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## PROJECT “FLOWERS IN BLOOM”

Ethiopia – Child Protection



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Sexual violence against children is a serious phenomenon in Addis Ababa. Extreme poverty forces a large part of the population to live in insecure, promiscuous conditions, sharing extremely small spaces without any basic service. It is common for a family of 5/6 people to live in shacks built in plastic, wood and recycled materials, without electricity and toilets, next to other families in the same conditions. When a child or a girl suffers abuse or sexual violence, parents often do not receive support from the authorities and thus remain alone to face the consequences of the abuse. The Sole Onlus and Integrated Family Service

Organization (IFSO) have been operating since 2002 providing assistance medical, psychological and social services to abused minors and their families, creating the only program that addresses this problem. Today there are two family houses that host on average 40 children and girls aged 5 to 14 years a year. The "**Flowers in Bloom**" project aims to improve the reception conditions of minors, guaranteeing adequate nutrition and hygienic conditions, enhancing psychological support through the introduction of rehabilitative therapies: theater, music and photography workshops. Up to now more than 850 children have received psychological and social support, medical care, temporary hospitalization and financial support.

### **Project objectives**

- Promote rehabilitation and social reintegration of child victims of sexual abuse;
- Provide better psychological and social assistance to the minor and his family to avoid the repetition of abuse;
- Strengthen the reception service of family houses.

### **Beneficiaries**

- 40 boys and girls, between 5 and 14 years old, victims of sexual violence;
- Families of children who have been abused.

