GARRAM CHILDREN'S SCHOOL

(Orphanage & Rehabilitation Centre)

This is a "children's" centre for public purpose 3, Zam Road, Garram,Kanke LGA
To contribute to the welfare of the less privileged and to help realize hopes, Plateau State, Nigeria.
Dreams and aspirations for children with physical disabilities and orphans. West Africa

COVID -19 PROPOSAL

HELP GARRAM CHILDREN'S SCHOOL **MITIGATE THE EFFECTS OF COVID-19 LOCK-DOWN**

THE CHALLENGE

The COVID-19 pandemic is affecting disadvantaged children in our school and orphanage,especially girls. Even before the pandemic, many families of the students in our school lived below the poverty line and struggled to survive on a daily basis. Garram Children's School [Orphanage & Rehabilitation Centre] offers our students an opportunity to acquire the skills and qualifications they need to obtain formal employment, especially girls. This enables them to determine their own futures, and to break the cycle of poverty in which their families have been trapped.

The Covid-19 outbreak has made living conditions increasingly hard for our students (and their families and communities). Parents whose sole revenue is derived from informal work have abruptly lost their income. The parents of our students often engage in informal work, working as day laborers, doing their best to earn vital revenues to feed their families and pay the small fees. As the prices of staples have shot up, their access to basic supplies like food and water is now even more limited than before.

In Garram Community, access to basic sanitation was already a challenge before the pandemic, with many house-holds lacking running water. Now the parents of our students are prevented from working as a result of confinement measures, and they have no unemployment insurance. These families are thus facing the double threat of both the virus itself and hunger.

In an effort to limit the spread of Covid-19, the Nigerian government is advising or requiring the population to take safety precautions such as regular hand-washing, physical distancing, and wearing protective masks. But for many in the Garram Community when they are not attending our School— where they have access to sanitation and potable water — it is very hard for them to adhere to these safety measures. They live with their families, many in confined spaces, lacking sanitation and running water, and for these poor families the cost of soap for regular handwashing is prohibitive, so it is virtually impossible for them to implement such safety measures to protect their health and limit the spread of the outbreak

THE SOLUTIONS WE'RE PROPOSING

The School is collecting donations to support the disadvantaged students and their families, during the Covid-19 crisis period. We are appealing for donations to enable us to distribute urgently-needed basic essentials to our students and their families to help them protect themselves and limit the spread of the virus. We need funds to provide:

1. Radios so that our students will be able to participate, during the lock down, in the Education Cannot Wait (ECW) Program of the Plateau State Ministry of Education on Plateau Radio .https://www.educationcannotwait.org/ and https://www.von.gov.ng/covid-19-plateau-orders-implementation-of-unicef-education-in)
2. Books and work books to be able to follow the Hard Copy Learning Program which will be centered on English and Mathematics. Prepared materials suitable for the primary sections will be distributed, during lock down,to all children under the supervision of their teachers and parents in designated clusters.
3. Kits to the children / teachers comprising of soap, box of tissues, bottle of disinfecting gel, pairs of gloves, face masks, bottles of alcohol, bottles of disinfecting liquid. The kits will help maintain hygiene standards to help avoid coronavirus infection and medical assistance if our students become sick with the virus.
4. An additional Classroom and Furniture as there is a need to expand classroom space in accordance with the COVID -19 social distancing guidance.

We are hoping to raise US$ 17,070 to fund:

a) The distribution of 395 radios at $12.50 each giving a total of $4,938.
b) The distribution of 780 Books& Workbooks, English and Mathematics at $1.62 each giving a total of $1,267.
c) Vital supplies to maintain hygiene standards to fight the virus at a total cost of $3,000
d) Additional Classroom and Furniture at a cost of $5,795
e) Wire-mesh to fence the school at a total cost of $1,500
f) Iron poles supports for the fence at a total cost of$ 450
g) Towards transport of materials which totaled up $120

WHY SUPPORT US

Thanks to you, our students and their families will receive the crucial supplies they need to survive the pandemic affecting us globally. In particular, this will enable the girls at Garram Children's School to continue their education and training, which opens up for them, and their families (indeed, for their communities), a pathway out of poverty.

It will interest you to know that 70% of our girls leave school due to parental choice of educating boys rather than girls and pregnancy laws which are always biased, punishing girls and allowing the boys to continue their education leading to trafficking in girls.

We depend on the support of others to advance our good work, as only part of our costs are covered by fees from parents. In particular we provide free or reduced fees for those who are orphaned.

Be assured that your donation will be allocated to funding these vital areas of our program as detailed in this proposal. Garram Children's School [Orphanage & Rehabilitation Centre] since inception in 1995 has been committed to ensuring transparency and tracking the on-the-ground impact of every single donation. Our project evaluation team led by Mrs. Godiya Bekiyit Beduna will report back to you on the precise use and the impact of your donation.

POSSIBLE DONATION OPTIONs

- **Donate $10 for an English and Mathematics text book for a student**
- **Donate $13 for a radio to listen to ECW lesson on FM 90.5 broadcast**
- **Donate $38 for a table and chair for one student**
- **Donate $50 for vital supplies to maintain hygiene standards**
- **Donate $500 towards cement, roofing zinc, wood, nails etc for an additional classroom.**
- Donate **$**50 for one Wire-mesh to fence the school
- Donate **$**15 for one iron Iron poles supports for the fence
- Donate **$**12 towards transport of materials which totaled

Thanks for your time, attention and the anticipated positive assistance to us.

Sincerely,

For: GARRAM CHILDREN'S SCHOOL
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