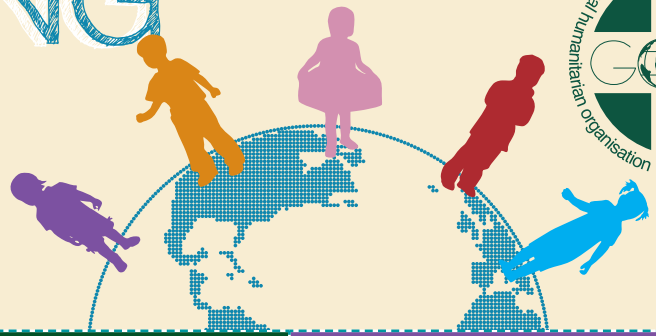


PROTECTING VULNERABLE CHILDREN



WE WORK INSTEAD OF GOING TO SCHOOL. SOME OF US SELL GOODS ON STREET CORNERS OR SCAVENGE IN DUMPS FOR VALUABLES.

WE ARE SEPARATED FROM OUR FAMILIES AND WE LIVE AND SLEEP ON THE STREETS.

LIFE ON THE STREET IS HARD. OTHER STREET CHILDREN BECOME LIKE OUR FAMILY.

GENET'S AUNT REFUSED TO LET HER ATTEND SCHOOL. SHE WAS **TREATED AS A HOUSEMAID**. GENET RAN AWAY AND ENDED UP ON THE STREETS OF ADDIS ABABA, ETHIOPIA.

ALAMU DIED, AGED 11, AFTER EATING UNSAFE FOOD FROM A RUBBISH DUMP IN FREETOWN, SIERRA LEONE.

LEWIS LEFT HOME AND WORKED ON A RUBBISH DUMP IN NAIROBI, KENYA, BECAUSE HIS **FAMILY COULD NO LONGER PAY HIS SCHOOL FEES.**

YOU ARE A CHILD UNTIL YOU ARE 18 YEARS OF AGE. WHO ARE VULNERABLE CHILDREN?

- Children who live alone on the streets
- Ex-child soldiers
- Teenage parents
- Child labourers

"What is always amazing is how children are able to smile and be positive. They are not suffering victims but young people who, given the right opportunities and skills, are prepared to take on the world and shape it."
— Dr Tim Malcomson, GOAL, works with street children

OUR GOAL IS TO PROTECT VULNERABLE CHILDREN

A SAFE PLACE

Drop-in centres are safe places for children to spend time during the day. Staff at the centre help the children to make decisions about their future.

EMPOWERMENT

Talking about their life on the streets and how they cope helps the children to realise how strong they really are.

SPORT

Playing games and sport gives street children a chance to have fun and forget their worries.

SKILLS

Children of 15 or over may choose to learn a skill, like leather making or driving. They can find a job, earn money to pay rent and leave the street behind.

HOME

Many children wish to return home. Talking to street children and their families about what went wrong can help to fix the problem.

EDUCATION

Children stop working and return to school.

GLOBAL GOAL MDG 1

Eradicate Extreme Poverty & Hunger
MDG 2 Achieve Universal Primary Education



ERADICATE
EXTREME POVERTY
AND HUNGER



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PRIMARY EDUCATION

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VULNERABLE CHILDREN HAVE A SPECIAL RIGHT TO CARE

Children who are alone, and who cannot be looked after by their own family have a right to special care. Governments must ensure the children are looked after properly by people who respect their ethnic group, religion, language and culture. *Article 20 of the UN Convention of the Rights of the Child protects children without families.*