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CONCEPT NOTE

CAFOR Project – Street Children Pilot Project in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

1. Project Summary

In many regions of the world the phenomenon of street children is very common and is very painful. They live in unhygienic living conditions and in vulnerable situations. The challenges they face, underlying causes for this kind of situation needs to be addressed and tackled by providing them a means of survival. Basic education, skill development and job opportunities should also be enabled to be accessed by these children who are living on the streets.

This project enables to provide protection, access to appropriate basic healthcare, food, nutrition and skills development to the street children living on the streets. It lays emphasis on providing basic education, clean water, hygiene and sanitation especially during the COVID -19 pandemic. It will enable to enroll children age wise, provide them with necessary technical and vocational skills and be a part of African labour force market and strive to live a happy life. The objective of the programme is to provide minimum social safety and protection to these children and to overcome marginalization, thus by promoting their social integration back into the society and labour market. The programme offers to provide parental care support, provide an environment of inclusive growth of the child in their different stages of life and there by improve the self-confidence of the child.

The project would also serve as a continental model in support of street children across Africa. This is to enhance the integration of global and continental policy agendas particularly the continental strategy for technical, vocational education and training and imparting self -health care initiative's instruments towards the advocacy concerning the effect of COVID -19 pandemic. The project also aims at reaching out the humanitarian partners, donors' community, church and opinion leaders and individuals for helping the vulnerable social groups.

2. Problem Relevance

The United Nations defined¹ – “Street Children as Boys and Girls for whom the street has become their home, a source of livelihood, and who are inadequately protected or supervised by responsible adults”. The definition states that the child living on the street, might be working, or a drop out, homeless boy or a girl. The street life has many problems associated with it, such as drug addiction, exploitation, abuse, criminal activities, trafficking, emotional disorders and violence. Child disconnection with the families and start living on the streets, can be closely associated with economic liberation, growing inequality, lack of social security, urbanization and poverty. They might end up living on the streets due to many factors which can be classified broadly into –social and economic factors, cultural factors, urbanisation and family issues such as low family incomes, conflicts among members of family, neglect and abuse, school failure, deceased parents, etc.

The majority of children who are living on the streets are aged from 3-15 age group, among them are boys and girls. Street children tend to work on odd jobs and render illegal services. They are exposed to great risk of sexual exploitation, violence, trafficking, hard labour and domestic slavery. They make living by begging and doing illegal activities such as theft, robbery and scavenging.

All these factors result in a situation where the street child is left with hunger, prone to more diseases, increased child labour, zero education and awareness and are often names as criminals.

3. Call to Action

CAFOR suggests an effective response to street children which requires a robust and holistic approach to make meaningful impact on the present situation of street children. CAFOR’s programme on street children mainly addresses issues of shelter, basic education with associated skill training, water, sanitation and hygiene facilities and to provide them with ample knowledge of self and reproductive healthcare.

CAFOR aims to establish an integrated child support center which will provide – self healthcare management, nutrition and basic education skill support (including disabled children). Establishing a juvenile child support center and categorizing children based on their age groups would be initial step towards this call. CAFORs intervention will be based on the age group of the child enrolled. The center will constitute the construction and equipping of facilities that will be used as dormitories, training facilities and recreational purposes during the project life and later as a permanent juvenile support center. All the children enrolled in the center will be provided food, nutrition, immunization, basic education, self-care and grooming programmes, technical education, vocational training and skill development training. Basic education will be provided for pre-primary, primary and secondary aged children. Self-care and grooming sessions will be

¹ Source: Report on Street Children Promising Practices and Approaches 3

initiated from the age of 7yrs with basic local language and communication skills. For children enrolled aged 13 and above will be provided with technical and skill training so meet the job market.

CAFORs street children programme calls for a collective effort involving a multi-sectoral approach by involving donors, local and government authorities, community, teachers, civil societies, private organisations, religious centers and women and child development organisations. Thus achieve our target of integrating these children back into development and the society.

(a) Potential Sponsorships

CAFORs street children programme can be successful by implementing with close collaboration with more partners both in Africa and outside the continent and effectively engaging them in activities. The potential sponsors will include:

- Sponsors will be recognized in presentations at conferences and meetings as having supported education in Africa;
- International organisations
- Private sector
- Individuals
- Philanthropies
- Donor agencies
- Organisations involved in child rehabilitation and training activities
- Charities

(b) The Future and Expected Outcomes

- To provide heart warmth and a smile to the vulnerable group by addressing their basic needs of life. Improved health and nutrition and improved psychological social behavior in accordance with African Charter on Rights and Welfare of the child and their general basic means of survival.
- To stimulate self- awareness and self -confidence.
- Provision of washing facilities
- Reintegrating the children into the community and improve their quality of life.
- Enable to restore African children dignity and support the promotion of SDGs related to the support to the children in Addis Ababa – Ethiopia, the project would provide among other things, due to the COVID pandemic, access to basic education, clean water, health care, sanitation, food and nutrition and vocational skills to provide, job opportunities, to those who could join labour force market.

(c) Capacity building in Africa

Street children is not a problem to be addressed but these children are human beings and deserve a better life to live. CAFOR intends to work with private organizations who are in the field of

TVET, nutrition, skill development, basic education, behavioral change, socialization and data based intervention support.

Improve personnel Management and Human resources, Strengthening and expansion of Education Management Information System to include regular data collection and analysis.

(d) **Funding**

The total project budget is estimated at USD 10.6 million. CAFOR is looking forward for contribution to effectively implement the project, if successful in Addis Ababa, will replicate in other CAFOR member states where similar issue is relevant. This funding will incorporate all the project costs such as- building costs, personnel, equipment costs, supplies and consumables costs.

S. No.	SUMMARY BUDGET	Per Annum	Period (Yrs)	Personnel Deployed	Total (USD)
1	STAFF COSTS				
1.1	Internal Staff Costs- Full Time Staff (2 % of total salary costs)	68636.63	5	4	343183
1.2	Field Based Experts Costs - Project Period & Work	20000.00	5	2	200000
1.3	Facility Manager, Assistant Facility Manager, Finance Officer, Cooks. IT Trainer. Accountant, Healthcare Officers, psychological support, life skill, crating and Security guards	126000	5	11	630000
	TOTAL Staff Costs				1,173,183
2	PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION COSTS				
	Facility Building Construction- comprising dormitory, cafeteria, washrooms, reading rooms, clinic, administrative building, security room (one time cost)				4100000
	Basic skill training support- production, life skills, agriculture, carpenter, electricity, etc	1000000	5		5,000,000
	Equipment Costs for skill development (one time costs)	20000	5		100000
	Equipment costs - Bed sets, dining tables, pillow cases, blankets, Kitchenware, clinic materials, TV Sets, Vehicles, Generators (one time costs)		5		968240
	Supplies & Consumables (including medical supplies)				3300000
	Advocacy & Communication Campaning	25000	5		125000
	Learning Materials Costs - including quality text books, instructional materials etc.	30000	5		150000
	Total				13743240

	Maintenance Costs @ 5 % of project implementation costs				687162
	TOTAL				14430402
3	Other Costs				
	Communication Costs- Monthly Mobile Top-Ups, Printouts, Stationery, Shipping, Postage, etc (per annum per person)	3000	5	15	225000
	Monitoring ,Evaluation Costs & IT Costs in 5 countries	4000	5		20000
	Associated Costs (Supplies, Equipment Costs, etc)	50000	5		250000
	Operational Costs - Office Set-up Costs, Office Equipment, Etc	40000	5	1	200000
	TOTAL Other Costs				695000
4	TRAVEL& TRANSPORTATION COSTS				
	Travel Insurance	1350	5	4	27000
	Per Diems per day for internal staff	260	5	4	5200
	Per Diems per day for international staff	200	5	4	4000
	Local Travel Costs per month	1000	5		60000
	International Travel Costs	600	5	4	12000
	TOTAL Travel Costs				108200
5	TOTAL AMOUNT				16,406,785
6	MISCELLANEOUS EXPENDITURE				
	Calculated at 15% of TOTAL Amount				2,461,017.77
7	GRAND TOTAL FOR 5 YEARS				18,867,803

4. Conclusion

CAFOR street children project promotes and enhances integration of global and continental agendas in Africa particularly Continental Strategy for Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) which puts education at the central stage of development. CAFOR intends to develop advocacy and communication strategy on street children. Creation of skill certification programme to be implemented in close cooperation with National Technical and Vocational Education and Academic Award.

Identification of most relevant and demanded core skills areas in the labour market.

Creation of platform such as Website to share TVET related information in support of development of Coordination Education multi sectorial structure.

