

The organization that I founded is called Godanaw. I worked for 12 years in electronics. I was a boy scout, then after that, feeling that I had to do something for my needy compatriots, I established this organization called Godanaw.

You may have noticed the shoeshine stalls, vending boxes for various trades with the word 'Godanaw' written on them. I support the children who work on them. There are over 700 children making a living with the various inputs they have been given by Godanaw. But now all of that has come to an end, because they are no longer allowed to work on the street.

I used to support a lot of girls through the organization. The girls receive vocational training, like sewing, making incense sticks, candles, hairdressing, metal welding, and so forth. We also build clean water projects in poor neighborhoods.

I come across many infants who are thrown away. We give them up for adoption as a solution. For those who live on the street, after they finish their behavioural change counseling programme, we provide them with household goods and three months rent before sending them out on their own. And our message is - 'begging hands can work'. But now they are being confronted with circumstances that prevent them from working.

What I want to advise you today is not to have big heads but big hearts. You should care for street children and show them love. They need your love.