

# THE "CHILD" SYSTEM MANUAL

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

### Conclusion and Synopsis

(C. H. I. L. D. stands for "Comprehensive Help to India's Little Destitutes")

Through SKCV **Street Child Rescue Projects**, multitudes of deprived youngsters are gaining a new self-confidence and self-respect, which is enabling their **inborn talents and capabilities to unfold naturally**. Experience shows that although there are many organisations that have tried, and are trying to help street children throughout the world, they, unfortunately, make the **same mistakes**, as those who went before them, **thus wasting valuable time, energy and finance**.

SKCV "**CHILD**" **SYSTEM** Projects are a **model and unique example** of meaningful assistance to voluntarily participating street children **that can be replicated in any country** of the world.

The system consists of five phases, which are briefly:

- **Meeting street children** on the streets, in parks or on railway stations
- **Night Rescue Centres in City Centres** (providing medical aid, nutritional support, education and Counselling)
- **Non-formal and Formal Education Facilities** (providing opportunity to children for academic education)
- **Vocational Training Schemes / Workshops** (providing skill training in specific trades and Cottage industries)
- **Older Working-Child Rescue Centres** (providing medical aid, nutritional support, education and counselling)

(Funded in the UK & South America (in Spanish) by "ODA", in India by "CRY" )

The "**CHILD**" System is available as a published manual on working with street children (published by CRY (Child Relief and You) :-

### FAMILY TIES

**Renewing contacts with family is very important**, even if the family is extremely poor and cannot maintain the child. Regular visits by relatives **can give added inspiration to the child to better himself / herself**. A "missing child" system of retrieval is also in place and highly successful. **Parents fill out reports** and searches are made.

### FIRST CONTACT

Groups of **rehabilitated street children willingly go out on sorties** to contact their friends in obscure corners of the city. They convince them to visit an SKCV Night Rescue Centre and give assurances about the wonderful facilities for street kids. This is a much more powerful and attractive force than adult contact. However, the **professional staff** regularly make contact through the **Mobile Children's Medical Unit**, in order to offer advice, medical aid and counselling.

### GOVERNMENT INTERACTION

SKCV works closely with the **Ministry of Labour in Organising Government Education Programmes** for working children in the local areas, as well as State, District and local Municipal Officials. **CHILDLINE** is also a project.