

THE STREET GIRLS MANIFESTO

Adolescent girls are the best source of information on their needs; this Manifesto is the voice of these street girls.

WE THE STREET GIRLS HAVE THE FOLLOWING RIGHTS AND WE WANT THEM RESPECTED:

The right to live in a shelter and home
The right to have a family
The right to be safe
The right to be protected from sexual abuse
The right to go to school and get free education
The right to good health and access to free health services
The right to be heard
The right to belong
The right to be treated with respect and decency
The right to be treated as equal to boys
The right to be allowed to grow normally

WE IDENTIFIED THE FOLLOWING WAYS TO BE SAFE IN OUR COMMUNITIES:

Step-parents should love all children
Community leaders should punish people who abuse children
Adults should know about child rights
There should be good lighting on the streets
Street children should be treated with decency and respect

WE IDENTIFIED THE FOLLOWING FACTORS THAT MAKE US SAFE AT NATIONAL LEVEL:

Training for police to keep children safe
Tough laws on child abuse
Good relations between government and children
Put money into support workers who can pay detailed attention to children
Governments should build homeless shelters for street girls to feel safe in
Give us access to education- there should be better security in schools
There should be lots more social projects
Get rid of corruption

WE DECLARED THAT THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS AT A REGIONAL AND GLOBAL LEVEL WILL MOTIVATE OUR GOVERNMENTS TO PROTECT STREET CHILDREN:

The whole world should recognise and protect street children
All countries should have good child laws
Girls should be allowed to speak and be heard
There should be awareness campaigns about street children
There should be more awareness of the problem of violence