

## AFRICA EMPOWERING CHILDREN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2021 ARTICLE.

Africa empowering children in a non-profit organization dedicated in supporting the homeless kids find food and education in Kenya and east Africa, we have been helping the kids for many years with help of other interested partners from abroad and in the country, the claremont Lutheran came on board in 2020 to help us and they have been doing a lot from helping us to drill water and shopping! Now we feed more than 200 kids in our locality! many children have no place go rather than live on the streets, they will look for plastic trash to sell them to find some food and marijuana to smoke so that they may not feel the cold when they are sleeping out at night. The photo below shows one of our kid when living streets looking for plastic trash to go and sell to get money to smoke marijuana at young age, joining us in saving kids from the drugs and give them a home.



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education, food, clothing, and healthcare the children experience a flourishing community, counseling, and a dynamic spiritual life so they can thrive.

When positive cases of COVID-19 were confirmed in Kenya, Africa empowering children leadership felt it important to no longer allow visitors to come and go from the homes. Months' worth of food and supplies were purchased right away, and additional hand-washing stations were established throughout the homes. When the government closed all schools, the parents, top students in each grade, and many of the high schoolers began working together to facilitate at-home education. The children have been helping with the chores and even making liquid soap for the Africa empowering children [Seeds of Hope](#) program which is distributing soap and seeds to communities in need.

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KIDS ENJOYING MEALS DONATED BY THE SAN DIEGO CLAIREMONT LUTHERAN TEAM!

We are working on feeding many kids and building our on school to reduce the cost of education, we are looking forward to joining hands with us. Thank you so much for partnering with !the photos below is a photo after we get partnership with clairermont Lutheran church, there donation nhas assisted feed them and smile, we are looking fiowrad to doing more and going to nother cities to do them same by helping the kids get education, home, a learning education society does change the generation!



**KIDS ENJOYING THEIR MEALS! THANK YOU CLAIREMONT LUTHERAN CHURCH!**

We invite all of the people willing to help us make change to join us by going through our story and joining hands with us!

When you help us get all this things its gonna help us focus and make the world a better place, if you want to join this Christian movement that cares about the young kids, you are welcome!

The education of the world's children is high on the global agenda. In the context of education for all (EFA), all children should receive free, good quality education. The reality is that millions of the world's children are too poor to benefit from the declaration, unless there are special interventions that target their development. Unfortunately, such children do not form a special social category in poverty eradication intervention program, thus, their inclusion in the achievement of EFA appears to be a hit-or-miss phenomenon. Cognizant of the central role of poverty reduction, that is in wider global agenda and acknowledging the need to reach out to the poorest children with the objective to break the poverty cycle for them, Social Action Orphanage Organization embarked on a program of education and poverty eradication.

The Project aims at solving the problems hidden by the fact that orphans and vulnerable children are invisible; yet by the very nature of their situation, they are included among those that are classified as disadvantaged and poor in Kenya. Children are subsumed within the poverty categories most often referred to such as households, communities, people – which means that there is a high tendency to focus on adult-related poverty while child problems are ignored, partly because children have little power and influence within a group that contains adults.

Findings reflect that children in abject problems can be recognized by rather elementary (as opposed to sophisticated) criteria. Top on the list is absence of necessities such as shelter, food, clothing and water. Equally important is the 'human condition' in terms of physical health and parental care and protection. Schooling is high on the list as a critical criterion in determining who is extremely or modestly a vulnerable and disadvantaged child.

While there seems to be national consensus among donors, the public sector and civil society that the government has made commendable progress in implementing PEAP (Poverty Eradication Action Plan) as flexibly as possible, its evolving nature, due to the participatory and consultative reviews it undergoes regularly, does not address many of development challenges Disadvantaged children face

Disadvantaged children face today. It would take lobbying and advocacy interventions to ensure that the needs and demands of children in abject poverty are met. The study on Children in Abject Poverty in Kenya and Africa at large in particular revealed that: Ill health and inadequate health services remain critical challenges for children in abject poverty. The living conditions of children in almost all the Counties studied aggravates this on a positive note, over three quarters of those who fell sick sought some kind of modern treatment: very few resorted to traditional healer. School-related costs have been the major obstacle for children in abject poverty to access education.

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## **AREA PEOPLE**

Over 1.8 million children are left orphans in Kenya because HIV /aids. Among this this 1.6 million are children who were born from single mothers, and the cause of their parents getting HIV/aids is involvement in prostitution raise their kids that lead to unprotected sex,

Most of the young people affected by HIV/aids are unskilled and they have no any education so they just choose to engage in prostitution which they think is easy but to them is expensive because they leave kids suffering when they are dead.

Education and sanitation is the major challenge. Only 27% of the adult population is literate (this equals to 40% for male and only 16% for female; 53% of the urban population compare to 22% in rural areas). At the same time more than half the population of the country is less than 18 years old

## **GOAL**

Africa Empowering Children (AEC) has a very strong goal of improving the quality of life of the vulnerable children and orphans through provision of education and psychosocial support programs

## **MISSION**

To transform the lives of marginalized people especially the vulnerable children especially those affected by Poverty and the death of their parents through HIV/aids to improved quality of life in their future.

## **GUIDING PHILOSOPHY**

The philosophy and experience of AEC is based on the reality that every human being is a unique individual and that we all have a right to good health and basic needs and should have access to a comfortable life with dignity

## **CORE VALUES ARE:**

*Equality for all:* God made all people equal; our organization is committed to a development process that promotes equality for all humanity regardless of religion, sex, color and ethnicity

*Rights and dignity for all:* AEC believes in and strives to uphold the rights and dignity of all people irrespective of geographical location.

*Stewardship:* AEC believes in God to protect the dignity of everybody to exploit the Earthly goods in accordance with God's Law and individual order.

*Institutional partnership in development:* AEC welcomes and respects ongoing International initiatives and national policies to take care and give support to vulnerable children and disadvantaged people, fight poverty, ignorance and diseases such as Malaria, Immunisable

diseases and HIV/AIDS. Our activities will be unison and in collaboration with other stakeholders.

## **STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM**

Due to spread of HIV/ aids, so many children have been left homeless and there was increase in orphans with no body to take care for them. Most of these children were left with their poor grandparents and some are roaming on streets thus vulnerable to sexual exploitation and child labor.

Only 11% of urban births and 3.4% of rural births are registered, meaning that the majority of children are denied this basic right. Approximately 96% of the poor, the majority of whom are women, live in rural areas depend solely on locally distilled breweries. A UNICEF project document (2008) on orphans and vulnerable children indicates that approximately 2.1 million children in South Sudan are orphaned and of these, 80% come from poor families.

The child-headed household trend in Kenya is such that rural areas have 79.9%, of which 49.6% are male-headed and 30.3% are female-headed. The trend in urban areas is that of the 20% child-headed households, 10.5% are male-headed whereas 9.6% are female-headed.

## **PROGRAMME DISCRPTION:**

This program is to run in Nairobi Nakuru and Kitale. The focus of AEC is to acquire land and establish a rehabilitation centre for these children, a home as well as a primary school. In this program, AEC also seeks for funds to provide services required to achieve the objectives, mission and the goal in its mandate.

The reasons as to why we are advocating for children rehabilitation centre are the problems they are to face when these children are in other people's homes. For example, the support may not be enough and due to the economic burden to the extended families in this region no proper attention may be given to them.

## **PROGRAMME PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this program is to reduce the suffering of the orphans and vulnerable children, build their capacity through giving them love, care, education and simple activities to do so that they become productive in the society in the near future.

## **SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES:**

- 1) To improve the quality of life of the orphans and vulnerable children by establishing a permanent home, school and health care centre for them.
- 2) To train care givers in care giving skills to enable these children get adequate care, love and support

3) To provide adequate education to these children to make them good citizens and have a better future through good education right from a tender age

To create awareness to the community and the outside world for the need to protect, promote, preserve and support the vulnerable children and the orphans including their



The food stuff from the claremont Lutheran team.

We look forward sharig a lot of information! If you will love to join our team in supporting please visit! And donate even \$1 can buy a kid one day meal!

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