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Background

PestalozziWorld, co-ordinated by Pestalozzi Overseas Children's Trust, provides scholarships, housing and vocational training for disadvantaged but talented children aged 10 to 18 in Zambia, Malawi, India (including the Tibetan exile community) and Nepal. PestalozziWorld is a flexible organization with over twelve years of experience, overseen by active trustees who pay all fund-raising and administrative costs so that every penny donated goes directly to the education of children.

Children are selected on the basis of two girls to one boy, usually from remote rural areas without access to secondary schooling. Some students live in residential centres operated by PestalozziWorld while they attend local schools. Others receive scholarships to attend local boarding schools. All students' academic education is supplemented with training for the development of practical skills and social awareness based on the holistic principles of "Head, Heart and Hand" developed by the Swiss humanitarian Johann Heinrich Pestalozzi (1746-1827).

Country or Centre	Girls	Boys	Total
Zambia	111	2	113
Malawi	19	9	28
India (including Tibetan exile community)	80	37	117
Nepal	49	32	81
Thailand (<i>through alumni</i>)	21	7	28
Pestalozzi Village, UK	2	1	3
Total:	282	88	370

PestalozziWorld programs are run by carefully selected local partners and alumni and operate with very low overhead, keeping the average annual overall cost per child (room, board, tuition and transportation) below £600 (\$1,200). PestalozziWorld sponsors over 400 children (soon to be over 500) and assists thousands of children in local schools with hostel accommodation, skills training and improved facilities and teaching methods. Some of our alumni have gone to top-flight universities in the UK and the US.

Crucial to our approach is that we encourage and support our graduates to set up their own alumni organizations to help provide education for other children in similar circumstances, what we call the "Circle of Success".

Pestalozzi Overseas Children's Trust is registered with the UK Charity Commissioners (Number 1046559) as an unincorporated trust, constituted under a trust deed dated 24 January 1995. Other members of PestalozziWorld are:

- Pestalozzi US Children's Charity Inc. (PUSCCI) in New York.
- Pestalozzi Overseas Children's Trust Ireland

- Pestalozzi Zambia Children's Trust, which runs the Kasisi Children's Centre in Lusaka and will manage the new African Children's Village
- Pestalozzi Children's Village Society (PCVS) which runs the Asian Village in Dehradun, India
- PAHAD (Pestalozzi Association Helping Advance Development), Nepal and
- Alumni Foundations for Indians, Thais, Tibetans, Vietnamese, and Zambians.

We are also in the process of registering a Pestalozzi Trust in Malawi.

Scholars

PestalozziWorld currently funds the education of 370 children in Africa and Asia (350 in 2006). The first 10 children have started at the African Village. A further 25 children joined the Asian Village in Northern India, bringing the total to 100.

Our selection process involves working closely with local primary schools to identify

bright children, a system of academic tests and interviews, checks on their family background and economic circumstances and medical tests. This is usually carried out by a small team including at least one non-national.

In order to improve the standard of teaching in schools, a 'PestalozziWorld Teaching Ideas' project was launched in February, constituting guidelines for teaching and learning in the spirit of Johann Heinrich Pestalozzi (JHP) – so encouraging an holistic, child-centred teaching approach which is based on observation and individual experience, community oriented and relevant to the likely futures of the students. Most importantly, the Teaching Ideas aim to inspire young people to live humane and moral lives, with the knowledge, motivation and practical ability to help themselves and others in the spirit of JHP.

Villages, Hostels and Skills Centres

Construction of the African Village at Ibe Hill, Lusaka, started in November under the supervision of a VSO volunteer, a qualified engineer on a two-year placement. In the meantime the first group of children for the