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## FXB Founder and President Albina du Boisrouvray speaks at Clinton Global Initiative Meeting

*“By the year 2010, over 25 million children will have lost a parent to AIDS.”*

**USA** – FXB Founder and President Albina du Boisrouvray presented FXB’s action commitments at the Education Track of this year’s annual meeting of Clinton Global Initiative (CGI) members. Of FXB’s many commitments with CGI, the most significant is to launch 50 Village Model Programs in Africa and Asia over the next three years. FXB currently has 27 Village Model Programs in operation in Burundi, China, India, Rwanda, Thailand, and Uganda. Among its many components, the Village Model Program strives to place – and keep – all children in school.

Over one thousand global leaders gathered in New York at the CGI meeting on September 26-28 to devise pioneering solutions to the world’s most pressing problems. In its first two years, the Initiative has spurred nearly US\$10 billion in action commitments by investors, companies, NGOs, and foundations to address global issues of health, poverty, the environment, and education.

As Albina du Boisrouvray explained in her appearance before CGI’s Education Track, FXB was created, “To help the most vulnerable children around the world, the AIDS orphans that were coming up so strongly in 1989, and all the other children who were as destitute.”

FXB is working to confront the pressing global issue of AIDS orphans and vulnerable children with innovative tactics and firm resolve. The growing number of AIDS orphans is not only a crucial humanitarian concern, but its resolution will benefit the world’s population at large. Albina du Boisrouvray argues, “Without loving parents to protect and to raise them, orphans are at risk of sexual trafficking, drug dealing, and recruitment into criminal gangs and armies as child soldiers.”

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**DELIVERING SUSTAINABLE RESULTS FOR CHILDREN AFFECTED BY POVERTY AND AIDS**

# FXB Launches New Village Model Programs in Burundi and India

Eighteen years ago, FXB launched its first Village Model Programs in Rwanda and Uganda, two countries severely destabilized by conflict and AIDS. The FXB Village Model Program provides a comprehensive set of support to beneficiaries and their communities over a three-year period. Services of the program include: assistance to re-integrate orphans within families; HIV prevention, testing, and counseling; nutritional support, healthcare, and psychosocial care; education and vocational training; and income generating activities for heads of households.

A recent external evaluation of the long-term socio-economic impact found that 86% of FXB's beneficiaries continue to live above the poverty line four years after the conclusion of the Village Model Program.

Since the inception of the Village Model Program, FXB has launched 35 villages in Africa and Asia. In October 2006, FXB launched its first village in Burundi, thanks to the Foundation King Baudoin. This FXB Village Model Program was established in Bwiza, one of the poorest and most densely populated quarters of Bujumbura city. Five local staff members were hired to support and advise the 100 families enrolled in the program, comprised of 716 people, including 432 children. The beneficiaries have begun to develop income generating activities and most of them have been able to open micro-credit accounts.

A second FXB Village Model Program in Burundi was officially launched in October 2007. FXB is searching for new partners to implement an entire unit of FXB Village Model Programs, which is comprised of three or four villages to maximize cost-effectiveness.

In August 2007, FXB India Suraksha launched Village Model Programs in five Indian states. India is a sprawling country with over a billion people of diverse religions and cultures. Each village model is adapted to suit the specific circumstances of the region's residents. By tailoring the Village Model Program to local situations, FXB hopes to further develop knowledge and ideas to enhance the programs' benefits for the people.

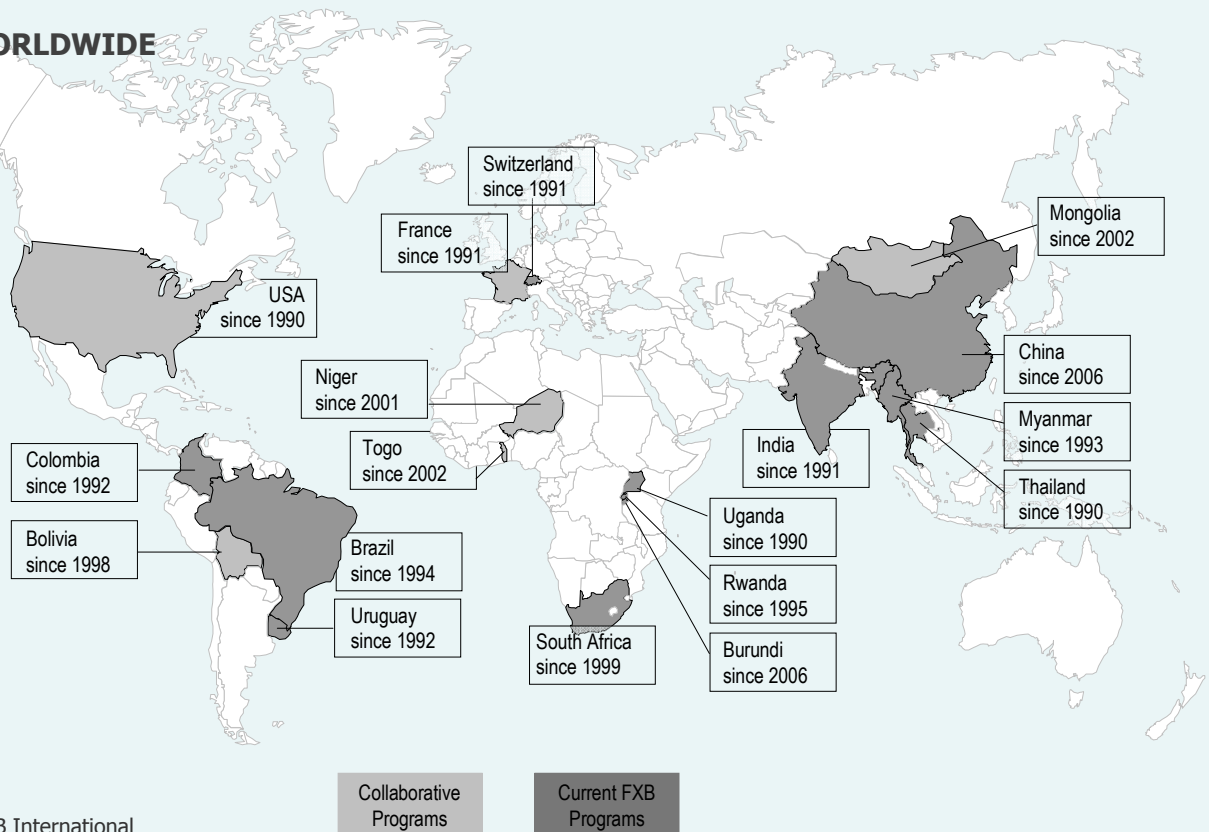
One FXB Village Model Program was launched in Aizawl, the capital city of Mizoram. Forty families have already started their income generating activities or micro projects like cattle-rearing. To date, 50 children have benefited from the program's provision of nutritional and medical assistance and educational support.

Another five villages were launched in the states of West Bengal, Andhra Pradesh, and Jharkhand. FXB already has selected beneficiaries in preparation to launch more villages by the end of 2007.

*The promotion and application of the inextricable link between Health and Human Rights are at the heart of our global strategy to fight AIDS, poverty, and to rescue the orphans and vulnerable children left in the wake of the pandemic.*

**~Albina du Boisrouvray  
FXB Founder & President**

## FXB WORLDWIDE



# CEO Visits China to Share FXB's Programs for Children Affected by AIDS

*The greatest priority for FXB programs in China is permanency planning*

**China** – CEO Bilgé Ögün Bassani presented the FXB Village Model Program at the International Seminar on Children Orphaned and Made Vulnerable by HIV/AIDS in Zhengzhou, China, on September 6-8, 2007. This was the first international seminar on AIDS orphans and vulnerable children in Henan Province, and was organized by the Henan Provincial Government, the Ministry of Civil Affairs, and UNICEF.

FXB was one of three nongovernmental organizations invited to participate in the seminar and the only one asked to speak. Other attendees included the Clinton Foundation and Half the Sky Foundation.

Under the direction of FXB China Executive Director Janice Secord Neilson, the first Village Model Programs in China were launched in Yunnan Province in 2006. These community-based programs provide a comprehensive package of health, education, and psychosocial support to children orphaned by AIDS. The greatest priority for the programs is permanency planning – finding permanent families and homes for orphaned children. Adults committed to providing permanent care for such children receive small grants from FXB to initiate income generating activities to support their enlarged families.

Bassani emphasized the importance of strategy-sharing among NGOs in China, saying, "We are pleased to share the successful village-based FXB Model of income generating grants and supportive services developed in 18 years of fieldwork, to enable families and communities in China who have taken in these children to become self-sufficient in caring for their expanded responsibilities."



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## What's New at FXB?

- ✓ In the past year, FXB launched 18 new FXB Village Model Programs. These Programs are located in Burundi, China, India, Rwanda, Thailand and Uganda. At present, 27 Village Model Programs are operating.
- ✓ FXB is looking for new partners to replicate its Village Model Programs and help impoverished families acquire the capacity to meet their own needs and care for orphans and vulnerable children affected and/or infected by HIV and AIDS.
- ✓ In Myanmar, FXB conducted a joint pilot project with the UN Inter-Agency Project on Human Trafficking (UNIAP) to raise awareness about human trafficking. Working with the transportation authorities, the project was implemented for bus and truck drivers and police staff at three bus terminals in Yangon for 12 months. A total of 2,918 bus/truck drivers, 788 police staff, 703 family members of police staff and 380 private company/office staff receiving the training on HIV and AIDS and human trafficking awareness by using the FXB/UNIAP training toolkits. Based on the valuable results, the project will be extended to youth and the community of different areas in 2007.
- ✓ FXB implemented the Workplace Intervention Program and HIV Prevention Efforts for Migrant Workers in partnership with the Hindustan Construction Company (HCC) in India. Having a large workforce from different parts of the country, HCC is in a key position to spread HIV and AIDS awareness – first among its thousands of workers and then in the general population in and around their project sites. On the basis of past experience, HCC again approached FXB to launch programs at nine new sites by the end of 2007. Thus far, more than 10,000 workers have participated in AIDS awareness programs at six HCC sites, while 250 peer educators were trained at all HCC sites.
- ✓ FXB International is committed to expanding its reach and serve the needs of greater numbers of vulnerable children and families, and looking for funding partners to join.
- ✓ **FXB USA has moved! The new address is: 777 UN Plaza, New York, NY 10017, USA**



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## HOW YOU CAN HELP

**€5** buys one insecticide-treated mosquito net to help prevent malaria.

**€10** provides one sewing machine to help a woman living in the slums become economically independent.

**€12** immunizes a child against the major childhood diseases such as measles, polio, smallpox and TB.

**€14** could buy a flock of chicks and **€83** buys a pig or a goat to help a family launch their own income-generating activity to enable them to provide for themselves.

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**Association François-Xavier Bagnoud – FXB International** carries the name of François-Xavier Bagnoud, a helicopter pilot who specialized in rescue operations, who dedicated his life to providing assistance to others. He lost his life at the age of 24 years during a helicopter-borne mission in Mali. In 1989, his mother Albina du Boisrouvray, his family and their friends founded the Association François-Xavier Bagnoud (FXB) in order to pursue, in the field of development, the rescue missions that he led and perpetuate the values of generosity and compassion that guided his life. FXB now has 87 programs in 19 countries and a staff of 400 employees dedicated to fighting AIDS and poverty, and to rescuing orphans and vulnerable children from the ravages of the pandemic.