



Annual Report 2018-2019

Saidia site:
Saidia, Kenya



Our sponsorship program reaches several schools in the community and is based out of an orphanage. The site serves a transient and internally-displaced population where HIV is prevalent. Several schools within the site have gardens which grow enough food to conduct daily school-feeding programs; some even have excess to sell for profit.



Education

Goals

1. To ensure more children perform well academically and are able to join secondary school, college, tertiary education and university.
2. To motivate children and parents.
3. To support teachers initiatives.

Achievements

1. Njeru Primary School, Gilgil Highway Primary School and Township Primary School, where we have 312 sponsored children, have benefited from school feeding programs and continue to perform well in National and County exams.
2. 15 children who performed well in this National Exams and the parents/guardians who could not pay for school fees benefitted from gift catalogue scholarship funds.
3. Through the site initiated Saturday Program, our children continue to gain varied extra-curricular skills, apart from bead work and carpet making this year they have gained skills ranging from farming in small spaces to making safe antiseptics and soap for domestic use.

Health & hygiene

Goals

1. In future we plan to ensure that more children get the best health care available within time by educating our beneficiaries on the need of getting medical check-ups as soon as they feel unwell.

Achievements

1. All of our sponsored children go through a base line pediatric assessment at St Mary's Mission Hospital Elementaita. Complicated dental and eye cases are catered for using sponsorship. Thanks to sponsorship funds parents are able to pay for common ailments at the Sub County Hospital.
2. We continue to train our parents on HIV and AIDs through the Ministry of Health, this has helped them understand more about the virus. We plan to expand the program to educate our growing number of teenagers.

Nutrition

Goals

1. To stabilize the feeding program in the three schools by ensuring both the parents and the community appreciate the benefits of feeding children while in school.
2. To ensure that we improve the diet offered in the three schools by increasing protein, vitamins and mineral intake for physical and mental development. This will happen through supporting the school farms, setting up poultry and rabbit farming and fruit tree farming in the schools.

Achievements

1. We continue to feed children in three public schools in Gilgil. This year we fed 2015 children. We thank Chalice for initiating this noble idea that has seen more and more children attend school, cutting down the number of street children in Gilgil town by 45% as stated by the officer from the Ministry of Education and improvement in academic standards.

Family

Goals

1. We continue training our parents on the Family Financial Plan book. Sharing openly during discussions has improved our parents budgeting skills as seen in their daily life. With loans being easily accessible to them some have moved out of slum dwelling to more affluent areas, many women are now working in business in town, and most have ensured their children lack nothing for school and they also cater for their families for medical expenses.

Achievements

1. Our aim in the future is that we be able to get more funds to top up the group's microfinance kitties, to enable them to loan more, as they are currently limited to what the group has saved. With high loans repayable at low manageable interest rates, the families will be able to set up medium enterprises that will see them voluntarily exit sponsorship for other needy cases in the community.

Community

Goals

1. In future we further plan to form one more Common Interest Group in Gilgil to enable our farmers here be active participant/stakeholder of the feeding program.

Achievements

1. We continue to work with our parents through groups that we set up.
2. We have formed two Common Interest Groups in Njeru area who receive seed subsidy through eRoots funds and are mandated to produce quality cereals for the ongoing school feeding program as a sustainability strategy. As a site we have received/purchased at a competitive price 60 bags, 90 kgs of beans and 80 bags of maize for the Schools. The Common interest groups are receiving all the relevant training in farming and entrepreneurship to be able to meet market demands

Family funding

Goals

1. Our aim is to educate the parents more on savings and the need to engage in enterprises to generate more income. Family Funding with support from Microfinance and Microenterprise training will greatly improve the living standards of our parents of sponsored children.

Achievements

1. Family Funding continues to improve the life our families as they plan well for the funds ensuring basic needs are catered for. This seen among the children where they are well dressed, healthier, do not miss school, and in case of ill health, the parents are able to take them to hospital. The parents understand the need to budget and save, and most of them currently understand their families financial status thus are trying to live within their means.