

Synopsis:

# CHILDREN HAVE RIGHTS

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The project "*Children have rights*" conducted by the two photographers of the Collectif Argos, have been working for several years in France and all over the world inquiring about childhood difficulties and abuses.

Starting from the tough situations lived by the children, the photographs of the Collectif Argos, valued the good feelings inspired from those who have helped them.

The report puts into images the six fundamental principles of the International Declaration of Children Rights: the preamble supports the blooming of children, article 19 safeguards children from sexual violence, art. 23 grants the dignity of disabled children, art. 27 recognizes that each child should have the right to have a good standard of living in order to develop himself, art. 36 protects all children against all forms of exploitations and finally art. 43 helps to place institutions there where children are suspected of infringing the law.

## CHILDHOOD TO REBUILD 2002-2003

These girls, from 7 to 18 years of age, are coming from everywhere in France. They are victims of sexual abuses, by their fathers, brothers and uncles, and have been taken away temporarily from their homes by legal decision.

These girls have been placed into residences of the social services for children, and then finally have been installed into a more suitable shelter which is the only one in France: the Hosting House of Jean Bru. Specialized for young girls victims of sexual abuses.

## THE RETURN TO LIFE OF THE SMILING CHILDREN 1998

In Moscow there is an association that fights for the rights of children who are mentally handicapped and who suffer from the Down syndrome, in order that they may be also treated as human beings. Volunteers try to recreate for them a connection that broke in consequence of fear of something different.

### **FAMILIES WHO HAVE NO RIGHT AT ALL 2001 - 2002**

Evicted from subsidized housing, several French families try to survive in makeshift houses in the suburbs, with no electricity nor running water. Parents are obliged to do several small jobs to assure a decent life for their children. They have only one priority: to preserve at any cost the integrity of the family so that social services will not take their children away from them, and place them somewhere else. I met the M family, the old Jean and Lalou family who live close to the Montaigu forest, just in front of the HML, site they were forced to leave (north of Melun, 77), and I also met the G family who live separated next to the bordering highway. too many years have passed by in precariousness.

### **INDIA: THE FIGHT AGAINST THE TRAFFIC OF CHILDREN FOR SEXUAL**

#### **PURPOSES IN WEST BENGALA 2005**

India is considered the country with the highest number of kidnapped and abused children, and also being the country with the highest number of children coming from other countries of southern Asia, meant for transit or final destination in India itself. Two NGO, Groupe Développement and Ecpat France, united there. Their idea is to combine the different local initiatives of the West Bengali area. One of the two, emanated from the association Sanlaap, was founded to collect and help young girls who escaped from the brothels and host them close to Calcutta. They get medical assistance, education, and training in stylish profession, while waiting to go back to their families. Most of the time is dedicated to teach these girls to be confident in themselves, to find self-esteem and, of course, to have fun & play games.

### **DEPRIVED CHILDHOOD: THE ALTERNATIVE TO PRISON IN RUSSIA 1999 - 2002**

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