

Child participation

Key objective

To enable groups to consider and discuss issues relevant to children's educational and developmental needs

TOOLS required

Relevant pages in Healthy eating, Mobilising the church, Building the capacity of local groups, Responding to HIV and AIDS, Facilitation Skills Workbook

Personnel required

Trainer to share skills in facilitation and to give group facilitators confidence with understanding of children's needs and perspective

Anticipated outcomes

- Children and young people demonstrate increased confidence and self-esteem through sharing their knowledge and experiences in discussion with a facilitator able to adapt information in the guides for specific age groups.
- Children able to prioritise and plan towards achieving specific objectives.
- Improved nutrition of children.
- Improved care for children impacted by HIV and AIDS within their families.
- Physical, spiritual and psychological support provided for children orphaned by AIDS.

Suggested approaches

- Work through relevant Guides with youth groups or with children in primary schools
- Work through relevant Guides with mothers
- Guides used by parents with their children, in the home
- Church members gain increased understanding of children's needs and perspective through studying bible studies and specific Guides
- Educational posters adapted from topics in Guides used in schools.

Case studies

- In Myanmar, church groups are using the Guides with young people at their church summer camps.
- In Ethiopia, the Wolaitta KHC are using Guides with church youth groups.
- In Thailand, Siam-care use the guides with youth groups.
- Energisers learnt by participants during training workshops, are taken up with enthusiasm by youth leaders.