



## StreetInvest 2016

**"No child should  
grow up alone"**



**StreetInvest**  
Investing in children on the street

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# WELCOME

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Chair



Duncan Ross  
Chief Executive



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Dear Friends,

StreetInvest is very proud of all that our partners have achieved since we were founded in 2008. In the last year alone, we have worked with 32 partners in 13 countries on four continents. These partners are in regular contact with approximately 58,000 street-connected children and are accessible to as many as 350,000. There are estimated to be more than 1 million street-connected children and youth in 12 of the countries where we work. In the 13<sup>th</sup>, India, there are said to be 18 million.

Realising our vision of a trustworthy adult for all street-connected children will therefore require a combination of bottom-up street-based work and top-down research and advocacy. This is why we support both in our Model of Effective Street work.

This report gives you an outline of what we do, why we do it and what we have achieved.

With our very best wishes and sincerest thanks for all your support.



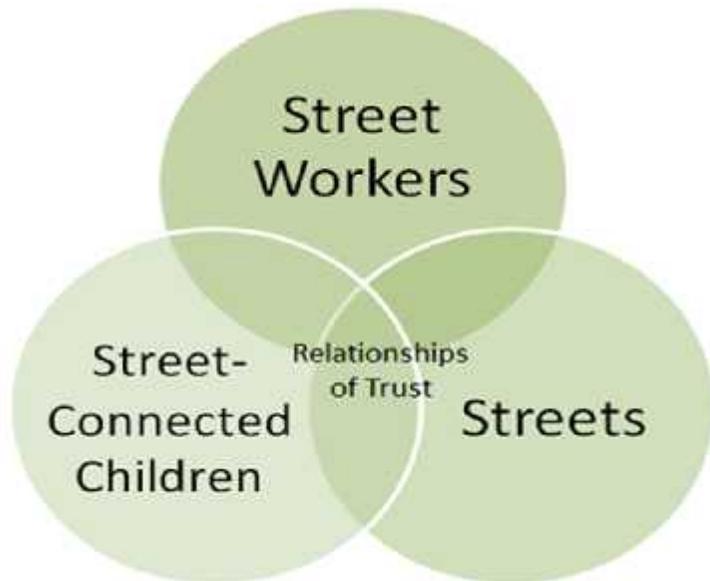
*Wordcloud based on feedback gathered from our participants when asked to describe StreetInvest and our methods. January 2016.*

# STREETINVEST'S MODEL OF EFFECTIVE STREET WORK

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## Everything based on relationships of trust

- One Vision: **A trustworthy adult in the life of every child**
- Two Objectives: Most children reached  
Most positive change
- Three Outcomes: Strengthened Protection  
Enhanced Capabilities  
Rebuilt Connections
- Four Activities: Informed – Data Collection & Research  
Equipped – Training and other investments  
Influential – International, National & Local Advocacy  
Strong – Organisational Development



## StreetInvest believes that no child should grow up alone.

We work through local partners to support street-connected children, one of the most excluded and marginalised groups in our society. We are the only global charity that is solely focussed on providing trustworthy adult support to street children – on the street. Street Workers (Detached Youth Workers in UK) act as these trustworthy adults with three principle objectives: to increase the children's safety, enhance their capabilities and rebuild their connections to family, school and community.

With sufficient funding, we can provide all these children with the opportunity to become something beyond a victim or criminal and realise our vision of a trustworthy adult in the life of every street child.

# WHERE WE WORK

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## CENTRAL/EAST AFRICA

### Burundi

New Generation

### DRC

PEDER

### Kenya

Glad's House

### Tanzania

Watotowetu

### Uganda

SALVE

URHB

Street Child Project

ChildHope UK

### Zambia

Friends of Street Children

### Zimbabwe

ACT

## WEST AFRICA

### Ghana

Muslim Family Counselling

Services

Catholic Action for Street

Children

Street Girls Aid

Centre for Youth Literacy

Development

### Morocco

BAYTI

### Sierra Leone

Street Child of Sierra Leone

CoDWelA

Future for Children

CVC

### Togo

OPDPN

## EUROPE

### UK

CSC

Street Child United

Chiltern Youth Projects

Royal Holloway University

University of Dundee

Street Child

### Portugal

Street Work Training

Institute

### Belgium

Dynamo International

## CENTRAL AMERICA

### Guatemala

Mi Arca

Street Kids Direct

## ASIA

### India

Child in Need Institute

LittleBigHelp

32

Local partners

13

Countries

4

Continents

**Global Advocacy**  
United Nations

**Pan-African Research**  
Growing Up on the Streets

# IMPACT

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StreetInvest's objectives are to **REACH** as many street-connected children as possible and **EFFECT** maximum positive change

**REACH** :StreetInvest defines the reach of Street Workers at different levels:

- **Support** includes children who are offered specific support such as healthcare, food, education, skills training, family reunification, etc.
- **Contact** includes children with whom the Street Workers have regular contact and which may or may not include specific interventions
- **Access** includes the children who are aware that there is a safe and trustworthy adult for them to turn to if they so wish
- **Influence** includes children whose lives may be improved by the influence of others – through research and advocacy at an international, national and local level

350,000

Street children with **access** to a trustworthy adult

58,000

Street children **contacted** on a regular basis

28,000

Street children **supported**

32

**Local Partners**

13

**Countries**



*“Children should have a voice to express what they think...at the same time adults should have an ear to listen to them.”*  
Street Boy, 16, Kolkata, India

**Global Influence**

United Nations Child Rights Committee

**Pan-African Influence**

Growing Up on the Streets Research

**EFFECT:** StreetInvest delivers measurable indicators of improvements in the quality of life for these children as a result of the relationships of trust.

Street Workers focus on three core outcomes:

- Strengthened protection
- Enhanced capabilities
- Rebuilt connections

StreetInvest monitors and evaluates the impact of its own activities and supports our partners in monitoring the progress of each child.

### A trustworthy adult for every street child

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*"Many people think it is material resources which will bring children off the streets but the most important resource you can bring as a street worker is yourself. Without you, a child on the street will still find food, somewhere to lie down, money and the like. What they lack is someone to relate to and trust: someone with listening ears who hears what they want to say."*

George Quaker, Global Trainer, Sierra Leone



*"I would like to say the street workers are very important to us. First they give you good bits of advice, take out of your head all the bad things, then they teach you, they help you think about your future life, these things I think are special about what they do for us"*

*"Some children like to stay on the streets, others don't. You find that what one likes, another one doesn't. One can wish to be taken back to his family but another one totally refuses to go back home" (Street Child – DRC).*



**Informed with the evidence to understand the issues affecting the children with whom we work through data collection and research**

StreetInvest has developed a number of tools and methodologies to support its partners to gather evidence-based information about the street children with whom they work, the issues they face and the context in which they live. This information helps us improve services as well as challenges many of the misconceptions that hinders policy and practice towards street-connected young people.

These activities include the GUOTS Research project, head counting and our long-standing research collaboration with Royal Holloway, University of London

*“StreetInvest’s methodology is most favoured by members to inform programme design, national advocacy and reports to donors.”* Headcount Methodology Report, Consortium for Street Children

*“StreetInvest has developed a methodology of counting street-connected children which we feel is sensitive to the dignity of the children involved and can provide a realistic picture of the real situation on the streets. It is also great to work with another organisation that has spent time to understand the context of street-connected children’s lives, to listen to the children and to learn from different perspectives and new ideas.”*

ChildHope, UK



### Growing up on the Streets (GUOTS)

An international longitudinal participatory research project working with 198 children and young people (aged 14 – 20) in Accra, Bukavu & Harare building an extensive and authoritative evidence base to inform and influence street child policy and practice based on street children and youth’s own experiences, opinions and priorities.

27,000

Data sets

798

Interviews

198

Street children

18

Research Assistants

3

Project Managers,  
Countries &  
Research Directors



BackstageTrust



MRS Awards 2015  
Winner  
President’s Medal



## Equipped to create relationships of trust with children and young people on the street

Street Workers, and other trustworthy adults who support street-connected children, require:

- Appropriate Values & Attitudes: rights-based and child-centred
- Knowledge
- Practical skills
- Support
- Sustainability

Through training, other investments and support, StreetInvest equips its partners with the knowledge, skills and values & attitudes they need to build empowering relationships of trust with the young people they work for.

StreetInvest’s training has in the last 15 years been delivered to over 2000 participants, including 94 local trainers, from more than 250 local organisations in 21 countries around the world.

StreetInvest now has 3 Global Trainers, 5 Global Trainers-in-Training and many more Local Trainers based in our core regions of Africa, Asia, Central America and Europe. In the last year, we have trained participants from 67 organisations, including 38 local trainers, 194 street workers and 1,454 community members.



*“The training and techniques offered by StreetInvest have helped our workers and volunteers to deliver great street interventions that focus on the most vulnerable children. This work impacts their lives and offers hope within a caring and supportive relationship. StreetInvest are there when you need them most.”*

*Mi Arca, Guatemala*

**1,454**

Community members

**194**

Street Workers

**38**

Local Trainers

**3**

Global Trainers

*“The training gave me confidence to talk to the authority and public... [Because of the training and workshops] they respect me, and treat me differently; because they see me at a different level than if they just assumed that I had no money” (Goodwill, Harare).*

*“The people were like crazy – very shocked when told my life story; that I have lived on the streets all my life. I was born on the streets and have grown up on the streets to this age, I have survived.... People came up to me and said that they have changed the way they thought about street children in a positive way, so I think they will do something” (Jonathan, Accra).*

**Influence** so that street children’s rights are recognised and understood by all members of their community.

StreetInvest, our partners and all street workers need to influence all duty-bearers to bring improvements to the lives of street children and reduce the stigma they suffer. Street work must be recognised at both the highest policy and grass root practice levels as an integral part of supporting street children and street children seen as part of the reality not the problem and their rights are respected accordingly. This is supported by:

- Community engagement to reduce stigma and improve attitudes and values towards street children
- National level advocacy to influence policy making
- Advocacy for international policy frameworks

*“It is not acceptable that international organisations, policy makers, social institutions and individuals, who feel entitled to intervene in the lives of street children, do so on the basis of obviously unclear and arbitrary knowledge about the reality of these children’s lives. We have actually started to listen to street children.”*

**Father Patrick Shanahan, presentation to the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child, 2014**



StreetInvest continues to work with the Consortium for Street Children to inform the United Nations Human Rights Committee in the development of a General Comment to support resolution 12.09 relating to street children.



March 2015: Top issue reported by street children is abuse and beatings by the Indian Railway Police

April 2015: Children report in a focus group that the Police are the people they fear most

May 2015: CINI organises workshops on the rights of street children with the Railway Police

May 2015: CINI organises a meeting directly between the Police and the children

June 2015: Some children in a focus group discussion begin to identify the Police as people who help them

**Strong** to survive for the long term

Street workers need the support of strong organisations who are committed to their work and have robust and sustainable systems. Operational capacity, training capacity and staff development are amongst the activities StreetInvest offers. StreetInvest and its Street Work Partners have a clear understanding of and commitment to street work, supported by access to sustainable funding and robust operational systems. This is demonstrated through:

- A rights-based /child-centred approach
- Child Protection and Safeguarding
- Training capacity and staff development
- M&E capacity
- Operations capacity



### StreetInvest Training Workshop, Mombasa, May 2015

*“Bringing people together from 5 countries and allowing them to freely share their experiences is amazing. More countries and partners should have access to StreetInvest’s training.”* Street Worker, Zambia

27  
Participants  
10  
Organisations  
7  
Countries

*“We should have more meetings like this to increase our exposure to street work. We should have many more meetings to discuss policies to help protect children on our streets. I think we should have an organisational exchange programme between organisations.”* Street Worker, Mombasa, Kenya

*“The training was great – it was wonderful to have received some very practical tips on fundraising from you. Thank you so much for the valuable inputs.”*  
CINI Project Manager

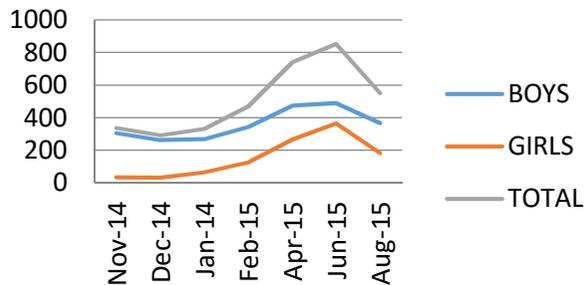
*“We now have seven trainers who are able to deliver workshops and seminars to a wide range of stakeholders, not only the police who we were aiming at. This enables us to move away from relying on the UK-based CEO to deliver training, reducing costs significantly as well as, and much more importantly, empowering the team in Kenya to take ownership over training, awareness raising and advocacy.”* Glad’s House, Mombasa, Kenya

## Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E) underpinning all our work

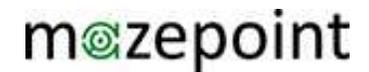
StreetInvest has developed a monitoring and evaluation framework that systematically collects, stores, analyses and shares both quantitative and qualitative information to ensure that all our projects and partners have the desired impact, are aligned with StreetInvest’s vision, mission and values and all street workers and street-connected children are aware of their real value. StreetInvest works with UK data management specialist Mazepoint for our quantitative data and has developed a unique well-being measurement tool to supplement our qualitative data.



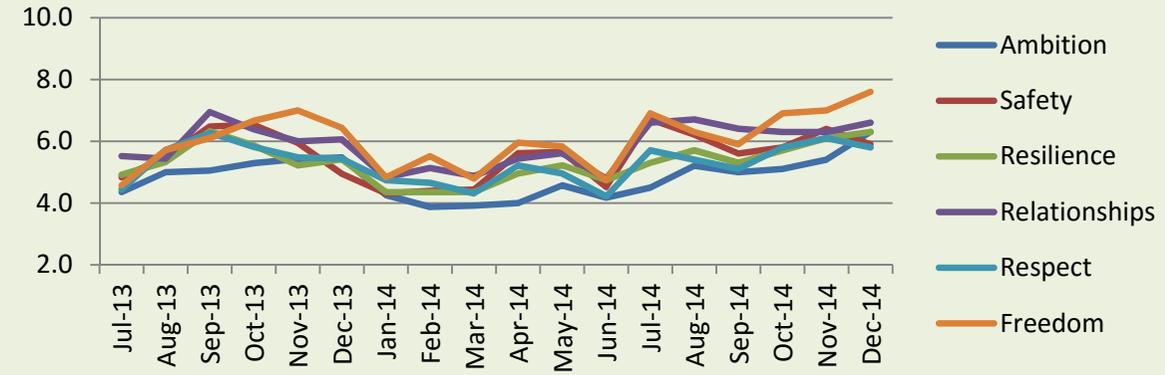
Children reached Nov 14 - Aug 15



*“All children have dreams: some can fulfil them and others cannot. Everybody needs someone to help guide them. Here there are few people who support us. If we didn’t get support from you, street workers, nothing would happen.”*  
 Street Child, Sealdah Station, Kolkata, Focus Group Discussion



**The Wellbeing Tool** is a unique tool developed by StreetInvest which enables street workers to structure their conversations with street children in a solution focussed manner, helping them develop their capabilities and take their own positive steps towards enhancing their lives.

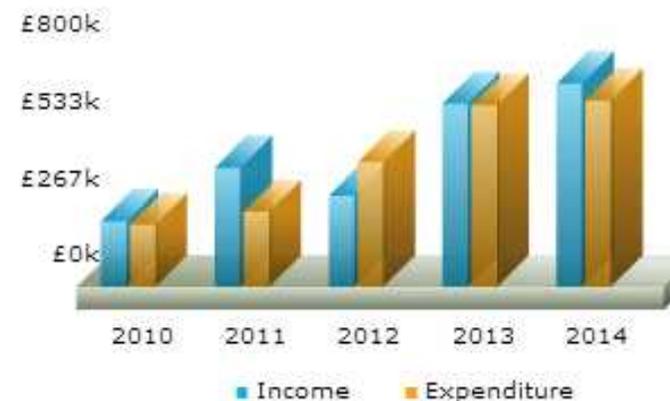


**Improvements in wellbeing, PEDER, Bukavu, DR Congo 2013/14**  
 50% of the children using the wellbeing tool reported improved wellbeing over an 18 month period.

# STREETINVEST'S FINANCIALS

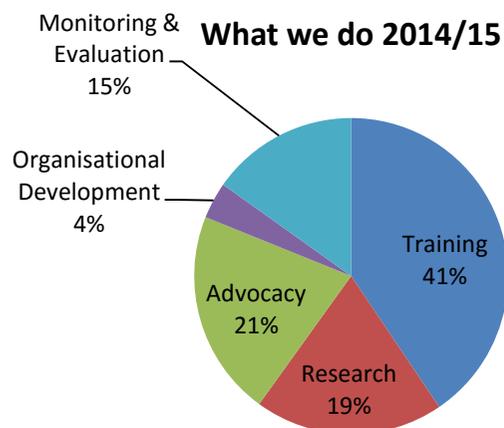
Financial sustainability to be effective and efficient for as long as it takes

StreetInvest seeks financial stability by maintaining a diverse range of both institutional and community-based donors and to maximise our multi-year funding. We also need to secure sufficient, recurring income to cover our core operating costs and investments. We invest in our small UK-based team but also increasingly in our global partners who drive our impact.

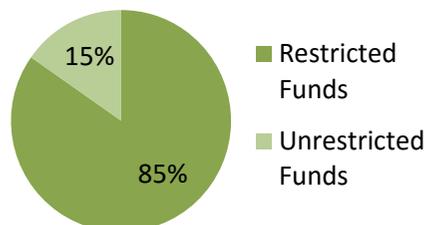
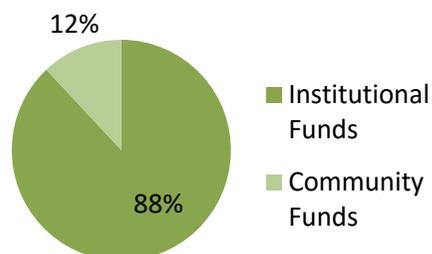
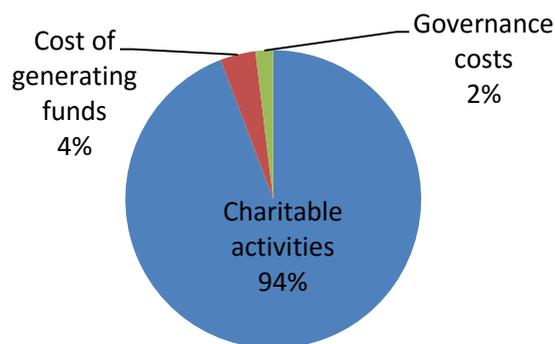


Source: Charities Commission

Key Financials		
(Audited statements for the years ended 31 <sup>st</sup> October)		
	2015	2014
INCOMING RESOURCES	714,893	708,200
RESOURCES EXPENDED	611,103	649,598
Costs of generating voluntary income	23,676	37,075
Charitable activities	575,661	599,665
Governance costs	11,766	12,858
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	295,703	191,913
Unrestricted Funds	55,671	48,323
Restricted Funds	240,032	143,590



## Where the money goes 2014/15



**350,000**

Street children with **access** to a trustworthy adult

**32**

**Local Partners**

**13**

**Countries**

**4.8**

**Full-time equivalent paid staff**

*In the poorest countries of the world, just £1 puts a trustworthy adult in the life of one more street child for one more month*

Belvie is a young girl who lives on the streets of Bukavu, Eastern Congo. Abuse from her stepfather pushed her to the streets when she was 14, she fell pregnant soon after and now has 2 children. She is still only 17. Without a trustworthy adult, Belvie was extremely vulnerable to violence from her clients and other street boys.

Today, although Belvie remains on the street, she now knows that she can start to think about a future beyond the next 24 hours.



Through the support of StreetInvest and our partner organisation, PEDER, Belvie is known to a group of trained street workers, with whom she is in daily contact, either on the streets, at the 'Listening Centres' dotted around the city, or at one of three drop-in centres.

StreetInvest's training is part of a wider process of transforming gender relations so that Belvie's rights as a girl are recognised as equal to men. The messages inherent in the training start to raise awareness of women's subordination as well as rights' abuses and to build the capacity, in every man and woman, to challenge it.

Belvie is a capable, bright young woman and mother. Through the collaboration of StreetInvest and our local partner, she can now be supported to make the right decisions for her own future and that of her children which she was unable to do alone.



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