



**Action Week**  
KAPFENBERG AUSTRIA  
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Day 1

**Russia**

## **GIVE YOUR SMILE TO THE WORLD**

### JOURNEY THROUGH THE WORLD

The Russian team will work with 30 children and young people who are orphans to give them a new perspective in life. The age group is between 14 and 15 years where those children make their decision if they either do an education or end up on the streets.



## THE PROJECT

One of the most important challenges of modern Russia in youth movement is social adaptation for children from orphanages, lack of information on up-to-date items such as sexual health, violence and drugs.

Nowadays there is no such a system of programs in Russia that works with children in the field of their psychological health. That's why we decided to create one, that is for 30 teenagers (aged 14-15) – the period of life when they are supposed to make a decision about their further lives - whether to go to get education or to go to the streets...



The program takes place in Ekaterinburg, where a teaching program and "out-of-school" activities will be held, aimed to develop the teenagers' social emancipation.

### Information

**Country name:**

Russian Federation  
Rossiyskaya Federatsiya

**Area:**

17,075,200 sq km

**Population:**

143,420,309 (July 2005 est.)

**Government type:**

federation

**Capital:**

Moscow

**Action Project in:**

Ekaterinburg



## GOALS OF THE PROJECT

- ✓ The main goal of the project is to make children who grew up without parents ready for a self-dependent life.
- ✓ To give them information on challenges of health, drugs, violence and psychological problems.
- ✓ Another aim is to give students volunteers an opportunity to use their professional knowledge and skills in order to help children, to give them a closer look at the problems of modern Russia.

All that will lead to a rise in living standards, as children who have fewer opportunities will get necessary knowledge and skills to be able to adapt more easily to the community.



**Team Russia with the children**

Moreover, as these children leave the high-risk group, the crime rate in the region will come down.

One more important outcome is that this project is the *first one in this field*. It will give a chance that such programs will develop in the region.



On the first day of the Russian project the atmosphere was absolutely comfortable and auspicious.

Two teams of teenagers were built without assistance. In these teams, the teenagers had to find solutions for difficult situations and learn how to rely on each other.

The aim was to create teams that will work sustainably.



The course was called the “rope course” (the name comes from the tasks children were doing). They were getting out from the “electrical triangle”, crossing the marsh; saving each other from a monster and learning how to move, when they’re 12 in a team only on 7 legs...

Both teams succeed in all the contests and got presents and special medals in shape of the Russian flag.

The whole week will be presented as a journey to different countries of the world. A big world map was drawn by our volunteers and now hangs on the main wall in the children’s home.

More than 50 people worked together and became a really big family.

