

Roche AIDS Walk: Employees' initiative helps children affected by HIV/AIDS in Malawi & Mozambique

On World AIDS Day 2004, 8000 Roche employees, globally around 60 sites, walked and ran to raise money to support AIDS orphans in Malawi & Mozambique and local HIV organisations in participating countries. Roche's Corporate Sustainability Committee doubled the amount raised. 400,000 Swiss Francs will be donated to local HIV/AIDS Charities in the countries people walked.

750,000 Swiss Francs, will be used by ECPP, Roche's partner organisation in this endeavour, to benefit the orphans in Malawi & Mozambique, two of the poorest countries in Africa. The money will be used to build and renovate orphan centres, and buy essential supplies such as food, clothing and cooking utensils, for the AIDS orphans.

ECPP and Roche's partnership is based upon transparency and trust. Roche uses its expertise and resources to assist its employees to raise the funds. ECPP uses its knowledge and expertise to supervise the orphans centres and ensure the resources reach and benefit the orphans.

ECPP

Headquartered in London, UK, is a patient led organisation, engaged in capacity development projects for National HIV Networks in Ukraine and Russia and in community based AIDS orphan care in Africa.

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