



**Proposal for funding Reintegration Classes in Mongolia prepared for
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Appendix 1: Financial Summary

1. Executive Overview

This Proposal requests Trade Plus Aid to contribute towards the Christina Noble Children's Foundation Reintegration Classes in Ulaanabaatar, Mongolia. The annual cost of the classes, which provide education, nourishment, stability and care to sixty children each year is USD12,854.

Through these classes children who would otherwise be denied an education have the opportunity to learn to read and to write, to laugh and play with their peers, and to have an opportunity to overcome the disadvantages of their early lives.

2. The Sponsorship Project in Mongolia

The Sponsorship Project in Mongolia was one of the first projects established there by the Foundation following Christina's initial visit in 1997.

The Sponsorship Project in Mongolia was set up along the same lines as the successful CNCF Vietnam Project. The Project seeks to unite an individual international donor with a child living in poverty in Mongolia. The donor commits to pay USD24 per month, of which USD20 is passed directly to the child and their family in local currency; USD2 is reserved for emergency medical expenses; and USD2 goes toward the Project's administration cost.

The objective of the Project is two-fold: firstly, to prevent children becoming street children; and secondly, to ensure children complete their education. Accordingly, in order to receive their monthly donation the family must adhere to two conditions: that the child remains living at home, and that the child is enrolled in full-time education, whether formal or informal.

All children within the Project receive an annual visit at home from CNCF social workers. Where there are particular concerns about a family or a child, more than one such visit may be scheduled. These visits are an opportunity for the Foundation to ensure the children, and their families are complying with the Projects rules, but more importantly enable the Foundation to build up a relationship of trust with the families, and thereby assess what additional assistance the Foundation may be able to offer.

At the date of this Proposal the Sponsorship Project in Mongolia sponsors just over one thousand children, predominantly in Ulaanbaatar, but also, since 2002, in Bulgan Aimag (or 'Province') and Tov Aimag.

3. Sponsorship Classes

The Mongolian State Education system is in crisis, increasingly unable to find the resources to meet the educational needs of the population. In 2003 children resident at the Foundation's residential care facility, The Blue Skies Ger Village, graduated from kindergarten to the local primary school to find themselves in classes of fifty or more children. Many thousands of other children, either from want of funds or correct residential papers, are still unable to access the State system at all.

The Christina Noble Children's Foundation Reintegration Classes provide informal education, in compliance with the Ministry of Education's informal education curriculum, to sixty sponsorship children and others, who have found themselves excluded from the State system. The Classes thereby provide a means by which a child outside the education system can be brought into the Sponsorship Project. More importantly, the Classes provide access to education to children who otherwise would be unoccupied and likely to become part of Mongolia's growing illiteracy rate.

Classes are held in a purpose-built schoolhouse on land adjacent to The Blue Skies Ger Village. There are two classes: a morning class for thirty children, and a second class in the afternoon for the same number. Both classes of children are provided with a hot nutritious meal at lunchtime, which for many will be the only nutritious meal they will enjoy each day.

The purpose of the Reintegration Classes is to bring children who are currently outside the State system up to a level where they can be re-admitted to it. In addition to ensuring the children receive at least a basic education, and daily hot food, the Project also seeks to provide children with relief from the daily grind of their lives through extracurricular activities, such as Art Classes, and through excursions and celebrations of the major Mongolian Festivals (such as Tsaagan Sar, or Chinese New Year, and Nadaam, the annual summer festival of wrestling, archery and horse racing).

The annual cost of maintaining the Reintegration Classes amounts to USD12,854 (twelve thousand eight hundred and fifty-four United States Dollars). A detailed breakdown can be found in the Appendix to this Proposal.

4. Reporting

CNCF (Mongolia) will report semi-annually to Trade Plus Aid on the progress of the class, once at the end of the school year in June 2005 and once at the end of the financial year. Reports, accompanied by photographs, will include details of the children's progress and a financial summary of expenses incurred in comparison to the budget submitted.

5. Thanks

The Christina Noble Children's Foundation thanks Trade Plus Aid for kindly considering this Proposal.