

# OAK FOUNDATION Child Abuse Programme

Grant-making programme on the  
sexual abuse and sexual exploitation  
of children  
and related trafficking

# OVERVIEW

- Who we are
- What we do – operations & learning
- Provoking joined-up programmes
- Thematic coalitions
- Oak learning agenda
- Proposals

# Who are we?

- Duty Free Shoppers
- Programme 10 years old – 9 staff
- Ethiopia, Uganda Tanzania + regional
- Bulgaria, Latvia + regional
- Switzerland
- Global players – INGOs (thematic)
- Rights, participation, resilience
- A powerful cocktail for bringing change

Partners? – currently 140  
Oak funding in approx. 40 countries

■ **Civil society**

NGOs, media, professional associations,  
research institutes, technology (internet)

INGOs – household names (to funders!),  
very vulnerable...financially

■ governments indirectly

■ Joint projects – increasingly

# What we fund

- **Range of projects funded:**

Prevention, protection, recovery & reintegration, advocacy – funded separately

Integrated programmes – some of larger projects cover all these aspects in one project

- **Institutional funding too**

- **Thematic funding via the INGO portfolio**

- **Oak : a Co-funder**

# Funding priorities

- Strengthen support to children exposed to sexual abuse-exploitation
  - with family and community
  - separated from their families (institutions, work, displacement, street,etc)
- Build/strengthen integrated systems  
justice, police, health, social worker, helpline  
+ community groups

# Priorities

- Build knowledge and experience on child protection in
  - child protection personnel
  - community and youth workers
  - Keeping Children Safe!
- Legal/policy change
- Gender – boys/girls

# Provoking joined-up programming (and funding)

- Within a given geographical area:
  - child protection 4 experiences NGOs-local govt  
E. Africa
- Thematic:trafficking-movement of children:
  - Bahia, Bangladesh-India, E. Africa – 1 NGO takes lead
  - Balkans: Mario Project – 4 leading INGOs come together



# Funding thematic coalitions

- abusers/perpetrators
- sexual exploitation in emergencies
- Disability and abuse/exploitation
- integrating child protection into micro-credit programmes
- children's institutions and sexual exploitation

# Learning agenda leading to a focus in grants on

Seeking evidence for improved outcomes...

- What contributes to resilience and if integrated in programmes would outcomes improve ? – learning from children The Bamboo Project
- How to integrate community forms of protection and formal structures?
- Vulnerability – would improving our knowledge improve outcomes?
- Offenders / perpetrators / chains of exploitation

# Learning: from recovery - prevention - recovery & reintegration.....

- Recovery & reintegration – still difficult

As short a time as poss, learn skills, find families,  
seek alternatives to return to community,  
prepare families, jobs..

Learning from Mozambique

- Oak report 2008

meeting of resource people

new action? New learning hub...?

# Proposal 1

- **New strategic alliances around sexual exploitation:**  
Lots of great ideas/creativity in NGO world....but little co-funding

Can Rio launch 1 or 2 strategic alliances....?

out-of-box alliances with public and private actors-  
researchers/programmers united around a common goal  
(PPP - child protection in Switzerland)

- concentrations of unaccompanied men  
....construction/mining/ports/military  
impact on sexual exploitation of children?

- Economics...how to link adolescents at risk-survivors of sexual exploitation to jobs and training.....

# Proposal 2

## ■ Learning – where is the evidence and whose evidence?

we need a series of learning hubs – thinking together, across sectors & actors – researchers listening to practitioners and vv

Learning where it matters most – NGO programmers, governments, funders, ...not just global publications

-To capitalise what is already known

-To stimulate new thinking and new programmes

# Proposal 3: Funders' think tank?

- Funders working more together !

Or at least joint discussions on funding priorities, on child protection discourses...

Broader strategies – yes, but how broad?

(power stations or solar energy cells)

- Oak talking to private funders
- Could we ALL do something together.....?

# Stockholm, Yokohama, Rio

Involving community and family in supporting girls who have been sexually exploited cannot be achieved without the international community placing as much emphasis on the reintegration of girls as is currently placed on disarming children....