

Technical Proposal for the Educational Sponsorship of OVC in Rural Shendam

A. Organizational Profile/ Project Summary.

Project Title	Educational Sponsorship of OVC in Rural Shendam
Organisation	Marian-Hope Empowerment Initiative.
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Date of Establishment	2007
Mission	Strategic poverty intervention initiative programmes to move rural community from poverty to prosperity.
Vision	Removing the shackles of poverty from our rural communities and enhance a better standard of living.
Purpose of Grant	This grant is aimed at sponsoring 500 OVC in rural Shendam to school
Method to achieve goals	Provision of funds
Project Budget	\$85,500
Grant amount requested	\$85,500
Other sources of funds	Organization and individual donations.

B. Project Description.

Problem Statement

This project is primarily targeted at ovc (orphans and vulnerable children) in rural Shendam Local Government Area of Plateau State. Shendam is one of the largest local government council areas of plateau state with an estimated population of about nine hundred and ninety-five thousand people (995,000). Due to the recent crisis in Jos, Plateau state, most residents have migrated to Shendam because of its relatively peaceful nature and also, owing to the fact that it shares boarder characteristic between Plateau State, and its neighbouring Benue, Nasarawa and Kaduna States. Also, Shendam as early highlighted as been one of the largest local government council areas of the state serves as a commercial nerve centre for many people (Transporters, Business men and women, visitors). The crisis that occurred in Shendam in 2004, 2008, left many women widowed and children orphans. These women because of their low economic status cannot provide much for their children, most families do not get a three square meal a day, so education is far from their thoughts. In quest to meet the growing pace of the community, they send these children to hawk and sell stuffs at the detriment of their education. Well, will you blame a poor ignorant woman for that? She knows no better, she probably herself never saw the four walls of a classroom and doesn't see the use of it. All she cares about is a means to survive. These children fall prey of abuse and assault.

In September 2009, our organisation decided to give a good number of rural children (orphans) in Jos scholarships to primary and secondary schools both in Jos and Abuja. Since then, we have partnered with the civil society action coalition on education for all (CSACEFA) and the national council for child rights act in Nigeria (NACCARAN) to work on the Millennium Development Goal on universal primary education for all by 2015. We have been able to sponsor over 40 children to primary and secondary schools and in view of this; we decided to put together this project which would be a very strong tool to compliment our sponsorship of orphans' scheme. It is believed that this project will provide education for 500 OVC.

Education as we know is the fundamental right of a child. When a child is educated, that child becomes socially, mentally, morally and spiritually sound. Education is the way forward to end the scourging effect of poverty in our communities and in the nation as a whole. Personally, I believe that education is the key to the violence that has claimed so many lives and properties in Plateau State. The role of education cannot be overemphasized, I see these OVC as key agents to a sustainable growth and development in their communities. The only way they can achieve this is if they are given the right to education.

Goals and Objectives

- ✓ To ensure that the children (ovc) in Shendam get their basic rights-the right to education.
- ✓ To create awareness of these precious ones and the need for people to help sponsor these children to school.



Target population

- ✓ The project is targeted at sponsoring 500 OVC.



Project Activities

- ✓ Sponsorship forms or cards will be given out to raise funds
- ✓ Donations from friends and family through our social network.



Project Sustainability

This project hopes to be sustained by our collaborative work with CSACEFA and NACCRAN.

C. Monitoring & Evaluation

At the end of every session, report cards will be sent to Marian Hope Empowerment Initiative. This will help us assess the child's performance and keep a proper record of the child. Our Resident Supervisory Officer Mrs Fumsa will be our responsible for this.

D. Budget Outline

<i>No</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Unit cost(\$)</i>	<i>No required</i>	<i>Total cost(\$)</i>
1	uniforms	4	500	2,000
2	Text books for a session	35	500	17,500
3	School fees for a session	132	500	66,000
	<u>Total</u>			85500