

THE "CHILD" SYSTEM MANUAL

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

PRINCIPLE GOALS OF THE SKCV CHILD SYSTEM

1. To provide security and a home to street children

The sense of security for any young child is most important. A street child also needs a place to call home. A small place where he/she can keep his/her belongings, no matter how few, and have the knowledge that the door is always open to him/her.

2. To provide facilities for cleanliness

Basic hygiene can only be taught to a child by those who care. Guidance and information on cleanliness and nutrition are given to all children who avail of any "CHILD" centre facility.

3. To provide literacy programmes

Most of the children we see daily, working in hotels, mechanic shops, factories... or just picking rags and begging, are illiterate, and will stay that way if not given the chance to learn. The "CHILD" system teaches basic literacy and nurtures their willingness and ability to learn.

4. To provide medical aid and supervision

The majority of children on our streets have little or no idea about medical treatment, least of all MDS, and cannot go to a doctor because they have insufficient money to pay the bills. The result is that most of them just die in some dirty corner somewhere due to malnutrition, dehydration and infection. The "CHILD" System provides medical care leading to complete health and fitness for their future.

5. To provide love and affection

The main problem that these poor children face is one of rejection. They trust no-one, put faith in no-one, and will not ask for help from anyone. They build a defence around themselves that is almost impossible to penetrate. However, with constant love and affection, this barrier melts away... and the real nature of the child shines through like a golden ray of warm sunshine.

6. To provide a working model

To provide a model example for other organisations and Governments, wanting to run Street Child Assistance Programmes so that they can benefit from proven methods, and develop meaningful programmes of their own, without any waste of resources or delay, and with limited failure and mistakes.

Strengthening Centres For Street and Working children

It has long been the aim of SKCV Children's Trust to create an infrastructure that can provide an environment of security with facilities and opportunities for an all round education for those young Street Children who, due to no fault of their own, have found themselves in a pitiful condition of disease, malnutrition and general abuse.

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