

International Humanitarian NGO

A « life project » for minor girls who use prostitution as a mean of survival

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I- Background: Republic of the Congo

- Prostitution is illegal but remains an important phenomenon and is tolerated by the authorities
- Many girls under the age of 16 are engaged in prostitution as a mean of survival
- A daily life marked by physical, mental and sexual violence. More than 40% of these girls have been raped at least once
- Nearly 75% of these girls have a child
- Deprived of work opportunities, these girls find themselves with no prospect for the future





II- The AIS Organisation A- Our Story

"Give young victims the opportunity to take ownership of their future "

AIS was registered as an NGO in the USA in 2018

Als is the first registered NGO devoted to the issue of young girls engaged in prostitution as a mean of survival

AIS is an NGO with a human dimension

AIS has expertise in the design and implementation of social & health projects in Sub-Saharan Africa



II- The AIS Organisation B- Our Mission

Mission

AIS offers a humanitarian, educational and developmental initiative that allows young girls victims of survival prostitution the opportunity to take ownership of their future by entering vocational trainings

Goal

To enable young girls to quit prostitution by guaranteeing access, in our centers, to free vocational training programs that lead to a professional degree

Actions

- To help young girls in survival prostitution to leave the streets
- To help them design a "life project"
- To bring hope for a better future

- To give them access to free secondary and vocational education
- To provide them with trainings adapted to the local needs
- To facilitate their social and economic integration

II- The AIS Organization C- Beneficiaries

Direct Beneficiaries

- ☐ Girls, from age 13 to 23, in situations of prostitution as a mean of survival
- Our 2 centers, one in Brazzaville and one in Pointe-Noire
- Our Partners: Don Bosco Fondation, ACBEF (Congo association for family healthcare) and REIPER (street children network)
- The 443 minors who visited the centers during the last 18 months
- The more than 3,000 young women who have access to the services offered by AIS
- Young girls and women, victims of violence

Indirect Beneficiaries

- ☐ The civil society of the country in which AIS intervenes
- ☐ Local staff training our beneficiaries
- Our beneficiaries' families
- □ Our beneficiaries' children as 75% of them are mothers



III- The AIS Support Protocol

PHASE 1

REACHING OUT

•Identifying, listening, prevention and orientation, done at street level

PHASE 2

DAYCARE CENTER

Orientation of minor girls and their children at the daycare centers

PHASE 3

STABILIZATION

Process undertaken for girls visiting the center regularly

PHASE 4

SETTING UP OF "LIFE PROJECT"

"Lifproject" based on professional insertion

PHASE 5

PROFESSIONAL INSERTION

·Settling into a better, less precarious life

IV- The AIS Projects

Achievements in 2018

- Street patrols day and night 3 times a week, to meet girls and women in prostitution
- □ 3,817 girls and women from 11 to 64 met during street patrols
- □ 279 girls referred to our daycare centers with 90 children
- □ 27,023 meals distributed
- Weekly group therapy, educational activities
- More than half of our beneficiaries have reach phase 5 "professional integration"

IV- The AIS Projects

Next steps

- ☐ Strengthen phase 5 "professional insertion" by diversifying the trades proposed according to labor market
- ☐ Explore other cities in Congo: Dolisie, Pool region
- ☐ Diversify target audiences: try to reach also young boys in prostitution
- ☐ Include prevention and advocacy

V- Testimonial

"Thanks to AIS and its partners, we have successfully learned a job and we will now be able to support ourselves and our family."

Dieuveille, Chancelvie, Fatou and Belfa were beneficiaries of the AIS Center in Pointe-Noire: for 18 months, they were trained, respectively, in sewing, sheet metal and welding.

They graduated on September 18, 2017.



V- Testimonial

"Thanks to the various mediations conducted by social workers, I was able to reconcile with my father who had abandoned me since birth. Having learned that I had become a seamstress, he offered me an electric sewing machine.

If ASI did not exist, I would have stayed on the street prostituting myself. I will soon be making a donation to the nursery of Brazzaville as a thank you."

Marelle NSALA, former beneficiary today working in a sewing workshop in Bacongo



VI- How can we help?

With US\$2.00:

We provide a meal to a young girl when she comes at the Center

With US\$10.00:

A young woman will be able to use a modern contraceptive method A young girl can get a medical consultation and receive curative treatment for a sexually transmitted infection

With US\$70.00:

A young girl can take literacy classes during one year

With US\$200.00:

A young woman can attend a vocational training for 6 months

With US\$500.00:

AIS can support a young girl during 6 months

With US\$1,200.00:

AIS can support a young girl and her child for a year

VII- Contact

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