

# Hope for teenage Mothers Bulletin

## Kenyan teenage mums continues to Thrive

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HTM inception was inspired by a chance meeting of like-minded people who shared their concerns of the plight of teenage mothers. They decided to act by initiating a program aimed at bringing meaningful change into the lives of these teenage mums. Hope for Teenage Mothers (HTM) is of a girl child who looks into a future of hope and promise.

### ED report

2012 was a year of Hope for the teenage mothers and their children.

*Vocational training:* The vocational class for 2012 graduated 16 girls. Most of the teenage mothers are opting to do small jobs within the neighboring factories in order to support their children and families as opposed to schooling all day. HTM is re-scheduling the time table that will accommodate the teen mums and their needs too.

### *Entrepreneurship*

HTM trained 23 girls from Dagoretti on business training. Three of the girls have set up their own small saloons within the slum.

HTM is working with friends and partners to issue each girl with a sewing machine after graduation so that they can be self sustainable after the course.

One teenage mother of 3 Jacinta has been able to keep 8 beehives after the 3 months training and the seed capital given to her. Jacinta is happy that she can now feed her children and take them to school through selling of honey. The bee hives are within the Ngong forest. Jacinta is a representative of the teenage mothers who have been courageous enough to start a business after having received business training from the HTM project.

The girls held an exhibition for their works last November in Sarit Centre and made some sales for their handcrafts.

The Training of Trainers group taught 3 groups of women in Kisii, Lewa dams and Kibera on how to make sanitary pads. All

*A section of teenage mums in class 2012*



*Some of the 2012 vocational group with their teachers for 2012*



*Some of the members for Dagoretti teenage mums Group 2012*

the three groups confirmed that they will teach other mothers this skill.

### *Discipleship training:*

Thanks to Carlile College and the ladies who volunteer to work with our girls (Rebecca & Esther). The program is beneficial to our girls for spiritual welfare, mentorship and wellbeing of our young mothers. The teenage mothers are able to share their fears and hopes as they focus on Jesus as our savior and this gives them hope. We pray for continuity with this programme as it has helped some of the girls at very hopeless moments. *One of the young mother confessed she wanted to kill her 3 children and then commit suicide due to desperation .But after joining the HTM project she was able to join Discipleship training that helped her change her mind' .*

*Some girls have been able to accept their HIV AIDS status through this program support.*

### **PROGRAM UPDATES**

1. Discipleship lessons starts end of February 2013.
2. The case of the demolition of the Reuben Centre was stopped by the high court.
3. HTM continues to focus on the land purchase and the school building for the teenage mums for 2013/2014. We shall finalize on the acquisition the land and by March after the national general elections and then we can focus on the construction.
4. This year we focus to train a group of 20 girls on entrepreneurship training, 20 in dressmaking and 15 in hairdressing. Recruitment will be the first 2 weeks of March 2013.
5. The HTM program is working on giving a tool to each teenage mother after graduation. A tool that will help the teenage mothers' startup small business after graduation on either of our courses.
6. We continue to pray for peace in our country as we face the National General elections on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2013.



*A section of discipleship training class with Rebecca and Esther 2012*



*Samples of Animal print clutchbag made by teen mums sold at the exhibition 2012*



## **THANKS TO OUR FRIENDS AND VOLUNTEERS**

All these accomplishments could not have been possible without the support of our generous and loyal supporters and friends. We take this opportunity to recognize the friends and supporters who continue to support Hope for teenage mothers. The staff of Hope for teenage mothers is grateful and thankful for these contributors. Their generosity helps to change the lives of our girls and their children in the slums of Mukuru and Dagoretti. A donation of \$100 can sponsor one of our graduates to start her own business; \$350 can pay for the instructor for 40 hours of training; \$ 70 can buy the notebooks, paper and pencils necessary for a class of 25, \$60 can buy sanitary pads for a whole class per month and \$70 can buy materials for craft and beadworks for one month training. Your endorsement during these hard economic times will be met with not only gratitude but is filling a real need.

We look forward to having more partners and friends who can help transform the lives of these young vulnerable mothers and their children.

We would like to thank not only those individuals who made monetary contributions and space for training, but those who donated precious time. Thank you to our office volunteers and friends who have supported in putting a smile to the teenage mothers lives and their children.

God bless you.

### ***Kenyan Teenage Mothers continue to Thrive***

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