



## REPORT ON COTE D'IVOIRE AND FOI ET VIE ASSESSMENT FOR GLOBALHOOD

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Ivory Coast's population is estimated to be 20,617,068 and this estimation explicitly takes into account the effects of excess mortality due to AIDS<sup>1</sup>. The first case of HIV/AIDS in Cote d'Ivoire was reported in 1985<sup>2</sup>, and the estimated national HIV sero-positive prevalence in adults aged 15 to 49 is way over 10 percent<sup>3</sup>. Even though the number of people who are living with HIV/AIDS has reached 570,000, out of one million people who are HIV positive, only 500 are able to pay for the subsidized therapy. Founded in October 2004, FOI ET VIE started its work with infected people. Then, it decided to focus on improve the care of OEVs (*Any orphan and other vulnerable children due to HIV/AIDS*) become more vulnerable than it has ever been. OEV are also children aged 0-18 years for whom one or both of their parents have died from HIV-related illness, children at high risk of becoming infected with HIV, and children living in an HIV-affected household.<sup>4</sup> Since January 2009, more than 86 OEVs have been registered and are getting minimum care from FOI ET VIE. At FOI ET VIE, three volunteers working full-time, in addition to two to three others who are working past-time a day. Most of its resources are based on the African adage, "It takes the whole village" to satisfy the needs of its recipients. As a result, FOI ET VIE delivers the minimum due to the fact that most of its donors are poor and from poor communities. Globalhood chose to work with FOI ET VIE for many reasons. One was the fact that it cares more about ignored children from infected or dead parents due to the HIV/AIDS pandemic in Ivory Coast. The other is that FOI ET VIE has most specificity that characterizes the majority of most local NGOs. They do not have considerable donors, keep records, and measure the effectiveness of their actions and results. We found that FOI ET VIE has adapted the use of reasonable and low-cost options for their operation to satisfy the needs of their -personnel, who do not get paid. However, they get to work, associate with national and international workers, which help them enlarge their OEVs' network with the minimum. With FOI ET VIE these orphan children have someone to go to whenever they have needs such as their life conditions: psychologically, mentally, and financially due to stigmatization. Globalhood considers that FOI ET VIE is smartly accomplishing a lot more for the funds that it is receiving. Globalhood is also encouraging the good initiative of performing its activities in local languages which lead to greater visibility and effectiveness due to its rapid possibility of diffusion of knowledge and skills to the people of the community by themselves to study and learn together about HIV/AIDS and from each other while empowering them to defend positive gender relations, work ethics; spread awareness; and fight stigmatization and alcohol within the community. Globalhood suggests that FOI ET VIE should put more focus on recordkeeping in a manner that facilitates accessibility to their information, which can support an effective monitoring, evaluation, and feedback mechanism to increase their efficiency.

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<sup>1</sup>CIA "The world facts" <https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/geos/iv.html#Intro>

<sup>2</sup> Status of people with HIV:

<http://www.asylumlaw.org/docs/sexualminorities/Ivory%20Coast%202%20HIV.pdf>

<sup>3</sup>Comprehensive Assessment of Human Resources for Health in Côte d'Ivoire

[http://www.abtassociates.com/reports/PHRplus\\_cotedivoire\\_Tech072\\_fin.pdf](http://www.abtassociates.com/reports/PHRplus_cotedivoire_Tech072_fin.pdf)

<sup>4</sup> The evidence base for programming for children affected by hiv/aids in low prevalence and concentrated epidemic countries <http://www.qaproject.org/pubs/PDFs/OVCEvidenceWorkingPaperMar2008.pdf>