

THE "CHILD" SYSTEM MANUAL

Comprehensive Help for International Little Destitutes {A manual for those working with street children.}

The Children's Village Concept - 2

Construction

This should be taken up by a reputable contractor based in your area at reduced prices, and will be on contract basis, providing employment for local poor and unemployed semiskilled labourers. The contractor will be expected to complete the initial constructions in good time. Market the unique concept as an advertising project for big companies. Try to convince them to donate the materials needed in return for advertising signs and photographs of the project. This definitely works.

Construction Material

The materials utilised in the construction will be natural materials taken from the local area. The environment should be clear of all the restrictive modern distractions, whilst taking into consideration some technological items that may be utilised in certain areas, if necessary.

Ecology

In the "CHILD" System, it is of prime importance, in this day and age, that the children be brought up in an atmosphere of ecological understanding. Practical good habits such as saving water, being self-sufficient, high standards of cleanliness and sanitation etc. will be imbibed by the children, as well as the values of growing and maintaining trees and foliage and utilising the benefits provided by Mother Nature as much as possible. This will include the wide usage of non-conventional machinery items such as:

- a) Wind power pumps and turbines
- b) Solar lighting and cooking
- c) Bio gas lighting and cooking (Biogas)
- d) Brick kiln
- e) Water Power for milling and electricity sources
- f) Other alternative natural power

Children's Dispensary/Infirmary Facility

As the village will be situated in a rural area, it is a good idea to run a well equipped, but small, clinic, that will be manner on a voluntary basis by local doctors, dentists and surgeons on a rota basis. This will ensure the ongoing good health of the children and staff, as well as providing facility for the local poor families. This will bring the local people in to help you.

"CHILD" Residential Children's Centre Or Village

Your Centre will cater to the entire needs of up to one hundred and seventy-five underprivileged street children, but admit only one or two children at a time to your residential centres, providing food, clothing, education, medical treatment and the chance to develop hobbies in all handicrafts and useful arts. The children will enjoy a happy and healthy environment that will create a secure and loving atmosphere for them in their own quarters. It must be reiterated that this must never take on the mood of an institution. This will require dedicated staff, who know the needs of the children and have a good and loving heart. In our opinion, professional (B.SW, M.SW) staff are not necessarily good candidates for this work. They are sometimes trained as "desk operators" and not hands-on workers, and are also oriented in institutional work. Instead, persons with the right attitude towards these children and the ability to handle them carefully would be more appropriate, even if they are not academically proficient. Work with street children involves very little academic acumen.

Child Support/Education Programme

Naturally, maintenance which includes lodging, wholesome vegetarian diet, including ample cow's milk and milk products, vegetables, fresh fruits, grains and all essentials such as academic supplies, clothing, medicines and toiletries, must be provided for the children. {Our research has found that children who regularly eat meat, fish, eggs and consume more garlic and onions tend to be more difficult to train, fight violently amongst themselves more, and are less likely to want to enter a strengthening process for an extended period... we feel a pure vegetarian diet is best for any human being, but the diet is up to you to deal with}. This maintenance is provided through donations in kind and funds from income generation schemes set up by your organisation. "CHILD" Sponsorships can also be arranged.