



Street Child Africa 10 years 1998 - 2008

Securing the future for street children – to the power of 10

In 2008, Street Child Africa celebrates ten years of existence. Since 1998, we have sent over £2,000,000 to Africa, enabling over 80,000 street children to access adult support and guidance, education, medical care, ante- and post-natal care, baby care, and sponsorship opportunities.

By Amy Hatton, Director

Our supporters often ask us what we think the future holds for street children. Even in the ten years we have been in existence, we have seen the face of street children change, and their numbers grow.

Our Ghanaian partner agency **Catholic Action for Street Children (CAS)** has been working on the streets for over 15 years, and Street Child Africa was founded to support their work. Together with sister agency **Street Girls Aid**, these two organisations are amongst the most knowledgeable in Africa through their constant contact with children on the streets.

CAS tells us that ten years ago, most children travelled to the city streets from rural areas. However, today many younger children are second-generation street children, born to mothers who are street girls themselves. Unlike the first generation, many of these children do not have birth registration, have never attended a school, live day to day with no concern for their future, and struggle even to fit within the excellent programmes run by CAS, because they are so profoundly integrated with the streets. They have never had any point of reference outside of street life, and have never had an adult available to protect and guide them.

In other countries, an increasingly complex myriad of issues drives children to the streets. In Sierra Leone and the Democratic Republic of Congo, long-term conflict has resulted in long-term damage – both physical and emotional – which stigmatises street children. In Zambia, glue sniffing is an abundant survival tactic, potentially causing severe mental illness and trauma. In Zimbabwe, economic meltdown and oppressive government policies render life almost impossible for everyone – but street

children are right at the bottom of the heap.

Faced with such a complex and rapidly changing set of challenges, how can we possibly keep up? The answer lies at the beating heart of our work – the street worker. A street worker is a skilled, trained adult who makes contact

with children in their own environment, offering them trust, protection, guidance, and practical help to access the services they so desperately need. That one-to-one contact means that every street child can benefit from services tailored directly to their individual needs, through the intervention of the street worker combined with the range of services that we fund.

Any parent wants to ensure their child is secure – not just now but in the future. In our 10th anniversary year, we turn our minds to providing that future security for street children, the most vulnerable of Africa's poor.

You can help us to do that by joining our **Power of 10** campaign. This year, please use the enclosed donation form to set up a regular monthly payment of £10 – or whatever you can afford – to help us ensure that

thousands of street children every year have the long-term support and guidance they need to turn their lives around, permanently.

Fundamentally, at the end of every donation we receive, there is a trustworthy adult looking after a vulnerable street child, guiding them through the choices they must make about their future. And we know, through ten years of experience, that is what makes the real difference.

£10 per month. That's less than the price of a takeaway pizza, and it will change a child's life for good. Thank you.



*Above: A street child in Port Harcourt, Nigeria.
Photo © Robin Hammond 2007*

P. S. We made it to £1 million last year! Thank you so much if you took part in our *One in a Million* campaign – we raised over £1.1 million, and supported 40,000 street children in 2007!

The street worker – the trustworthy adult in a street child's life

By Katja Pesari, Office Manager (based on Denise McEvoy's description of street worker's role)

Working on the streets where street children live is central to Street Child Africa's values. Establishing a relationship that is based on trust, respect and friendship, a street worker takes the place of a family member for a street child who is alone on the street – the toughest environment in Africa.

All our partners in Africa are involved in "street work": social workers visit the streets to immerse themselves in the environment street children live in and the relationships which street children have with members of the shanty community. A street worker has no institutional authority to intervene in the life of a child; any action that is agreed upon is based on decisions taken with the child to address the child's needs at that time. There is no formality in the relationship. It is based on the street worker's desire to support, care, protect and challenge street children in their environment and to offer them the choices in life they do not otherwise have.

I witnessed a street worker in action on my recent visit to Accra, Ghana. I was visiting our partner **CAS** (Catholic Action for Street Children) and went to the suburb of Kaneshie with one of their street workers, Joseph. Joseph has been working for CAS since 1994 and has seen a whole generation of street children grow up on the streets of Accra and the immense increase in their numbers over the years.

We walked around the hot, dusty roads of Kaneshie, Joseph greeting boys he saw sitting by the fences, in street corners or under awnings, exchanging a few words with them, inviting them to the CAS drop-in centre. We then stopped outside a bright purple hut on the roadside – a steaming hot, windowless shack where you could play

videogames for a few pesewas. Joseph asked the boys inside if they would like to take part in a literacy class, and when some of them agreed, he set up a class there and then, on the pavement outside the shop.

His method of teaching was simple: he gave the boys a piece of paper and a pencil and showed them a photo, asking them to describe on paper what they saw in the picture. This was ingenious in its simplicity, as it allowed all

the boys to use their own level of writing and English skills. Some wrote long sentences, others simple words. All the while Joseph engaged his pupils in conversation, giving each one his time, showing an interest in their individual abilities. More boys strolled in, and he knew almost every one. In the end, Joseph collected each pupil's text and so provided an important tool for monitoring their progress.

Street workers like Joseph are a lifeline for street children. They

are there to help them with their everyday problems: relations with authorities and the local community, conflicts with other children, gangs and unscrupulous grown-ups taking advantage of them, and access to services and facilities they would not know how to look for elsewhere. As Street Child Africa enters its second decade of supporting Africa's street children, these are the people our success truly relies on.



Above: CAS street worker Joseph in a street-corner class.

Photo © Katja Pesari 2007

Street worker training goes to the Heart of Darkness

By Denise McEvoy, social worker and street work trainer

Supported by German overseas development agency Misereor, Street Child Africa brought street worker training to Bukavu in the Democratic Republic of Congo in November – December 2007. This was the seventh implementation of our street worker training programme in sub-Saharan Africa.

Accompanied by our Founder Patrick Shanahan, I delivered training to 22 street workers, and trained four very brave and committed workers to take their learning forward and train the police, community leaders, donors, other local agencies and potential street workers. The programme was hosted by an outstanding Congolese organisation called **PEDER** (Diocesan Programme for the Protection of Street Children).

DR Congo is in many ways like nowhere else. One would be forgiven for thinking that one had walked into the middle of a bombing blitz, but this is where street children and street workers live and survive. The absence of a viable infrastructure, armed conflict, poor governance, difficult terrain, and threats from gangs to personal safety amidst

an always fragile political situation are just some of the features that define the struggle of daily life here for street children and street workers.

The street children live amongst others who are displaced, orphaned, abandoned, refugees and child prostitutes, victims of accusations of sorcery and witchcraft, and ex-child soldiers. In the absence of any official safety net, PEDER are addressing the nigh impossible tasks of rescue, protection, prevention, diversion and maintenance for over 800 street children. Their commitment and courage in fighting for the rights of street children amidst such adversity is quite simply awesome.

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Richard is a 20-year-old Zimbabwean. This is his story.*

Richard's mother died when he was seven, and his father soon re-married. After he lost his job, stress in the family circumstances began to show with relations between Richard and his stepmother deteriorating.

When Richard was nine, a new baby sister was born and he was asked to quit school and take care of the baby instead. Richard first complied, but then he realised he was missing out on a valuable thing, education. But when he refused to baby-sit, his stepmother refused to give him food and he would sometimes go hungry for the whole day. He writes, *"I developed bad habits because of this ill treatment. When I was sent to the market I would swindle a few dollars so that when I didn't get food I could use that money."*

After Richard's stepmother suspected him of stealing her food and beat him, Richard was thrown out of the family home. His father decided that he was, at 12, old enough to look after himself. As a result Richard came to the streets of Harare and describes this as *"one of the worst things that has ever happened to me. It was a survival of the fittest. I used to be beaten, [my] belongings confiscated, [I was] abused physically, sexually, mentally and even spiritually."*

Richard's academic hopes slowly faded away. However, after about six months on the streets, he came into contact with **Streets Ahead** [our partner organisation in Zimbabwe] and started visiting their drop-in centre. Slowly, but surely, he started getting his life back on track.

At 16, Richard managed to quit the streets and return home where he enrolled on a woodwork course and did very well. However, his relationship with his stepmother

did not improve, and she wanted him to move to live with her rural relatives. Richard did not stay there for long, and when he returned before his due, his stepmother retaliated by

confiscating his woodwork course certificate, causing Richard to miss a chance to get a job.

Richard avenged this by selling some of his stepmother's belongings, kitchen plates. The dispute escalated and she got him jailed for theft for two months. On release, Richard had no choice but to live on the streets again. However, he



Above: Boys living on the streets of Harare (Richard not pictured).
Photo © Robin Hammond 2007

continued visiting Streets Ahead and, at 17, got his chance when Streets Ahead offered him a place in a school. Richard vowed to exploit the opportunity, even when his street friends teased him for being too old for school. His aunt took him to live with her until he passed his O-levels. He obtained three A's in English, Accounts and Science, and three C's in Geography, Shona (one of main languages in Zimbabwe) and Agriculture. Richard's dream had come true.

Richard concludes: *"The most difficult process is trying to fit into society from the streets. Most people keep reminding you of the bad dark past so that if you are not strong you lose focus and concentration. I guess I am living my long-cherished dream and I would like to go all the way to university. Although it's still a long way, I am confident, because I have come the longest. I am keen to be a role model to my peers, especially those I used to live with on the streets. My advice is 'fortune knocks once on a man's door'."*

* Name changed to protect Richard's identity.

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➡ For instance, in order to help those children who wish to contact their family in another part of the country, PEDER workers rely on the Red Cross helicopter helping them out; the journey is just too long and dangerous to travel any other way. Street gangs have become a significant and increasing threat often breaking into PEDER centres and abducting children, and it is the street workers who need to protect the children. With scarce resources and an unsympathetic police force, each day is at best unpredictable and frightening. Little street girls are especially easy prey. One Sunday afternoon we passed by 'La Maison de Tolerance' houses of prostitution (row upon row of wooden shacks). Little girls sucking sugar cane sticks stared with sad, blank faces, waiting for their next abuser.

By going to the Congo, Street Child Africa has ventured where many other charities fear to tread. Our decision to take this brave and necessary step has been rewarded by the vigour and enthusiasm with which PEDER workers grasped every opportunity of our time there to maximise their skills and influence to help their street children. We will keep you posted on developments as we follow and support PEDER in its journey to make a difference.

Street Child Africa is eternally grateful to the German overseas development agency **Bischöfliches Hilfswerk MISEREOR e.V** for sponsoring our street worker training programme, now in its seventh year. **Thank you!**

Fundraising for Street Child Africa:

Across Southern Africa in an old VW Beetle

Jon Clark and Ian Jewison had a trip of a lifetime last summer, when they participated in the Beetle Africa Marathon – a journey through Southern Africa in a classic old VW Beetle. Being the decent guys they are, they raised sponsorship for Street Child Africa through JustGiving on their way. They describe their experience:

The Beetle Africa race started in Durban at the start of July. Wondering what we had let ourselves in for, we were escorted to the start line along Durban beach front by a marching bagpipe parade. We felt like celebrities – I think everyone else wondered who on earth we were!

The early stages of the race were spent travelling westwards across South Africa towards Namibia. It took nearly four days to get to the border, with long days spent behind the wheel (up to 12 hours of driving). Africa whistled past in a semi blur. Much more slowly if you had broken down!

We drove up through Namibia, stopping at the edge of the Namib Desert in Sessreim, which was an amazing sight. From here, we headed to Windhoek, the capital of Namibia, and then made our way into Botswana, crossing the border at night.

It was winter in Botswana, but as hot as one of our summers. From the border we headed east into Maun, the tourist capital. We spent 3 days on the edge of the Okavango Delta, one of the largest wetland deltas in the world, and we managed to squeeze in some exploring of

this amazing area, the boat trip on the Delta being particularly memorable.

Leaving Maun, we headed east, back into South Africa and close to the border with Zimbabwe, before venturing into the Kruger National Park. We spent three nights in this fabulous place, allowing us plenty of time to see the wildlife; a truly wonderful experience.

We exited Kruger and said a brief hello and goodbye to Swaziland on our way to Mutubatuba on the east coast of South Africa. Although our car broke down 100 km from the end, we managed to limp across the finishing line, tired

but elated from such a great adventure.

Would you be able to do something similar and raise funds for Street Child Africa? Please contact our Schools and Community Coordinator Jacqui Hegarty on jacqui@streetchildafrica.org.uk. You can also set up an easy fundraising website for your event or activity on www.justgiving.com/streetchild.

More information about Ian & Jon's epic journey can be found on www.streetchildafrica.org.uk/site/events.php and on www.beetleafrica.com/2007.htm.



Photo © Ian Jewison 2007.

Having a ball in Bothwell

In Scotland, the Bothwell Street Child Support Group organised their annual Autumn Ball in November 2007. Scottish Schools Liaison and retired Trustee Eric Creaney describes the evening:



Above: Our Fundraising Manager Duncan admiring Ronaldinho's boot, later auctioned at £5,000. Photo © Eric Creaney 2007.

Yet again the Bothwell Street Child Support Group have excelled themselves. After the fantastic Autumn Ball of 2006, which raised £19,254 for our baby-care programme in Ghana, hopes were high – but realistically we did not expect to equal that amount. However, Laura [Murphy, the chairwoman of the support group] and her gallant band were ecstatic at the end of the evening when it was realised that they had raised over £24,500 for Street Child Africa!

It was a very enjoyable evening with a crowded dance floor, a tasty meal, and a very successful auction by John McKelvie. In 2006, he managed to get £4,000 for a football boot from footballer Ronaldinho! None but the most optimistic expected the other boot to get near that amount this year, but big John managed to raise the bids to £5,000 this time – congratulations and many thanks to the successful bidder. This year the Ball was graced by the attendance of Duncan Ross from the main office with his wife, and our new Trustee in Scotland, Hugh Christie, attended together with his wife.

Many, many thanks to Laura and her team for the fabulous effort!

We need more support groups across the country. If you are interested in setting one up, please email our voluntary support groups co-ordinator Cara Cahill on supportgroup@streetchildafrica.org.uk for information and a support group pack, or telephone the Head Office.

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Above: Trustee John Merrigan receiving a £5,000 cheque from a school. Photo © Street Child Africa

Trustee and Schools Liaison John Merrigan reviews our schools work Schools and Street Child Africa

Street Child Africa loves working with schools! We try to give to schools as well as raise funds with them. In our experience, students can *always* see that Africa's street children need help NOW. So thank you, each and every school, and each and every pupil, who has helped to raise funds in any way.

How do we give to schools? We offer schools **knowledge and understanding**. We do this by visiting schools, leading classes, 6th form groups or assemblies, helping students explore the causes and problems of poverty in Africa, and how Africa's resourceful people survive against the odds when poverty undermines them every day. Our work is directly relevant to many areas of the curriculum including International Citizenship, Geography, Economics, Politics, and so on.

Would your school like a visit from Street Child Africa? Please contact Jacqui Hegarty on jacqui@streetchildafrica.org.uk or by phone on 020 8972 9820, and she can send you an information pack. Use us! That's what we're here for.



"Little & Large": a corporate spread of supporters

Our corporate donors played a major part in helping us reach our £1m target last year. And what a diverse bunch they are: global companies, local companies, big companies and small, start-up companies. They helped in very different ways too.

Our sincerest thanks go all of them, including:

Barclaycard International has been supporting Street Child Africa since 2004. The team in Northampton, working entirely under their own steam, has raised over £50,000.

Virgin Atlantic hosted Street Child Africa as their chosen charity for their *Change for Children* appeal in 2007. They raised a record amount of £86,000 and are now helping us with PR materials.

KeyMed, a Southend-based company, has generously offered multi-year support for our partner *Meninos de Moçambique* and are also sponsoring our printing requirements.

The Rothschild Foundation awarded a significant grant towards our general operations.

The Accenture Foundation has regularly contributed to our general funding through the recommendation of one of its partners in Manchester.

MindGrove ask their clients to add 1% to their contracts to support us. They also suspended their usual Christmas cards to donate an extra £1,000.

Carlans are donating a fixed sum to Street Child Africa for every car sold. They also help us raise our profile with their clients.

Micro Focus staff have undertaken a whole range of activities for Street Child Africa raising over £7,000 for us in 2007.

3i's Finance Director dedicated his department's staff development day to a huge cake sale. After matched funding from 3i, they raised almost £5,000.

Added Value dedicated an entire working afternoon to brainstorming how we could develop a local campaign.

The Thames Ditton Connection: After ten years in Thames Ditton, we have very special business supporters in the area. We cannot mention them all, but a few recent examples include **Brown & Bradley** who supported us during the festive season, **The Five Rivers Deli** who collect for us constantly and allow us to advertise our events in their windows, **The Stitchery** which has been one of our Founder Fr Patrick's favourites for years, and **Knight James**, independent financial advisors, a newcomer to both the village and Street Child Africa.

Big or small, new or old, thank you! And, to all you other corporates out there, just email duncan@streetchildafrica.org.uk to find out how you can get involved!



Street Child Africa in revamp

Street Child Africa has been fortunate to engage PR agency Leagas Delaney on a pro-bono basis to conduct a brand overhaul for the charity's 10th anniversary.

Leagas Delaney has been tasked with repositioning and elevating the charity, and highlighting the professionalism and uniqueness of our brand. The new look will be launched later this year and will incorporate a high profile press and poster campaign - all free of charge!

Leagas Delaney has offices across Europe offering communications strategy and execution. Their clients include names such as Nationwide Building Society, The Body Shop, Dyson and the United Nations World Food Programme.



Street Child Africa's long-term corporate supporter KeyMed is sponsoring the cost of printing this newsletter. Thank you, KeyMed!

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Unless otherwise specified, for more information or tickets for any of these events please contact Jacqui Hegarty at Head Office or email jacqui@streetchildafrica.org.uk.

Community Open Evening

Wednesday 9th April 7 - 9pm

Vera Fletcher Hall, Thames Ditton

Join us for a glass of wine and get to know Street Child Africa's work, staff and Trustees; contact Cara on volunteer@streetchildafrica.org.uk.

House of Commons 10th Anniversary Champagne Reception

Thursday 15th May 7 - 9pm London

Ian Taylor MP will host a reception to celebrate ten years of Street Child Africa on the terrace of the House of Commons.

Piano Recital by Catherine Alice Leonard

Sunday 25th May 3.30pm Hinchley Wood

School, Hinchley Wood, Surrey

Talented young pianist giving a recital for our benefit; tickets £10 each from our office.

Edinburgh Marathon

Sunday 25th May Edinburgh

Very popular event with supporters from all around the country. Places still available; contact scotland@streetchildafrica.org.uk.

Weybridge Golf Day

Check our Events page on the website or contact Jacqui Hegarty about this exciting May event in the Abbeymoor golf club in Chertsey!

Duncan's African Cycle Madness

2 weeks from 31st May (incl. travel) Uganda

This year, our Fundraising Manager Duncan Ross is cycling from Kampala to Entebbe, along and across Lake Victoria, crossing game parks and (hopefully!) finding the source of the Nile. Eight places still available. Join him by emailing duncan@streetchildafrica.org.uk.

British 10K London Run

Sunday 6th July London

A great race around London. Only one place left!

Jazz and Curry Supper

Saturday 19th July Weybridge

Join us for an evening of jazz and curry on the lawns of St George's College in Weybridge.

Great British Duck Race

Sunday 31st August Hampton Court

Over 165,000 plastic ducks will be launched from Hampton Court Palace in this exciting charity fundraising event for all the family.

5K Women's Challenge

Sunday 7th September Hyde Park, London

Join our team for a walk or a jog and lots of fun, as we raise money, groans and a laugh!

Schools 6th Form Conference

Wednesday 22nd October London

'Are the Millennium Development Goals helping street children in Africa?' Politicians, academics and development experts will join with 6th formers from around the country to consider this important question.



SUPPORT OUR SUPPORTERS

Reading Half Marathon

Sunday 2nd March Reading

Brothers James and Tom Adams are running for Street Child Africa; please sponsor them on www.justgiving.com/jamesadamsrun. Last year's London 10K runner Mohammed Mohammed is this year moving up a challenge and running this half marathon too.

Warwick Skydive

8th – 9th March Warwick

Intrepid Warwick University student Vicky Barker will be supporting us by jumping out of a plane! You don't have to jump, just support Vicky by contacting Jacqui as below.

Kilimanjaro Trek

10 – 19th October Tanzania

Supporter Oliver King will be trekking towards the picturesque snow-capped peaks of Mount Kilimanjaro. To find out more about this exciting trek and other opportunities, contact jacqui@streetchildafrica.org.uk.

If you can sponsor any of our supporters or would like to set up your own sponsorship website for Street Child Africa, please visit www.justgiving.com/streetchild and click 'Learn more'. You can also see who else is raising funds for us online.

Alternatively, you can always support our supporters' challenges by sending a cheque or postal order to the office; please make sure you specify the particular sponsorship campaign.

New parish appeals co-ordinator at Street Child Africa

We have a new volunteer on board co-ordinating our parish appeals, **Rebecca Dho**. She first heard about our work at an appeal in her local church, Our Lady Immaculate in Tolworth. If your congregation would like to invite a speaker from Street Child Africa to make an appeal, please contact Rebecca at the office address or email her on volunteer@streetchildafrica.org.uk.

All religious denominations are equally welcome!

Latest from Scotland

In the beginning of February, our Scotland Administrator Isabelle gave birth to her first baby, Bryony - congratulations! During Isa's maternity leave, please contact the Head Office on any Street Child Africa in Scotland matters, or email scotland@streetchildafrica.org.uk.

Please do not send post to our old Evans Easyspace (Bellshill) address in Scotland, as we have moved on from the office space there. For an up-to-date Scottish mailing address for SCAiS, please contact the Head Office.

A gift to sustain tomorrow's street children

Would you consider helping street children by leaving a gift to Street Child Africa in your Will? This is such a special way of ensuring that when the time comes, your kindness and generosity live on as your legacy continues to help Africa's future generations of street children.

For advice on how to leave a legacy to Street Child Africa, please contact our office, visit our website on www.streetchildafrica.org.uk (How to Help) or consult your own solicitor.

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It's a small world: Copperbelt street children play rugby in Esher!

By Duncan Ross, Fundraising Manager

There are times when it all seems worthwhile - and these times are often the most unexpected. The tag rugby tournament hosted by TourAid is just one such example.

The story goes like this: in 2006, Street Child Africa introduced a small charity called the Tag Rugby Development Trust to our partner organisation **Friends of the Street Children** in Kitwe in the Copperbelt region of Zambia. TRDT is a unique charity that introduces primary school children in developing countries to tag rugby through volunteer tours, building a positive legacy through local involvement. TRDT went to Kitwe to set up and train tag rugby teams from the various schools in the area, including some former street children, and organised a competition for all these children. The event was a huge success – none of the participants were put off by the fact that they had never played rugby before, or participated as equals in a competition with peers from very different backgrounds.

That, we thought, was the end of it. However, out of the blue, in September 2007 we heard that four former street boys from Kitwe would be playing in a World Cup tournament ... in Esher and Twickenham. This is less than five miles from our office. Somehow they had found their way from the streets of Kitwe to the heart of the Home Counties in England. Four former street children proudly represented Zambia in the U14 Cup organised by another rugby charity TourAid: two who have returned to their families and two who are still living in Cibusa House, the transition home run by Friends of the Street Children and supported by Street Child Africa.

If ever there are times when you worry whether you are really making a difference, these are moments that set your mind at rest and give your heart a boost. Thank you to everyone who has allowed Friends of the Street Children to do their fantastic work in Zambia.



*Above: Kitwe Minors team playing in Esher.
Photo © Street Child Africa 2007*

For more information on our African partners, contact our Programmes Team at sarah@streetchildafrica.org.uk.



Groundbreaking learning from the streets

By Sarah Burt, Assistant Programmes Officer

At the end of January 2008, Street Child Africa was delighted to host a monitoring and evaluation workshop for our African partner organisations. The workshop was funded by a US foundation which has been supporting us and three of our partners since mid-2007. It was facilitated by Mette Jacobsgaard and excellently hosted in Maputo, Mozambique by our partner *Meninos de Moçambique*.

Representatives from many of Street Child Africa's partners and networks attended the workshop, bringing the all-important voice of experience of working with street children. Our partners from **Friends of the Street Children** in Zambia, **The Rainbow Project** in Zambia, **Streets Ahead** in Zimbabwe and **Avenir de l'Enfant** in Senegal all attended. **The Undugu Society of Kenya**, an organisation which has been working with street children for over 30 years, and two young former street children from **Umthombo** in South Africa were also in attendance. Meninos was also able to invite some of their own contacts that work on the streets of Maputo, **DMAS** and **CIES**.



Above: Our partners from Senegal, Mozambique, Zambia and South Africa sharing thoughts with facilitator Mette.

Photo © Sarah Burt 2008

The objectives of the workshop were to collaboratively create an effective and practical way of embedding monitoring and evaluation into all activities with street children, to understand the effectiveness of different interventions, and to learn how to use this information to give donors a clearer picture of how their support reaches out to street children. In addition to this, the organisations had a unique opportunity to share best practice with like-minded experts working in different cultures and countries.

The workshop was a great success, and all the participants left with a wealth of information to share with their individual organisations at home, for the benefit of street children.



HOW YOU CAN HELP

Join our anniversary **Power of 10** campaign and set up a regular donation of £10 per month (or whatever you can afford) to help African street children; or you can securely donate online with your debit or credit card on www.justgiving.com/streetchild.

Raise funds for us through your school, workplace, parish, club, or friends; contact the Head Office for a fundraising pack or download it from our website.

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