



Friends of TOUCH Project Documentation

Training for Workers at Orphanages in Togo



Partner: Graceland Christian Network

Location: Togo, West Africa

Program Founder & Director: Samuel Kpavouvou

Impact: 30 Orphan Care Workers, 1,500 children

Project Costs:

Initial Training & 1st Year Follow-ups, \$4,845

Second Year Follow-up & Development, \$6,735

There are many untrained caregivers offering voluntary services to orphans and vulnerable children out of love and Christian commitment. Most of these voluntary humanitarian workers are yet to get official recognition for their homes/centers. As a result, they do not have access to some helpful training workshops organized by international NGOs, because only those officially known by the administrative authorities are usually considered.

The aim of this project is to provide these workers with training, connect them to the existing mental health network, and assist them in formalizing their centers.

Graceland Christian Network will provide training for 30 caregivers and staff of 10 selected orphanages in Lomé, the capital city of Togo. This training will increase caregivers' capabilities to care for 1,500 orphaned and vulnerable children.



The initial training workshop will involve five (5) trained facilitators, who will work with 30 caregivers and staff over a three-day period in the areas of holistic care, child development, child abuse, common mental illnesses, basic hygienic care and first aid.

First Year Follow-up

The first year of follow-up consists of two periodic visits after the training (6 months apart) to each of the centers whose workers attended the training to ensure they are passing on the knowledge acquired and making use of the materials received adequately. This will also enable us to get to know the children better and witness the facts on the ground. These visits will be carried out by a five member team comprised of 1 nurse, 1 teacher, 1 social worker and 2 mental health trainers.

Second Year Follow-up

This will be a 1-day follow-up training for the same 30 participants during the second year to fill any gaps noticed in the course of the first year follow-up visits, and to help the centers to improve on their services. After this training and in the course of the second year, we will connect them to the necessary government departments in charge of social services, education, etc., for the necessary permits to

operate. This will also enable them to gain access to further training and financial supports where necessary.

Follow-up will also include a small team from Friends of TOUCH for program evaluation and development.



Graceland Christian Network (GCN) was founded by Pastor Samuel Kpavouvou. Samuel has served as National Coordinator for the Association of Volunteers for the Welfare of Orphans and Abandoned Children (AVEOEA) since February 2007. He is certified by Mercy Ships Mental Health Program as a Master Facilitator in Child and Adult Basic Counseling and Trauma Healing.

Budget Information:

Initial Training for 30 Workers	USD
Printed Materials & Resources	250
Communication (Telephone & Internet)	100
Food	475
Facilitators (Team of 5)	420
Transportation	150
Total	1,395
 1st Year Follow-ups	
Communication (Telephone & Internet)	50
Food	700
Facilitators (Team of 5)	1400
Transportation	1300
Total	3,450
 2nd Year Follow-up Training & Support	
Printed Materials & Resources	125
Communication (Telephone & Internet)	50
Food	160
Facilitators	1400
Program & Development Team	5000
Total	6,735

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