



is calling and equipping national leaders to collaborate in solving their own country's orphaned and vulnerable children crisis.

The vision for a world without orphans is to see every child in a safe and loving family, and every child with the opportunity to reach their full potential.

**OPPORTUNITY:** Solving a global need requires unified global collaboration around a shared urgent agenda. With national partners in every global region and initiatives in more than 40 countries, the World Without Orphans community is seeing powerful impact as national leaders work together for the sake of vulnerable children. World Without Orphans is inviting partners with shared values to help advance the calling and equipping of national leaders in Africa, South Asia, and Latin America to collaborate in solving their own orphaned and vulnerable children crisis, in the wake of the pandemic. As a result of COVID-19, there is a critical need and opportunity to equip national inter-faith, government, FBO/NGO, and business leaders to accelerate the protection of children and support for safe and loving families. **We are inviting you to help catalyze the success of emerging strong Regional Initiatives by supporting training of key national leaders in three world regions, who will in turn equip other leaders and organizations for serving thousands of vulnerable families and children in their own local communities. See how at end of paper.**

**WHAT IS TRUE? THE PROBLEM:** The world has a crisis, with 5 million children living in orphanages, 150 million children who have lost one or both parents, and over 1 billion children who experience violence, abuse, or exploitation. What is tragic – is that the COVID-19 pandemic is causing even *more* damage to *more* children. *More* are stuck in orphanages, with families unprepared or uneasy about helping them transition in foster or adoptive care. *More* children are orphaned of their parents or grandparent caregivers, as COVID deaths and excess deaths grow in number every day. And *more* children -- an added 160 million -- will experience serious abuse in 2020, in association with global cycling lockdowns, often living out of school with inadequate care, protection, supervision, and provision. The destructive consequences of serious abuse – whether it occurs in families or in institutions – are pervasive and enduring. These consequences include life-long mental health problems, such as depression and suicide, and increased risk of infectious diseases such as HIV/AIDS, injuries, teen pregnancy, and drug and alcohol abuse.

**WHAT IS FAIR AND BUILDS FRIENDSHIP? THE SOLUTION:** Now more than ever before, catalyzing indigenous responses to help children grow up in safe and loving families is critically urgent for strengthening vulnerable families and for advancing a world without orphans and vulnerable children. Our experience shows many indigenous faith leaders and faith-based organizations are engaging help strengthen vulnerable families and to provide foster care and adoption for children in need of alternative family care – often in response to a sense of deep calling. For example, they are creatively addressing the family crisis by expanding their use of digital options when needed, to complement in person strategies for helping children thrive, families grow strong, and congregations engage across faiths and in close collaboration with national governments. Communities of Faith are uniquely positioned in both size & mandate to advance collaboration across government, business, faiths, and other spheres of influence, to bring about a world without orphaned and vulnerable children. Yet, these leaders need help with evidence-based intervention & prevention strategies to strengthen families.

**WHAT IS BENEFICIAL? THE STRATEGIES:** WWO regional ambassadors and teams in all 7 global regions call and equip national leaders to collaborate, to solve their own country's orphaned and vulnerable children's crisis! We accomplish this aim by equipping and mentoring these regional and national teams in using the WWO Roadmap.

- **Identifying and cultivating regional and national leaders:** We identify and invest in a growing network of respected regional leaders, with marked expansion of our reach through the use of a human digital approach to call, equip, and strengthen our WWO community. Together, our global, regional and national teams help launch national iterations of WWO's mission, strategies, & values.
- **Distribution and contextualized use of the WWO Roadmap**, which outlines how local, national, and regional movements can engage in best practices and evidence-based approaches that support:
  - **broadscale collaboration** to equip the Church across society
  - **intervention** to assist children in need of family care
  - **prevention** strategies that limit unnecessary family separation
  - **living refreshed** to promote resilience and protect from burn-out
- **Facilitating virtual training and support for regional leaders:** Through virtual training, and the WWO Roadmap, we are equipping regional leaders, exposing them to best practices and the best global insights, and connecting communities to share encouragement, challenges, and solutions.
- **Hosting or supporting gatherings to foster community, equip one another, and renew calling.** We aim to encourage regional leaders to build close and supportive relationships with each other and with participants, as they gather national leaders in-person or virtually 2x per year, national leaders to build community as they gather with local leaders 2-3x per year, and we aim to host the **Global Forum** every 3 years.



**RESULTS:** We are effectively leveraging vetted, qualified, and trusted regional leaders, resulting in both a bottom-up grassroots strategy, AND a top-down network strategy, to strengthen families. These combined approaches produce and sustain more effective and efficient results than traditional dependency strategies funded by the West. Regional leaders that we train have trusted relationships with national leaders across various sectors and spheres. At both national and local levels, WWO leaders are equipping and collaborating with Faith-Based organizations, multiple government sectors, subject matter experts, academics, and businesses to advance best practices for transitioning children from institutions to family-based care, and for preventing abuse.

***In fact, in 2020 alone – right in the middle of the COVID pandemic, WWO Regional teams trained and mentored a total of 1,358 national organizations and churches and 6109 leaders! Besides these trainings, the Regional Ambassadors themselves – through the 16 organizations they each lead in their own nations-- reached a total 16,281 children and 9,235 families to strengthen intervention and prevention.***

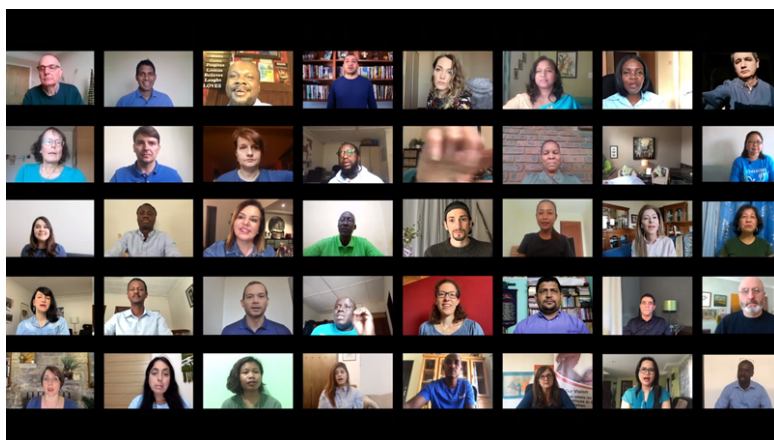
We complement the grassroots, bottom-up approach of training and mentoring, with a top-down approach that engages other aligned networks. In so doing, WWO was able to leverage television, radio, and virtual, digital, and in-person platforms to reach 20 million children and families with **COVID-19 Parenting Tips** -- the world's most effective program for strengthening families, and endorsed by CDC, UNICEF, WHO, World Bank, USAID, and other key partners -- during the first 4 months of the global COVID crisis!

**WHAT CAN WE ACCOMPLISH TOGETHER?** With the direct and indirect impacts of the COVID-19 virus wreaking havoc on families, economies, and nations, we are inviting new partners to join us in moving forward in these unstable times, with unshakable hope -- nimbly, effectively, and strategically.

Over the next year, our goal for this Rotary-WWO collaboration is to support 3 **WWO Virtual Regional Forums** – in Latin America (Paraguay), South Asia (India), and Africa (Zimbabwe). Through these forums, we will equip 50-100 national leaders from 5-10 countries per newly launching region (we estimate 20 countries overall). On average, each country will then engage 150 faith communities/partner organizations, and between them strengthen 1,500 families to help 3,000 children per country over the 12 months following the training. We estimate that overall, a minimum of 30,000 families and 60,000 children will be served by WWO partners. While these are our targets for new families and children reached, we fully expect, given the reach to date, that these targets will be greatly exceeded.

- **The South Asia Without Orphans team**, led by Anu Silas, launched in February 2020 and its 50 partner organizations have reached nearly 6,400 families and over 22,000 children with the ***COVID-19 Parenting Tips***. The development of these tips by VIVA India into a phone mentoring model has catalyzed multiplied reach of the tips through Viva and WWO networks around the world.
- **The Africa Without Orphans team**, led by Shelton Taguma has been developing this fall and partner organizations developed and used radio scripts of the ***COVID-19 Parenting Tips*** to reach more than 11 million people across southern Africa.
- The **Latin America Without Orphans** saw these models evidence-based programs reach over 1 million persons – 15% of the total population of Paraguay, with the ***COVID-19 Parenting Tips***, which inspired the Paraguay team to develop a nationwide Parenting Help Line in partnership with major Christian organizations and networks across Paraguay.

Our collaboration framework, based the Stanford Collective Impact Model, works because it has these 5 key components -- shared agenda, shared metrics, coordinated programs, ongoing communication, and intentional coordination.



**BUDGET: (Program costs for coordination of three regional forums) - \$26,400**

Join us in supporting this project to help countries throughout the world solve the orphan and vulnerable children by contributing funds to this proposal.

**We need your support!**

Consider a pledge at one of the following levels. Please indicate your support by April 15th.

- \$200-friend
- \$500-guardian
- \$1,000-champion
- \_\_\_\_\_-angel

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