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The Unforgotten



Dining for Women



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Overall mission: Like DFW, Working towards the UN Millennium Development Goals



- Eradicating extreme poverty, by helping those whose income is less than \$1 US per day.
- Increasing primary school enrollment.
- Promoting gender equality and empowering women
- Increasing access to safe drinking water.



Our target aid recipients: The extreme poor living in trash dumps

We save hungry children and their mothers from **eating** trash and living in garbage dumps. We provide them clean food and water, shelter, schooling and a future!



We target (primary school age) children that were sifting through trash, instead of attending school, in order to contribute to their family's food supply and income.

Areas of Operation

Asia: Pune, India
(building a program with DFW support)



Subsaharan Africa: Lusaka, Zambia
(program sustained with CFC support)



West Africa: Freetown, Sierra Leone
(launching new program)



Life challenges of wastepickers: Statistics

- World Bank estimates as many as 1% of the world's population work as wastepickers
- 1.5 million people, primarily women from socially marginalized groups, work as wastepickers in India
- At least 10,000 wastepickers try to recover recyclables in Pune from the city's trash



Life challenges of wastepickers: Living conditions

- Mothers and their children construct dwellings made of plastic bags, and scraps of metal, and bring bags of waste to their homes
- Children earn about \$0.50 per day (by selling scraps found in trash), and families rely on this income to survive
- Mothers and children eat food they find in the dumps; enteric and parasitic diseases are common
- Life expectancy is about 40 years



Life challenges of wastepickers: Root causes of extreme poverty



- Often women/girls leave rural areas because of famine
- Father has abandoned the family
- Some mothers run away from abusive men
- Mothers are illiterate and lack skills to find employment
- The single mothers become dependent upon the children's earnings, and food they find in the dump
- Wastepicking becomes a family business; young girls grow up to be the next generation of mothers inside these city trash dumps

Solutions: Program Summary



- With a DFW grant, we will provide aid to 50 mothers and 100 daughters, presently surviving as wastepickers in Pune, India
- We will provide adult literacy services, business training and microloans to the mothers to start small businesses
- Daughters will be enrolled in primary school; school fees, school supplies and tutoring will be funded by the DFW grant

Preliminary Progress: Laying the groundwork for DFW funding



- We have formed two self-help groups: 1 in Panmala Vasahat and 1 in Rajiv Gandhi Nagar
- Each group has 10 mothers, and 10 girls
- Daughters have been enrolled in school; fees have been paid
- Mothers have expressed an interest in tailoring; mothers have been enrolled in a basic tailoring course and the course fees have been paid
- With DFW funds, we will take this project to full-scale

Program Budget (DFW share)

PROGRAM SERVICES		
Microloans		\$10,000
Business training		\$2,500
Tutoring/teachers		\$3,500
School fees		\$15,000
School supplies		\$3,500
Facilities		\$2,400
Subtotal		\$36,900

Program Budget (DFW share)

PERSONNEL EXPENSES		
Project Coordinator		\$2,500
Field Workers		\$1,700
Subtotal		\$4,200

TOTAL: \$41,100 US

Measuring Program Success: Targets for Mothers

Program Objective	Description	Measuring Success
Income generation	Increase each mother's income to \$2 per day	Target of 50% of women meeting this goal in two years. Target of 90% in five years.
Loan repayment	Initially each woman will be given \$100 loans, and six months to repay. Those that repay, will be given \$500 loans.	Target of 75% of mothers paying back loan within first six months. Target of 75% of larger loans repaid in two years.
Skill development	Each woman will develop skills in a craft of her choosing	90% of mothers should have a marketable skill in two years

Measuring Program Success: Targets for Girls

Program Objective	Description	Measuring Success
Grade advancement	Good report cards, passing exams, and progressing to higher grade levels	Target of 90% advancing to next grade, every year in program
End to wastepicking	Field teams will verify girls are in school and not at trash dumps	Target of 90% ceasing to be wastepickers, and fully concentrating on studies
Regular attendance	Field teams will monitor attendance	Target of each child missing no more than 15 days per school year

Other Unforgotten projects that benefit women/girls



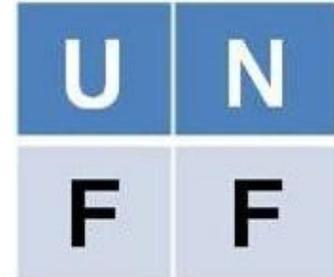
Aid for Safe Drinking Water

- We drill boreholes, and install pumps to draw clean water from the ground.
- Where demand is outstripping supply, we install rainwater harvesting systems.
- Mothers and girls that would benefit most, since they bear the burden of bringing water to the home.
- Developing clean drinking water sources not only prevents deadly illnesses, but frees mothers and girls from making long, arduous trips, and allows girls to attend school.

The Unforgotten: Brief History

- Started working in India in 2008, by providing aid to child wastepickers. Initially, goal was to enroll children in school, and provide basic school supplies. Working with KKPKP, supported 31 such children. Also supported 33 girls in Sangamner. Added 20 girls and 20 mothers in Pune in June 2013.
- Extended reach to Lusaka, Zambia in 2010. In addition to enrolling children into school, started providing mothers with microloans and business training – to prevent dependency.
- Started laying the groundwork for a program in Freetown, Sierra Leone. Support for mothers/girls will begin FY2014.
- Developed several clean drinking water sources. In 2009 constructed a rainwater harvesting systems in Wagni. In 2011, developed a borehole/handpump for the village of Ngwerere. In 2012, created a water supply in Kabanana to benefit orphans affected with AIDS.

The Unforgotten: Volunteer driven!



- “The Unforgotten” has little/no overhead. All donations go towards “program services”.
- All US-based staff, and all directors, serve as volunteers.
- We spend about \$25 per month to support a mother and her child.



Unforgotten Goals

- By end of 2014, we should have 300 girls and 150 mothers in our programs (across three countries)
- Total annual budget, by end of 2014, will be about \$100K per year... still a very small charity
- We expect to receive about \$80K per year from The Combined Federal Campaign and State Campaigns

Supplemental pictures

Chingwere, Zambia



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Mumbai, India



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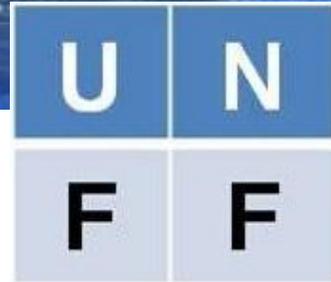


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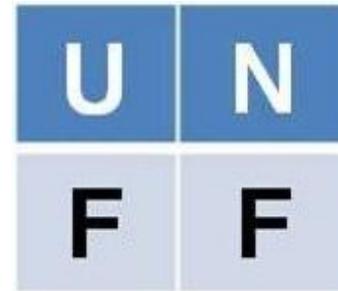


The Unforgotten Developing Partnerships

- Dining for Women
- Ministry of Community Development (Mother and Child Health), Zambia
- Kabanana Care Trust, United Kingdom
- Mapalo Trust School, Lusaka, Zambia
- Cornell University
- KKP KP, Pune, India
- Morgan State University

Thank you!

Looking forward to the collaboration!!



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