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WHY OBSERVE WORLD AIDS ORPHANS DAY?



BECAUSE 15 MILLION CHILDREN HAVE LOST ONE OR BOTH PARENTS TO AIDS.

Few children receive any external support.

10% of all HIV and AIDS funding should be urgently directed to support AIDS orphans and vulnerable children.

In 2007, there were officially 15 million AIDS orphans.

They are the tip of the iceberg, as millions children have been orphaned due to other causes and millions more were made vulnerable by the pandemic and drifted away from civilization.

Behind the statistics are millions of stories of children suffering.

The AIDS crisis has a catastrophic impact on households and communities, deepening poverty and exacerbating hardship. The extended family remains the only safety net for most affected children. Many households, particularly the ones living in poverty, are often overwhelmed and unable to meet children's most basic needs.

World AIDS Orphans Day (WAOD)

- WAOD was initiated in 2002 by Albina du Boisrouvray, President & Founder of FXB, to bring attention to the millions of children affected by AIDS.
- Every May 7, FXB organizes a grassroots campaign to bring attention to the plight of children affected by AIDS and advocate on their behalf.
- FXB initiated a worldwide coalition of Mayors who engage their constituencies to respect and lobby for the rights of the most vulnerable children. **800 mayors and elected officials from 41 countries have joined this coalition.**
- WAOD supporters lobby their home governments to direct at least 10% of all HIV and AIDS funding to support orphans and children made vulnerable by the pandemic.

HOW THE AIDS CRISIS IMPACTS CHILDREN?



When parents die, the extended family traditionally takes care of the orphaned children.

Approximately 95% of all children directly affected by HIV and AIDS, including those who have lost parents, continue to live with their extended families.

Unfortunately, the double crisis of poverty and AIDS decreases the communities' capacities to take care of them.

Without protection, support and love, without household stability, or educational opportunity, these children face great risk of malnutrition, discrimination, abuse and HIV infection. They are easy prey to many forms of ill-treatment and exploitation such as prostitution, forced labor, drug networks, or child soldiering.

The impact of AIDS on children is a major humanitarian, economic, social and security challenge that our society must urgently address.

A Humanitarian Challenge: because despite the near-universal adoption of child protection norms, more than half the world's children are deprived of their basic needs as a result of poverty, war or HIV/AIDS. They miss out on their childhood and are unable to become the productive and responsible citizens of tomorrow.

An Economic Challenge: because HIV/AIDS has a devastating direct economic impact on communities, jeopardizing children's futures. Because of the added financial burden of HIV/AIDS, many children - particularly girls - are forced to drop out of school to work or take care of their families.

A Social Challenge: because in highly impacted communities, AIDS weakens the larger support system of children. The sick and dying include teachers, medical personnel and other adults on whom children depend.

A Security Challenge: because all vulnerable children are easy prey and need to be protected so that they don't fall victim to prostitution or crime or become child soldiers or human bombs.

WHAT IS THE CALL TO ACTION FOR WAOD 2010 ?

Governments should direct at least 10% of their overall HIV and AIDS funding to support AIDS orphans and vulnerable children.

The needs of children affected by AIDS are neglected : Despite progress in funding, preventing and treating AIDS, we are ignoring the basic needs of millions of vulnerable children

- Global political commitment and resources are insufficient.
- Poor families are supporting affected children with minimal assistance, including from their governments.
- 90% of the more than 2 million children living with HIV are infected before or during birth. Yet only one in three pregnant women with HIV in low- and middle-income countries receive the treatment they need to help prevent infection of their babies.

Few resources are reaching the families and communities that provide the front-line response, even though they provide the vast majority of care and support to orphaned and vulnerable children. A generation will be lost if we do not take urgent measures to support the basic rights of children, and the families and communities that care for them. We can fight AIDS if we organize a long-term response supported by a strong political will.

For the third consecutive year, the call to action on May 7 will be : « 10% for orphans and children affected by HIV/AIDS ». This pledge was reinforced in 2009 by the publication of the final report of *the Joint Learning Initiative on Children and HIV/AIDS (JLICA)*, of which FXB is one of the founding members. The report found:

«Unless governments and their partners address the underlying issues of family poverty and gender inequality, large-scale aids programmes in severely affected countries will continue to fall far short of what is needed — and of what could be achieved.»

The report calls for fundamental shifts in policies, programmes, and funding to squarely refocus the response along four critical lines of action:

- Providing support for children to and through their families;
- Strengthening community support for families;
- Reducing family poverty;
- Delivering integrated family-centred services in health, education, and social welfare.

For more information, please visit: www.jlica.org

RAISING VOICES FOR WORLD AIDS ORPHANS DAY 2010



World AIDS Orphans Day brings together mayors and elected officials, organizations, concerned individuals and press to ensure that 10% of HIV and AIDS gets urgently directed to support orphans and vulnerable children affected by AIDS.

An interactive website allows individuals to join the movement, get information, read testimonials, mobilize, lobby their governments, organize an event, or to access videos and photos: www.worldaidsorphans.org

FXB CALL TO ACTION :

- **Mayors and elected officials** : as guarantors of the Rights of the Child in your municipalities, you engage your constituencies to respect the rights of the most vulnerable children and to lobby your governments. **More than 800 mayors and elected officials from 41 countries joined this coalition.**
- **The media** : draw the attention to the needs of orphans and vulnerable children affected by AIDS and the consequences of ignoring their needs.
- **Like-minded organizations, young people and concerned individuals** : mobilize and advocate on behalf of all these children.

AS PART OF WAOD 2010, FXB WILL ADVOCATE FOR THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD, FOCUSING ITS ENERGIES ON NATIONAL GOVERNMENTS AND INTERNATIONAL AUTHORITIES.

To be credible we need to raise our voices together and influence the governments to respect and implement the international standards of protection for the rights of the child.

FXB is in charge of the logistics and the coordination of WAOD through the website www.worldaidsorphans.org

YESTERDAY A SMALL STEP, TODAY A WORLDWIDE SOLIDARITY MOVEMENT

WAOD 2002 – the launch in New York City

On May 7, 2002, in New York City, alongside the United Nations General Assembly Special Session on Children Rights, Albina du Boisrouvray presented the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Kofi Annan, with a petition containing 2 million worldwide signatures asking governments to take urgent measures to care and support the millions of orphans and children made vulnerable by AIDS. New York City Council Speaker Gifford Miller declared the day to be “World AIDS Orphans’ Day”.

WAOD 2003 – the first 20 cities

Mayors of 20 cities began the mayors and elected officials coalition, and high school students from the Bronx, New York, launched the youth movement by producing a giant fresco about AIDS orphans. FXB Brazil and other national NGOs began to actively lobby to change national laws on generic drugs.

WAOD 2004 – a worldwide event

In 2004, efforts were made to encourage governments, the UN, donors and companies, to give priority to the millions of orphans and vulnerable children affected by HIV and AIDS.

WAOD 2005 – political pressure

160 mayors and municipalities around the world supported this day. For the first time in France, WAOD was placed under the patronage of Mr. Christian Poncelet, President of the Senate. WAOD had an important influence on public policies related to children's rights and more particularly via the call launched at the G8 by FXB and other civil society activists to abolish schooling fees in countries in transition. In June, G8 adopted a resolution to insure free and universal access to basic medical care and education. In Brazil, the Chamber of the Deputies approved a legislative modification to allow pharmaceutical industries to create antiretroviral generics. The efforts of FXB Brazil through WAOD 2005 contributed to the global lobby to increase access to antiretroviral therapy, and reduce treatment costs.

WAOD 2006 – the spread of the movement and youth mobilization

In 2006, WAOD focused on the mobilization of young people and children. Thousands of children around the world initiated Circles of Hope to support FXB’s Call to Action and reminded governments of the goals they had set in 2001 when they signed the United Nations’ Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS.

WAOD 2007 – the mobilization of mayors and elected officials

The number of mayors and elected officials grew exponentially as 795 mayors and elected officials of 41 countries joined the worldwide coalition. Hundreds of events were organized in 19 countries and a particular effort was made to mobilize youth through seminars, games and exhibitions.

WAOD 2008 – 10% for children

The main objective of WAOD 2008 was a call to direct at least 10% of all HIV and AIDS funding to support AIDS orphans and children made vulnerable by the virus. This call to action was discussed by the media and our partners. In 2008, President George W. Bush signed the new PEPFAR initiative, which allocate \$30 billion to the fight against AIDS. Of this amount, \$3 billion was allocated to create programmes for children. The lobbying action of WAOD and other activists worldwide was critical in this decision.

WAOD 2009—the advocacy continues

The call to direct at least 10% of all HIV and AIDS funding to support AIDS orphans and children made vulnerable by the virus was again the main objective of WAOD 2009. Many countries all around the world organized events to raise awareness of the population, the governments and the media to this important cause.

THEY SUPPORT FXB AND WORLD AIDS ORPHANS DAY

« On n'est pas orphelin d'avoir perdu père et mère mais d'avoir perdu l'espoir. »

Christian Poncelet, Président du Sénat en France

« Des pouvoirs locaux unis pour régler les grandes questions du monde. »

Jean-Marie Bockel, Sénateur du Haut-Rhin

«All children, no matter where they live, have the right to education and a safe and secure environment in which to grow. The FXB Villages help children orphaned and affected by AIDS, and their guardian families, to enjoy these rights»

Kofi Annan, former Secretary-General of the United Nations

«Albina has been a strong advocate of children orphaned by AIDS since the early days of the pandemic, at a time when few people had the understanding, courage and determination to make their voices heard.»

Dr. Peter Piot, Executive Director of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS)

«FXB's well-established model of poverty alleviation and supporting AIDS orphans in Rwanda and Uganda is a grassroots solution that turns despair into hope.»

Stephen Lewis, United Nations Secretary-General's Special Envoy for HIV and AIDS in Africa

« FXB est une organisation généreuse, durable et efficace, un levier extraordinaire pour faire reculer tous les problèmes. »

Matthieu Zeller, Directeur général de Kiehl's

« At FXB, the answer to the increasing number of children in need in global action towards families and communities. For this reason, FXB works on the reintegration of orphans in stable households and on the global reconstruction of the social fabric of families and communities so that the work of social contributors with these children and with all the vulnerable children dashed into poverty - can be made effectively in the long run. If I quote Albina du Boisrouvray, it is because I think that the philosophy of her fight is the right one, and that we are all been inspired by it, for a long time.»

Extract from the speech given by Daniel Rondeau, French Ambassador in Malta, International Day for Poverty Eradication, La Valette Conference, October 17th, 2008.

« Alone, we can nothing. All together in a common engagement, we can do everything.»

Albina du Boisrouvray, Founder and President, FXB International



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- Africa:** Burundi, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Niger, Rwanda, South Africa, Togo, Uganda
- Asia:** China, India, Myanmar, Thailand
- Americas:** Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Uruguay, USA
- Europe:** France, Switzerland

FXB International is a non-governmental organization dedicated to supporting children and families hit hardest by poverty and AIDS. FXB works alongside the communities we serve to improve local health, education, and economic opportunity. We are committed to ensuring that all progress is sustainable and lasting.

Too Many Children are in Need

More than 15 million children around the world have lost their parents to AIDS. They are the tip of the iceberg as millions more children have been orphaned due to other causes or made vulnerable by the AIDS pandemic, drifted away from civilization.

Investing in Families. Saving Children.

95% of all children directly affected by HIV and AIDS, including orphans, continue to live with their extended families. Many grandmothers, widows, and neighbors cannot afford to feed another hungry mouth. FXB believes that the best solution for helping the children is to strengthen the social and economic capacities of their families and communities. When empowered with the right tools and resources, caregivers are better able to protect and raise the orphans and vulnerable children of their communities.

Delivering Sustainable Results for Children Affected by Poverty and AIDS

Solutions that Work

Instead of giving piecemeal aid, we help people to help themselves by reinforcing their global capacities. Because when their families escape poverty, children can thrive. With over 100 programs across the globe, FXB services for families and children include:

- ✓ Reintegration of orphans and vulnerable children within families and reconstruction of the social fabric
- ✓ Small business capital and financial training to start income-generating activities
- ✓ Nutritional support
- ✓ Water access, basic hygiene training, and improved sanitation
- ✓ School enrollment for primary and secondary school students
- ✓ Vocational training in professional and marketable skills
- ✓ Healthcare and access to HIV and AIDS treatment
- ✓ Psychosocial counseling
- ✓ HIV education and prevention, including prevention of mother-to-child transmission
- ✓ Financial training in savings and micro-credit
- ✓ Legal support and Children's Rights advocacy
- ✓ Gender equality and empowerment of women and girls
- ✓ Environmental management
- ✓ Self Shelter
- ✓ Palliative Care

Facts & Figures

3.6 million – The number of children and adults we have *directly* served since FXB was founded in 1989

140,000 – The number of people we helped in 2008

700,000 – The number of people who directly benefited from FXB presence in their communities

463 – The number of FXB staff worldwide

86% – Percentage of participants in the FXB-Village program who advance out of poverty and become self-sufficient after the 3 years of the program.

Integrated, Family-Centered Support for Children : The FXB-Village Program

The FXB-Village is our signature program. It is an **integrated strategy** to support children and families hit hardest by poverty and AIDS. Each program is a network of **80 to 100 households** that receives a comprehensive package of support and skills-building during a three-year phased process. The package includes : access to healthcare, HIV testing and prevention, nutritional support, education and vocational training, psychosocial support, legal support and lessons in financial literacy. The backbone of the program is the capital and training given to families to start **income-generating activities**. FXB support to family is progressively scaled back over the three years until families “graduate” and can live autonomously.

The FXB-Villages have been cited by UNICEF and UNAIDS as a best practice in supporting AIDS-affected communities. *Children and AIDS: Second Stocktaking Report, UNICEF and UNAIDS, 2008, p.26*

Our Main Donors

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FXB carries the name of François-Xavier Bagnoud, a helicopter pilot specialized in rescue operations, who dedicated his life to providing assistance to others. He lost his life at the age of 24 during a helicopter-borne mission in Mali. In 1989, his mother Albina du Boisrouvray, his family, and their friends founded the Association François-Xavier Bagnoud (FXB) in order to pursue, in the field of development, the values of generosity and compassion that guided his life.

The mission of FXB is to fight poverty and HIV and to support the world's orphans and vulnerable children left in the wake of the AIDS pandemic by advocating for their needs and basic rights and providing direct support to families and communities that care for them. FXB has developed a number of low-cost, high-impact programs, most notably the FXB-Villages, that are designed to empower impoverished families and build self-sufficiency. FXB operates over 100 programs in Africa, the Americas, Asia, and Europe with a staff of 400 locally recruited employees dedicated to restoring children's dignity and well-being by providing stability, health, and education.

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