

#### CHILD REGIONAL EDUCATION SUPPORT SERVICES

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Child Regional Education Support Services is not-for- profit, Community Based Organization, operating in Korogocho, Kariobangi, Mathare and Gomongo slums. Its main objective is to make education accessible to the underprivileged children regardless of their religious, ethnic or racial backgrounds. It seeks to protect their rights, build confidence in them and make sure they grow into responsible adults who will bring change in the society.

## **OUR HISTORY**

Child Regional Education Support Services was founded and registered in December 15th, 2011 as a non-profit Community Based Organization with the main aim of assisting vulnerable primary school children in the slums of Korogocho, Gomongo, Mathare North and Kariobangi to access education.

After assessing the situation slum children were facing, three young men came together to form CRESS, which they believed would help shape the future of young generations.

#### **MISSION**

To make it possible for the marginalized children and youth access education.

## VISION

To make education accessible to the less privileged members of the society in Kenya and beyond.

## **OBJECTIVES**

- 1. To make it possible for the underprivileged children access quality education.
- 2. To provide schools with education support services i.e books and stationery.
- 3. To instill confidence and spirit of hard work in young people so that they grow into responsible citizens.
- 4. To enlighten people on the importance of cleaner environment.
- 5. To create HIV/AIDS Awareness.
- 6. To nurture talent through sports.
- 7. To protect the rights of children.
- 8. To eradicate any form of gender based violence.
- 9. To promote gender equality.
- 10. To initiate youth projects in order to create employment.
- 11. To motivate school children through guidance and counseling.

## INSTITUTIONS WE WORK WITH

- Primary schools: both public and private.
- Youth Centers.
- Day Care Centers.
- Orphanages.
- ❖ Street Children Projects.
- Rehabilitation Centers.
- Institutions for the physically challenged.

## WHAT WE DO

- Protect the rights of the children.
- Promote Gender equality.
- Donate books and learning materials to schools.
- Provide vulnerable primary school girls with sanitary pads.
- Paint Black Boards.
- Initiate Youth projects which create employment.
- Provide school children with psycho-socio support.
- Create HIV/AIDS Awareness in schools and the community.
- Sensitize the Community on environmental issues.
- Organize for sporting activities to nurture talent, foster peace and understanding.

## **ACHIEVEMENTS**

The organization has helped 10,000 vulnerable girls from the slums of Korogocho, Gomongo and Kariobangi with sanitarypads. This initiative has also been supported by Equity and KCB banks.

Donated learning materials; books, stationery, desks and paints to schools from the three slums.

CRESS in partnership with Peer and Counseling club of USIU has done counseling to 4,300 children in schools and children centre from Kariobangi and Mathare.

CRESS in partnership with Rotaract club of USIU has started the process of equipping the library of Asulma Primary School in Kariobangi with enough text books to meet its increasing number of children.

CRESS in partnership with Natural Resources and Waste Management Alliance has trained 34 women from Kariobangi and Korogocho slums on energy conservation and donated solar cookers to them. This has enabled them save on money and time.

CRESS in partnership with Computer Aid International will establish an ICT Center in Kariobangi, 2014. Here 800 youths drawn from Mathare and Korogocho slums will be trained on computer skills. After successfully completing their training, the youths shall be helped to secure employment in both formal and non formal sectors.

We have also encouraged a number of youths from Kariobangi to shun violence and crime through sensitization and community mobilization.

Environment is part and parcel of our society, we do therefore, sensitize the slum dwellers to pick each and every litter in their surroundings so that high standard of hygiene is observed.

CRESS was nominated for the Nile Africa Awards for the advancement of education, 2013, alongside Action Aid and First Lady of Rwanda organization.

The following schools and institutions have benefited from our projects;

- 1. Asulma Education Center.
- 2. St. Joel Academy.
- 3. Emaus Education Center.
- 4. Sun Rays Academy.
- 5. Wisdom Education Center.
- 6. Kasa Emmanuel primary school.
- 7. Mefag Children's Home
- 8. Deligent Education Center.
- 9. Kariobangi Nursery School.

## **PARTNERS**

- 1. Equity Bank.
- 2. Nile Africa Development, United Kingdom.
- 3. Computer Aid International.
- 4. Natural Resources and Waste Management Alliance (NAREWAMA).
- 5. Kenya Commercial Bank (KCB).
- 6. United States International University (USIU).

# MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE

CRESS is managed by a Patron, seven member committee, Director, Programme Officer and Project Coordinator.













