**Reaching out to street children in Ethiopia**

**Summary**

Orphans and Girls Assistance Association (OGAA) will reach out to over 200 homeless children sleeping on the streets in Ethiopia especially in Addis Ababa ,Arada sub City ; Adama city and also Bishoftu city of Oromia Region. OGAA will provide them with food, medicine, shelter and education needed to build a new life away from the street.

**Challenge**

In most cities and towns of Ethiopia there are thousands of children living on the streets who are displaced due to loss of parents, looking for job in towns and cities, some run away from home because of the maltreatment of step father or step mothers. There are also children who run away because of the insufficient nutrition and clothing at home as their economic status is low and they are overcrowded at home with less care for food, schooling or clothing in general.

Because of their departure from home, they suffer hunger violence poverty and abuse on streets as they have no awareness as to how they can earn their living .As observed and interviewed most of the children have lost their parents due HIV, extreme poverty and family break down and trafficking or abuse.

At present only few NGO are involved to support but the percentage is way below 5% of the support needed in the cities and hence they are left without attendant’s or counselor to shape up their move in the community.

**Solution**

OGAA reaches out to these vulnerable children to help them build a new life away from the streets which they desperately need.

* Provide them with lunch coupon until reunification
* Refer to health center and purchase medicine for the sick
* Provide clothing and bed sheet and blanket
* Establish Drop center for sanitation and shower facility
* Give short term awareness on self employability and decision making to upgrade their level of consciousness and build their future.
* Our priority is to return each child to a safe and caring family environment by reunification.

**Long Term Impact**

This project will encourage children currently living on the streets to realize their potential and make a transition form the street back to family and community life.

Through access to our services children can begin to flourish, enabled to either return to school studies or pursue their own business. Developing this strong foundation, these children will have a better chance to break out of the cycle of poverty.

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| **NO** | **Description** | **Budget Amount**  **(USD)** |
| **1** | Provide them with lunch coupon until reunification | $2419 |
| **2** | Refer to health center and purchase medicine for the sick | $41 |
| **3** | Provide clothing and bed sheet and blanket | $2000 |
| **4** | Establish Drop center for sanitation and shower facility | $3500 |
| **5** | Give short term awareness on self employability and decision making to upgrade their level of consciousness and build their future. | $40 |
| **6** | Our priority is to return each child to a safe and caring family environment by reunification | $1000 |
|  | Total | **$10,00 (USD)** |

**Budget request for the project**