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May 7, 2007 6th World AIDS Orphans' Day

Every 15 seconds, a child loses a parent to AIDS.

AIDS orphans are already more than 15 million, at last count.

In the countries most severely affected by the pandemic, local structures lack the capacity to absorb the waves of orphans, and many of these children are deprived of their basic rights.

The World AIDS Orphans' Day (WAOD) was initiated every May 7, by the nongovernmental organization, FXB International, in order to focus public and media attention on the distress of vulnerable children and the consequences of their social and economic exclusion. FXB International fights for the fundamental rights of these children on a worldwide basis.

FXB International has equally launched, within the framework of May 7, an action in partnership with the Mayors and Politically Elected Representatives. To date, 664 Mayors and Political Representatives from 40 countries have signed the WAOD Proclamation, symbolically engaging their region on the path to respecting the rights of the child. It is assumed that the alliance between large numbers of cities is sufficient to put pressure on governments in order to take on the plight of vulnerable children as a priority, and carry out urgent and concrete measures as a consequence (see complete list of the coalition of elected representatives under the site www.7may.org).

FXB's objective is to ensure a future for AIDS orphans and to reintegrate them back into society. To this end, FXB programs improve the living conditions of communities which, little by little, attain economic and social autonomy, and are thereby able to care for and raise their children.

Help us help them! Join the "I Raise My Voice" campaign: www.7may.org

Photo Exhibition, Wilson quay (Pâquis), Geneva, from April 19 to May 20

On the occasion of May 7, 2007, FXB International is presenting an exhibition of photos on the crisis of AIDS orphans. Along the Wilson quay in Geneva, a route of 40 panels will enable people to discover the impact of AIDS on children and at the same time, understand the type of work undertaken by FXB.

The actors of this exhibition are the beneficiaries of FXB programs themselves. At FXB International's initiative, various photographers sought to meet them to bear witness to their living conditions.

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