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WORD FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Hellen Gathogo holding a new rescued baby

Our foundation is a grassroots indigenous Foundation working to address unique challenges facing children, mostly the girl child and local women in their pursuit for better lives and their dignity. This humanitarian has been working hard to address the educational, legal, social economic and emotional concerns of adolescents and teenage girls as well as women to ensure their holistic development. As a humanitarian foundation, its services transcend all human barriers such as region, tribe, religious denomination, social class and the like.

The curse of an orphan is in many ways one of the only dark certainties in the world today. Lives can be tainted and shrouded in pessimism by karmic justice, inactivity and bad luck; they are however affected by one's own actions. The orphan however is born into the body of the world, a crippled world, the spine missing. The orphan has no promise of paternal strength or maternal warmth; they are a solitary being within a race that draws strength and hope from a family the orphan does not possess.

Those of you whom have followed the project from 2010 in its infancy will be aware of the horrific conditions these children were forced to endure: a diet of wet cardboard, no shelter or sanitation. One could say that the One More Day for Children Foundation has embarked on a mass fostering drive, rescuing children from human abuses; however, the stability of the family unit is something that most of us take very much for granted. We enjoy the privilege of cyclical responsibility: We are born and cared for by our parents, who gradually wean us towards independence, until such a point in time when we are capable of doing the same for our children. Our society is structured with the family in mind: social services, benefits, schools, nurseries, destinations for family days out, parent and child car parking... the list goes on.

All these exist, for the simple reason that we are a society that understands the importance structured education of these children will lead to. A prosperity and comfort that they could never have imagined. Sponsorship program and our institutional care program try to fill a vacuum of loneliness and isolation. While we pay special attention to our accountability to the children and communities we work with around the world, sharing information through a range of mechanisms highlighted within this report, the target audience for this report itself are partner organizations, donors and supporters and the governments, institutions and organizations that we seek to involve in helping these children. A multi sectoral Approach.

Our era is filled with crises, disasters and upheavals that move and affect us. The greatest victims are children and families who do not have the means to overcome crisis situations on their own. This means that OMDC is needed more than ever – to provide hope and offer new perspectives.

Mandate

The efforts of each and every worker and volunteers within our organization allow us to provide hope to hundreds of children each day, through experiencing care, kindness and trust– in addition to providing them with reasons for future optimism. Last one year ,every one of our workers and volunteers including the members of the Board of Directors Kenya and the coordinating team of our Endowment fund in Czech Republic put their whole heart into the foundation`s efforts once again. We would like to graciously thank our Partners especially I Choose Life Africa, Jenny Davy Trust and friends From Kenya and other International countries eg Czech Republic who continue to support us with such generosity and dedication during these difficult times. They help us to change children`s lives for the better. They are our strongest allies in the fight against the neglect, isolation, abuse and impoverishment of children. We owe it to the children and to our supporters to use each and every contribution for the benefit of children in the best way we possibly can. We are now active in 4 Districts within the Northern Kenya, 3 of which are arid and semi arid counties with serious humanitarian challenges mostly affecting children and women negatively.

This is a huge success – yet one coupled with great responsibility and challenges. We are experiencing times of change, which particularly developed dramatically. Times of change can also be opportunities for new beginnings because they can force us to reconsider our assumptions and show us new paths. Path of greater compassion and responsibility, for the sake of our future and that of future generations – who happen to be the children of today. Definitely, there is no going back...OMDC is growing big and bigger every day and its impact is being felt internationally. We can only think about being the main mouthpiece of the suppressed and the abused in Kenya. We owe it to Kenyan children! Thanks and take some minutes to read the report and be updated on our FY activities.

WORD FROM THE CHAIRMAN-MR. KIPROTICH W. KIGET



Chairman nurturing tree plant with some girls from the Safe House.

WHO WE ARE:

One More Day for Children foundation is a child rights focused grass root indigenous organization founded in 2009, working in pastoralist communities in Northern Kenya to address unique challenges facing children, mostly the girl child and local women in their pursuit for better lives and their dignity.

Its overall goal is to promote the welfare of all children, especially girl child from Northern Kenya districts, encourage their participation in development, and respond to the needs of those who through cruelty eg. Child marriages, FGM, Beading, neglect, child labour, child prostitution, abandonment, Abject poverty, HIV/AIDS, death of parents or other misfortunes, are rendered in need of care and special protection.

OMDC is a symbol of strength among children from pastoral community and urban slums, an indigenous women and girl's human rights organization. OMDC acts as a mouthpiece to articulate and take a lead role in their developments, social needs and address challenges as well as facilitate them to advance and protect their human rights and aspirations collectively.

The organizations rescue the affected children and put them in safe environment and enrol them in schools. Probational services are provided for to secure justice in children's court for the abused. To address the conflict, and the root cause of the problem, their parents especially women are enrolled in family rehabilitation, empowerment and livelihood improvement program where they are registered by the ministry of culture and social services and educated on how to access micro credit services or government loans to start small business to improve their lives through the organization's famous strategy known as "Glass of Wine" More than 500 children have benefited from this service since.

The organization also runs a **Safe House for the rescued girls ie survivors of SGBV**. They are accommodated, given psychosocial support and enrolled in schools. More than 500 girls have benefited since inception. Our Girl Mentorship and women livelihood Programme focus to give girls access to education, adolescence girls reproductive health and provide exposure and platform for girls to share their challenges, success and lesson learnt to real-life experiences. The end results girls motivate each other from, what they have seen and experienced, turning that motivation into focus on their leadership in life.

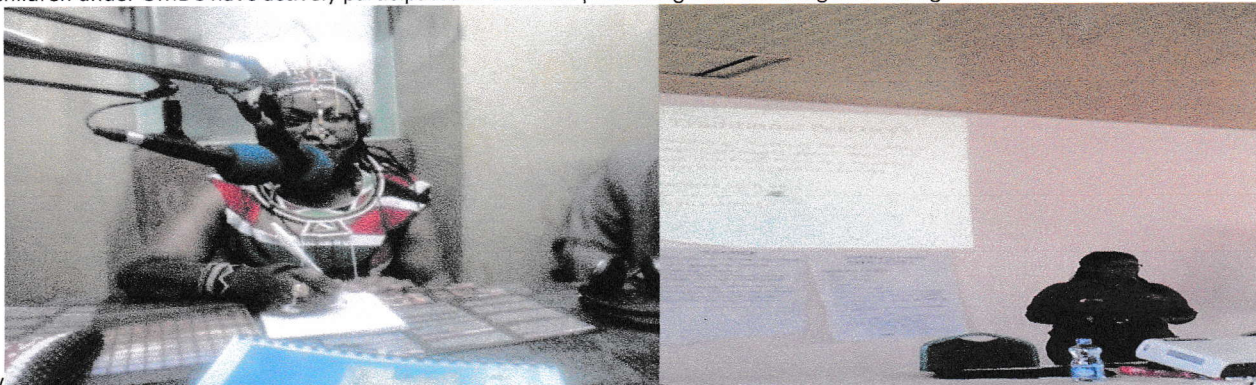
The programme also aims to give girls who have gone through the programme the opportunity to mentor younger girls with dreams of becoming successful in different field in life. The Organization is professionally lead by women as the majority whose key mandate is to raise not only the voice and status of indigenous children especially girls but also spearheads local initiatives aimed at securing human and women rights; safety for local girl-child in the society.

FRAMEWORK OF REFERENCE

OMDC Kenya work is anchored in United Nation Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC), African Charter on Rights and Welfare of Children (ACRWC), and draws a broad legitimacy base from The Bill of Rights Chapter as enshrined in The Constitution of Kenya, Children's Act 2001, FGM Act, sexual offences Act and other relevant sectoral, national, regional and international frameworks that nullify the logic and practice of child/human rights abuse and exploitation, sexual and gender based violence (SGBV), particularly in fragile and hostile conflict environment.

OUR VISION

such, children under OMDC have actively participated in activities promoting and educating on child rights within the



county

The ED in a National radio station discussing children`s rights in Kenya. 2. ED training leaders on child rights

To domesticate the rights for better understanding by children themselves, **Child to Child (CTC)** Strategy is used. Children leaders are trained together with their patrons on the method and they use it in their respective clubs to air their voice on issues affecting their lives within the community.

Within the period under review, the organization played an advisory role in the formation of the County Children`s Parliament by the ministry of Education and UNICEF. In May, children were able to hold elections and the following table shows who were elected. . 10 of OMDC children were elected by other children in various schools to represent them in the **Children`s Parliament**. They hold different key positions eg Presidents, Vice President, Governors, Senators, Speakers and ministers. This is incredible. The objectives of children`s Government is are:

- To enhance communication between children, management staff and parents
- To create a stronger relationship between the children and teachers.
- To promote an environment conducive to educational and personal development
- To promote friendship, relations, negotiation and respect among children.
- To support the management and staff in the holistic development of school

a) CHILD PROTECTION TRAINING WORKSHOP FOR DUTY BEARERS by OMDC KENYA AND I CHOOSE LIFE AFRICA

This took in January at the sportsman arms hotel in Nanyuki. It was a 3 days residential training fully funded by I Choose Life Africa. The Trainers were the Executive Director OMDC Kenya, The OMDC Kenya Board chairman, the Chief magistrate Nanyuki law courts, the County Director of children`s Services and ICL.

Participants were :

- National and County government structures
- The family
- The community (men and Women)
- Probation and social welfare officer
- Health officers

- Teachers and relevant education officials
- The court (prosecutors and advocates)
- Police
- Chiefs
- Local leaders (MCAs and CECs)
- The media
- CBOs, CClIs
- Faith-based organizations

ICL and OMDC staff etc

The Child Protection training paid special attention to care and support of the most marginalized children. This training was based on a child rights approach, emphasizing how children's rights are introduced, nurtured and protected within communities, as well as how community-based mechanisms and systems for protecting children are Strengthened. Other concepts included child participation, resilience and Vulnerability. This training gave participants a basic understanding of the terminology and frameworks that relate to child protection, as well as focus on specific skill development related to communication, research and advocacy. It also trained them on how to handle cases related to them.

b) DAY OF THE AFRICAN CHILD:

The Day of the African Child is commemorated every year on 16 June by Member States of the African Union (AU), and its Partners (in accordance with Resolution CM/Res.1290 (XL). This occasion is firstly a commemoration to recall the 1976 uprising in Soweto, when a protest by school children in South Africa against apartheid –inspired education resulted in the public killing of these unarmed young protesters by police officials. The DAC further presents an opportunity to focus on the work of all actors committed to the rights of children on the continent, to consolidate their efforts in addressing the obstacles for realizing these rights. The DAC also provides an occasion for Governments, International Institutions and Communities to renew their on-going commitments towards improving the plight of children by organizing activities aimed at including them.

Every year ,a theme is identified by the Committee and adopted by the Executive Council. This year`s theme was *"conflict and crisis in Africa: protecting all children`s rights"* In line with the ACRWC(African Charter on Rights and Welfare of Children) continental study on the impact of the armed conflict on children in Africa, it is part of the efforts to alleviate child protection agenda in conflict situation in Africa as well as a guarantee to the protection and preservation of life and well being of African Children.

In Laikipia County, This day was celebrated on 16th June 2016 at Doldol Primary School. The County Commissioner and the County Children`s Advisory council, with the coordination of the County children`s Officer planned for the day. The team drew budget and sent out to all organizations (NGOs) dealing with children in Laikipia for contribution. In response,6 NGOs supported the event by contributing money. These were USAID APHIA PLUS, UKAID Girls Education Challenge, ICL Jielimishe Program (OMDC Partner), NEEMA CHILDREN`S HOME, CHILD WELFARE SOCIETY OF KENYA AND SAMBURU WOMEN TRUST. Also the

County Government of Laikipia. The guest of honor for Laikipia was MS. RUTH JULIET NYAMBURA GACHANJA, the Kenya chairman of the counter trafficking in person's advisory council. However, due to a big event in Nairobi for the Retirement of our Chief Justice, she could not make it and therefore appointed the Executive Director ONE MORE DAY FOR CHILDREN KENYA, Hellen Gathogo to be the guest of honor on her behalf and read out her speech to the public. This is because OMDC is a member of the Kenya Group fighting the Trafficking of persons especially children and illegal migrants human rights. This was a great honor to OMDC

All Organizations with Children's Homes, Safe Houses, Rescue Centers, and Rehabilitation centers were required to prepare their children to attend and present poems, dances, speech, drama or songs. They were to take care of the transport to and from the venue. The participating children and schools were provided for with lunch ie, breads and milk. OMDC did not contribute but took children to participate. The event was attended by senior government officials, senior NGOs officials and Directors, teachers, politicians, parents and children.

Our girls presented 2 songs and a poem and one of them Omdc 117, Margaret Malkia gave a speech while OMDC 137 Josephine gave final thanks, prayers and invited guests to tour OMDC Safe house and plant trees.

The safe house received very important and rare senior government officials and Nanyuki Law Court Judge and Court prosecutors. Also, the chairperson of Women Development movement in Laikipia and the County Commissioner. Other NGOS eg Child Welfare Society and NEEMA Children's Home also visited.

As you can see from the photos, the visitors talked to the children, toured the safe House, Planted trees for remembrance and fed all children with breads and Juice before leaving back to Nanyuki.





Through child participation the children are sensitized on their rights and the significance of being involved in issues affecting them. To promote child participation OMDC has been actively conducting awareness trainings and meetings throughout the county and aims at establishing ROC (Rights of the Child) clubs in schools .

2. COUNTER TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS(CTIP)

More than ninety percent of the women and children trapped into prostitution are from rural areas. Rural women and families often have very limited knowledge of the law and the availability of jobs in urban areas and the traffickers use this to their advantage

In almost all the cases, a person well known to the victim, a remote relative, friend, acquaintance, or in some cases, the potential husband, facilitate the trafficking process. The agents are known to marry women legitimately before taking them away to be sold. Often there is a contract drawn, to convince the parents of the legal validity, before taking over the youngsters. In cases of rape and illegitimate relations, victims often think that since they have lost their virginity, they are unacceptable to society and choose the alternative of working as prostitutes as it gives them a degree of financial independence. It has been observed that more often than not, women relatives or acquaintances are used for recruitment, since they are less likely to seem suspicious. These 'madams' also have assured places in reaping the benefits of the trafficking syndicates. There have also been cases when these recruiters take money from the families of their victims, claiming it as compensation for their efforts.

Pimps, traffickers and recruiters from different areas collect at pre-determined locations with "recruited" women and children before taking off to various destinations. It seems obvious that the owners of these places - hotels, restaurants, motels, houses, apartments, truck stop or sleeping carriages - as well as the transporters are well aware of the intentions and nature of the transactions and actions being carried out.

There are no apparent standard procedures for transportation. Sometimes the girls are collected in groups and taken to their destination. At times, they are brought in individually to the intermediate location where they meet with other co-travelers. Small time traffickers apparently do their own recruiting as the middlemen, who then sell the "load" to organized trafficking syndicates. There are reports of women being raped as a form of initiation during the journey. These trafficked women and girls are sold into different trades, of course without their consent, and a large number of them are traded into prostitution. A number of women are forced in to domestic labor and they are at the mercy of the employers who freely abuse, torture and exploit them. There is a great demand for cheap labor and the trafficked women and girls are best suited for this sector because they have no option but to accept whatever is offered to them. Besides being migrants they have no recourse to legal or police help. A large number of them can be found working in houses, factories and various shops. They are overworked, underpaid and enjoy absolutely no facilities or rights. In other cities these trafficked women and young girls can be found in the massage parlors from where they are picked up by customers for sexual pleasures. A lot of young girls are victims of sex tourism, mail-order brides, barmaids and cabaret dancers. The nature of employment varies with the needs of the demand areas.



Training of experts/trainers on counter trafficking in persons by UNODC

Laikipia:

In Laikipia, most children are trafficked for servitude, sexual slavery, child marriage, forced labor, drug peddling and debt bondage. One More Day for Children Foundation is a member of the National Network on Counter Trafficking in Persons. The Network is spearheaded by UNODC (United Nations office on Drugs and Crimes) and IRC (International Rescue Committee). OMDC have worked with a special group to help Kenya develop SOP (standard Operating Procedures), Guidelines and other tools to be administered on any case of trafficking. The OMDC safe house has been mapped to host any such case in Northern Kenya as the Government support and the Network.

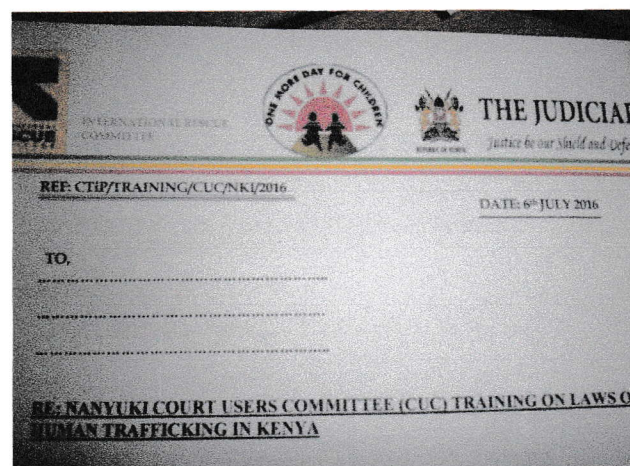


OMDC activity under the initiative falls under obj. 2&3

National working group on CTiP act by UNODC



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partnership with IRC and Judiciary trained all Court Users Committee members in a workshop held at the Storms Resort and Camp Site.



3. CHILD SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM: “Smart Ways to Make a Global Difference”

Most people have heard stories or seen images depicting the dire conditions faced by families living in poverty in developing countries. These stories can make people feel compelled to get involved, but often they are left with questions about the best way to help families in need.

One More Day for Children Foundation believes that **child sponsorship** is one of the best ways to connect with and assist families throughout the world trying to survive in extreme poverty -- often on less than \$1 per day.

Sponsorship benefits are designed to meet critical needs and help families build a path out of poverty we are equal and we need each other. We are interdependent.

Basic Sponsorship Models

Child sponsorship programs, like the one offered by OMDC, give people the opportunity to impact global poverty through recurring, monthly contributions. Sponsorship donations are then used to provide families in need with basic resources like food, education and health care benefits. There are three basic models, although some organizations combine two or more of the basic sponsorship models to carry out their mission.

Community Projects -- Some child sponsorship organizations pool the funds from individual sponsorships to help support larger community projects like the development of new schools or hospitals. These organizations also might distribute general goods like food or clothing to entire communities.

Direct Support -- Organizations such as OMDC connect individual sponsors with children in need, providing them and their families with resources such as food, education, vocational training and medical care.

Third-Party Support -- A few organizations use the sponsorship dollars they collect to support local groups or organizations that already provide resources for people living in poverty, including schools, churches, shelters and food banks.

In addition to financial support, some child sponsorship organizations provide a way to create a personal connection with sponsored children through letters. These letters allow sponsors to witness the impact of their contributions and provide a way to offer words of encouragement.

Sponsorship offers a lot more than financial support, what the child and family really are hearing from you is, **'You are not alone and I believe in you.'** As an OMDC sponsor, a tax-deductible contribution of \$64 per month provides a child and family with:

- **Basic resources such as food, clothing and health care.**
- **Educational benefits such as school supplies, uniforms, tuition and other school fees.**

Child sponsorship helps provide life-giving basics like food, clean water, medical care, and education — giving kids the chance to simply be kids. Through the help of well wishers, corporate bodies and partners e.g. Olpejeta Conservancy and from outside Kenya especially Czech Republic in Europe(90% of the sponsors come from here through OMDC Czech Endowment Fund) and I choose life Africa the organization has a total of 246 children (boys and girls) on sponsorship. Out of this, 120 girls are the survivors of Sexual Gender Based Violence i.e. FGM, Early/Forced Marriage, Beading and Defilement and accommodated in safe house in Doldol.

Sponsorship takes care of all kind of children the organization rescues and undertakes to help as children in need of protection. They include:

- HIV/AIDS infected and affected children,
- Orphaned by other causes
- Children living in urban slums and rural poor,
- Children living with elderly caretakers
- . Shepherds and abandoned,
- Abused (Physical, emotional, sexual and neglect)
- Survivors of gender based violence (FGM, Early Marriage, Sexual exploitation, Beading etc.)
- Teenage mothers' children born of teenage pregnancy
- Internally displaced/ un accompanied children

And others.



Rescued girls receiving their sponsorship benefits at Doldol Primary school

The table below shows nature of social problems that exposed them to danger/vulnerability calling for care and protection from OMDC.

CATEGORY	NO. OF CHILDREN
Orphaned by HIV/Aids related causes	50
Living with HIV/AIDS	10
cultural factors(Early marriage, beading FGM)	120
Sexual Abuse	17
Abandoned/neglected	14
Street children	11
Banditry/Insecurity	9
destitution	15
TOTAL	246

The table below shows the distribution based on the level of education they are currently in.