

Project Snapshot:

NIRVANAVAN FOUNDATION

Location: Rajasthan, India

Partner: One World Children's Fund

Partner Website: www.oneworldchildrensfund.org

Summary of project:

The Nirvanavan Foundation is a grassroots organization working in the remote areas of Alwar district of Rajasthan on educational, social and ecological issues affecting the community.

Educational Issues: Nirvanavan maintains multiple schools throughout the Alwar district with 120 children enrolled in the main school. The schools are situated in an area that is rife with prostitution. The schools exist to help end the cycle of exploitation and provide children with an education that will lead them to an alternative means of livelihood. Additionally, the schools also provide basic medical facilities, which is crucial with the high incidence of HIV/AIDS in the area.

Social Issues: Nirvanavan participates in the Childline program. Childline is a 24 hour free phone service. This service is set up to listen to the many children who need someone to talk to and to offer on-going support. There are many children all over India who need this support from street children, to orphans, to drug addicts, to the abandoned and abused children.

Ecological Issues: Nirvanavan teaches children and the community the importance of environmental conservation. So far they have helped communities organize the planting of 3000 species of native plants.

Funds for the project:

100% of funds raised will go towards supporting the Nirvanavan Foundations efforts.

"Do your little bit of good where you are; its those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world." *Desmond Tutu*



India Info:

Population: 1,156,879,766
(compared to USA's 307M)

25% of the population live below the poverty line
(CIA World Fact Book)

2.4 million people are living with HIV/AIDS (2007 est,
CIA World Fact Book)

61% of the population over the age of 15 can read and write.
(2001 CIA World Fact Book)

