

Can you hear in  
your heart God's  
desire and purpose  
for Children?



“Children will be valued and  
celebrated. They will never be  
marginalized, forgotten or  
overlooked” - *Isaiah 49:15-18*



## FACTS ABOUT INDIA'S CHILDREN<sup>1</sup>:

- India has the world's largest number of **sexually abused children** Every 155th minute a child is raped.
- The world's highest number of **working children** is in India. 11% of the workforce of India is a child.
- **Illiteracy**: 47% of children in Standard V can only read at Standard II level
- 88.6% of **physically abused children** are by mistreated by parents and 65% of school-going children report facing **corporal punishment**
- In India annually there are approximately 1 million **female foeticides**.
- 13% of India's urban **children lives in slums**.
- Every third **malnourished child** in the world lives in India.

## ASHA FORUM BANGALORE - VIVA

'The Asha Forum Bangalore' is a network in Bangalore with organisations, churches and individuals who work with, or have a passion to, **reach out to the children at risk**. It organises certified courses on child care to celebrate the lives of the children and understand them better.

The Asha Forum is partnering with 'Viva' which is an international organisation inspiring lasting change in children's lives through the power of collective action. Their aim is to transform the lives of children through effective local networks. Their vision is to see children safe, well and

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<sup>1</sup> Children at Risk in India; Desk Research about the situation of Children at Risk in India; Viva; 2015

fulfilling their God-given potential. Viva has 37 networks in 22 countries around the world, with six in India alone.

## OUR VISION

A network partnering for proactive Christian response, creating safe environments where children grow to their God-intended potential.

## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We advocate and equip organizations, communities, government agencies and individuals to create safe environments for children and implement Child Protection (CP) initiatives.

## OUR KEY GOALS

- To develop child protection processes and systems
- To advocate for child protection
- To institute child protection processes and systems for strengthening the Christian response to child protection.
- To mobilize resources for building child protection convergence and systems.



## OUR ACTIVITIES

### TRAININGS:

- Quality Improvement System (QIS): an NGO Management Training
- Understanding God's Heart for Children
- Celebrating Children: a Child Care Training
- Prevention of Trafficking
- Child Protection Policy Development
- Adolescent Mentoring Program
- Sunday School Integrated Program
- On request-sized trainings and workshops



### ADVOCACY:

We are giving advocacy to Projects and Churches in developing a Child protection Policy, focusing on the Girl Child, developing a project, coordinating between the different projects, empowering the project with even better care for the children.

### SPECIAL ACTIVITIES:

- World Weekend of Prayer for Children at risk
- Christmas Party for underprivileged children
- Children's Good Treatment Campaign

***“learn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression; bring justice to the fatherless, plead the widow's cause” -***

*Isaiah 1:17*

## WHAT CAN YOU DO AS...

### ...CHURCH:

- Become part of our network
- Join our trainings & learn from each other's experiences in working with children
- Focus in your meetings on how God sees the children and motivate members to take up the calling to take care of the child in need
- Share your expertise with the network
- Send volunteers to our different activities & projects
- Develop a project in your own church in reaching out to the children in need
- Support us Financially

### ...CHILDREN'S ORGANISATION / PROJECT:

- Become part of our network
- Join our activities & trainings
- Share your experience, learn from other's experiences in working with children
- Share your expertise and needs with the network

### ...INDIVIDUAL:

- Become part of our network
- Volunteer in our different activities & projects, especially in our Christmas Party
- Share your skills to serve the network
- Support us Financially



## OUR SPECIAL EVENT – THE CHRISTMAS PARTY

The end of every year we organise a Christmas Party for underprivileged children who do not have any other opportunity to celebrate the joy of this Heavenly Gift.

We are seeking partnership as follows to make this event unforgettable for the children:

- Volunteers for preparing the program, guiding the children during the day, serving food and snacks, transport of the children, etc.
- Bring Children from who you know deserve this Party
- Gifts, food, sweets, cool drinks
- Anything else what can make the Party unforgettable for the children.
- Funds to meet the needs



### JOIN US

The Asha-Forum Bangalore invites you to join the network to reach out to more children, meaningfully and guard God's will that children live 'life in abundance', free from abuse and exploitation.

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