

TOUCH OF MERCY

Kisumu, Kenya



Care for children with HIV/AIDS

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This is to Certify that

TOUCH OF MERCY SELF HELP GROUP

Group Name

SOUTHERN

S/O NO. 15490/0110

Sub-location / Ward

Registration No.

TOWN

Location

WINAM

Division

KISUMU TOWN WEST

Constituency

**Is registered with the office of the District Gender &
Social Development Officer (DGSDO) as a Self-Help
Group/ Project**

Serial No. AA N^o 54625

7TH JANUARY 2010

Date

CHERUIYOT J.K.

District Gender & Social Development Officer

DISTRICT SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

KISUMU EAST

District

7/1/2010

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TOUCH OF MERCY

Touch of Mercy is a small volunteer group in Kisumu Kenya . The group was founded as part of a helping hand of the mission church in Migoye to help disadvantaged women, children and orphans living with HIV/ Aids. The mission church in Migoye had allowed these women to use its compound grounds and premises for the past few years. With medical supplies from the government, it managed to help a total of more than 65 women and orphans. Unfortunately due to political chaos in 2007 in Kenya, there has been a continual decrease in financial inflow. This has put a great strain on the church, which had no money to offer the basic needs such as clothing and food. The residents did however continue getting medical supplies from the government. This did not help the residents much as they had the medicine but no daily sustenance. Because of continued lack of finances, many have been forced to go back to their respective homes, where they are not only in a worse condition (in terms of housing, food and clothes), but are also discriminated against for being Aids-infected. The stigma is still a very present situation in Kisumu where Aids is seen as a punishment for immorality. A mother who was infected by her husband is left to cater for her children on her own. In such a case, this woman has not gone to school and does not have the possibility of getting a better job than tending fields for less than an euro a day . It has been circumstances such as these that have motivated the few members of the group to try and search for means and ways to help these children and women.

Touch of Mercy is currently representing orphans including children with both parents or one of the parents living with the HIV infection, and children living with the grandparents. Also the group tries to cater for women living with Aids or for the elderly grandparents taking care of children who are Aids orphans or cannot fend for themselves.

To date Touch of Mercy has tried looking for sponsors, but to no avail. The volunteers have also tried local organizations but because they are a small group they have not received recognition from these organizations. Touch of Mercy is trying therefore to look for sponsorship for those seeking help. To establish and develop a caring and considerate community that protects, promotes, accommodates and is an advocate for marginalized orphans and children with disabilities in the region.

Also the group has the vision of trying to get the awareness about HIV/Aids more widespread. This in order to curb the rate of infection at the roots. There is a youth initiative currently running, where the children are being encouraged to go to school or to participate in extracurricular activities such as taking part in drama groups or art groups.

Also therapy is being offered to those who have just found out they are H.I.V infected. For example in the case of Joyce Onduso who has been left with two children and who is very bitter and depressed .She depends on handouts from well wishers. Touch of Mercy is hoping to get better help and to contribute towards the reduction of stigma, disrespect, negative attitudes and abuse and to provide opportunities for self-independence for marginalized orphans and children with disabilities.

CORE VALUES

Professionalism

Timeliness

Commitment

Teamwork

Honesty

Integrity

Creativity

PROJECT ACTIVITIES

- Assist these orphans to go to school by paying for their school fees and other basic needs for them.
- Conduct treatment of minor ailments for orphaned children in the community to help in solving the problem of infectious diseases like skin diseases which are rampant among other diseases.
- Give trainings on HIV/Aids and other reproductive health problems to orphaned children within the community.
- The project will offer guidance and counseling to the children in the institutions and to their parents/guardians.
- Conduct trainings for guardians/parents to rebuild the lost trust and relationship with the family members.
- Network and bring the provincial administration into the limelight in protecting the rights of marginalized orphaned children in their communities through collaboration.
- Offer drug and substance abuse education and counseling to orphans within the community.
- Train orphaned children on life skills.
- The project will strategically network and collaborate with the local and the international organizations to assist in addressing cross-cutting issues critically affecting children within the community.
- The organization will form integrated community-based child monitoring committees and finally come up with a voluntary committee to reinforce the support of such children.

OBJECTIVE	DESCRIPTION	UNIT	NUMBER	COST	AMOUNT
PROJECT DIRECT COST					
• To support education of the marginalized orphans in the community					
Identifying orphans in the community	meetings	yearly	3	20000	60000
Identifying schools to place the orphaned children	meetings	yearly	6	16000	96000
Paying school fees for 100 orphans	fees	termly	3	24500	73500
To support feeding program of the orphaned children at family level					
Buying food stuff for 100 orphans	feeding	quarterly	3	220000	660.000
Distributing food stuff to the 100 orphans supported by the project	distribution	monthly	12	8000	96000
Conduct monthly infectious diseases treatment of minor ailments of the orphan children					
Identifying community stakeholders	meeting	monthly	12	20000	240000
Purchasing drugs	health	quarterly	4	550000	2200000
Organizing monthly mobile treatments in the community	treatment	monthly	12	45000	540000
Give trainings on HIV/AIDS and other reproductive health problems to orphaned children					
Train 100 orphans on life skills	workshop	termly	3	168000	504000
Venue hire	venue	termly	3	3500	10500
Transport reimbursement	transport	termly	3	50000	150000
Lunch and refreshments for 100 orphans during the workshop	refreshments	termly	3	15000	45000
Facilitators charges	fees	termly	3	4000	12000
Network and bring in the provincial administration in protecting orphaned children's rights					
Identify stakeholders to be included in the project circle.	meeting	yearly	3	16000	48000
Train 100 community members on special need of marginalized children	workshop	quarterly	3	168000	504000
Organize collaborative work with other organizations aimed at assisting orphans	networking	quarterly	2	86000	172000
Organize talents-show to help rebuild the relationship of the orphans to community					
Organizing sports activities	games	yearly	1	230000	230000
Formation of children sports committee	meeting	yearly	1	24000	24000
To carry out advocacy on issues affecting children with disability in the community					
Organizing children's activities	advocacy	yearly	1	167000	167000
Educate the public on child-care program	awreness	termly	3	23000	69000
Conduct children's environment cleaning day	advocacy	yearly	1	76000	76000
To organize annual sports for children with disability for publicity and awareness					
Organizing sports activities	games	yearly	1	550000	550000
Formation of children sports committee	meeting	yearly	1	34000	34000
Wages/ allowances					
Project director (1)	allowance	monthly	12	40000	48000
Team leaders (2)	allowance	monthly	12	60000	720000
Field facilitators (4)	allowance	monthly	12	60000	720000
Consultative costs					
3 consultative meetings	meeting	termly	3	24000	72000
Consultative fees	consultancy	termly	3	30000	90000
Facilitation fees	fees	termly	3	4000	12000
Equipment					
3 computers	office equipment		1	39000	39000
4 digital cameras	field work		1	22000	22000
Office supplies					
Stationery, pens, paper, etc.	stationery	monthly	12	3500	42000
Office space					
Office rent	rent	monthly	12	30.000	360000
Travels					
Local transport	transport	mothly	12	7000	84000
Subsistance	accomodation	monthly	12	3500	42000
Material and outreach					
Monitoring and reporting	monitoring	monthly	12	10000	12000
Conducting project evaluation	evaluation	quaterly	3	65.000	195000
GRAND TOTAL				9.019.000 Kshs	
				= 81 818€/year	

Some of the represented:

1. Eudia Achieng (8 yrs.)



Lives with her grandmother in a poverty stricken area.

2. Yusuf Family



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Arafat Yusuf (8 yrs.)

Ambala Yusuf (7 yrs.)

Sharife Yusuf (13yrs.)

Saum Yusuf (10 yrs.)

All are total orphans living with their grandmother.

3. Rose Tito (13 yrs.)



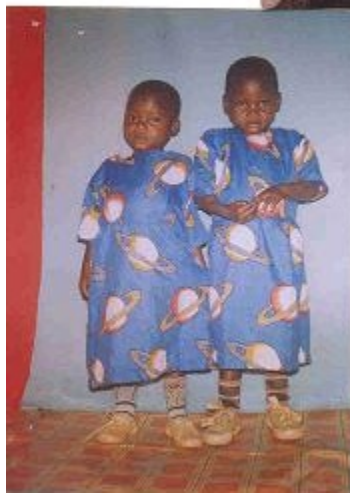
Living with disability (deaf and dumb), cannot access special needs school due to poverty.

4. Deborah Titus



This old woman is 70 years old. She had 5 girls and one boy totaling to six children. She has lost all her girls due to Aids and her only hope is her living son who is unemployed and cannot take care of her. She depends on hand outs and well wishers. In the background is the grave of one daughter who was buried recently.

5. Mercy Ayumah and Nancy Hamisi (both 7 yrs.)



Both parents are unemployed and have six other children; these children are not only living with the HIV virus, but are finding it difficult to get access to medical care and to survive on one meal a day. They have not even started schooling.

6. Leah Atieno (16 yrs.) and Evelyn Ngesa (18 yrs.)



Leah, who is a bright student, wanted to proceed to secondary school. But due to financial strains, she will not be able to. She is an orphan who is under guardian care.

Evelyn, too, was orphaned at an early age and has been living with a guardian since she was four years old. Now she has completed her primary education and opts to be a hair-dresser, if she gets support to go to a hair-dressing school.

7. James Sivitari (14 yrs.)



Completely orphaned and without living relatives; cannot afford to go to school and eat proper meals each day.

8. Tyson Inimah (10 yrs.)



His father died 10 years ago and he was left to live with the grandmother. The mother, who was also ailing, died two years later. He and his parents were HIV/ Aids-infected for a long time. He is left an orphan and sick most of the time. He lives with his grandmother, who tries to put him through school.

9. Joy Onduso and her family

(a) Watson Onduso (2 yrs.)

(b) Cecil Gibril (7 yrs.)



She was recently widowed. Her husband, who was secretly abusing drugs, infected her with the Hiv/ Aids virus. She and her children realized that they were living with the disease when her husband, who was on his death bed, confided in her and disclosed that their family was sick. The husband, who died as a result of a fall from a building, was abusive towards her. Left all alone Joyce requires assistance the most, since she is still undergoing counseling to help her go through this traumatic stage. She has no source of income at all.

Since the husband was the sole provider, she now has to survive on handouts and sometimes with one meal a day.

Strategic Objectives	To support education of the marginalized orphans in the community	To support the feeding program of the orphaned children at family level to enable them to concentrate on their education and reduce malnourishment among the orphans in the community
Activities	Assist these orphans in going to school by paying their school fees for them	Buy food material for 100 orphans Train the parents and guardians on proper diets
Where	Nyanza province	Nyanza province
Who	Project Coordinator Field Coordinators Community members and stakeholders	Project Director Field Coordinators Community members and stakeholders
Indicators	100 orphaned children taken to school and fees paid for them	100 orphaned children fed monthly Improved life of the targeted orphans Parents/Guardians able to give proper diet to the children using available food
Means of Verification	Field reports Number of meetings held Fee structures scanned and given to partners Receipts written by the schools upon receiving the money	Number of orphans fed Number of parents trained Receipts of foods bought
Critical Assumptions	Availability of funds Support from the development partners	

Strategic Objectives	Conduct monthly infectious diseases campaigns and treatment of minor ailments for the orphan children within the community	Give trainings in HIV/AIDS and other reproductive health problems to orphaned children within the community and the school
Activities	Organize monthly clinics to various identified community programs Conduct monthly infectious diseases campaigns and treatment of minor ailments for the orphan children within the community Support medical services for those in school	Awareness campaigns Identify orphans to be involved in the project Conduct HIV/AIDS training workshops
Where	Kisumu East Kisumu West Nyando Rachuonyo	Kisumu
Who	Project Coordinator Field Coordinators Community members and stakeholders	Project Coordinator Field Coordinators Community stakeholders
Indicators	Number of orphans treated Number of clinics done	Number of orphans treated Number of PWDs displaying their products
Means of Verification	Reports on mobile clinics Receipts of payments of treatment for orphans	Attendants records Reports
Critical Assumptions	Availability of funds and means of transport	Availability of funds Availability of orphans Availability of drugs

Strategic Objectives	Network and bring the provincial administration into protecting the rights of marginalized orphaned children in their communities through collaborations	Organizing talents show for children within the community to help in rebuilding the relationship of these orphans to the community and also expose their talents to the general society
Activities	Identify stakeholders to be included in the project circle Train identified community on special needs of marginalized children Organize collaborative work with other organizations aimed at assisting orphans	Organizing sports activities Formation of children sports committee
Where	Western Region	Western Region
Who	Project Coordinator Field Coordinators Community members and stakeholders	Project Coordinator Field Coordinators Community members and stakeholders
Indicators	Networks made Number of key partners involved Number of activities done through collaboration	Talent shows organized Number of activities carried out
Means of Verification	Reports Orphans list List of stakeholders	
Critical Assumptions	Availability of funds Willingness of other organizations to work with us	

Strategic Objectives	To discuss issues affecting children with disabilities in order to promote awareness on the special needs of persons with disabilities	To facilitate education and support in school and other educational institutions within the community
Activities	Organize open children activities Conduct children environment cleaning day	Educate the public about child care programs
Where	Western Region	
Who	Project Coordinator Field Coordinators Community members and stakeholders	
Indicators		
Means of Verification		
Critical Assumptions		

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