

IDAY PROJECT GRANT

Project 86 - Legal support project for children in conflict with the law and their post-custody socio-professional reintegration

Country: Togo

Number of beneficiaries: 50 children (ages 14-17) and 500 community leaders

Duration: 36 months

Total budget: EUR 58 108

External funding sought: EUR 50,997

Project Sponsors: Les Amis pour une Nouvelle Génération des Enfants (ANGE)

Context - Project

There are many street children in Togo. There are more than 3,000 of them living in Lomé in very difficult conditions. The causes of this phenomenon are multiple. Family separation due to divorce and the death of one or both parents are the main factors. In addition, there is the precarious economic situation of the families and the crisis of the educational system. These children have no protection and are left to their own devices. To ensure their daily survival, they are forced to engage in begging, stealing, door-to-door work and prostitution. The majority of them end up in prison.

Due to a lack of resources, they stay there for a long time, in very precarious conditions of detention. Many of these children in conflict with the law, once in a post-prison situation, return to prison because they are not really reintegrated on a socio-professional level, i.e. they are neither in school nor in training. They are stigmatized in their social environment and no longer enjoy their civil rights.

Aware of the fact that the reintegration of children in conflict with the law starts from the first day of incarceration, ANGE, through this project, intends to carry out actions in favor of children in conflict with the law by accompanying them in the legal and judicial procedures before the juvenile court, and to facilitate their post-custody socio-professional reintegration.

The project aims to provide legal assistance to 50 children in conflict with the law between the ages of 14 and 17, in order to facilitate their release. Once released, they will benefit from follow-up and post-custody support to facilitate their reintegration into school and work. Awareness will be raised in the communities for community leaders on the respect of children's rights.

Objectives

General

Contribute to the fight against recidivism in juvenile delinquency.

Specific

- > To help facilitate the release of 50 children in conflict with the law.
- > To allow 20 children to have a professional training and to reintegrate 30 other children in a post-custody situation.
- > To increase the level of knowledge of 500 community leaders on the right to social and legal protection of children.

Expected results

- > 50 civil party searches are conducted for 50 children in conflict with the law.
- > 50 children in conflict with the law are released.
- > 20 children are trained in the local vocational training centers, 30 others are in school.
- > 20 children in a post-custody situation trained are supported in the installation of their workshop.
- > 500 community leaders are sensitized and trained. They become aware of the socio-legal protection and post-custody follow-up of children.
- > Communities better understand the importance of protecting children's rights and the need for post-custody support