



## FXB Founder and President Albina du Boisrouvray speaks at Global Clinton Initiative's Education Track

**“By the year 2010, over 25 million children will have lost a parent to AIDS.”**

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**New York, September 26, 2007** – FXB Founder and President Albina du Boisrouvray made a presentation at the Clinton Global Initiative's (CGI) Education Track on FXB's commitments, of which the most important is to launch up to 50 Village Model Programs in Africa, including Liberia, and Asia. FXB International currently has 27 Village Models running in Burundi, China, India, Rwanda, Thailand and Uganda.

Over one thousand global leaders gathered in New York at the CGI meeting on September 26-28 to devise pioneering solutions to the world's most pressing problems. In its first two years, the Initiative has launched nearly US\$10 billion in commitments by investors, companies and foundations to advance global development.

As Albina du Boisrouvray explained in her appearance before CGI's Education Track, FXB was initially created “to help the most vulnerable children around the world, the AIDS orphans that were coming up so strongly in 1989, and all the other children who were as destitute.”

FXB, an international non-governmental organization, is working to confront this pressing global issue with innovative tactics and firm resolve. The growing number of AIDS orphans is not only an important humanitarian issue, but its resolution benefits the world's population at large, argues Albina du Boisrouvray. “Without loving parents to protect and to raise them, orphans are at risk for sexual trafficking, drug dealing, and recruitment into criminal gangs and armies as child soldiers. In northern Uganda,” Albina du Boisrouvray reminds the audience, “the resistance army has used AIDS orphans in terrorist missions against civilians.”

She continued by emphasizing that there is also the potential risk that AIDS orphans will be recruited by radical Islamic factions. Such groups are gaining strength in Africa, especially in those countries that have the most severe orphan crises.

Over 18 years, FXB has developed a program that provides education, health, and stability to these at-risk children, as well as jobs and resources for their families. The FXB Village Model has proven extremely cost-effective because of its low capital investment and high impact. In light of the theme of the conference, Albina du Boisrouvray expressed that for FXB, education is the central concept that ensures that the other components of their model are successful.

The Village Model operates in the form of a low-cost, sustainable, community-based program to help families and communities respond to poverty, AIDS, and the rising number of orphans. It aims to improve their living conditions (particularly HIV positive persons) and help them become socially and economically self-sufficient through income generating activities (IGAs) in 3 years. The goal of an FXB Village Model Program is to work through a light structure and with multiple components. Such an approach, which focuses on sustainable change rather than short term improvements, ensures that the services provided by FXB to these children can continue indefinitely.

The educational mission of FXB has a series of key components and goals. It enables children to pursue or resume their primary or secondary education. FXB also provides vocational training to adolescents and adults who are not able to attend school on a regular basis. FXB promotes HIV prevention through educational sessions on health and hygiene, nutrition, the environment, and

community development. By raising the general awareness of children's rights, FXB attempts to limit and decrease the stigma and discrimination that accompanies HIV positive status within the foster families, the schools, and the communities at large. Albina du Boisrouvray tells CGI that FXB attempts and is able to "restore their feelings of self-worth and their dignity."

The FXB model is currently working successfully in some of the most difficult regions in the world, but the organization plans to expand further with the help of more donors.

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