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Overview

The consultant was asked to provide general guidance to the USAID mission in Brasilia, specifically to Princeton University intern Michael McCabe, on possible directions for the Mission's support of organizations working on behalf of street children (for possible soliciting of funds through the Earmark for Orphans and Displaced Children). The consultant provided the following general recommendations:

- The need to promote collaborative efforts among NGOs. Given the "competition" that often exists among NGOs working with street children in Brazil, USAID should look to support collaborative venture.
- The need to promote services in prevention, particularly in favelas. In major cities in Brazil, there are generally many existing services for children living on the streets. There is a severe lack of services and programs for working youth and youth in favelas in virtually all parts of Brazil.
- Choose a PVO with broad as opposed to narrow experience, and a PVO with experience in street children's projects. Given that USAID/Brasilia will likely work through a PVO registered with USAID (and probably one that already receives AID support), it should collaborate with the group with the broadest experience, as opposed to a group that works only in AIDS prevention. Johns Hopkins University/Population Communication Services and CHILDOPE, both of which have staff or offices in Brazil were given as examples.
- Promote projects in the areas of rights (justice sector), health (reproductive health, general health and drug abuse prevention) and income generation/vocational training. There are broad range of needs for street and working children in Brazil. In general, there is not a need for more shelter programs. There is instead a need for projects to promote the rights of street children (including community based projects and projects to train police and justice sector officials), health projects (particularly projects to link existing health services in Brazil to services for street children) and vocational training and income generation projects, particularly for youth in favelas.

The consultant also shared with the USAID missions names and addresses of various programs to contact in Brazil.