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## Cover letter

### "Voces para LatinoAmérica - Voices for Latin America."

**Voces Para LatinoAmérica (VPLat)** is an association created in March 15, 2006 but with a history of more than ten years of existence. We are sensitive to the problems of youth social exclusion and marginalization resulting from the impact of the current neoliberal capitalist system, especially those affecting children in our society (cheated, excluded, exploited or killed), and specifically, **the girls, children and adolescents on the street (NASC - Niñ@s y Adolescentes en Situación de Calle)** in Spain and Latin America.

This organization is supported by: **DYNAMO** (Global Network of social workers), in Spain by "AESLO" (Asociación Española de Logoterapia - Spanish Association of Logotherapy), "EDPAC" (EDucación Para la Acción Crítica - Education for critical action), **FOSCAD** (FOmento de la Salud mental Contra las ADicciones - mental health promotion against addictions) in Bolivia by "**Voces para Cochabamba**", the Ong **CREAMOS** (our partner) and **CEDID** (Centro de Estudios Doctorales en Interculturalidad y Desarrollo Universidad Rene Moreno Sta. Cruz - Centre for Doctorate Studies in Intercultural and Development, Rene Moreno Sta. Cruz university, which is a member), in Colombia by "**CREAMOS**" and "**DEJALO SER**", in Peru by "**Voces para Lima**" with the Ong "**Sinergia por la infancia** - Synergy for Children" and "**Qosqo maki**" of Cusco, and in the U.S. by "**Shine A Light**". It is based in Valladolid (Spain) and operates non-partisan, non-denominational and non-profit.

**VPLat** born of individual activism, militancy and feeling, of a group of technicians and professionals concerned about the devastating effects of the current neoliberal economic system, especially to the younger members of our societies, makes us to become in **VOICE**, response and echo, of the cruel damage and results on them that the political-economic system promote, because, seeing that only contributes to the enrichment (of few) and impoverishes most of us in its broadest sense.

Our activity, also part of the challenge and change that the members of the association we make against the lifestyle that we bring to this consumer system, governed, as we all know, by the laws of the selfish neoliberal system. **VPLat** final aim is to be an area of growing, militancy, coordination, reporting, training and social change, for both, the members of the association and the community itself (both in Spain and Latin America) than willing to help in the eradication of non-democratic neo-liberal capitalist system, support the young and disadvantaged, either, in observation, analysis, change as a complaint, of its damages or improper consequentials .

Among our objectives, it's to be an integral part of the global activist movement that looks for as a final target to generate the social changes, more democratic, critical, solidarity and sustainable (in the dynamics of decline), and all for the benefit of our planet, and especially , of which at present for us are the most excluded, the street children in the world.

It is for this reason, **VPLat**, work by and for recover and preserve the rights of children and adolescents, especially the ones who are at higher process social exclusion or exploitation, or already on the streets (over 90 million worldwide), by considering them the group of most vulnerability, injury or abuse, and as second order the rights of our global society.

We work in international development cooperation in a "**glo-cal**" way, because we offer to who ask us for help (or we see that requires it) from an extensive analysis and sustainable response, within a support service and a help with a shared responsibility and not dependent. To do so, always we start from a comprehensive global analysis to the specific or concrete to solve, with whom we think are responsible for the action of change, helping to identify, improve or change, the problems observed, all from the best or greatest way to contribute to growth, effectiveness and sustainability of technicals and society in which we have to make the change,

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benefiting, of course, always the most disadvantaged, and more in his full recovery, we believe that are the local agents and their potential users, which together have to take over what is theirs, their own change, and we have to continue watching what, in our so-called first world, doesn't generate damage to children, because in **VPLat** we also share responsibility for the solution, local in Spain with its neoliberal dynamics. (By example: in 2009, Spain moved through the first country in the world in cocaine use, we lived in an impressive consumer lifestyle, having high world damage transnational companies and creating a European children reality of greatest violence, sexism and depression).

So our field strategy will be enhancing the work of local technicians to aid the most disadvantaged children in their country, and as we made clear above, we will do self-governed, and independent (and more if they are linked to local networks, or through delegations or local support teams), as already are available in Cochabamba (Bolivia), Lima and Cuzco (Peru), Pereira and Cali (Colombia), and upon request in the future, stating that **VPLat** serves to the children more excluded or disadvantaged.

From **VPLat** also look to the various political, economic and social local forces, assuming, to the extent that they are responsible, the process of change to make, and more on the stop and elimination of the impact generated by the neoliberal dynamic, especially considering that may also be most affected; babies (or in gestation), children and/or adolescents, disabled on street, etc., previously excluded from the policies (budget cuts or pure indifference), abandoned and / or rejected by family or society.

Specifically, **VPLat** understands that working with **NASC** requires, not only provide a timely response to social, preventive, educational and therapeutic to the needs of these children, but parallel to this, require a intervention and denunciation of the factors contributing to its appearance and/or development, all while working for a necessary change in a non consumer lifestyle, sustainable and more democratic than the world should do.

#### **The specific objectives of our organization are:**

- 1: Promote **social awareness** against the damages created by the current neoliberal system and its impact on humanity through its **FTAs**, consumerism, the IMF, G-8 and G-20, international lobbies, or advertising itself ( fashion, etc ...) among others.
- 2: To promote the study and **research** of the various factors of the problem of youth exclusion and / or social segregation, especially of the **NASC**, from both a "bio-psycho-social and/or spiritual" in an existential way.
- 3: Promote and / or coordinate the **training** of technicians and/or local specialists who works with the **NASC**, encouraging a more coordinated social work.
- 4: Encourage, support and lead bravely the different demands of **complaint** in HH.RR. lost on youth, as seen from the young people in street, the technicians who assist them, local institutions or our street research.

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