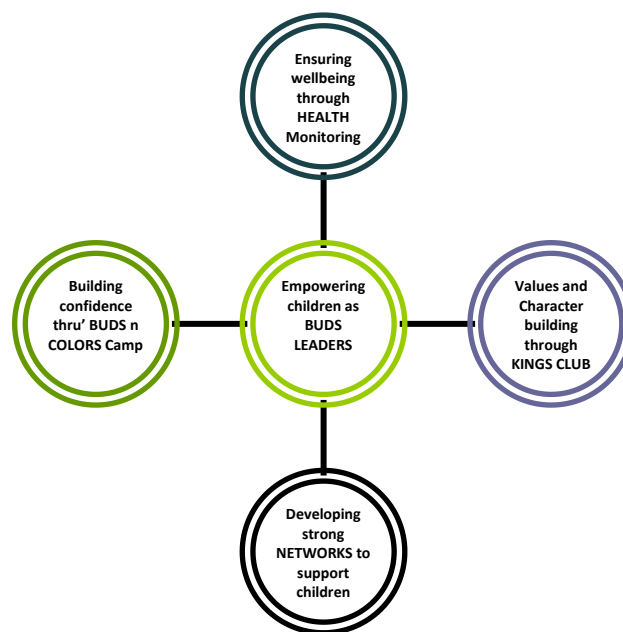


About Us

Buds of Christ formed on January 2007 exists to empower children from the most disadvantaged communities, with a focus among girls who have lost their parent/s and in difficult circumstances of poverty, caste discriminated communities and HIV & AIDS. We recognize that children without the care of parents or guardian are often vulnerable to various forms of abuses and exploitation. We strive to empower these children to reduce their vulnerability and help them grow up to be capable adults in this world.

We believe that unless children are empowered towards survival and development, protection and participation their wellbeing is not complete. Thus we work with a mission with children to *“to love, listen, learn and lead orphans and vulnerable children to live life positively and with dignity and be children of hope and courage to their peers and to their community”*



Our Strategic Direction

To progress towards our goal, we focus in developing leadership qualities among children through BUDS Leaders program. Other core components to support development of Buds Leaders includes; monitoring health status of children affected by HIV and AIDS, networking with NGOs and Govt Institutions, organising camps for children through Buds n Colors programs and building values and character through Kings Club initiative.

Current Activities at Buds of Christ

In Tiruchengode, Namakkal district Buds of Christ has established NALAM Child Development Center, a rural based model center for empowering children and is reaching out to around 170 orphan children affected by HIV and AIDS.

1. **Little Stars** – a monthly support group meeting organised for children below 12 years. The primary purpose of this meeting is to provide the psychosocial support for the HIV positive children who have lost one or bother parents to AIDS. This meeting helps children to meet with one another share their love, build confidence and cope with the loss. Life skills is the core strategic intervention combined with health and hygiene education and buds kitchen, where kids learn to make simple menu that helps them prepare healthy food thus building their immunity.
2. **Vetrikootam** is Adolescents support group meetings for children living with HIV (13-18 years). Adolescents learn the changes during this age and facilitate building confidence among each other to live a life with dignity. Treatment Education and Life skills are the core topics dealt among the adolescents.
3. **Health monitoring home visits** to children living with HIV under Anti-retro viral treatment is a regular monthly field activity. Children are monitored and mentored on their progress in psychological and physical health. Counseling to the caretakers and

- family members are provided at the field to all children living with HIV accessing our center.
4. **Nutritional Support Program** for double orphan children living with HIV – This is primarily for children living with HIV who have lost both parents to AIDS and on treatment. The reason for this program is to help children build their immunity to cope up with the side effects of the medication that is provided.
 5. **Annual Educational Support** programs for most deserving orphan children. During the beginning of every academic year, the most disadvantaged girl children and orphan children are provided support on educational supplies like school uniforms, books, guides and note books along with stationeries required for the year.
 6. **Buds n Colors Camp** – This Camp is organised for children during holidays to build stronger relationships among children themselves who access Buds of Christ center. The camps are generally organised for 4 days as residential camp. The key feature of the camp is that adolescent children are equipped as leaders for various events and programs at the camp.
 7. **Buds Leaders** – This is a leadership development program aimed at building capacities among children. Children who are passionate to work with their peers and support other younger children are selected and provided ongoing exposure to the activities organised at the center. This enables them to learn “why we do and how we do” the services provided at the center.

Legal Status

Buds of Christ is a legally registered organization under Indian Charitable Trust Act. With Income Tax Department we are registered under section 12 A and donors can claim 80 G exemption. Ministry of home affairs has given the FCRA clearance certificate enabling us to receive foreign grants and donation for educational and social concerns of children.

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