**PROJECT: “CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE PREVENTION”**

**DESCRIPTION OF THE PROBLEM**

According to UNICEF, one of every three children will suffer some sort of abuse before reaching puberty or turning 12.

In Latin America and the Carribean a child is abused every 15 seconds. Each year 2.000.000 victims are added.

In more than 90% of cases, the abuser will be male, and in more than 80% it will be someone close to the child.

Child sexual abuse is not a matter of poverty, social status or religious belief. Any child is at risk of being abused.

This project’s proposal is to warn and prepare 500 colombian children of low economic means against this abuse.

**OVERALL OBJECTIVE**

Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse in children between 4-12 years old, while forming their parents to face such problematic situations.

**SPECIFIC OBJETIVES**

* Prevention of 500 children of low economic means in Medellin, Colombia.
* Teach those children about sexuality.
* Form their parents to identify alert signals of child sexual abuse.

**Direct Benefits**

* Strengthen the character in children who will learn to say “NO”.
* Strengthen their self-esteem.
* “Children will be able to identify the intimate and visible parts of their own bodies.” (public and private)
* Form parents to identify alert signals.

**METHODOLOGY**

We will carry out a reflexive workshop that includes a theater play, where the children interact with puppets who teach them about their non-visible and public parts.

**COVERAGE**

The project aims at reaching 500 children of the San Javier neighborhood of the city of Medellin.

**SOURCES OF FUNDING**

* **Foundation’s own Resources:** The Foundation finances its human resources (psychologist and social worker) with its own resources.
* **Private Enterprise Resources:** Donations made in money or species for the initial endowment of the project.
* **Community Resources**: Each child will contribute with the total monthly sum of $2.000 (two-thousand pesos). Equivalent to one dollar per month.

**BUDGET**

Professional hourly value U$S 6 (American Dollars)

Story book U$S 6

Materials U$S 3

Project Value U$S 25.000 (American Dollars)