

# City Without Orphans

## Intended Impact: Every Child in the city is safely and securely raised in a family.

**Individuals and Civil Society** groups across the city are promoting children in strong families and preventing children from becoming separated from families or from a family environment, **Public Services** across the city have a shared sense of responsibility for children and commitment to support of families through legislation, law enforcement, funding, resourcing, information sharing and integrated front line services and the **Private Sector** is promoting the support of families and is not engaged in any exploitative practices against children.

## Intended Outcomes

- **Children and young people** fulfilling their God given potential, living in safe and loving families.
- **Families** are providing for their children, understanding their children's holistic needs and raising them in a safe and loving environment - enabling them to have positive aspirations for the future.
- **Child Care Practitioners, children's homes and children's agencies** are implementing good holistic child development practices including protecting children and are promoting a family-based approach to child care, according to government requirements.
- **Churches** promoting holistic development of children and supporting children in families and promoting family strengthening.
- **Community** providing focus and resources that can stabilize, support, and sustain families.
- **Network** has expertise and credibility around keeping children in families, is attracting positive media and public attention and has collaborative partnerships with other civil society actors, the private sector and government to promote a city without orphans.
- **Government** is providing pro family legislation and support, is promoting and supporting and education for all and offering support to families.
- **Duty Bearers** (Police, state social workers, teachers etc.) meet their responsibilities to respect, promote and realise the rights of unaccompanied children and abstain from rights violations and violence against children and domestic abuse.
- **Media** promoting positive messages about family and that it is unacceptable for children to be living on the streets or to be exploited.
- **Businesses** have child-friendly policies for employees and have non-exploitative policies and practices.

## Intended Outputs

### Stage 1: (Building up of relationships between network members, developing competencies and capability of network members and track record and credibility of the network)

- **Research: Causes:** Push/pull factors for children in residential care and causes of 'families at risk'. Annual census of number of residential care homes in the city and their child population. How many children are actually orphans? Monthly entry and exits % of orphans. Annual census of unaccompanied children in city, not in families
- **Media Campaigns and awareness raising** with general public on children at risk of family separation and good treatment of children.
- **Early Encounter Programme** to prevent family separation established through the network.
- **Family strengthening models** developed and piloted through network projects.
- **Family Group Home models** in place in network member projects.
- **Tracing system in place** for reintegration of children into families.
- **Reintegration of children into families** models piloted through network projects.
- **Fostering and adoption scheme** piloted through network members incorporating churches.
- **Caseworkers trained and equipped** to reintegrate children back into biological families or place in families for adoption or fostering.
- **A co-ordinated network approach in conjunction with police and authorities to rescue unaccompanied children from exploitative circumstances.**

### Stage 2: (Building on learning from piloting models and engaging with key actors and agencies beyond the network, who are working in the same sector and/or with whom the network will need to work if it is to achieve its long-term vision of a city without orphans)

- **Evaluation** of piloted models
- **Models rolled out beyond network members to other Civil Society Organisations and Government Institutions caring for children** with consortium type approaches to access funds, expertise and operational strength.

### Stage 3: (Network engaging in collaborative partnerships with government and key decision makers to influence wider change in the city)

- **New pro family Government legislation**
- **National Campaigns and media on value of families for children**
- **Network engaging with private sector and businesses on non-exploitation of children**

			PROGRAMMES AND ACTIVITIES (STAGE ONE)		
Total # in city	# in this Stage	Influencer identified	1. Prevention: Strengthen Families to help children remain in Families	2. Rescue Separated Children: Short Term Emergency Based Care	3. Reuniting Families: Children currently in residential care
500	120	Network promotions	<b>Network Team</b> <b>Advocacy/Campaigns/Training</b> 'Children need love and care of parents or extended family/Family is better than Institutions'	<b>Network Team</b> <b>Network Street Rescue Teams</b> Trauma Counseling and/or Co-ordinated Network approach to rescue of children, with relevant network agencies in liaison with duty bearers	<b>Network Team</b> <b>Family Tracing, Development of Fostering and Adoption Programme</b>
2,000,000	10,000	Schools, churches	<b>Children</b> Child Ambassadors Child Protection Training Mentoring Programmes	<b>Children</b> Pavement Project – Trauma Counseling Health & medical screening Halfway houses Build trust using sport as a gateway	<b>Children</b> Counseling and Preparation for safe reintegration Child protection training Mentoring of children
800,000	5,000	Parents Businesses	<b>Families</b> Strong Families Training Income Generation Parenting Seminars Build male peer groups Family coaches	<b>Families</b> Family Counseling	<b>Families</b> Home Visits for families, (biological families and adopting families) Psychosocial counselling Business advice and training Link to a local church
2,000	50	Evangelical Alliance	<b>Churches</b> Child Protection Training, Biblically based materials and training on Strong Families Awareness Raising on exploitative labour Alternative discipline training	<b>Churches</b> Awareness Raising with Churches on exploitative labour. Church volunteers on street teams	<b>Churches</b> Church Mobilisation on fostering and adoption. Identifying and training of families Cell groups support reunited families
500	30	Directors and pastors	<b>Residential Care Homes</b> Improve and monitor quality of approved care homes (Viva QIS) Develop Family Group Home models Establish short term family placements for existing children	<b>Transit Shelters and Street Teams</b> Caseworkers: Training in core competencies, related skills and specialized practice competencies	<b>Residential Care Homes</b> Principles of Family Reintegration Safe home environment Holistic child development Residential Care workers and Caseworkers: Training in core competencies, related skills and specialized practice competencies Working group collaboration to get 'compliant homes movement'
785	50	MoESTS, Teachers	<b>Schools</b> Training Child Rights and Child Protection Parenting seminars Training of teachers	<b>Schools</b> Provision of education for out of school children and family liaison Non-formal education and fast track catch up learning	<b>Schools</b> Provision of education for children in institutions Link child into local school system Work with schools to talk to children about child protection
2,963	100	LC leaders	<b>Community</b> Good Treatment Campaign, Advocacy messages Children need love and care of parents Community leaders Child protection committed Mixed ability family strengthening groups	<b>Community Awareness</b> on value of children and exploitative practices concerning children Fight stigma of children who have lived on the streets.	<b>Community:</b> Local Child Protection Committees established or network members take lead on existing Child protection Committees to protect children but also to support and sustain families in local communities within the city and link children out of the city to local protection networks and a church network
1	2 ministries	MoGLSD, MoESTS	<b>Government:</b> Advocacy with government for pro family stance <b>Justice Law and Order Sector</b> Attendance and participation at campaigns and events promoting children in families	<b>Government:</b> Liaison and collaboration with relevant government departments <b>Justice Law and Order Sector</b> Police/Social Workers; Close liaison with existing services for rescue and reintegration	<b>Government:</b> Liaison and collaboration with relevant government departments <b>Justice Law and Order Sector</b> Police/Social Workers; Close liaison with existing services for reintegration
			<b>Media</b> Messages children need love and care of parents or family environment, Facebook, stresswords, ads cellphone apps	<b>Media</b> Campaigns that challenge exploitative child labour, helplines	<b>Media</b> Campaigns that promote the benefits of fostering and adoption

# A City Without Orphans

## Network Development and Programme Management

This approach requires the platform of an existing developed network. The above numbers are based on the CRANE network in Kampala, Uganda. The network has 50 churches and 70 small to medium Christian NGOs that have experience working together over a number of years with a co-ordination team able to manage significant funds and programmes. The Network has a solid track record and achieved recognition across the city and in Government for its work with children at risk.

The network has followed Viva's model of network development helping it grow its identity, systems, management, communications, accountability, project management and fundraising capacity

## Monitoring and Evaluation

### Research prior to commencement:

- Local definition of what 'orphan' means in context and geographical limits of programme participation/reach
- Categories of highest family breakdown. Numbers of 'families at risk' registered by authorities.
- Estimated numbers of separated or exploited children by category
- Push/pull factors in residential care; Numbers of residential homes and numbers of children cared for.
- M&E plan to design Base-line

### Measurement:

- Annual census of children in the city neither living at home or in residential care homes e.g. street children, exploitative labour, domestic labour
- Annual census of number of residential care homes in the city and their child population, monthly entry & exits, % of orphans/care orders/police cases
- # of recipients of prevention messages and impact of messages
- # of children placed - family, foster, adoption, group home and impact of change
- # of rescued children and impact of change
- Lists of active and potential participants, what they bring/offer to the collaboration.
- # of civil society groups committed to working together and convergence towards agreed strategy and indicators
- # of Agreements in place with City authorities
- # of City authority staff involved in activities
- # of \$s investment from City Authority into programmes or \$ equivalent of 'in kind' materials etc
- # of events where City authorities have publicly supported the network or activity

Changed attitudes and behaviours in society towards children – Public/Family surveys to measure change and impact over time

Changed practice of authorities and those responding – survey to measure change over time.