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Project Update	February 2012
Project Name	Rehabilitation of children affected by human trafficking
Project Objective	To complete the building of a house for rescued boys who are being rehabilitated and cared for by <i>Odanadi</i> in Mysore, Karnataka.
Project Funding	£68,000
Project Length	4 Months

The Project The *Adventure Ashram* donation of £68,000 is paying for the completion of a building project that will, when complete, house 18 boys who have been rescued. The boys' house will have running water, toilets, showers and each boy will have his own bed and an area for his personal belongs, as well as a communal area for them all to eat together, do their homework and hang out. The project will be lead by Stanly and Parashuram from *Odanadi*, a charity that rescues and rehabilitates people affected by human trafficking.

The Why These boys have been rescued from the hands of brothel owners and sex traffickers, others from abusive homes, child marriages, slavery or domestic abuse. Human trafficking is an every day occurrence in India. Young people in difficult circumstances are lured away from their homes by criminal trafficking networks. In the hands of these traffickers, children are sold, exploited and robbed of their childhood and education.

The Solution *Odanadi*, an Indian grassroots charity based in Mysore, has 20 years experience developing initiatives to combat human trafficking. Not only do they concentrate on helping one child at a time, they lobby regional and national government on ways to tackle the country wide problem.

After rescuing a child they commit to providing a safe place for them to live. It currently houses 85 women and young people in Mysore: 65 women and girls stay at the Madilu Rehabilitation Centre, while the boys live in separate premises, a few kilometres away.

Having a safe home makes a huge difference to the lives of these children and dramatically affects their rehabilitation process. The boys have been living in 3 small shacks and desperately need a safer, more child friendly, place to live. *Odanadi* has begun to build a house for the boys similar to the one the girls live in. Money has run out to pay for the building project and work has ceased. There is only 4 months untill the monsoon rains begin; the house needs to be completed. It will be a life changing experience for each boy to live in this new purpose built rehabilitation centre in a farm setting with 8 acres of land.

The Outcome

By providing a safe place to live with better living standards *Odanadi* can work with each boy to develop the skills they need to heal, empower, educate and eventually reintegrate themselves back into mainstream society. Counselling and daily psycho-social therapies such as yoga, karate, art, drama and traditional dance are designed to build the boys' physical and mental strength. Working on the farm keeping chickens and growing vegetables develops life skills, independence and self sufficiency. Education is also hugely important and the majority of residents are enrolled in local schools, colleges and universities. Today, many former *Odanadi* residents are thriving and have started up their own small businesses, and are working as lawyers, TV executives and social activists.

The Reality

Ultimately, the aim is to reunite trafficking victims with their families and give them the necessary tools to face mainstream society as strong, confident, empowered individuals. When reunification is simply not possible the boys will need to live indefinitely at the boys' house. The cycle of abuse, neglect and violation of a child's rights is broken thanks to the support from *Adventure Ashram* supporters.

The Benefits enjoyed by rehabilitated children

- Recuperate mentally and physically from their distressed past
- Build trust and confidence in themselves and others
- Re-engage with education
- Live in safety
- Enjoy their childhood

Thank You

Thank you for the money you are raising, you are helping to ensure projects like this one succeed in improving the standard of living for some of India's poorest children.

Our Aim

Adventure Ashram stems from the shared vision of a group of well-respected conservation, health and educational professionals in India and UK based social enterprise *Global Enduro*. The 'Adventure' part of our name comes from the company *Global Enduro* who run many spectacular adventure fundraising events across the globe, the 'Ashram' name derives from the ancient Sanskrit word for protection.

Our aim is to help the poorest people on or around the routes *Global Enduro* take through India to help achieve a higher standard of living through better health and education. *Adventure Ashram* will continue to identify and establish projects, helping more and more people.

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