

### **Nepal: Watabaran Transit Clinic**

There are more than 5000 children living on the streets of Kathmandu, Nepal. They live without basic shelter, food and education, and are exposed to drug abuse, prostitution and anti-social activities such as robbery and pick pocketing. They look for food in garbage, get wounds, get diseases, live in damp places as shelter, like under the bridges of the polluted rivers in Kathmandu. Many children on the street die, due to this inaccessibility to first aid and basic medication. Children were found who used soil and mud to stop bleeding and plastics and dirty clothes as bandage.

The Child Watabaran Center Nepal (CWCN) is an organization that provides services to street children in Kathmandu and lobbies for the rights of children and street children in particular.

Through Net4kids the following projects are being supported:

- Watabaran Mobile Health Service
- Transit Clinic
- Construction of Watabaran Home for Street children (boys home and girls home)

These projects are contracted and monitored for Net4kids by Wilde Geese Foundation.

### **Transit Clinic for Street Children**

With a transit clinic on a fixed location near several scrap collection places, open 24/7, the accessibility to health services for street children increases tremendously.

### **Project description**

Expectation is that about 1000 children a year, between the ages of 1-18 years will come to the clinic and that their health issues will be reduced by means of: first aid health care, a transit sick room where the sick street children can stay, audio-visual classes on sanitation and STDs and

HIV/AIDS, and life skills training by peer educators.



### **Activities**

- Set-up of the clinic
- Hire the doctor, staff nurse and other staff as required
- Coordinate and lobby with the municipality, district Health Office and other stakeholders
- Start of the clinic
- Run mobile first aid and health counseling to street children
- Audio video sessions for street children in clinic
- Awareness campaign through posters and other means

- to make them respected, skilful and productive citizens by providing them with skill trainings
- to reintegrate them back into society
- to work as model child home by giving the children who have experienced the worst, the best rights based care.

### **How can you help?**

- Transit clinic (total of € 11.130 for 2007):
- Initial set up (equipment, furniture etc.): € 3.796
  - Running costs (rent, electricity, medicine costs, stationary, transportation): € 4.815
  - Personnel costs (part-time doctor, nurse, security guard): € 2.519

### **About the organization**

Child Watabaran Center, Nepal (CWC,



Nepal) is a non-governmental organization established in 2002 primarily to work with the street children of Kathmandu providing them center-based education and vocational training. However, the official registration took place only in 2003. In the beginning, Child Watabaran Center Nepal started a non-formal education center for street boys. Later on in 2004, it started a non-formal education center for street girls also. Side by side, CWC Nepal runs a street based health service called Watabaran Mobile Health Service as mentioned above.

The Centers of CWC Nepal give home to 40 street children and youths in a family environment. CWC Nepal runs its own income generating business activities to partially self support the projects. Watabaran Garden Service Center, Youth Opportunity Production House (Clothes stitching) and taxi services with the Electric vehicles (TUK TUK) generate some money to the project. At the same time they provide vocational training to the graduate ex-street youths of CWC Nepal.

CWC Nepal is affiliated to Social Welfare Council of Nepal and an executive member of the National Alliance of organizations for street children.

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