



„Guardian Angel Orphans Society (GAOS):  
Donation of a Laptop to foster the further development  
of GAOS“

Dokumentation der Mittelverwendung  
Kalenderprojekt 2010

## Kurzvorstellung des Projektes

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Guardian Angel Orphans Society (GAOS) was formed by a group of young people who saw it fit to involve themselves in charity work benefiting the underprivileged in our midst. GAOS was funded by former Minister of Health in Botswana, Honorable Professor Sheila Tlou. After the formalities the group came together and worked towards providing care and support to orphans and vulnerable children (OVC) in our society. GAOS is a non-profit making organization established in May of 2006 to champion for the welfare of all children through ensuring access to psychosocial support care, treatment, legal representation and other pertinent services for orphans and vulnerable children (OVC) either infected or affected by the impact of HIV/AIDS, poverty and other chronic illnesses within the populous Gaborone city suburbs of Bontleng, Babusi, White City, New Canada and New Naledi.

### Objectives and Strategy

The major highlights of GAOS programs towards the welfare of the orphaned and vulnerable children (OVCs) derive from the fundamentals enshrined within the overall vision and mission of the government of Botswana and many other allies involved in the pursuit of goodwill for all children, here in Botswana and elsewhere in the world in line with the principles that led to the formation of the United Nation Children's Fund (UNICEF).





- Create sustainable community plat-forms for the provision of Psychosocial Support services to the orphaned and vulnerable children (OVCs). This can be realized through:
  - GAOS Kid's Club initiatives which will enable the Orphans or Vulnerable Child to interact freely and openly with other children and the community around them, a situation that will help to identify those with health, behavioral, learning problems and those who have been abused be it emotional, physical or sexual to name a few and also provide them with emotional support and words of encouragement.
  - Sustained home and School visits to identify Orphans and Vulnerable Children, so as to support their educational efforts through the provision of classroom facilities and additional study support and also educating the children and their families on issues pertaining to HIV/AIDS, Road Safety, Health, Children's Rights, Child Abuse, Nutrition, Alcohol and Drug Abuse and other life skill related issues.
  
- Help to take the orphans or vulnerable children off the streets or risky and sometimes hostile environments where they may be tempted to engage in mischief or criminal offences, by:
  - Enlisting them for registration with the government social workers so that they will be assisted under the national orphans' policy programs and destitute policy programs.
  - Involving them in the activities such as sports and life skills camps to get them off the street and avoid indulging in alcohol and substance abuse.



- Raising awareness about the HIV/AIDS and its resultant impact on the situational crisis of orphans and vulnerable children (OVCs) in addition to fighting abuse on Children through the promotion of children's rights by:
  - Undertaking public awareness and publicity campaigns at the community level through the road show events, publishing and distribution of information through GAOS Newsletter, Brochures, Banners etc, participating in local F.M Radio Talk Shows, Participating in traditional Kgotla's at the target areas.
- Advocating for legal and police support for especially victimized orphans or vulnerable children.
- Encouraging OVC to express their concerns and hopes through group discussions, group singing or drama which not only reveals a lot about their life but also builds team spirit.
- Providing food and clothes to OVC or the children who are in need or poor, through:
  - GAOS initiative of Community Donation Box Project undertaken in conjunction with several local business entities operating around the key shopping malls of Gaborone city and churches.
  - Assist the affected OVC families to register with the Gaborone City Council food rations program meant for orphans and elderly.
- Help the OVCs to develop and nurture their potent talents and skills which might become their main or alternative way of generating income in future to meet the costs of living.



Mit den Erlösen aus dem Share-for-Smiles Calender 2010 wurde ein Laptop mit Maus, sowie eine zugehörige Laptoptasche für GAOS angeschafft.

Der Laptop kommt bei den „Kids Club Activities“ sowie für administrative Arbeiten zum Einsatz.





„Kids Club Activities“:

Typing and distributing educational sheets to the children. E.g. education on:

- Child abuse: watching educational clips on child abuse (demonstration via laptop and projector)
- Children's rights
- HIV / AIDS
- Alcohol & drug use/abuse
- Health / hygiene
- Drawing / colouring papers for toddlers





administrative Tätigkeiten unterstützt durch den Laptop:

- Typing / documenting /filing kids cases
- Kids club membership list
- Pictures of kids club activities
- Meeting agendas & minutes
- School / home visit reports
- Activity reports
- Remittance sheets and financial reports
- GAOS membership list
- Surfing the internet for information and sending and receiving e-mails
- Letters etc.



