Giving value to intangible needs

Fondation d’Harcourt
Africa:
Benin, Ethiopia, Ghana, Ivory Coast, Uganda, Togo, Rwanda, Burundi.

Projects

“What a person has must be the foundation of everything. If we simply give, the investment is lost. We have to invest in the person itself. If we make a person aware of his/her potentials and show them beauty and freedom, they will fight for them.”

Lorette Birara
AVSI Rwanda

“The DARI Center was the first one to helped us psychologically. Each day, I can’t wait to go to the center, because there I enjoy myself and I meet people. Thank you DARI, we are no longer Alone.”

Fatma
Lebanon
“Most of the times the real issue is not in the stomach but rather in the mind of people.”

Noël Constant
founder of Carrefour Rue (Switzerland)

“After losing both her parents Huguette barely talked, she was mostly absent and apathetic, and only occasionally attended school. At the MEO center she was encouraged to play with the other children. Little by little, she started opening up and making friends. She regained hope.”

Grandmother of Huguette
10 years old (Burundi)

Europe:
Italy, Romania, Switzerland

Middle East:
Lebanon
More than 450 million people across the globe suffer from mental illnesses*.

By 2030 Depression will be the first leading contributor to the global burden of disease*.

4 out of 5 people with mental health conditions, in Low and Middle Income Countries, do not receive any form of mental health care*.

Fondation d’Harcourt was established as an independent non-profit foundation in 1964 upon the initiative of the d’Harcourt family.

Based in Geneva, the foundation is committed to support projects in the fields of mental health, psychosocial support and social development.

Our vision

At Fondation d’Harcourt we give value to those intangible needs that are not immediately linked to physical survival because we believe they are essential to the wellbeing and dignity of each individual.

All the interventions that we support target people facing psychological, mental and social difficulties as well as their families.

We put the person at the center of each of our activities, helping unlock his/her resources and potentials, regardless of his/her socio-economic condition or health.

Because psychological distress, mental illnesses and poverty can all feed off of each other, we promote a holistic approach taking into account the social and economic factors of a person’s emotional suffering.

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Our strategy of intervention

We provide direct services to our beneficiaries by partnering with stakeholders who have sound and longstanding presence on the ground. Our focus is always on the quality of the work produced and how it meets a person’s individual needs.

Empowering people suffering from mental illnesses and their families through
raising awareness on mental health issues
specific support groups
facilitating education and vocational training
targeted recreational activities promoting social reintegration
through community outreach programs

Our sectors of intervention:
Ensuring access to mental health care

by supporting mental health facilities

by training primary mental health care staff

Promoting the psychosocial wellbeing of vulnerable groups through

individual support by qualified social workers and psychologists

the promotion of psychosocial and sensitization activities for individuals, families and communities