Introducing Street Child US

Street Child helps children living in poverty in the world’s toughest places gain an education and seek brighter futures.
Where in the world?

- Nepal is a landlocked country bordered by China and India
- 25% of Nepal’s 30 million people live below the poverty line
- Close to 2 million live in modern slavery
- 36% of children in Nepal are stunted
- Discrimination on the basis of caste still persists
Life Challenges of the Women Served

• The Musahar caste is among the world’s most marginalized, economically exploited, and socially humiliated groups
• They experience extreme poverty, bonded labor, and debt bondage
• They live in hard-to-reach, remote areas
• Women and girls endure physical, psychological, and sexual harm
Life Challenges of the Girls Served

- Most Musahar girls marry by age 10 and have 2 to 5 children by age 15
- The few who attend school are bullied and abused – even by teachers
- Curriculum is in Nepali instead of regional language
- Only 4% are in school after age 4, 100% drop out by age 10
- Excluded from water, sanitation, reproductive, and hygiene services
About the Featured Grantee

- Street Child US was founded in the UK in 2008, with 7 branches in Europe and the US
- Works in nine countries across Asia and Sub-Saharan Africa.
- Internationally recognized for work in Sierra Leone during the Ebola epidemic
- Impressive record of achievements include:
  - Educated 200,000 children
  - Built 400 schools
  - Refurbished 10,000 classrooms
  - Gave 22,000 business grants
  - Provided 30,000 education support packages
  - Distributed hundreds of thousands of emergency relief packets
About the Featured Grantee

Street Child addresses the barriers to education via a holistic model that focuses on:

- Business Enterprise Programs
- School repair/construction
- Teacher training
- Child protection
- Community advocacy
- Self-esteem building and rights awareness
- Emergency relief
What are we supporting?

Breaking the Bonds changes the social and political landscape for Musahar women in the districts of Dhanusha, Mahottari, and Siraha in Nepal’s Terai region. The 15-month project helps girls ages 15-18:

- Achieve functional literacy and numeracy
- Find enterprise or employment opportunities
- Develop confidence and awareness of their rights to reduce prejudice and sexual violence

Direct Impact: 187 girls; Indirect Impact: 3,000 families
Budget
DFW’s grant of $49,180 for one year will fund:

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<td>Stipend and materials for 5 Community Educators, plus learning equipment and materials for 187 girls</td>
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<td>Enterprise and Employment Program</td>
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<td>Life Skills and Rights Awareness Program</td>
<td>Stipend and materials for 5 Social Workers and a stipend for 5 Community Integration Coaches</td>
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Share Your Thoughts

1. Why do you think it is critical that the Musahar be involved in the creation of this program?

2. How do you think this program can help shed light on the plight of those trapped in a caste system?

3. Although this is a 15-month program, Street Children considers it a long-term endeavor. Why?
October’s Sustained Grantee:

HealthRight International Community-based Maternal Mental Health

- First project of its kind that specifically targets the mental health needs of perinatal women in a post-conflict setting
- Primary goal is to expand the MMH program to strategically target the new population of perinatal women among the South Sudanese refugees in Lamwo district of Uganda.

Direct Impact: 8,400 women  Indirect Impact: 8,400 community members