



# Child's Dream

A charity organisation supporting children in need

[www.childsdream.org](http://www.childsdream.org)



## Our objectives

We aim to prevent child exploitation (child prostitution, child labor, child soldiering and trafficking) and migration through

- improving living & health conditions and education standards;
- raising the awareness of child trafficking among families and communities;
- helping children to take pride in themselves and strengthen their self-esteem;
- cultivating a better attitude towards life and society and
- encouraging the children to love and respect their own customs and culture.

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## Cyclone Nargis – Relief Efforts for Burma

Over the last few days we all have been seeing the horrific images from the Irrawaddy and Rangoon division areas in Burma. On May 3<sup>rd</sup>, cyclone Nargis hit Rangoon, Irrawaddy and Pegu divisions. Aid agencies estimate that 100,000 people have died and warn that this figure could rise to 1.5 million without provision of clean water and sanitation.

While the UN and international NGOs await visas for Burma in Bangkok and the few emergency relief supplies are blindly handed over to the military regime, some of our partner organizations from the Thai - Burma border have put together an Emergency Assistance Team. This team is currently on the ground in Rangoon and the Irrawaddy Delta and is working with networks of community based organizations and concerned individuals. The team is split into 8 groups with 5 members each. They are distributing water purification tablets, procuring rice and other food, building shelters and repairing houses, assisting with cremations, and providing basic medical treatments, including oral rehydration supplementation. These groups are communicating via satellite phones with team leaders based in Mae Sot, Thailand for funding and logistics.

As during the tsunami catastrophe Child's Dream is very critical and cautious about how emergency relief efforts are organized and implemented. Also during this crisis we have been observing various attempts of bringing help to those who really need it. We heard of the above initiative through our existing networks of community based organizations and feel that this is the most effective and efficient way of providing

emergency relief assistance. We were informed that THB 10 million (USD 325,000) can responsibly be distributed over the next three weeks. Our partner organizations have already raised USD 100,000 but are still lacking the remaining budget that is required.

Therefore, our two organizations, Child's Dream and *diversethics* Foundation ([www.diversethics-foundation.org](http://www.diversethics-foundation.org)), have committed to support the Emergency Assistance Team with USD 200,000. Both our organizations today have the financial strength to absorb this additional commitment, the money is needed urgently now.

At the same time we are approaching donors to specifically raise money to cover the USD 200,000 we spent for this urgent purpose. Further funding might be required and should that be the case, we will inform you accordingly.

We are convinced that this grass-root level approach will save many lives and bring much needed relief to the communities.

Best regards,

**Child's Dream / *diversethics* Foundation**

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