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Picture of Rehema Day Care and Orphans Centre during morning Assembly

**Special points of interest:**

*Good neighborhood and extend of love is in the summary of 6 main things as mentioned above. We have been made to care and support one another and fulfil the will of God*

- **FEED THE HUNGRY**
- **CLOTH THE NAKED**
- **GIVE DRINK TO THE THIRSTY**
- **HOUSE THE STRANGERS & HOMELESS**
- **CARE FOR THE SICK**
- **VISIT THE IMPRISONED**

Our destiny and future is directly reflected by our childhood; who cared and supported us from birth to adulthood. With today's world this future is determined by knowledge (education), family brought up (character) and resources (future plans and inheritable wealth or poverty). Some people are the way they are because somebody did not offer to give out to improve them so that they can be dependant.

# EDITORIAL

## KOROGOCHO ANALYSIS

Korogocho is the third largest informal settlement of Nairobi after Kibera and Mathare. The slum is nicknamed "Koch". The slum is 1.2 square kilometers of land with a population of 120,000 people and with 250 houses unit per hectare. The basis of the population stands at; children -51%, women-29% and men-20%. The population lives below the poverty line with the bread winners eating average monthly income of between Ksh. 1000 to 2000/=. The land is owned by the government and private owners.

The land has poor infrastructure; lack of proper roads, impassable during rain season and dusty during dry season

Improper sanitation, sewers, water and electricity is affordable to few but majority are without. Also there's no green space for recreation.

It is a crumpled settlement of mud walled, cardboard walls, plastic, iron sheets roofs or corrugated tin shacks segmented by trash strewn roads and upon sewers.

There is real hunger here and residents must cope with horrendous crime and

insecurity.

Rape in Korogocho is interrelated with other aspects of the degenerated slum culture e.g. drinking chang'aa (local brew), smoking marijuana, watching pornographic videos and lack of role models.

Consequences of rape within this community are: traumatized personalities, broken self esteem, suicides, unwanted pregnancies, possible HIV infection and other STIs. In Kenya 85% of all sexual assaults occur in the home with someone the victim

## INTRODUCTION

knows. According to estimation one out of five women has been raped at least once in their life.

Korogocho has the highest number of orphans as a result of HIV/AIDS; most children are vulnerable as they are cared by single mothers and poor parents unable to feed them.

Nobody was made a poor man; all the calamities and suffering are met once established.

In Matthew 25: 34- 46 Jesus himself the owner of all, the creator and the one who gave men authority to have dominion over all things came to experience and show what God's love is? The rotation of good and bad surrounded the man. The will to choice, its power is authoritative man's responsibility.

Jesus expressed this love in four dimensions; food, shelter, clothing and health. These are the world's necessities that everyone is after. Luck of this leads to suffering and crimes as a result.

Rehema Day Care and Orphans Centre was then born to express this love of God to the community of Korogocho where it situated.

The community has since suffered much because of poverty that has led it into crimes, prostitution, drug abuse, child sex abuse, abortion, STIs and AIDS, broken homes shattered, lives devastated children and teenage pregnancy resulting to teenage mothers. All this is

done for exchange of money in order to survive.

Rehema born in 1990 provides quality improvement in the support of the community in their efforts to alleviate poverty by promoting life, education and health. The group achieves this through visiting the vulnerable people,, preaching, sharing love, hope and giving courage for the hard and pathetic life they are leading

### **WALKING THE TALK, OBJECTIVES AND TARGETS**

The foundation and stronghold of the objectives and activities so far carried out are substituted for the orphans, destitute, youths, teenage/ adolescent mothers and devastated people in the society.

The targets are to feel valued to be part of the community. They have to benefit from education i.e. primary to secondary, vocational training skills in tailoring and dressmaking, computer courses, carpentry and community health workers, feeding programs, nursing care and employment opportunities.

The objectives are aimed at supporting the rehabilitation centre to prevent inappropriate child care with special needs, girls marriage/ teenage mothers and low health participation among children and youth.

.training to enable them take over the responsibilities, put up relationship and development.

To effectively alleviate poverty and enhance prosperity knowledge has to be instilled and wisdom given for understanding to be gained. In this way childhood education, primary and secondary have to be offered. We therefore still look at a wider range in the accomplishment of the objectives and see to it that away is provided to support the project.

## **INDICATORS OF CARE AND SUPPORT TO THE NEEDY.**

### **1. feeding the hungry:**

Hunger and starvation in the world today is caused by a number of factors: change of climate, diseases and sicknesses, violence, wars, lack of employment, isolation due to death of parents, marriage breakages and government policies. We have the responsibility to help those affected and are poor in our society by laying a side our luxury life and saving something to give them.

### **2. Clothing the naked :**

clothing is essential. When God saw that Adam and Eve were , he made cloths for them. We need to also help those who do not have cloths with this essential by giving away the extra we have or buy new for them

### **3. Giving drinks:**

Those who are thirsty will need to be provided with a drink

**4. Housing the stranger** and the homeless: Housing is essential for all mankind to protect them from rain, sunlight, predators and place for resting during night.

5. **Caring for the sick:** The world is suffering much due to diseases and sickness resulted by weather changes and pollution of air and water.

### **6. Visiting the prisoners:**

Many people have been accused and imprisoned for crimes they never

committed. These people need someone to encourage them.

### **CHALLENGES**

Rehema day care and orphans centre as a long term and sustainable project have been enabled to achieve some objectives through well wishers and community contribution form, the accessible benefits through the church and the income generating activities, despite the support system, we still have quite a number of challenges namely;

With the growing number of pupils we are congested in a small place. Our desire is to expand and be in a spacious facility.

We lack stationeries, textbooks, desks, mattresses, chairs, foodstuffs tailoring and dressmaking equipments, computers and last but not least; orphan fees sponsorship and staff cost assistance. The centre strains in terms of staff payments due to child pain that has made the centre urgently meet for

## **MANAGEMENT .**

Rehema day care and orphans centre has a team that works together to make it successful. The structure of leadership is well defined from the director to subordinate staff. Both school and the home is established by the qualified staff.

Rehema Day Care as a school is headed by headmistress who has given her experience of over 10 years. She is helped by a team of 12 experienced teachers and 8 support staff, while the home is taken care by the matron, spiritual leader and guidance and counseling specialist. They both work together to ensure social well being of the orphans in the home. In our vocational department, we have an experienced trainer in tailoring and dressmaking.

The experienced committee of seven members meets once a month to deliberate and evaluate our activities and projects that would benefit the school.

### **Vocational Training**

Tailoring and dressmaking section produces uniforms to the children as well as train the teenage/youth mothers who can now depend on themselves.

We also hope that the introduction of computer training especially to surrounding community will be another greater achievement.

### **Tailoring**

The centre has also tailoring department which plays a major role in mending of school uniforms. The department also trains young girls who are un- able to continue their secondary education , therefore the training they get make them self reliant the biggest challenge only being enough resources and capital to kick start their work.

## **Computer Training**

Early this term we were able to introduce a computer class with only two computers which we bought from our maize sales, the aim being to equip our pupils with basic computer skills to help as a foundation prior to their entry to the secondary school, we also wish to extend the training during the holiday vacation to our secondary going pupils and also to the community around which have already shown interest.

Our biggest challenge is now on how to get more computers , it is our prayer and wish that sooner than later we shall have enough computers. It is our pleasure to see that this is one of our income generating activity especially in minimizing expenses incurred in exam printing and any other paper work related documents.

## **MAIZE FARMING**

Early this year, we were able to lease a three acre piece of land in Kitale where by we grew maize of which harvesting has been done. The harvesting was quite tremendous and we were able to harvest 70 bags of maize.

The harvest assist in the feeding program and some sold in order to supplement the school expenses and bills.

## **Fish rearing**

Early this year in march we were able to built three fish ponds in western where we expect to have our first harvest early this month. We decided to venture into this income generating as the running expenses are not as high as other IGA also fish are rarely affected by diseases. We thus hope to accrue income from this which will enable as to meet some of the costs of running the centre.

## **THE HOME FOR ORPHANS**

Korogocho being the largest slum in Kenya, it has a big population of orphans and destitute children.

As an orphans centre, we realized the need and burdens of families and communities trying to cope with the impact of HIV/AIDS results within the families. Therefore as a result we found it good to establish a home the needy children.

Currently we care for more than 300 orphans where we provide food and clothing. We also provide accommodation for some in our home. The following are some of the pupils who have done their primary level and are looking forward to join high school. While the last two are already enrolled in high school.



**Jonathan Atemo** Did his final primary exam, in which he scored 309 out of 500 marks. is a gifted boy whose future can be bright if funds are available to enable him progress in his academics. He aspires to be a civil engineer.



**Ritah Anindo** Also sat for her final primary exams and got 316 out of 500 marks. She is a very potential girl whose ambitions are threatened by financial constraints. Her ambition is to be a lawyer. Her hobbies are swimming, playing netball and reading bible stories.



**Phanice Ayako**:-Having been in the home for a long period, she has always been among the best though last term her performance dropped due to school fees problems that made her to miss lessons she is however not taunted but promise

to revamp if fees will be available.

**Jackline Hadija**:- Having been rescued from the streets she has shown great ability though like the others, her academic stability has always been affected by frequent absenteeism due to arrears in school. She like the others hopes to go to university. The two (Phanice and Jackline) together with others will be going to form

three in their respective high schools. She wishes to be an architecture. Her hobbies are drawing and watching movies

Samuel Eshuchi who scored 328 marks, Bonface Joseph : 327 marks, Titus Kithimba :284 marks and Hellen Omukhango :263 marks are also amongst the children within the home who are looking forward to joining high school though financial constraints remains a hiccup to these achievement.

The home has a total of 30 orphans and street children totaling to 46 children. Currently we are building a home for these children separately from the centre. At the meantime, the children are staying at the centre. The building has now reached the first slap, we are having shortage of funds to continue with the construction and do the roofing. We are looking for assistance to finish the roofing. This will be essential for the orphans to board and be cared for without interruption by the other vulnerable children who stay with their parents. as criminals and a nuisance, but Pastor Erastus Omukhango welcomes them everyday, often joking or even wrestling with them, and gives them the support and encouragement they can not find anywhere else.

The AIDS pandemic has forced increasing numbers of children to the streets with no where else to go. Pastor Erastus and his wife began housing more children in his church now which serves as an orphanage for over 40 children many children have left the streets too permanently live at Rehema where they also receive education through Rehema primary



**Picture of street children with the director**

## **POULTRY KEEPING INCOME GENERATING ACTIVITY**

**P**oultry is a good income generating activity that has helped us at least raise monthly allowances for three staffs. For instance for broilers we have been receiving between 6,000/=



to 10,000/= after 8 weeks and for 300 layers we have been receiving 6,000- 11,000/= monthly.

### **HEALTH PROGRAM**

Health is very important to the children. This is managed by good nutritional feeding programs, emergency first aid and set capital for treatment of chronic illnesses.

There is a need for a trained nurse who will be able to check the children regularly and offer treatment. Currently we do checking of the orphans and all children on rotational program.

## **.STAFFS**

**R**ehema Day Care and Orphans Centre has a total of 25 staffs. These include the teachers, management, care givers, cooks, watchmen, chaplain, vocational tutors and other subordinate staffs who are helping in the kitchen, cleaning and our income generating activities.

Our greatest challenge is that when the



### **Rehema centre staffs**

staff completes their training from AYA, they no longer want to come back, they search for schools that offers better pay, this draws us back, it is our prayer if we can find a person who would pay for at least five teachers, so as we can have to retain and retain them.

### **REHEMA DAY CARE AND ORPHANS CENTRE INVOLVEMENT IN COMMUNITY PROGRAM**

Rehema Day and Orphans Centre as a welfare project is aimed at assisting orphans and vulnerable children in the slums to acquire basic education. The centre has in the past engaged in programs such as: training HIV/AIDS, miss Koch, community clean up programs, rights against violence, advocating for security, counseling and guiding, tree planting and environment day feeding programs, helping disabled and spiritual guidance.

### **Spiritual counseling**

The children we take care suffer for lack

through empathizing, problem solving and spiritual support. We show them that God has compassion and is our security. He forgives and reconciles and that they can live meaningful and hopeful life, finding peace and acceptance. We help them live positively and happily with the little we have.

### **Feeding program**

Everyone has the right to have a access to sufficient nutritionally, adequate and culturally acceptable food for an active healthy life.

Kenya is facing the challenge of extreme poverty that denies a significant share of the populace their rights to food. The situation is bad in Korogocho, with the people too poor and vulnerable that they can not give the children and orphans food.

Rehema Day Care and Orphans Centre offers feeding program to all its pupils and other beneficiaries. Currently the challenge is Rehema day care and orphans centre as a long term and sustainable



**Picture of feeding program**

project have been enabled to achieve some objectives through well wishers and community contribution form, the accessible benefits through the church and the income generating activities, We also lack enough capital to invest in our income generating activities which acts as a supplement to our budget.

The number of children also increased from 380 to 500 thus making our expenses go high. We had also addition of 16 street children and other old children coming for food. The price of food has also gone high forcing us also too ask for help to be able to sustain them

### **HOW TO SUPPORT THE CENTER**

The following programs can be supported by you. We accept materials or financial help to the following programs:

feeding program, construction of children home administration costs, school uniform, clothing for orphans and street children, school fees, school instruction materials, school equipments, institutional vehicle.

Send your contribution to: **CO-OPERATIVE BANK OF KENYA , KARIOBANGI BRANCH, A/C NO. 0110088649100, SWIFT NO. (CODE) KCOOKENA, BANK CODE: 001, BRANCH CODE: 0041**

REHEMA DAY CARE AND ORPHANS CENTRE AND SCHOOL PROJECTED  
 PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE FINANCIAL FISCAL YEAR 31<sup>ST</sup> DEC. 2010 – 31<sup>ST</sup>  
 DEC. 2011.

<b>REVENUE EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>PROPOSED KSH.</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>REMAR KS</b>
sales & wages	1,692,000		
stationeries & printing	42,000		
repair & mantainence	135,000		
travelling	22,000		
telephone communication	12,000		
postal rental & postage	12,500		
poultry maintenance	230,000		
dress making& tailoring	78,000		
medical care	20,000		
electricity	18,000		
feeding program (support)	135,000		
fire-wood	60,000		
hospitality& entertainment	25,000		
learning materials (textbooks)	140,000		
activities & sports	35,000		
examinations	95,000		
water bills	60,000		
equipments	40,000		
<b>TOTAL EXPECTED OPERATING EXPENDITURE</b>		<b>2,851,500</b>	
construction of orphanage home & toilet	4,000,000		
Extension of the class room (construction )	7,000,000	<b>11,000,000</b>	
contigencies		<b>100,000</b>	
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>		<b>13,851,500</b>	