



OBJECTIVE:

The objective of this project is to help children affected by HIV/Aids by providing them education, health care and social development. Raising public awareness about HIV/Aids is another important part of this project. Devoting attention to this is essential since children are often stigmatized and discriminated against by others in the community.

PROBLEM:

Prema (age 10, India): 'I am very grateful to Global Giving and KODAIKANAL RURAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (KRDA) because their help has made my life a lot better and I can now look forward to a good future.'

Prema and many other children in Tamil Nadu need help. This project offers this assistance to Indian children who are directly or indirectly affected by HIV/Aids.

HIV/Aids is a major problem in the Dindigul & Theni districts in the Indian state of Tamil Nadu. Many children loose their parents to this disease or become infected themselves. Due to drought caused by lack of monsoon rains, many people have been forced to migrate to find work, and this increases the risk that more people will get infected by HIV/Aids Relief services lack sufficient resources and are too sparsely distributed to help effectively.

SOLUTION:

This project supports a child who lost her parents who are affected by HIV/Aids and provides children who graduated from school with special assistance. Children receive a contribution to pay for their schooling, uniforms and school supplies. Their social integration is promoted by establishing 'Children's clubs' where activities are organized and information about HIV/Aids and hygiene is provided. Children from various castes and religions interact here, learn together and grow together.

Children also receive food supplements and personal care items. Microcredits help the children's parents or caregivers manage financially by allowing them, for example, to start a small business to make a living for their family.

