CHILDREN COMING UP WITH CONCRETE SOLUTIONS TO ADDRESS VIOLENCE AGAINST CHILDREN, INCLUDING BRIDGING CHILDREN IN THE STREET WITH EDUCATION

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Sub-Saharan Africa: Malawi

Children created a mobile school for street children that includes a cart, learning materials, and food. This mobile cart is expected to provide education for street children that are willing to learn and be later integrated into formal learning institutions, after receiving the necessary counseling and education. This idea originated from the 'Inspired Children's Club,' which carries out income-generating activities such as gardening and tree seedlings cultivation to help the environment by reducing deforestation. This activity aids in the provision of the necessary materials for mobile schools.

This is part of a wider initiative by 'Arigatou International' called the Children's Solution Lab (CSL), which supports children in taking solution-based actions. Through an open call, children's groups around the world are invited to submit projects led by them that can propose context-sensitive and unique solutions to poverty affecting children in their communities. The projects are expected to address the ethical challenges and the cultural norms that can lead to poverty and suggest solutions for this based on education.

The CSL seeks to promote ethical reflections among children about the root causes of poverty and how some cultural norms can impact the well-being of children and, ultimately, lead to child poverty. The initiative also aims to empower children in finding local solutions to address these issues in their communities. **Arigatou International**



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