor District School Authority to permit the use of the facilities to at least accommodate the upper classes of ZCHS. The Youth Center has eight structures quite suitable for a school and is located in an excellent learning environment outside but not far from the City Center. The purpose of this proposal is to assist in the transformation of the Zorzor Youth Center and its facilities into a modern High School.

Project: The goal of establishing a Y's Men High School at the Zorzor YMCA Youth Center is to provide equal (quality) learning opportunities to all children (youth) of Zorzor and Salayea Districts by giving them easy access to High School in their own community. The project will have the following impact on beneficiaries and communities when the project funding has ended:

- In one academic year 500 school age children will be housed or accommodated in a new, well equipped Elementary and Jr. High School learning environment in Zorzor, Lofa County.
- Beneficiaries'/students' academic performance will be improved, evidenced by the end of year school test result, National Exams result and inter school academic competition in the community.
- The school compound will draw large numbers of youth and community members due to improved sports facilities for sports events and tournaments. Thus improving skills in sports peace building and increasing YMCA membership and local support for the project..
- A School Agriculture Program (vegetable and animals) to be initiated on the available land will yield cash from sale which will support the school while at the same time giving Agriculture Skills to beneficiaries or students.

Budget for one year: (Land and existing buildings donated by the Community and YMCA)

Description	Amount in USD
Preparing available buildings	7 215
Personnel	7 740
Furniture	5 025
Stationery & Supplies	950
Other investments	6 890
Administrative costs	2 180
Total	30 000

1 USD ≈ 1.006 CHF

Approved by ICM 08: CHF 30,180

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08-02 Africa: Kenya YMCA: Establishing Information, Communication and Technology Centres

Locations: Githumu YMCA and Shauri Moyo National Training Centre, Nairobi, Kenya

Background: It is widely acknowledged that information is power and that the success of any economy depends on the knowledge of the country's citizens. A wide variety of knowledge and information can be acquired through reading and easy access to information from well equipped Information, Communication and Technology Centres.

Against this background the idea of establishing an ICT Resource Centre was hatched with the view of cultivating, inspiring and spurring a reading culture and availing equipment to the youth and community for knowledge, information and research. This was after the realization that vast information can be obtained through a well equipped ICT Centre and cater for the increasing demand and quest for knowledge and research arising out of the ever changing world. Demand for the facility is high and implementation of the project will serve the many youth in selected YMCA branches and will be a great milestone in addressing youth's intellectual needs.

Project: The project entails equipping an ICT Resource Centre with modern computers, equipment, publications, videos, magazines, journals and brochures for information and research. The project is designed to respond to an overwhelming demand for a well-equipped modern ICT Centre to quench the quest for reading, knowledge and information. The project will serve the pressing need and will have to be expanded over time to meet the needs of the increasing youth population in Nairobi city most of whom are unemployed due to dwindling government funds brought on by the current economic difficulties the world over.

The room identified and set aside by YMCA for the ICT Centre is centrally located and easily accessible by youth, university students, and members of the local community.

Upon completion of the project, the following will be realized:

- Empowerment of the youth and community with relevant knowledge and current information, hence achieving intellectual development which will be a recipe for the socio-economic growth of the community.
- Easily accessible Resource Centre with modern computer equipment and youth friendly journals, magazines, video cassettes and religious literature.
- Cultivation and encouragement of a reading culture amongst the youth, thereby keeping them busy and preventing them from indulging in destructive modes of behaviour which stem from idleness.
- Quality youth leadership and management brought about by increased readership courtesy of easily accessible internet service, journals, magazines and video cassettes.
- Empowered youth capable of making informed choices in life for a better future.

As the project aims to benefit youth in and out of school, it will be sustained through payment for services rendered, such as internet surfing, photocopies and printing services and fees levied on video cassettes, books and journals borrowed. The income generated will be used to pay for the staff and utilities like electricity and telephone charges.

The YMCA will supervise the project in collaboration with Githumu Y's Men's Club, Thika Y's Men's Club and Nairobi Y's Men's Club. The project will be integrated with other youth leadership programmes and programmes such as the Best Practice programme and HIV/AIDS prevention and reproductive health programmes that have already been developed.

Budget

Item	KES	Item	KES
26 Computers	1 040 000	Digital copier	180 000
15 UPS Gadgets	105 000	Hubs, Switches and Cabling	120 000
26 Computer desks/chairs	208 000	Renovation of the ICT Rooms	60 000
4 Printers	32 000	Internet connectivity	120 000
TOTALLY			1 865 000 KES

1000 KES ≈ 12,41 CHF

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**08-03 Latin America/Caribbean: YMCA of Pinheiros, Sao Paulo, Brazil
Broadening Horizons for Educational and Professional Development**

Location: YMCA Community Development Center (CDC) in Pinheiros/Sao Paulo, Brazil

Background: The CDC Pinheiros is located in the West Side of Sao Paulo. It serves the low-income population in surrounding neighbourhoods who are in a situation of social vulnerability. Many of these families who are in search of work in Pinheiros have children who are left alone at home or on the streets. These children are exposed to violence and to personal and social risk.

Thus, socio-assistance actions are justified to offer social protection to these families, especially by providing care services for children and adolescents through an inclusive education process aimed at citizenship values, support, orientation and concrete possibilities of new perspectives. It offers courses to improve the professional abilities of young people and adults working in the area and to upgrade their qualification for the work market.

The results so far show that several families have benefited by these actions, demonstrating a better family organization and improvement in the quality of life. Therefore, the purpose of this project is to extend the socio-assistance work done by the YMCA Pinheiros with this population.

Project:

General: The objective of the project is to offer social protection to children, teens, young people and adults in situation of vulnerability by providing:

- access to educational, social, cultural, physical and leisure activities.
- professional training to improve life conditions and opportunities for personal and social development.

Specific:

- The activities created by the socio-educational project aim at developing the bio-psycho-social situation of children/teens, respecting their creativity and potential, resulting in an interactive space for exchange of knowledge in the pursuit of a healthy education and development of individuals with awareness of their rights.
- Strengthening the integration component of the socio-educational project, facilitating the relationships among family, school and community.
- The education and professional training projects have as main objective to give the beneficiaries skills to compete for better positions in the work market.
- The voluntary work accomplished in the projects of the CDC Pinheiros also aims at nurturing the caring value in the community which, if well managed, becomes an instrument for the development of a citizen community.

Activities:

Socio-educational project: Craft, schooling support, psychological assistance, storytelling, sports, recreation, computers, English classes, encouraging reading, environmental education, music and dance.

Educational Program and Training: Adult literacy, hairdressing, computers, Spanish and English classes.

Goals: To offer a socio-educational project to 60 children aged 4 to 10 and their families as well as educational projects and professional training to 200 teens, youth and adults from February to December 2008.

Budget: The YMCA Pinheiros is going to support the project with appr. 47 000 USD

Item	USD	Item	USD
Twelve computers	8 500	Furniture	2 610
Multimedia machines	3 450	Equipment for hair dressing	2 450
Sound system	1 180	Miscellaneous	470
Kitchen equipment	4 310	Totally	22 970

1 USD ≈ 1.006 CHF

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**08-04 Europe: YMCA Zürich, Switzerland and YMCA Spitak, Armenia
“Home for future” – A centre for the children and youth of Spitak, Armenia**

Location: Armenia is situated in the heart of Caucasia, between the Caspian and Black Sea. The small town of Spitak is situated in a high valley in the north of Armenia about 1,500 metres above sea level. Its population in January 2006 was 15,100.

Background: The formerly pulsating industrial city experienced great sorrow in 1988 as, situated next to the epicentre, it was destroyed by a strong earthquake. The wounds of this catastrophe which killed 4,000 people in Spitak (over 25,000 people died in the whole region) have not healed to this day.

Spitak has recovered very slowly since that disaster. Until completion of the new church in 2001, only a few smaller buildings were rebuilt in the old centre. In 2003, the new “Town Centre”, consisting of a few buildings in Armenian style and a generous square with a fountain, followed. This “Town Centre” was seen as a symbol of tentative recovery, together with new housing estates realised thanks to the support of a foundation owned by a Diaspora-Armenian. Gradually Spitak is regaining its identity and the people can slowly start forgetting. But Spitak is still far from being a “normal” city. Over 90 % are jobless due to the difficult economic situation. The majority are self-supporters and suffer due to lack of perspectives. The situation is especially hard on children and teenagers, the most vulnerable part in society who lack possibilities for leisure activities and to develop themselves within a non-formal education. YMCA Spitak fills that gap with its Christian-deacon services.

YMCA Spitak is bringing new hope to the coming generations, with well-organised programs, open to everyone, such as non-formal education (English & computer classes), childcare, Ten Sing (Youth Choir), puppet theatre, volunteers club and a Y-Scouts group. These programs take place daily in an old small hut which cannot offer proper facilities. Nevertheless they are making a difference, not only to the participants, but to the whole community. The puppet-theatre for example presents self-developed plays in all the public schools in Spitak.

Project: The project consists of completion of a child & youth centre for YMCA Spitak, including the facilities (furniture etc) and the work in the environment of the building.

Due to the success of several sponsored events in Switzerland, as well as 2006 I Spitak, YMCA Spitak was able to buy 1,300 m² land next to the city park. The choice of location is a result of an evaluation by YMCA Spitak in collaboration with YMCA Zürich. The centre will be built in a part of Spitak, that seemed appropriate due to different existing free-time activities and closeness to schools and settlements.

The planned centre consists of modules, which will be built directly together (two-storied without basement), the “training-wing” with class-, seminary-/event rooms as well as offices, the ”social-wing” with cafeteria, guestrooms, a room of silence and a multi-functional hall (appr 230 m²). Through highest possible flexibility, all rooms can be used throughout the day.

	Programs	Frequency	Number/month 2006	Goal, number/month 2011
Trainings	Half day childcare	daily	50	70
	English Courses	every month	25	50
	Computer courses	length 14 weeks	10	24 (nine month/year)
Leisure time	Puppet theatre	weekly	12	20
	Y-scouts	weekly	48	128
	Volunteer club	daily	14	20
New offers	Full time childcare	daily	-	20
	Diff. sports program	daily	-	120 (nine month/year)
	Cinema club	weekly	-	30
	Adults ministries	weekly	-	30
	Guest rooms	daily	-	48 (6 beds, at least 8 nights)

Budget:

Item	CHF	Item	CHF
Property/entry in the land register	23 200	Surroundings	16 200
Planning/engineering work	19 600	Tax	122 000
Construction cost	565 100	Project management	100 000
Heating system	28 700	Reserve	78 000
TOTAL			952 800
Already financed	417 075 CHF	Approved by ICM 08:	CHF 30 180

**PROJECTS APPROVED FOR FUNDING FROM TIME OF FAST
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**08-05 Latin America/Caribbean: Latin American and Caribbean Alliance of YMCAs
Youth Leadership for the Prevention of HIV/AIDS in the Caribbean**

Location: Six National movements of YMCAs in the Caribbean

Background: Official estimates indicate that 360 000 people are living with HIV/AIDS in the Caribbean Region and that is nearly 2.5 % of the inhabitants. However, given widespread under reporting in the region, it is estimated that more than half a million people are infected with HIV. Of the 12 countries with the highest HIV prevalence in Latin America and the Caribbean, nine are in the Caribbean.

In response to these statistics, the subject of HIV/AIDS was identified by the Caribbean YMCAs before 2000 as a major focus for our movement. Although there are YMCAs in all of the countries and Y's Men's Clubs in three of them, only a few YMCAs have taken up the challenge of HIV/AIDS prevention. There is, however, a wealth of experience and information available in some of the YMCAs and there are staff who are internationally and nationally recognised for their expertise and ability to lead such a project.

Objective of the project: Active youth leadership in the prevention of HIV/AIDS in their local communities. The young people will not be recipients and beneficiaries, but leaders in the process. Local community youth leaders will be identified and through a process of capacity building (leadership for transformation), these young people will form local active groups that are simultaneously Y's Youth Clubs and groups of leaders of their YMCAs. The adults of the YMCAs and Y's Men will give support as facilitators accompanying the process. This will be a partnership between YMCA and Y's Men International with both organizations acting in coordination. This implies that there will be volunteers of both groups. Where a YMCA exists that will be involved in the project but no Y's Men's Club, this project will provide the opportunity to introduce the Y's Men's Club.

Activities:

- The design and implementation of integrated 4-hour workshops on the theme of sexuality, prevention etc with a youthful/playful methodology (games, songs, drama, dynamic group activities, using Caribbean culture, etc)
- Workshops of formation of youth multipliers/peer educators (training in HIV/AIDS prevention and methodologies). Our anticipation is that there will be six national movements involved in the project and that 25 youth leaders will be trained in each location, making a total of 150 multipliers.
- 36 workshops in schools and other educational centres and in social institutions, where the facilitators and entertainers are the young people trained by the project.
- Promotional activities and sensitisation organized by the local youth groups in public squares, beaches etc.
- Production of short videos and podcasts (audio clips in mp3 that can be reproduced in a format that can be reproduced on Internet radio). Within the region (Latin America and the Caribbean) we have the possibility to train and transfer knowledge. For the young people, this is very attractive; it is easy to train two or three people – it does not require much technology but computers, digital access to Internet, recorders, camera etc. The cost related to this production is low and will allow local groups to share their production, experiences etc. by Internet.

Budget:

Item	Cost in USD
Establishment of Caribbean Office	4 450
Meeting/Training Budget	7 500
Design of workshops on HIV/AIDS	200
Six two-day workshops of formation of youth multipliers (training materials, meals)	1 200
36 workshops in schools (promotional give-aways, transportation, meals)	1 200
36 promotional activities (t-shirts, posters, flyers)	1 200
Six national camps (venue, transportation, meals)	3 000
Sub-regional encounters (airfare subsidy, meals, accommodation)	6 000
Equipment (laptop, fax, multimedia projector, videocam)	2 500
Communication & Supplies	3 000
Total amount requested from Time of Fast	30 250

1 USD ≈ 1.006 CHF

Approved by ICM 08: CHF 30,432

**PROJECTS APPROVED FOR FUNDING FROM TIME OF FAST
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08-06 Latin America/Caribbean: YMCA of San Joaquin, Santiago and Y's Men's Club of La Florida, Chile - Children and Godparents: To Share and Prevent

Location: YMCA of San Joaquin, Santiago, Chile

Background: In Chile, nearly three million people live in poverty. Overcoming poverty is a challenge of equity, justice and social integration, where growth, although a necessary condition for a country to develop, does not necessarily reduce poverty. In the last 15 years, practically all layers of the population have registered improvement in their material well-being, but to very different rhythms. A similar situation exists with the distribution of opportunities.

To keep advancing it is necessary to shorten the distances separating Chileans in such fields as education, health, social protection and living conditions. For these persons to initialize autonomous processes for sustainable development, it is necessary to guarantee a wide and diverse frame of opportunities.

It is a fact that educational differences directly influence the existence and fulfilment of the projects of life. Education has as an essential function the continued development of persons and countries, being a fundamental base for the increase of human and social capital.

Project: To implement a program of psycho-social and educational character of early prevention, directed to children at social risk, from 8 to 14 years of age, belonging to the community of San Joaquin, through the sponsorship of young Guayanous volunteers, from 14 to 18 years.

To establish a system of sponsorship of young leaders of the YMCA of San Joaquin towards children in order to strengthen the vocation of service and volunteering of the former and to generate in the children the constitution of positive life projects and models.

- To take control of children psychosocially, establishing and following up 20 cases that present major grade of social vulnerability.
- To develop skills, capacities and learning in children through socio-educative processes that favour personal development and a positive self-concept by using skills of playful character of expression and artistic creation.
- To contribute to the promotion of a healthy life and to the good use of the children's free time.
- To generate space for reflection and coexistence between children and godparents, who encourage the swapping of experiences related to the leadership of the Guyanos, personal development and positive projects of life.
- To upgrade the family and the community as an important protective factor for early prevention and decrease of the factors of risk, by means of the shared coordinated between both actors.
- To prepare children for leadership, through recruitment, training and reinforcement of those who show emergent innate leadership, integrating them as an important and permanent part of the body of young volunteers of the YMCA of San Joaquin.

Beneficiaries: 75 children and voluntary leaders of the YMCA of San Joaquin during eight months.

Budget:

Item	Total	CLP	YMCA of Joaquin	CLP	Requested Time of Fast	CLP
Human resources		3 362 000		0		3 362 000
Infrastructure		1 740 000		1 740 000		0
Equipment		2 530 000		1 430 000		1 100 000
Material of Consumption		2 520 000		0		2 520 000
Information material		350 000		0		350 000
Totally		10 502 000		3 170 000		7 332 000

1 000 000 CLP ≈ 2 222 USD ≈ 2 236 CHF

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**PROJECTS APPROVED FOR FUNDING FROM TIME OF FAST
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08-07 Latin America/Caribbean: YMCA of São Paulo, Brazil - Computer Access for Everyone

Location: YMCA Community Development Center (CDC) in Enturmando Vila Ré/São Paulo, Brazil

Background: Vila Ré, the site of the CDC, is located in the district of Penha in Sao Paulo with 127,016 inhabitants (of whom 30 % are children and young people aged 7 to 24). The mortality rate among young people (aged 15 to 25) is 49.5 per 1,000 people. This high figure is explained by the social conditions and income level in the area. Almost 40 % of the population earn much less than the minimum wage and about 8.8% have no income at all.

In an environment of few or no opportunities for professional education, it is a challenge for young people to make choices that can lead to better living conditions. The figures point to the need for public policies that allow the development of proposals that generate income and alternatives to help these people to overcome the situation of vulnerability to which they are exposed. These problems affect more deeply one parent families and families where both parents have to work, leaving their children unsupervised. They are also vulnerable to criminal groups and drug dealers.

The reasons for social inequality and unemployment in Brazil are complex. However, the economic situation in the country must be seen as the main reason. The common opinion is that the country is unable to promote opportunities for everyone and, at the same time, there is a shortage of skilled workers, especially with knowledge in new technologies.

We believe that education has a strong role in the sustainable development of a country as it brings social justice and opportunities for all. Therefore, the YMCA of São Paulo wants to deal with the unemployment issue by creating opportunities for young people to learn new technologies to make them qualified for the work market and social life, promoting entrepreneurship and citizenship awareness.

Project: “Computer Access for Everyone” is a professional educational project for teens, their families and communities in a situation of social vulnerability, fostering their social inclusion. The objective is to promote information technology access through basic computer courses such as Windows Vista, Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Internet. These children, teens and families have little access to computers. There is a huge gap in opportunity between computer users and non-users. The creation of a computer centre will give the YMCA the opportunity to help the community in Vila Ré to acquire necessary skills to compete equally in the work market and improve their quality of life. The target population is teens up to 14 years of age, participants of the CDC, their families and the community.

Specific objectives:

- Contribute to digital inclusion of people as a means to exercise citizenship and improve professional abilities
- Create more opportunities to make people employable
- Encourage Internet research
- Use computer rooms as a site for the elaboration of interdisciplinary activities
- Improve capability to think, communicate, solve problems and make choices with responsibility

Goals: Annual assessment will be made to analyze the impact on the lives of the participants, their families and the community. We expect that the participants will have mastered basic computer skills after completing the program and also have improved in other aspects nurtured by the project such as school learning, work market insertion, social relations, cultural exchanges, self-esteem and self-confidence, search and realization of new life projects and use of new abilities in daily life.

The program aims to benefit 224 people every year (1,120 people at the end of five years) who will be enjoying a new life and making a difference in their families, communities and work places.

Budget: YMCA of Sao Paulo is going to support the project with 424 932 USD per year

Item	USD
17 computers	23 876
Video camera, tripod, digital camera, data projector, TV, DVD	6 798
Multifunctional (scanner, printer, photo-copier), Inkjet printer, micro system	3 994
Totally	34 668

1 USD ≈ 1.006 CHF

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**PROJECTS APPROVED FOR FUNDING FROM TIME OF FAST
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**08-08 India: Y's Men's Club of Bangalore Peenya, South India Region – War against HIV/AIDS
- Unified Global Project for Rural and Semi-Urban Population in Bangalore North Taluk**

Location: 13 villages in Bangalore North Taluk, Karnataka, India

Background: The latest UNAIDS study reveals that in 2007 2.5 million people worldwide are infected with HIV and about 40 million are HIV positive and live with the virus. Over 2 million people died from the disease in 2007 and about 7,000 new cases are reported every day. Another report says that India is the world's leading manufacturer of generic medication for illnesses such as AIDS, but 3 million of our citizens are without access to AIDS medication and tens of millions have no health centre or clinic within 10 kilometres of their home.

Lack of awareness about the disease and the social stigma associated with it are the two driving factors behind its spread. "In India, AIDS is spread by sex, blood and ignorance," said health activist Dr. I.S. Gilada. More than the dreaded infection itself, it is the discrimination and social stigma associated with it that first break down those affected. About 90 % of people believe that shame and stigma around HIV/AIDS keep people from talking about and addressing the disease and that both are a problem contributing to the spread of HIV.

We club members wish to fight the disease more vigorously. We believe that a healthy population will play an active role in the overall development of our community. We recognize the subordination of the sick, particularly the HIV/AIDS affected, and economically weak people in a community. Our strategy includes opportunities for all people to be healthy.

Project Duration: two years.

Planned activities:

- Create awareness about AIDS in the targeted area
- Field workers to do door to door counselling
- Conduct workshops on AIDS in the targeted area
- Provide counselling to the patients and their family members
- Provide medicines to patients and accommodate them in nearby clinics
- Conduct seminars, public meetings, street plays, etc., on AIDS in the targeted area for women and men separately as well as jointly
- Provide infrastructure for testing and treatment to the HIV positive patients
- Provide counselling of infected and non-infected people
- Set up counselling and testing centres
- Conduct national awareness program specially targeting people aged between 15 and 23 years and involve Y's Youths to organize the program
- Set up free voluntary counselling and training centres to prevent transmission from mother to child
- Provide medicine to AIDS patients
- Encourage voluntary testing and assure them no fear of consequences

We believe that this AIDS control programme would play a significant role to stop spreading the dreaded disease. Necessary action will be taken to give awareness to the public against HIV/AIDS and support will be given to the identified patients to lead a happy and productive life. Y's Men with the support of a local Hospital, Hoskote Mission and Medical Centre will do our best in achieving the aims and objectives of the project.

Beneficiaries: Around 6 000 people will be counselled, 500 patients identified and treated and about 30-50 patients admitted and treated in hospital during the project period. Awareness about HIV/AIDS will be created in the community, the stigma will be removed and the affected patients will not be ostracized. Proper counselling will be given to patients and their relatives so that they may love their life and try to lead a fruitful life in their environment.

Budget:

Item	INR
Administration: Doctor, nurse, health workers, aya, clerk	647 640
Programme: Medicine and tests, treatments, building rent	495 600
Inventory: Vehicles, furniture	56 000
Totally	1 199 240

100 000 INR ≈ 2 501 USD ≈ 2 516 CHF

Approved by ICM 08: CHF 30,167

08-09 Latin America/Caribbean: YMCA of Brasilia, Brazil
Digital Inclusion for Social Inclusion, Sobradinho

Location: Community Development Center (CDC) in Sobradinho/Brasilia, Brazil

Background: The problematic social reality of children and adolescents today is a fact and has worsened for many reasons. This issue combined with lack of access to information technology results in a greatly disadvantaged community.

The YMCA of Brasilia through the CDC in Sobradinho believes in digital inclusion as a way to minimize problems of marginality, addiction and unhealthy habits observed in children and adolescents. We believe that we may improve the physical, moral and social health of individuals by encouraging them to make healthy choices for a healthier adulthood. The CDC serves the socially and personally vulnerable low-income population, whose family providers need to work and cannot afford professional care for their children. The income required to participate in this program is from zero up to two minimum wages per capita.

The CDC offers an after school program for children and teens, including meals, personal hygiene orientation, school reinforcement, recreational activities, computer classes, choir singing lessons, arts, physical education, capoeira, educational presentations and psychosocial services enabling effective social inclusion. The CDC has developed outstanding work in the city of Sobradinho offering free of charge high quality services to children, teens and their families, aimed at helping them to overcome their vulnerable situation and its negative effects.

Project: The objective of the project is to give children and teens access to new computer technologies and communication in order to minimize social differences. In this context, computer will be used as a tool through which citizenship awareness will be developed.

Specific Objectives

- Offer basic courses where citizens learn how to use technological tools in an enterprising, creative and critical manner
- Give access to and stimulate Internet research
- Give children and teens a wide menu of social and educative possibilities to access playful, recreational, sporting and cultural activities
- Identify and develop abilities and potential of children and teens as well as stimulate their search for creative solutions for their lives

Goals: To serve 100 children and teens aged from 6 to 14, from February to December. To provide basic computer courses to 40 family members from February to July and to 40 from August to December.

A survey analysing the specific changes in the population through the project will take place after conclusion of the project. The survey will deal with the following aspects:

- Improvement in the level of education
- Insertion in the work market (youth up to the age of 16)
- Improvement of social relations
- Expansion of cultural exchanges
- Self-confidence and self-esteem
- The meaning of research and conquest in the new life project
- Application of new skills on daily life

Budget:

YMCA of Brasilia is going to pay appr. 91 000 USD to the total project for the social work at CDC. The resources requested from Time of Fast are:

Item	USD
Ten computers	17 160
One digital camera	1 000
One combined printer, scanner and photocopier	690
Two INKJET printers	900
One camcorder	1 800
One data projector	3 000
Two loud speakers and amplifiers	3 500
Two microsystems	2 010
Total	30 060

1 USD ≈ 1.006 CHF

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**08-10 India: Y's Men's Club of Kottayam West, Kerala, India
Snehasparsam (A Loving Touch) – HIV/AIDS Awareness and Voluntary Testing**

Location: Five Revenue Districts of Kottayam, Idukki, Alleppey, Kollam and Pathanamthitta, Kerala

Background: Lately, the Y's Men's Club of Kottayam West has concentrated attention on the marginalized and neglected groups in society. One such attempt has been to reach out to HIV/AIDS patients by associating with various other service organizations. Recently we were instrumental in carrying out AIDS awareness programmes in colleges.

The Cancer and AIDS Shelter Society (CASS), founded in 1999, is a voluntary organization promoted by a group of philanthropists and managed by a team of dedicated women. The society renders commendable service to AIDS patients and their families by providing medical assistance, guidance and counselling, emotional support to the families, educational assistance to the children of affected families and healthy food and other materials on a regular basis.

Project:

The Snehasparsam programme seeks to:

- create HIV/AIDS awareness among College/Plus Two Students/Public
- bring the message of warning/caution regarding AIDS among street children who constitute a highly vulnerable group
- target vulnerable sections like (truck) drivers, migrant labourers etc.
- use multimedia programmes and projection facilities to put across the message in school/college campuses
- organize a mobile unit (van) stocked with pamphlets and other information brochures etc. and to facilitate movement of counsellors/personnel to conduct programmes
- organize continuing education of the children/orphans of AIDS patients and provide educational expenses such as fees, uniforms etc.
- encourage voluntary blood testing among vulnerable sections of the society

CASS has consented to provide infrastructure such as land and building to carry out and fulfil the objectives outlined.

The following responsibilities of the Project shall be carried out by

Y's Men's Club of Kottayam	CASS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Development of audio-visual and multimedia programmes for the classes, awareness meetings etc - Organising meetings in school/college campuses with permission from heads of institutions or in response to requests from institutions - Organising outreach programmes in other sections of society with help from local bodies, NGOs, service organizations - Adoption of children and youth for formal education in schools and colleges - Administration of funds - Helping CASS in outreach programmes/training of personnel etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Engaging awareness classes in School/college campuses and other places - Training and deployment of personnel for outreach programmes - Organising weekly meetings of AIDS patients and their families in CASS Campus - Deploying the mobile van to spread AIDS awareness in the five Districts - Serving as the nodal agency for coordination of AIDS awareness programmes in association with Y's Men's Club of Kottayam West - Making arrangements for voluntary blood testing

Budget: CASS and YMC of Kottayam West will jointly cover the operational expenses for the mobile team of 19 000 INR per month, **totalling 684 000 INR during three years.**

Item	INR	Item	INR
Multimedia equipment	150 000	Continuing Education	50 000
Publicity materials/Brochures	50 000	Support to affected families	100 000
Mobil unit (van)	300 000	Medical assistance	200 000
Voluntary Blood Testing (200)	35 000	24 hour help line (CASS)	10 000
Furniture	25 000	Totally	920 000

100 000 INR ≈ 2 501 USD ≈ 2 516 CHF

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08-11 Africa: Zimbabwe National Council of YMCA and Harare Y's Men's Club "Change My Life" project – Birth Registration Support for Orphans in Harare

Location: Zimbabwe National Council of YMCAs runs the Harare branch as one of the five local associations, which include Tanda, Chegutu, Kadoma and Bulawayo. Harare will be used as the launching pad for the project, to be replicated in all other branches.

Background: Over 2 million children are orphaned by the HIV and AIDS pandemic and other communicable diseases and the figure continues to increase. The pandemic has resulted in communities being decimated of young productive parents, leaving a new phenomenon of family structures, such as single headed, grandparent headed, child headed and families headed by terminally ill parents. In all the above-mentioned situations, children are the most affected. It is in their years of developing intelligence, personality and social behaviour that they are exposed to the negative impact brought about by the HIV and AIDS scourge. These children's basic rights to shelter, education, health and food are not realized leaving them exposed to abuse and exploitation.

The traditional African extended family support system that would ameliorate the children's plight is non-existent, especially in urban areas where the community is of diverse backgrounds. Families who could by traditional practices take responsibility find it difficult to accommodate orphaned children due to ever increasing cost of living and the increase in the number of orphans in need of assistance. Furthermore, the phenomenal increase in the number of children outside families (in institutional care and on the street) signals an impending crisis that cannot just be wished away. The "Change My Life" project seeks to promote birth registration of children affected as an entry point to all other basic needs. Capacity building and exposure to life skills training of the beneficiaries and training in rights will be the core of the project goals.

Project:

Overall objectives

INTERVENTION LOGIC	VERIFIABLE INDICATORS
- to advocate for policy shift in relation to birth registration of orphans	-engaging relevant authorities under the parent ministry
- to help obtain birth certificates for 3000 orphans from child headed households	- creation of a data base of children affected
- to set up community child advocacy committees	- a committee of community stakeholders that works with and within community structures

Specific objectives

INTERVENTION LOGIC	VERIFIABLE INDICATORS
- to help children access social services provided by government and other civic organizations	- children not dropping out of school for not having birth certificates - access to health care and food security without limitations caused by not having birth certificates - fulfilment of the child's right to identity and national planning consideration

Activities

INTERVENTION LOGIC	VERIFIABLE INDICATORS
- workshop with key stakeholders to analyze the statutory instrument that deals with children's welfare - collection of data and information of children affected from Harare primary schools - training of community child advocacy committees - production of material (t-shirts/pamphlets/posters) on orphan birth registration	- inclusion of children with one/both parents deceased as a special group - data/information to challenge authorities on need for a shift in policy implementation - a working relationship with ministry and RG office - community awareness of the orphans' birth registration certificates - trained community advocacy committees to continue work after funding

Budget

Project activities	USD	Administration and personnel	USD
Consultative workshop	1 000	Communication (phone/fax/internet)	800
Outreach networks	3 000	Internal travel	2 000
Stakeholders meeting	2 400	Office supply & stationery	2 800
Media and publicity	1 600	Project officer 100 %	1 400
Awareness material	8 000	National General Secretary 25 %	350
Weekly & monthly activities	4 200	Reporting	
Advocacy committees	5 000	Reports/evaluation	4 400
Sub-total	25 200	Sub-total	11 750
TOTALLY			36 950
Finances by Harare YMCA and Y's Men's Club			- 6 950
Requested from Time of Fast			30 000

1 USD ≈ 1.006 CHF

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