

# Marang Child Care Network Trust (MCCNT) Factsheet

*For all children in Botswana to enjoy the benefits of life in a concerned, caring and nurturing community*

## OUR WORK

- m MCCNT strives to ensure the well being, protection and care of orphans and vulnerable children (OVC) in Botswana.
- m MCCNT mission is to increase the capacity of Botswana to sustainably care for OVC.
- m Founded in 2004, MCCNT is only national network focused on children especially on OVC.
- m MCCNT is recognised by the Government, Ministry of Local Government, as the *leading* organisation for OVC policy and program implementation in the nation.
- m MCCNT helps Community Based organisations to voice for the needs of OVC.

## OUR EXPERIENCE

- m We have the experience and credibility to accomplish the critical mission ensuring Botswana's communities, families, and most importantly its vulnerable children receive the care and support they need to reach adulthood with abilities to thrive.
- m Marang has dedicated staff who have worked over years ranging from 8 – 35 years of experience working with children and organizations serving them.

## OUR SERVICES

- m Marang has, since inception, reached over 10,000 children in partnership with over 200 organizations throughout Botswana.
- m Marang strengthens the capacity of community based OVC organisations on children's policies and programs.
- m To date, it has built the capacity of 91 partner organisations serving 24 districts.
- m Trainings include leadership skills, organisational development, management, programme implementation, psychosocial support, advocacy, M&E and day care centre management.
- m Over 3,600 people have been trained to better serve orphans/vulnerable children.

## OUR DONORS

- m MCCNT have successfully implemented grants from its funders including: Health Policy Initiative, USAID/PEPFAR, the European Union, and the Government of Botswana and AIHA. Our new funder is Project Concern International from 2012.
- m Each year, MCCNT undergoes a financial audit by an external accounting firm to verify that funds are appropriately used.

## HOW YOU CAN HELP

- m You can make a difference in the lives of orphans and vulnerable children in Botswana by supporting Marang.
- m Your generosity makes it possible for us to offer important services to our partners. Every donation, cash and/or in-kind, helps to provide what these children most need.



Botswana faces a growing challenge of caring for its orphans and vulnerable children  
 There are 52,000 orphans in Botswana (6.5% of children); 31% of children are vulnerable  
 The HIV/AIDS, poverty, alcoholism, violence and abuse are primary underlying problems  
 An **orphan** is a child below the age of 18 who has lost one or both parents

A **vulnerable child** is a any child below the age of 18 who:
 

- Lives in an abusive environment,
- Lives in a poor family and cannot access basic services,
- Heads a household,
- Lives with a sick parent(s) or guardian(s)
- Is HIV positive,
- Is Living with a disability, and/or
- Lives outside family care

### Marang Support to Members

Marang trains organisations supporting children on: Early child development and education; Building family and community support for children; Helping vulnerable women generate income to meet the needs of their children and families; Providing support for children with disabilities; Giving Small Grants to Members.

The following are selected Marang beneficiaries

### Window of Hope

Window of Hope, in Gantsi village, has used the knowledge received from Marang to start a caregiver training and economic empowerment program for women.

### Mochudi Resource Centre for the Blind

This is a special hostel accommodation and rehabilitation for children who are visually impaired (partial blind and blind children).

### Thuto Isago Trust

The project's aim is to reduce the number of children engaged in child labour. It helps children participate in formal or alternative education and supports 30 schools in Gantsi.

### Gamodubu Child Care Trust

The project provides care and support to orphans and vulnerable children as well as caregivers at Gamodubu village. The activities include games, sports and life skill training.

### Project / Member

#### I Am Special- Tlokweng

As the name says, I Am Special is an organisation for children with special needs especially those with intellectual and multiple disabilities, developmental delays and limited options for education. These children need specialised care. For their education, they also need specialised education because they learn differently from any other "normal" child.

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Thank you to our supporters.

### Marang services to OVC in Botswana

Distribution of our members & supported organizations

