

Friends of the Street Children Profile

The Organisation

Friends of the Street Children (FSC) is a registered Non-profit, non – governmental organisation, registration number ORS 102/26/494 formed in 2001 to address the growing numbers of children coming to the streets of Kitwe.

FSC has created Community Outreach Teams that help us reach the grass-root level easily and mitigate the problem of streetism at that level through a crisis prevention, intervention and management approach. We currently work with over 200 street children, 87 children of the blind (street families) and 380 orphans and vulnerable children (OVCs) around the country.

Our Work

The main objective of FSC is to enable street children return to their families or relatives and help them grow up in normal family atmosphere. To achieve this objective, we run four main programmes:

- **Street Outreach**, which provides daily contact with the street children, Street Corner Education, medical support through a mobile clinic, recreation and counselling. The main aim of this programme is to establish the reasons for each child for coming to the street.



Street outreach literacy class

- **Child rehabilitation programme** - this provides a home environment for street children through running well established centres. During the rehabilitation programme, street children are provided with education, counselling and guidance, food and nutrition, food production and processing (including poultry, rabbitry, banana plantation, gardening), carpentry and joinery, personal hygiene and environmental upkeep. FSC is currently running two centres; one for boys and the other one for girls.
- **Child Reintegration programme** - this provides an opportunity for the street children to be reunited with their families for foster care. The FSC field workers explore the possibilities of reunification and prepare both the child and the family for reunion. Older children are linked to other institutions that provide life and survival skills training that are more advanced than the one FSC provide.

- Creation of community or public awareness of the plight of the street children is done through **Sensitisation Programme**.

The Future

Though FSC is based on the Copperbelt province of Zambia, help is extended to all street children across the country and those coming from the nearby DR Congo. However, our centre of operation is in Kitwe district of Zambia.

FSC is currently expanding its operations with the construction of the multipurpose centre at Kawama Site and Service in the northern part of Kitwe. The centre will be used as a skills training and rehabilitation centre, for street youths who are no longer children and cannot go to school but can be given a skill for survival. This project is ongoing and needs support from concerned people worldwide.



Dalley Kafwimbi, Director of Friends of the Street Children at a workshop on CHHs

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