**HURUMA KABWENYA SELF HELP GROUP**

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**PROJECT PROFILE**

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**PROJECT LOCATION** :HURUMA

**PROJECT TITLE** : community educational support

**PROJECT COVERAGE AREA :** mathare/dandora

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**PROJECT STATUS** : Web Hosting USA

**PROJECT TARGET BENEFICIARIES** : poor school children/ovc plwa

**PROJECT DURATION :** (12 months)

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**Project introduction**

The huruma kabwenya self help group was initiated in the year 2006. .

The community through the consulted efforts of the stake holders suggested that a practical approach be adopted and should be result oriented.

Most of the pertinent issues, as per the survey outlined the following shortcomings.

For the society to achieve the millennium development goals and vision 2030, it is very important to address the following issues.

1. Community be empowered to address social / economic impact of HIV/AIDS/VCT & mitigation effects.
2. Community be provided with affordable, accessible primary education and skill transfer programme for the OVCs & needy children.
3. Community be provided with microfinance, business skills, opportunities for table banking for economic empowerment & development.

The initiative is supported by community volunteers, stake holders and well wishers..

**The community beneficiaries mostly experience the following challenges**.

* Lack of school fees, lack of consistent feeding program.
* Lack of school uniforms & shoes.
* Inadequate learning materials.
* High rate of orphan hood
* Lack of proper and accurate HIV/AIDS information.
* Poverty and inconsistent family support.
* School drop outs.

It is due to the above fundamental negative development that the huruma kabwenya exists to provide a humanitarian bridge of survival to the beneficiaries through its existing programs.

All the effort is geared towards providing holistic community empowerment strategies and synergies aimed at propelling round shaped community development approach for service delivery.

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**PROBLEM STATEMENT & JUSTIFICATION**

According to Kenya AIDS strategic plan (KNSP) priority areas, covered the following aspect.

1. Prevention of new infection with the objective of reducing the number of new infection both in vulnerable groups and the general population.
2. Improve the quality of life of people living with HIV/AIDS and the affected households.
3. Mitigation of social – economic impact with the objective of adapting existing program that are innovative to respond to the impact of the epidemic on communities, social services and economic productivity and recovery.

In 2009 there were approximately 2.4 million OVCs living in Kenya representing 30% of the total number of children living in poverty. While approximately 600,000 of these lived in extremely poor households (this reflects the project coverage area.)

Living conditions of OVCs have made it difficult to provide them with basic services for example according to the integrated households budget survey 2005/6 only 85% of children who lost one or both parents were attending school compared to 93% of other children.

The OVC also tends to start school at a later age and drop out earlier that other children due to unavoidable circumstances. Although about 82% of children aged 0-4 years had birth registration documents.

The majority of the remaining children who were registered were orphans the number of OVC have been continuously rising in Kenya mainly because of the wide spread problem HIV/AIDS. It is due to the above effect that the project is willing to go an extra mile to empower the community in exploring the practical ways of reducing poverty.

**PROJECT COMPONENTS**

* School programme feeding programs
* Health and HIV/AIDS programme.

**PROJECT BROAD OBJECTIVES**

* To sponsor needy beneficiaries to access pre and primary education, secondary and other transfer programs.
* To support food security activities by constructing green houses for fresh produce targeting the beneficiaries’ households.

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**SPECIFIC PROJECT OBJECTIVES**

* To increase the number of beneficiaries to 100 needy children and provide pre – primary educational support for a period of 12 months. (renewable)
* To support the community resource center with equipments and materials for development and education.
* To provide sponsorship support for 100 needy children.
* To develop at least 4 green houses for food security

**PROPOSED/CURRENT PROJECT ACTIVITIES**

* Provision of pre & primary education services.
* Community based feeding programs for the vulnerable community.
* Networking and collaboration with different partners.

**PROJECT STRENGTHS**

* Office space for administrative support.
* The project has a structure serving as a community resource center.
* A good number of children who want to be admitted at the center for education services.

**PROJECT METHODOLOGIES AND STRATEGIES**

To conduct community mobilization activities.

To use food as motivating tool for children and provision of scholarships for needy children.

Provision of universal primary education.

**PROJECT SUSTAINABILITY PROSPECTS**

* As part of the strategic plan for sustainability and continuity, the community programs will train the community beneficiaries in different aspects of the project management. These will ensure the sustainability of the project. The approach will ensure full participation and inclusion.
* The acquisition of the green house for food security will produce food for the beneficiaries while the supply will be sold for extra income.
* Different groups will be trained in the hand making industries where different products will be made for sale (beads, necklaces, boutique and rings).
* Different activities will target the school, church groups, companies and individuals to participate in fundraising activities.

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**PROJECT INDICATORS**

* Number of conducted feeding programs and targeted beneficiaries.
* Number of scholarships given to needy children from the community.
* Number of volunteers’ attached to the programme.
* Number of members given revolving loan.

**PROJECT EXPECTATIONS**

* Children provided with quality education.
* Good community support for the project activities.
* Well supported community resource center.
* Improved food security and best center.
* Well motivated staff.

**PROJECT FUTURE PLANS**

* To develop a comprehensive revolving loan fund for the community.
* To develop a community borehole for water supply for the community.
* To develop 4 green houses for food security.
* To get 5 hectares for agricultural activities / build an orphanage centre.
* To construct additional structures to accommodate the children.

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