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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.

We know every single child under our care! We work directly with and for children. We know every single child under our care: his or her history and their development potential. That's why we place top priority on quality care. Children who cannot grow up in their biological family are especially dear to us. Their situation has changed for the better in recent years thanks to our foundation. In many areas, however, there is still a pressing need for capacity building, advocacy and awareness creating.

We value girl's empowerment and day in and out, we spend time and resources rescuing them out of abusive environment to a safe house where they can attend school and get education. We do believe when girls are educated, their families are healthier, they have fewer children, they wed later, and they have more opportunities to generate income. One extra year of primary school boosts a girl's future wage 10 to 20 percent and an extra year of secondary school increases that earning potential by 15 to 25 percent. Education also helps moms take better care of their kids. According to the World Bank, each additional year of female education reduces child mortality by 18 per thousand births

Large care institutions often exhibit serious weaknesses. Where individual support is lacking, children do not always experience a loving home. Smaller, more informally designed care models often lack quality standards, monitoring mechanisms and evaluation. Yet all children and young adults have a right to professional and loving support. We cannot allow children to become the victims of legal, political or societal shortcomings, just because they do not have a voice or a vote. Currently, more than 50, children are growing up in our One More Day Children's home/safe space, located in one of the semi arid district of Laikipia known as Laikipia North. Through family strengthening activities, we also help 98 children who live with their biological families. As legal and child rights experts, we see massive problems in care systems across many countries. This is why we are engaged in a broad range of projects and forums to make quality standards in alternative care a reality for hundreds of children and young adults. We must show by example to ensure that decision-makers, NGOs, authorities and care personnel strive to do likewise. We monitor and evaluate the support of children in our care so that we can constantly improve and beat the forefront in the provision of best-practice. In order to establish this obligation within a poverty eradication and vision 2030, the organization came up with an all inclusive economic empowerment and family rehabilitation strategy we call **"THE WINE GLASS MODEL"**

The model calls for active participation of the child, parents, our organization, governments and other donors in eradicating ignorance and poverty so that the family system can be strong to withstand life shocks.. In 2016, we are focusing attention specifically on teaching young people independent living skills, inside and outside of our own programmes ie in and out of schools and within our Safe house.

Unfortunately, too many children end up unnecessarily in alternative care, often because of the retrogressive cultural practices and lack of political will required to ensure family cohesion and to support needy families. Alternative care must guarantee one thing above all: the protection of children from harm - at all times. This is achieved through the provision of loving, reliable relationships between children and their parents, siblings or other carers, so that children can develop the self-esteem, strength and social competence required to be independent, self-sufficient adults. This is the heart of what we do every day. Seven years after sitting down as philanthropists and deciding to start this mission of love for children in need of care and protection, we the founders are grateful that One More Day for Children Foundation is vibrant and continues to develop our work in our mission spirit to focus on helping children.

Ours is a voluntary service which relies completely on grants, donations and the work of volunteers. My heartfelt thanks go to all Czech Nationals supporting children through the OMDC Endowment fund in Czech republic, Our national and International partnering organizations eg I Choose Life Africa and other donors and individual well wishers mentioned later in this report and to my fellow Directors who between them have given the time, money and resources necessary to keep the service in Operation in the best interest of the child. Asante sana!

Join us in this course.

Thanks.

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. Probation 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

A country where every child enjoys the right to a childhood in a safe and caring family, free from Discrimination, abuse, Diseases, violence and exploitation

MISSION STATEMENT:

Our mission is to contribute to a process of restoring hope and improving the quality of life of children, young people in need of protection and care, protect and promote the fundamental rights and freedom of girls from marginalized communities in the Republic of Kenya.

CORE VALUES

- Children and young person's as the centre of all its activities (Child centered)
- Family environment as the unit where children can grow and develop to their full potential.
- Equity and justice for all children irrespective of race, tribe, age, sex, religion and social background.
- Full integration of children into mainstreamed national activity

KEY STRATEGIES

Our principle focus of intervention has been **Capacity Building grass root** communities as main stakeholder to create necessary knowledge, skills and competencies amongst Children/human rights practioners and child rights advocates, **empowering** young people and children in need of protection and care, **enhancing** the social economic capacity of destitute families, **Advocating** for legislative, policy, attitudinal and practice reforms towards eradication of child rights abuse for meaningful and sustainable realization of children's /human rights and social justice, **promoting** the enforcement of laws against child rights abuse and **raising the awareness** of various sections of the community about the nature , magnitude and consequences of the problems .

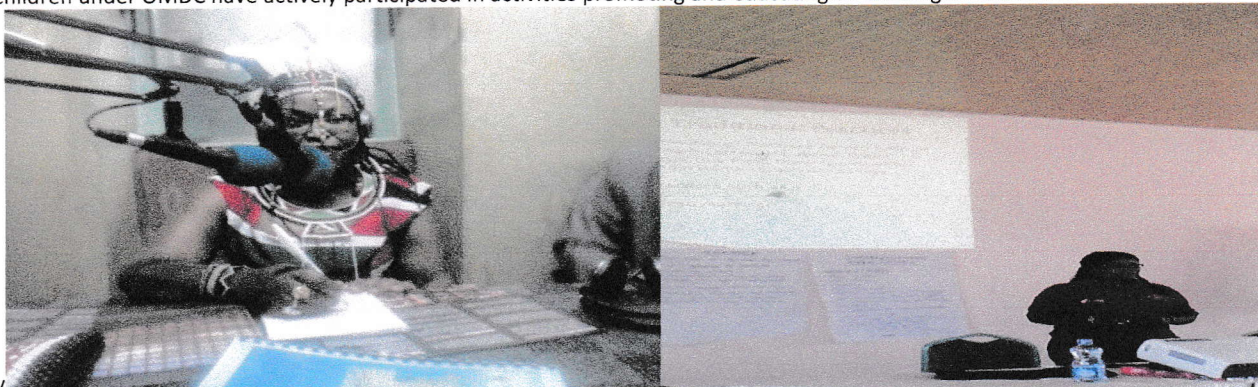
OUR PROGRAMS PROGRESS REPORT

One More Day for Children Recognizing that in Kenya there are children and young people living in exceptionally difficult conditions and that such needs special consideration developed different programs in accordance with Constitution of Kenya, UNCRC and Children's Act No.8 of 2001.

1. CHILD RIGHTS AND CHILD PARTICIPATION PROGRAM

Whereas OMDC has mainstreamed child rights and child participation in all its programmes, this particular one aims at providing children with the opportunity to identify their needs and solutions. This is in recognition of the fact that children can identify their own needs and develop their own solutions. 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. As

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 s 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 feed all children with breads and Juice before leaving back to Nanyuki.





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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.

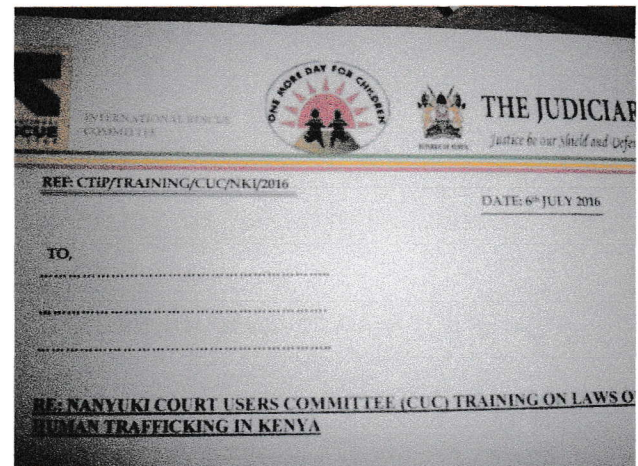


OMDC activity under the initiative falls under obj. 2&3

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.



One of the sponsees who garnered 421 points got admitted at Starehe Boys Centre

4.NSTITUTIONAL CARE PROGRAM/ SAFE House PROGRAM

ONE MORE DAY CHILDREN`S HOME/SAFE HOUSE

The home CURRENTLY has a total population **of 78 children**, 7 of whom are boys. However, the organization is taking care of other 70 children outside the Home. **This translates to a total of 148 children.**

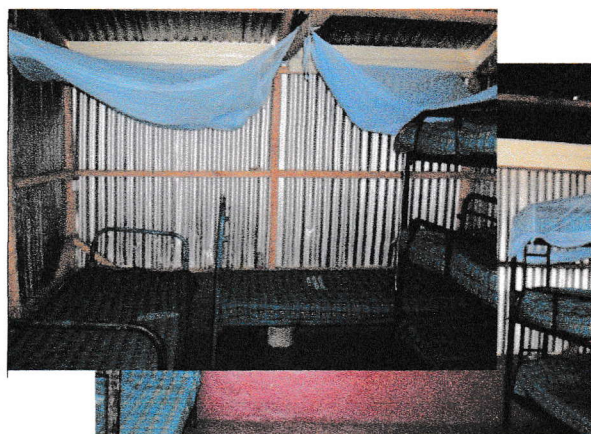
STAFF ESTABLISHMENT:

category	Total number
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE	1 manager
	0 social worker

COOK	2
HOUSE MOTHERS	2
NURSING OFFICER	0
SECURITY GUARDS	3
MAINTAINANCE	0
TOTAL	8

a) DORMITORIES

Children continue to enjoy the real and true warmth and hygiene of the dormitories. Due to the rise in number of rescued girls,



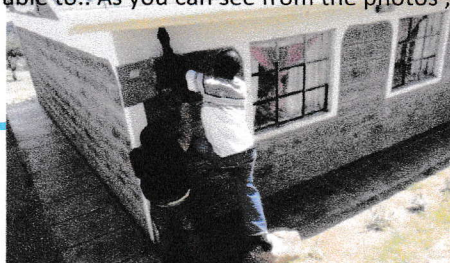
the boys were shifted to the old kitchen which we did some renovations.



Newly renovated old kitchennow hosting boys.

Girls and babies have occupied the 3 dormitories within the new building.

The GOK have honored its pledge to the people of Doldol on electrification. The centre is now connected. However, for the power to be extended to the institution, and to all buildings including the old dormitory and office, money was required. This was quoted to ksh. 83,000.00 Inclusive of ksh. 15,000 connection fee. We were able to meet with KPLC to discuss our financial positions and the connection fee was waived. We were left to pay ksh. 68,000.00 for power extention which we have not been able to.. As you can see from the photos ,the place is now connected.



b) KITCHEN AND DINING HALL

Children have continued enjoying the comfort of the new facility. They use the facility for eating, entertainment and studies.

Many NGOs have visited to view the facility so that they can rent it for seminars and meetings. However, one thing have been a big disadvantage. The serving window is naked and therefore incase of such events, there would be a lot of interruption from the kitchen. This therefore means that there is a dire need to erect a metal sliding window to help solve this problem.

In the month of April, with the help of a partner NGO known as Jielimishe, we were able to hold a 3 days training for parents on business entrepreneurship. This was held in the facility and the interruption was felt.



As you can see, a bed sheet was used to block the space.

Again, the building required t be secured from fire by installing fire extinguishers.

As such, we have been able to put in place fire extinguishers. However, the metal sliding window has not been installed.

It requires **Ksh. 20,000.00** ie USD 200.00 which we do not have.

c) CHRISTMAS CHILDREN'S PARTY

The party was of its own kind, thanks to your donation in cash. The budget was **Ksh. 344,000.00.**

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NEW KCC NANYUKI

FAMILY BANK NANYUKI



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EQUITY BANK NANYUKI

Jenny Davy Trust donated the Ksh. 100,000.00 towards the Party, OMDC Kenya office and the Kenya board members fundraised for the deficit. We did not receive any financial support from OMDC Czech endowment fund towards the event. We had wished to bring all children together, even those we help and living in slums and urban poor. We developed an appeal card with detailed budget. We got some donation in kind towards the same which helped us keep the children in the home in celebratory mode even after the Party. Some of the donations came from New KCC, Nakumatt, Family Bank and Equity bank. Also from individual members of the board. However, we did not hit the target and therefore only children in the safe house benefitted. Each child got a set of new rubber shoe, trouser/skirts and a printed tshirt through the cash donated. Boys got a black tshirt and girls a green tshirt. Then Christmas tree was big and children had decorated it nicely, same to dormitories and dining hall. It was very colorful

Mr. Kiget the Board chairman attended in person and this made children very happy. We had cakes donated from Nyeri friends who also attended plus few young stars from Nanyuki.



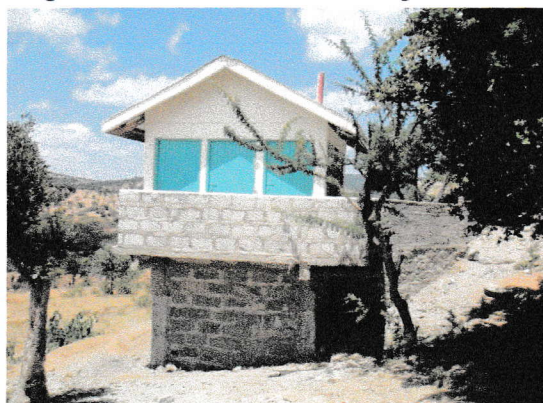
Board Chairman with the children

Yummy food...pilau, meat, mukimo, chapattis .

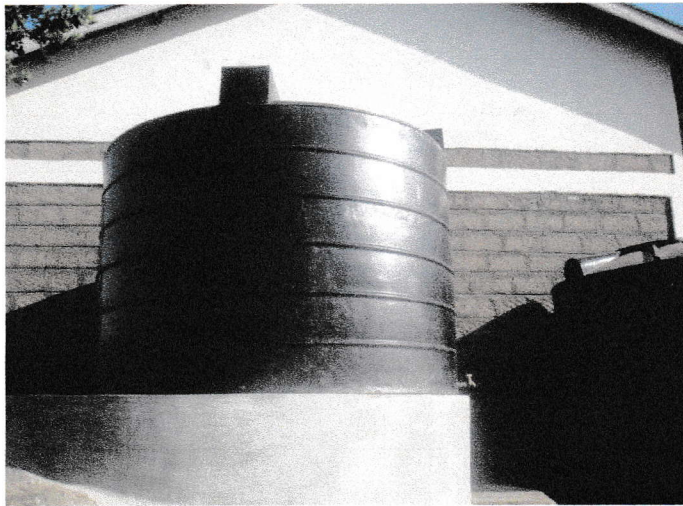
NEW SANITATION BLOCK AND WATER HARVESTING PROJECT

We got financial Support for this from Jenny Davy Trust. A new block of 6 pit latrines on a septic tank was built as per the Public Health Officers requirement.

Further, the same donor donated 30,000 liters water harvesting Tanks, funded the construction of the tanks basements. This was a big boost. We cant thank her enough!



The Toilet block. As shown by the last photo, the pavement is very down and can harm inquisitive children. The contractor need to raise the wall and do some more work on finishing inside.



3 such tank and their base have been done and the tap connection reviewed. At first the taps were connected as shown but this was reviewed in a meeting with the Board chair. The contractor extended the water pipes far away from the tanks to avoid children messing with the tank.

NEW EFFORTS by I CHOOSE LIFE AFRICA

Hard work continued. No surrender. My office and my Board have been working tirelessly.

Within the year, we were able to enter into a new partnership agreement with one of the local organization known as I Choose Life Africa. The organization has been in Laikipia for the last 2 yrs implementing a program dubbed **"JIELIMISHE GIRL CHILD EDUCATION CHALLENGE"** It is funded by UKAID.

The organization carried out an OCA (Organization capacity Assessment) on OMDC foundation together with some others. They were looking for a fit partner to work together on girls education. We were lucky, we met their expectations and therefore, the organization undertook to partner in building the safe house capacity to reach and educate many girls.

As such, some of the deliverables they agreed to is:

- a) **Furnish the kitchen and dining hall(done)**
- b) **Drill a borehole in the Home(Authorization permit issued on 8/6/2016. The work should start soon)**
- c) **Connect the home with solar power (done)**
- d) **Pay school fees for girls without sponsors(on going since January 2016)**
- e) **Provide sanitary towels(on going)**
- f) **Conduct mentorship(on going)**
- g) **Train the parents on business(Done)**
- h) **Facilitate a duty bearers training as OMDC give technical support(Done)**
- i) **Provide an e-library to the home.(done)**
- j) **Provide revision books to the Home**

k) **Buy beddings and curtains for the Home**

The project is coming to an end in November 2016 and we hope it will have delivered all the promises.

CHALLENGES FACING THE HOME

- i. **Fencing:** The place needs good fence to keep of wild animals and morans who would be jilted for loosing suitors through rescue
- ii. **Staffing:** The home has been experiencing a very high Turnover administrative staff (trained Professionals administrative Officer and a Social worker) Due to meager salary. **Within the year ,we have had 6 managers and 9 social workers volunteers.** This is not healthy and has negative emotional impact on children. Maintenance of the facility and children welfare have been largely affected.
- iii. **Transport.** This is yet another very big challenge. Project monitoring is suffering a big deal as well as taking the children to court and to hospitals not forgetting rescuing those calling us for help. A low fuel consumption vehicle is really needed.
- iv. **Unsupportive authorized officers:** Rescue work has proved expensive and stressful due to lack of support from children's officers, chiefs and the police who would demand fuel for rescue and to court. The foundation can never make a difference without arrest of the perpetrators of child abuse and prosecution of the same. Though known, three quarters of them never get arrested. **Our Chairman Kiget has been offering free probonal services all alone.**
- v. **Limited Capacity:** NGO recognize that many of them have limited technical and organizational capacity like other established institutions faces several challenges, among the challenges being:
- vi. **Limited funds** i.e the organization and the safe house has been receiving many children overtime and the funding has increasingly become a challenge, we hereby request kindly for Donors to help us mitigate these underlying challenges.
- vii. **Health and Disease.** In cases of disease infection, sporadic outbreaks care and tendering becomes a major challenge settling the hospital bills. Doldol hospital has been chasing away sick children from the home due to payment. We have written various letters to the concerned but with no response. We request kindly the stakeholders, Aid Agencies and well-wishers to aid in healthcare provision, creation of a health dispensary to help in emergence of such health challenges.
- viii. **Food, Shelter, clothing;** Food and water bills sometimes rise to a high scale and we face a threat brought about by high population of children leading to increased-service needs. The Czech fund is going down every year and this is explained as due to immigrants issues. However, Kenya government continued to Give food relief when such cases arose and the board continue searching for more help from donors, partners and sponsors. Foreign assistance is welcome and acceptable but donors' whims also shift with the wind but nothing beats individual Government's support since its guaranteed. Chapter Four (Bill of Rights) of the Constitution places obligatory responsibilities on the State to provide for enjoyment of a wide range of welfare services. Article 53 throws a constitutional shield around minors by providing thus: "Every child has a right to be protected from abuse, neglect, harmful cultural practices, all forms of violence, inhuman treatment, punishment, and hazardous or exploitative labour" We hope both County and National governments will enhance its support to all CSOs through the new Public Benefits Organizations and Give tax relief.

FUTURE PRIORITY PROJECTS

1. **Administration block:** there is an urgent need to construct the administration block. The block is well provided for in the mega building plan. This will provide a good working condition and help the ED to even work from the site for a week or so instead of travelling there and doing so little yet spending a lot of money on transport.
2. **Nursery school project:** the home is in need of a nursery school project to absorb the ever growing number of babies and young children in the babies wing. the project would also generate income for the home.
3. **Food Production.** With the donation of a power enabled Borehole by I Choose Life Africa, we intend to engage in agricultural activities and livestock keeping through the help of Green houses.

4. **Health centre** it's a requirement now by the registering ministry that every children's charitable institution ensure there is a health centre or clinic managed by a trained nurse or clinical officer. The home has been experiencing health related challenges. If this project is realized, it could not only benefit the children in the home but also the children and mothers from the community
5. **PLAY GROUND.** Every child needs to play. However the home lacks basic facilities to realize this. The home requires:
 1. MERRY GO ROUND
 2. Slide
 3. Steel swings
 4. Seesaw
 5. Multiple game pack
 6. Volley ball pitch
 7. Netball pitch
 8. Balls
 9. Skipping ropes
6. **Fencing.** The project is experiencing frequent visit by wild animals especially elephants. The fence needs to be erected, solar power enabled to curb this menace and also to keep the children safe. A Flash light also needs to be put in place.
7. **TRANSPORT:** The safe house urgently requires a low consumption vehicle for transport services.

5.COMMUNITY TRAINING/AWARENESS PROGRAM

We have been doing this through a sustained community dialogue that supports community members to transform their attitudes, challenge harmful social norms, strengthen positive actions for children, take action based on common solutions and use community resources.

The organization also actively in seminars and workshops on Girl child education. Though this program has not yet gotten grants and funding to actively carry out advocacy work, especially on child protection issues, the organization was able to reach more than 2500 people who included the chiefs and the educationists through the help from likeminded organizations in Laikipia especially Jielimishe Project. Various trainings and workshops were done, the Executive director sensitizing the community on children's rights, Girls Empowerment and legal instruments on child protection. In partnership with the same program, community child protection committees' have been established right from the ward level. OMDC and the ICL Jielimishe program looks forward to formalizing partnership in order to rescue more than 3000 girls from Early marriage and beading and enroll them in school as they stay in the safe house as well as those who dropped out of school due to teenage pregnancy.



Community sensitizations fora ON Girl child's rights at Laikipia north.

Many girls have since this effort started been calling the OMDC office and police to be rescued while others have ran away from retrogressive cultural practices to One more day children's home in Doldol. Within the period under review, 29 cases of early marriage, beading and fgm were tackled, 10 of whom were admitted in the OMDC safe house in Doldol while others were either referred to other partners or mentored and helped to resume school. Due to this, the home capacity is now overstretched and the management can't wait for the formalization of the partnership.



OMDC Director with girls from Endana, Poise, segera and black tank villages in Laikipia North who have dropped out of school and seeking for help to resume school from OMDC.

6. FAMILY COUNSELING, MEDIATION, EMPOWERMENT, REHABILITATION PROGRAM

This program is in line with our objective 7 in our constitution. *(To assist in the promotion of the family cohesiveness through the reduction of disruption of family relationships and to mitigate the effects of such disruption) We believe that In family is more about attitude than economics.*

OMDC also undertakes mediation activities among parents who might be in conflict for whatever reason, separated, or estranged and, as such, causing the children suffering due to inadequate maintenance and attention. OMDC provides counseling to such parents with the aim of having the child's needs adequately addressed by both parties. Parents and guardians are divided into several groups; they are trained and facilitated to register self help groups with bank accounts in banks of their choice. These groups are periodically enhanced through grants to boost their projects and later, the child is reunited as a successful exit strategy.

OMDC also undertakes mediation activities among parents who might be in conflict with their children, especially attempted forced marriage or beading, separated, or estranged and, as such, causing the child to run away from home for help. Some parents as a result are apprehended and charged in court of law while others escape and live a life of UN certainty.



Community counseling and mediation forum at Endana

After the girls have been rescued, taken to school and through counseling recover from anger, the foundation staffs visit the family for the counseling services and later, they are brought together for peaceful conflict resolution and reunification. It is always the most hard and expensive part of case management but which brings about a lasting result and society behavior change. The organization President, Executive Director and World Vision Laikipia facilitated the event at Kipsing village where more than 10 girls come from.



Conflict resolution and emotional full reconciliation meeting between the girls and their parents.

Within the last quarter, **10 girls** were **reconciled and reunited** with their parent after 5 yrs of pain and hatred due to beading and early marriage. These were the first girls to have been rescued and taken over by OMDC. They come from Isiolo, Kipsing location. World vision contributed transport interims of vehicle, fuel and driver as OMDC chief executives and journalists followed in a rented transport.

An emotional meeting was held and tears flew down the cheeks of both children and kids. To some girls, it was a shame, to see the parents drunk and OMDC officers seeing the kind of shelter they call home.

Counseling was also done by parent to girls with discipline issues. Parents vowed to work closely with OMDC and gave full mandate to do as it pertains to be done by any parents on indiscipline cases.

7.ECONOMIC/ LIVELIHOOD EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM

The **strategy** in support is that one of **enhancing** the social economic capacity of destitute families and in line with millennium development goals of poverty eradication using a wine glass model /strategy

“Wine glass model strategy/model towards poverty eradication and livelihood empowerment”

With non partisan professional advice and guidance of the local OMDC staff, decides which benefits and Income Generating Activity will help them reach their goals. **TEACHING THEM HOW TO FISH INSTEAD OF GIVING THEM FISH IS THE WAY OUT OF DEPENDENCY**

This program is in line with OMDC mission of contributing **to a process of restoring hope and improving the quality of life of children in need of protection and care**, young people and communities in Laikipia, and parts of Samburu, Nyeri, Meru and Isiolo Counties. It derives mandate and base from objective number iii of the OMDC Foundation Constitution, which is the supreme law of the foundation.

This means assisting the child, within the family while the family works out its ways to resume full parental responsibility. This happens in various ways and methods all geared towards addressing the root cause of these social problems, with training and advocacy program coming in hand. Those in the Institutional care program (One More Day Children’s Home) which is temporal are then reunited with their families after the family is rehabilitated and empowered.

This strengthens family relationships to effectively care for and protect children by providing counseling, psychosocial support, and facilitation of family reunification with support for **income generating activities**. The programme is premised on the recognition that the best place a child can ever be is in its original family.

WINE GLASS MODEL STRATEGY/MODEL

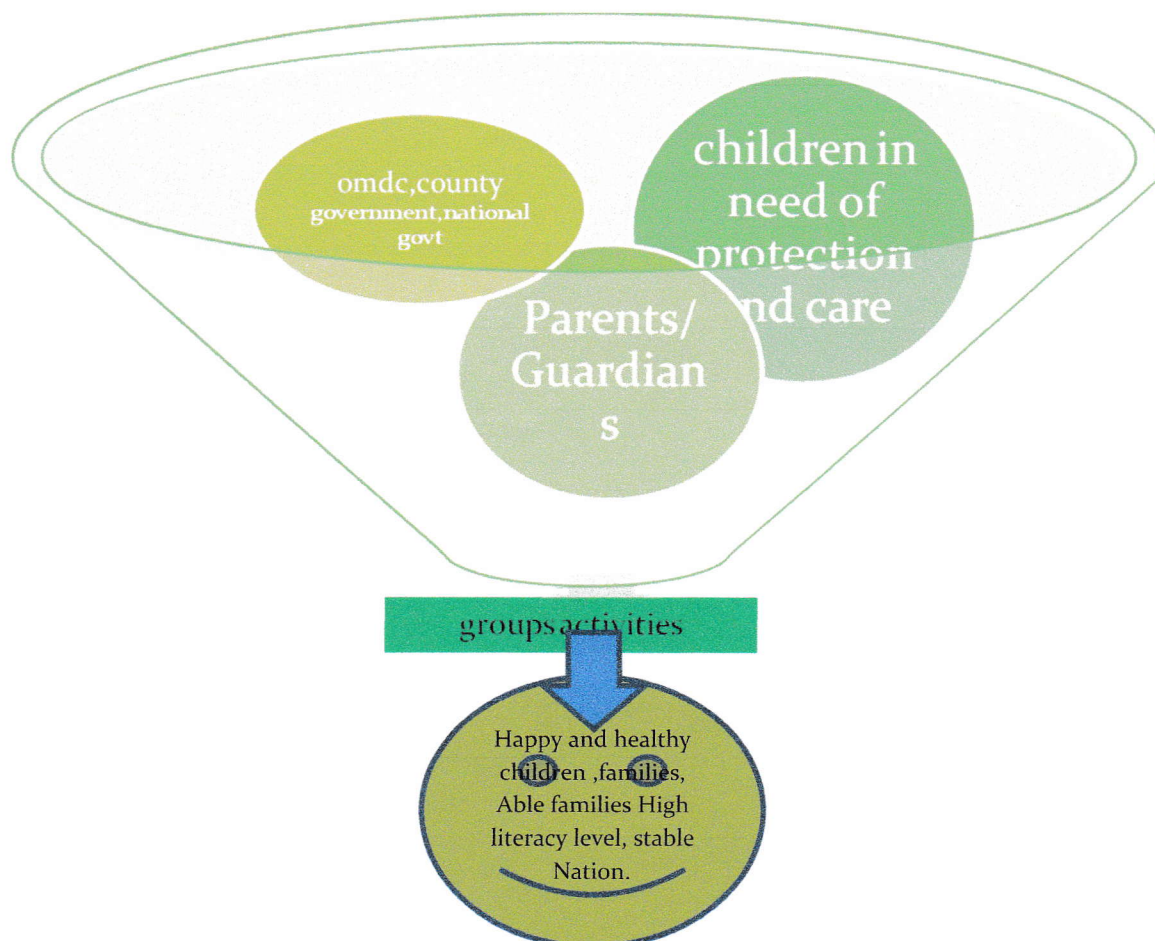
The diagram below demonstrates the strategy. OMDC is convinced that if the model could be adopted by even the county government and other organizations dealing with child poverty programs, it could work miracles and could even enhance cohesion.

All Guardians and parents were assisted to register Self-help groups with the ministry of culture and social services, after they met, discussed on suitable income generating project (IGA) to start, and elected officials of the group. Each group has bank account.

Within the reporting period 6 guardian groups have been formed and registered with the ministry of gender women and social services.

Combating the effects of poverty is one of the greatest challenges facing humanity today.

This is the first step to ensure that we invest in families to prevent perpetuating an intergenerational cycle of poverty. Investment in families delivers a dividend that is not easily measured in economic terms



Elected groups officials meeting with the Executive Director



Pamonja Tuinuke maisha group guest speaker training

The Family Rehabilitation Program is designed to encourage child's family to build a path out of poverty. This means that the child's family, with the guidance of the OMDC social workers, decides which benefits and Income Generating Activity will help them reach their goals. **TEACHING THEM HOW TO FISH INSTEAD OF GIVING THEM FISH IS THE WAY OUT OF DEPENDENCY.**

GROUPS ACTIVITIES/EMPOWERMENT

NAME OF THE GROUP	JURISDICTION	REGISTRATION STATUS	ACIVITIES	AMOUNT GRANTED
Nareto OMDC women group	Samburu county	registered	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • sand harvesting and selling • Bead work • Merry go round 	KSH. 20,000
2.Omdc Tuinuke maisha	Laikipia east	registered	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental friendly charcoal making and selling • Merry go round • loan 	KSH. 20,000
ONE MORE DAY WOMEN GROUP	Laikipia east	registered	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General farming and poultry keeping • Merry go round • Art and crafting 	KSH.20,000
OMDC GUARDIAN GROUP	Laikipia east	registered	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poultry farming • Merry go round • Livestock and agrifarming 	KSH. 20,000
NARAMAT KIPSING SELF HELP GROUP:	Isiolo county	registered	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BEADWORK • MERRY GO ROUND 	KSH. 20,000
NALEPO OMDC PARENTS SELF HELP GROUP	Laikipia north	registered	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BEADWORK • MERRY GO ROUND • SAND HARVESTING AND SELLING 	KSH. 20,000

To kick start the activities, the foundation decided to grant each group Ksh.20, 000 as seed money. Initially, such money was used to buy foodstuff for each family twice a year by the organization President. Families would get few kilos of sugar, flour, rice, maize, cereals etc. The board through the executive director observed that the activities was working against the organization policy and creating a negative picture on Kenyan Office. The results were not measurable even and were going to encourage dependency. This was reviewed and replaced by the new strategy, by putting the money together and dividing amongst all 6 groups.

In total, the foundation granted **Ksh.120, 000** to the groups as seed money. To enhance their hard work, all guardians were informed about the gradual withdrawal of some support eg house rents and school bags. This was to make sure these groups work hard and the interest trickled down to the individual families so that they can start their own income generating activities.



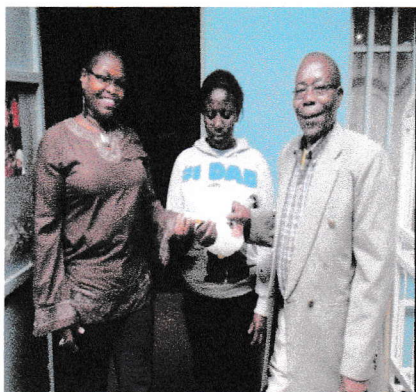
Nalepo OMDC Group -Doldol



Naramat OMDC Kipsing



Nareto OMDC group-Doldol



OMDC guardian group-Likii



OMDC tuinuke maisha group central&meru

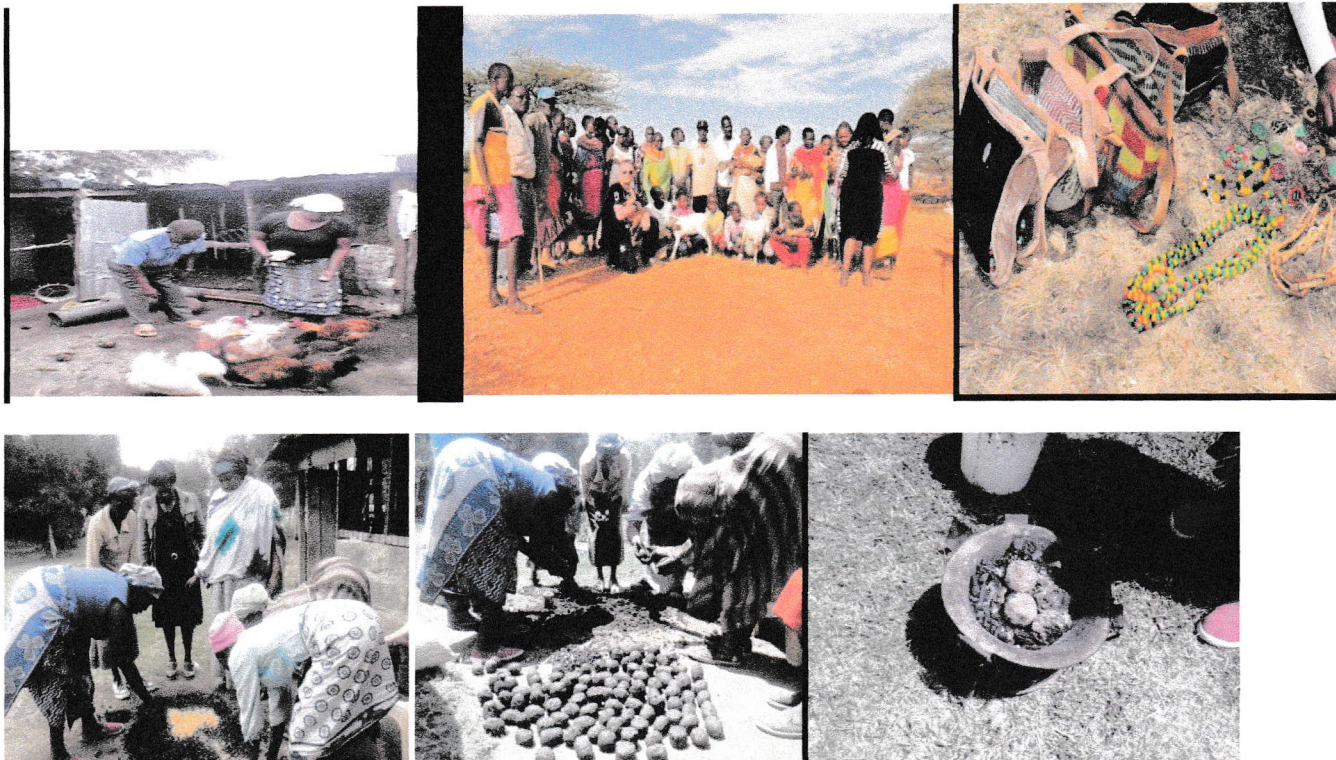


One More Day women group-Likii

After receiving the grant, some groups have gone ahead to loan members the money and start group activities which bring them together eg poultry farming ,basket and ornaments making goats rearing and cooking coal made from charcoal dust, saw dust and cow dung.

Below are images of the activities.





Pamonja tuinuke group making cooking coal. The beneficiaries have taken responsibility for the economic sustainability in several different ways. Firstly, through the Income Generation Loans the women of the Self Help Groups have got income generation support and are now financially more self-supporting. The women have participated in supporting financially the family by buying goats and cows or establishing small businesses. The revolving fund of the Income Generating Program will sustain the Project. Secondly, the beneficiaries have taken an active role in the Self Help Group Meetings and Community Meetings, where the important issues considering the community development are been discussed. The awareness and motivation has been increased through these meetings. Thirdly, the beneficiaries have started to send their children, especially girls, to school. When the children are educated, they have better understanding of the development. Education plays a key role in the area where most adults are uneducated and illiterate.

OMDC CHILDREN'S GUARDIANS ENTERPRENUERSHIP TRAINING sponsored by I choose life africa



Combating the effects of poverty is one of the greatest challenges facing humanity today. ICL Africa through its Jielimishe program funded by UKAID partnered with

OMDC to invest in families to prevent perpetuating an intergenerational cycle of poverty through training on how to start a successful businesses. Investment in families delivers a dividend that is not easily measured in economic terms.

IS THE PROGRAM ANCHORED IN THE OMDC `S REGISTRATION OBJECTIVES?

The answer is yes! This program and the ongoing activity is well described in objectives iii,iv,vi and vii of the OMDC constitution as quoted below:

iii). to empower disadvantaged children social-culturally, economically and psychologically and also their families through provision of educational, financing, social-cultural and psychological support systems.

iv). To network with the relevant Government ministries, National and international organizations to help in implementation of the provisions of the Hague Convention, United Nations Convention on the Children`s Rights (UNCRC) and the African Charter on the rights and Welfare of the Child (ACRWC) and Children`s Act 2001.

vi).To promote, encourage, or assist any measures by way of education, training, instruction, lobbying and advocacy or otherwise calculated to improve conditions of family life in Kenya.

vii). To assist in the promotion of the family cohesiveness through the reduction of disruption of family relationships and to mitigate the effects of such disruption

UNDER WHICH OMDC`S PROGRAM IS THIS TRAINING SUPPORTED?

Its under the ***“Family counseling, mediation, Empowerment, rehabilitation Program”*** This strengthens family relationships to effectively care for and protect children by providing counseling, psychosocial support, and facilitation of family reunification with support for **income generating activities**. The programme is premised on the recognition that the best place a child can ever be is in its original family. OMDC also undertakes mediation activities among parents who might be in conflict for whatever reason, separated, or estranged and, as such, causing the children suffering due to inadequate maintenance and attention. OMDC provides counseling to such parents with the aim of having the child`s needs adequately addressed by both parties. Parents and guardians are divided into several groups; they are trained and facilitated to register self help groups with bank accounts in banks of their choice. These groups are periodically enhanced through grants to boost their projects and later, the child is reunited as a successful exit strategy.

PROGRAM`S POSITIVE OUTCOME:

1. It was pleasing to note that the groups have multiplied. Doldol has another group by the name NASINYA S.H. group. This group has unique membership. It has educated morans and masai Elderly parents. Both OMDC and ICL saw this as a good entry point for addressing retrogressive cultural practices with the help of Masai elders and Morans.
2. Isiolo also plans to start another one after the Turkana and Samburu fighting which saw the two tribes go separately. OMDC will set its foot at Ngaremara and the Samburu morans are willing to register a group and call for a morans` meeting to be attended by all partners. The theme will be choosing business as a way of life from child marriages and FGM.

CONCLUSION

It came out clearly that the groups were doing badly due to lack of skills and knowledge on the businesses they has chosen as well as lack of monitoring visits by OMDC.

WAY FORWARD

1. All groups were given a questionnaire to fill. This was one way of finding out the challenges they were experiencing and their future plans and what type of help they were looking for.
2. The trainers carried the filled questionnaires with them for analyzing and designing further engagements with the groups.

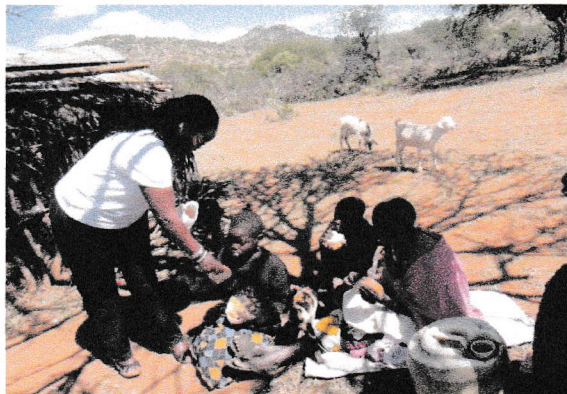
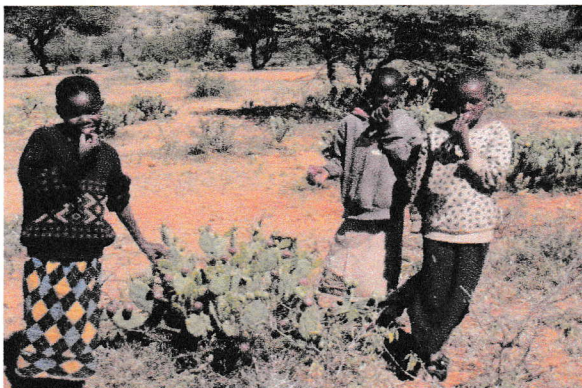
3. Each group also was given an assignment to design a business plan, which they will present to the team. The partner will plan for a follow up meeting with groups where each group will be assisted to better their business plans. The partner will also help the groups implement their business plans.
4. The groups will be assisted to apply for government grants. In fact, one of the groups from Likii had successfully applied for grants from **Kenya Women Enterprise Fund**.

8. RAPID RESPONSE AND RESCUE OF CHILDREN IN DISTRESS

This means due to some sort of natural or manmade causes, the family is disrupted and some children get lost/ separated from their families/ they are at high risk of being abused/are abused by their families. In such case, the child is urgently rescued and removed from the threatening environment, taken to an institution while the social worker carries out investigations. Once the problem is saved, the reunion is done with continued support and monitoring. This means due to some sort of natural or manmade causes, the family is disrupted and some children get lost/ separated from their families/ they are at high risk of being abused/are abused. Arid and semi-arid districts in Kenya for example are prone to banditry attacks and cattle rustling among other conflicts. When this happens, you will agree with me the most affected are the women and children. Many children become orphans and most vulnerable after losing their parents and relatives. All killed in the fighting. Others loose important body organs while others get raped.

The girl child for example in Maasai, Boran, Pokot and Samburu communities who are pastoralists is later targeted by the surviving clan members to restock the lost animals in case of cattle rustling through early/forced marriages

Through set system, the organization rescues the girls and prosecutes the perpetrators. The survivor is put under institutional care where all basic needs are catered for by their families OR are rescued from early marriage, FGM or Beading. In such case, the child is urgently rescued and removed from the threatening environment, taken to an institution while the social worker and the probonal lawyers together with police carries out investigations for arrest and prosecution in children`s court. Once the problem is saved, Counseling is done, reunion with the family facilitated with continued support and monitoring full family rehabilitation and reintegration. In FGM and early marriage, we work closely with police and our trained community paralegals to arrest both the suitor and the girl`s parents or and the circumciser and through our members of the board who are lawyers, probonal services is given to prosecute them in law courts. Since inception, OMDC is recognized for effective rapid response for children in need of urgent rescue, shelter, health and other services. OMDC runs a rapid response and rescue of children to rescue children immediately cases of abuse or exposure to detrimental risk are reported. This is done by placing them in the organization`s Safe Space at Laikipia North Sub county, Doldol town

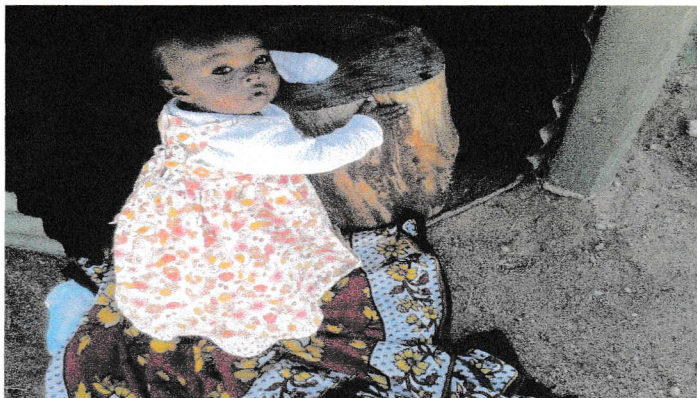


Drought leading to hunger and starvation. Girl child become more vulnerable t child marriages in exchange of food.

Within the reporting period, we **rescued 5 children** and placed them under the institutional care program in Doldol

9. PREGNANCY CRISIS PROGRAM

OMDC believes that life starts at conception. In the contemporarily world, there are a lot of unwanted Pregnancies leading to unsafe abortions and cultural pregnancy termination leading to lose of life/lives. To protect the unborn child from being killed, and the mother from dying or rejected, OMDC has designed a **Saved from abortion!**



School drop outs due to pregnancy

Crisis Program where the mother is encouraged to keep the pregnancy to term and if by then through counseling she still does not want to keep the baby, special arrangements are done by the organization and hospital for safe delivery and signing mother offering forms where a baby is left in hospital and the mother is released. The baby is then taken to the institution as counseling goes on and after 6 weeks the mother is summoned to sign consent before the children magistrate or an advocate of the high court, thus releasing the child for adoption through any of the registered adoption society working in partnership with OMDC. This service is especially beneficial to adolescents, students and domestic workers who form most of our clientele and who are at risk of falling prey to abortion. The main focus is to offer psychosocial support to the mothers/parents so as retain children in their original families.

10. FOSTER CARE PROGRAM

This means placing a child for temporary care with a substitute family to enable the social worker trace/rehabilitate the child's biological family and prepare it to resume parental responsibility. Through this approach, children and young persons are provided with temporary placement (within their own communities), which is preferable for those who for whatever reason cannot remain in the natural family and urgently require alternative family care.

Within the period under review, 24 girls and 1 boy have benefited from program for long stay. Various families undertook to foster the children and stay with them in their homes while OMDC continue to support their basic need. More awareness is being created on this program which would help even decongest the Safe House.

11. ADOPTION PROGRAM

Adoption is a way of providing a child with new **permanent legal parents** who provide caring and loving homes for orphaned, offered and abandoned children. It ends the legal relationship between the child and his/her natural mother. This means permanent placement of a child with substitute family through a registered Adoption Society and the court. This shall be instituted as last resort when:

- Family rehabilitation has failed
- Child's biological family have surrendered him/her for adoption

- OMDC in collaboration with concerned agencies has failed to trace the biological family.

Note: There are 5 registered adoption societies in Kenya today **and OMDC is not one of them. However**, OMDC work closely with Children's Department and one of the agencies to ensure safe adoption process as an exit strategy in the best interest of the child.

Within the period under review, no child was given out for adoption or placed on adoption program. All the teenagers recued and pregnant wished to keep their babies. However, the foundation has set up a baby wing in the children's home, which is aimed at housing the babies delivered and at risk of being killed through beading. If this happens, the foundation would apply to be registered as an adoption society to facilitate the adoption within the region on both local and international basis.

12. HEALTH CARE SERVICES

This programme aims at reducing the HIV/AIDS prevalence and enhancing support mechanisms for affected and infected orphans and other vulnerable children (OVC). This is done through increasing the level of awareness on HIV/AIDS, advocating for behavior change among adolescents and children orphaned or rendered vulnerable by the epidemic, enhancing the quality of care, psychosocial support and providing counseling and referral services for HIV/AIDS affected children in order to improve their care and quality of life.

The vulnerability of children living in slums cannot be underestimated and that is why at One More Day for Children, we strive to rescue those children without families or living with abusive families.

We place them in alternative care, especially in Charitable Children Institutions (CCI's), and provide for all their basic needs while the counselling and rehabilitation process continues. It is a fact that Aids places an economic burden on families and communities, making it difficult for them to provide and support the children.

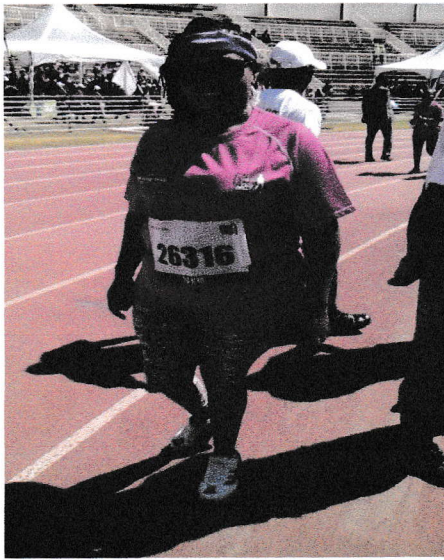
AIDS normally affects adults when they are most economically productive and looking at the situation from any angle, leaves the child at a loss. Reduced household income combined with increased expenses e.g. treatment, transport to health centres, funerals and the like, push families to poverty. This has an impact, negative one, on children in terms of nutrition, health status, education and emotional support.

Statistics show that nine out of ten children orphaned by the Aids pandemic still have a surviving parent. This parent may at some point be not in a position to cater for the child's needs. This is all due to abject poverty in these counties thus the need for residential care.

Mostly due to the Aids scourge, children find themselves left under the care of ageing and mostly ailing grandparents/caretakers, who cannot automatically engage in money-generating ventures. As such, they face malnutrition (due to poor and inadequate feeding), drop out of school, forced to engage in child labour with girls getting exposed into prostitution. Some of the girls get married, just to escape from the situation.

The concern has been the well-being of the child and that is why as OMDC, we are doing our best to ensure that nutritional therapy is provided. This is with the help of existing medical facilities which help us provide highly nutritious foods and multivitamins. Other interventions include re-enrolment of some of the children in schools while catering for fees and other needs including uniforms. We also pay for their accommodation.

OMDC also targets, children, young persons, local community members, and duty bearers who handle and come across OVC in their day to day work. The duty bearers who include chiefs, teachers, local authority staff, judges and magistrates, police officers, hospital staff, and the opinion leaders at the location level are trained on how to practically ensure protection of OVC.



omdc safe house girls with the first lady mrs. uhuru Kenyatta and top government officials

OMDC through its programs is a partner in saving children and mothers and ensuring HIV /AIDS scourge does not spread further. Within the period, the first Lady presented the Mobile Clinic to the team and the county political leaders. The Director OMDC was among the partners. Others included APHIA Plus, NACC, MOH etc.

FREE MEDICAL CHECK UPS AND TREATMENTS

One More Day for Children Foundation Kenya Volunteers and partners everywhere know what it can mean for a poor child or woman to fully believe in herself, her voice, and her future. By overturning oppressive narratives whether in Laikipia, Isiolo, Samburu Meru or Nyeri counties we are building solidarity and hope while improving children's lives.

For some, our help can be the difference between life and death. For others, it can mean the chance to create a meaningful future - one that improves families and communities. We Therefore in partnership with other Health providers organize one medical camp every year for children and guardians. It is in this event that the President of OMDC get to interact with every sponsored child and issue special gifts from their respective sponsors from Czech Republic. We thanks the Kenya Redcross society who have been our main partner in this together with the Nanyuki Teaching and Referral Hospital and Mt. Kenya Trust.



GENERAL PROBLEMS/CHALLENGES FACING OMDC

The main challenge I and OMDC have been facing is the resistance from the community of the high illiteracy level. They do not understand what you mean by "law", what you mean by "child's rights". "What is this?" They do not care. "This is culture; we have been doing this for years. So why would we stop now?" That's a big change. Additionally, we do not have full support from the political leaders (they do not want to upset their voters). They want status quo so that they keep on lying to them and, after a few years, they get back the votes and continue what they do best.

It is a strategy not to step on their toes. "We are not involved in what Hellen and OMDC is doing and let her do it on her own." The other issue is some authorized government officers: the police are the ones supposed to help anyone in trouble, especially the children. But they think that it is people's culture and fear that they should not disturb them. The chiefs are a stabling block...despite vigorous training, they pay allegiance to their communities ie Maasai and Samburu. It is difficult for us to try to even push them to do their work. The children's officer....this is a very important Government office but not on the ground. Though in papers there is an officer on the ground, in reality there is none! Civil societies/NGOs are the ones on the ground but no or very little support from the department. Structures like Area Advisory Councils on children's matter do not exist especially in Laikipia North!!! Very ridiculous!

And the same thing goes with the chiefs. It is worse because they are the ones supposed to represent the government at the local level but they are the ones who are marrying off 10-year-olds. They are the ones killing their children through FGM. They are the ones giving their children for early marriage. They want to marry young kids and they are the leaders. It is a really bad example of leadership.

So these are some of the challenges but the biggest challenge we are facing right now, as OMDC, is funding. Because we have to get this done. Once we get the girl she is all our business and the family does not care. We take care of absolutely everything about these girls in the Safe house. When we rescue a girl, she needs uniforms, accommodation, healthcare, food, shoes; she needs everything from head to toe. OMDC Czech Republic Endowment fund has indicated it cannot sustain the project alone due to immigrants problems. Our President being Czesky is not fluent in English and therefore this limits him from visiting English speaking countries in the world for fundraising activities, his main duty. The Deputy, also the ED in Kenya though fully skilled and with best training is capable of helping in such but then she is grounded and limited to only Kenya due to lack of sponsorship /fund to visit other continents. We believe the upcoming Strategic Plan Document funded by ICL will help OMDC in resource mobilization and reaching out for many new donors.

Our biggest activity (on top of rescuing girls) planned is community awareness. But we are really restrained by resource. In order to implement this, we need to go to the villages to reach out to those interior areas where there is no proper road. First you need to get a car; you need to have all other kinds of resources. You need to bring the community together maybe for a sitting and in a community where you do not mix men and women in meetings; you need to have two separate meetings, because a woman cannot speak if there are men in the meeting. That's the law, the constitution of the community, so it's interesting because you cannot plan one meeting one day in one place, so you either go or camp there or you keep going every other day to make sure you are reaching out to different groups of people. The advantage of separating men and women is that we are able to bring out age groups together and talk about the issues of concern to them. Girls alone are free to talk about all their problems. The young men alone, the older men and then the women. So it's a different kind of approach. In the end, it is all about resources. With more resources, we'll be able to reach out more communities in the best interest of the child.

The Girl Child and women from these communities whose denigration typify and represents the entrenchment of the culture of child abuse and exploitation in Kenya are crying. Who will lead him to the day of peace? To the horizon of safety, and respect? To the seat of justice and recourse? To what he/she resort when all domestic channels have been exhausted and justice and peace have still not been melted out? When componential mechanisms central to the administration of justice to children are non existence or are ineffective in their own country?

PARTNERSHIP AND LINKAGE

OUR MISSION IS to inspire breakthroughs in the way the world treats children, and to achieve immediate and lasting change in their lives. To achieve this, we lead the way in innovative cooperation – jointly developing solutions that result in real impact for children and their families. Our partners find ways to engage with us that often begin with a small-scale initiative, and grow over time into truly far-reaching joint operations, across the where we run programs.

Partnership with OMDC foundation takes many forms and we thank all those Who joined with us since 2009, at a national and international level, to make our vision for children a reality? In view of the complex nature of the problems affecting children in the county, OMDC beliefs isolated attempts will not bring about desired outcome. In addressing the problem, interdisciplinary approach can bring meaningful change.

The following have been our partner within the reporting period. We humbly say thank you to all of the following.

- i. Provincial administration,
- ii. Ministry of education,
- iii. Children`s Department
- iv. MOH
- v. Judiciary
- vi. The Advisory Committee on Counter Trafficking in Persons
- vii. Police department

Civil societies and institutions include

- I CHOOSE LIFE AFRICA, Jielimishe program
- -Olpejeta conservancy
- Jenny Davy Trust
- Mr. &Mrs. Boonstra
- International Rescue Committee(IRC)
- United Nations office of Drugs and Crime(UNODC)
- Kenya red cross
- Tumaini children`s home
- Boys and girls,
- Parents and guardians
- Business men and women
- Mt. Kenya Bible on the Ground St. Benedict monastery
- Don and Tracy white- Timau

OUR COMMITMENT AND INTEGRITY

We prepare an annual report of financial statement in which administrative and fundraising expenses are identified; copies are available upon request. We will always strive to be responsible in our management, truthful in our communications and cost effective in our fund raising.

We are audited by an external audit firm, certified public accountant firm and we share our reports widely. This is because we consider ourselves as ultimately accountable to God for the good stewardship of funds entrusted to us by donors and well-wishers, and we also believe we must be fully accountable to the public.

DONORS

The following were the **main donors for OMDC Kenya** within the reporting period.

- 1) OMDC Czech endowment fund
- 2) I Choose Life Africa
- 3) The Olpejeta Conservancy

- 4) Mrs. Jenny Davy Trust
- 5) Bonstrap Family
- 6) International Rescue Committee

OTHER Donors and Well wishers included:

- 1) The County Commissioner Laikipia
- 2) African Bible on the Ground St. Benedict Monastery
- 3) Wendo Provisions
- 4) Nakumatt
- 5) Equity Bank
- 6) Family Bank
- 7) The new KCC
- 8) Madam Naomi
- 9) Mt. Kenya Trust
- 10) Daraja Academy
- 11) Honza Stepan
- 12) Kiprotich William Kiget
- 13) Elizabeth Njoroge
- 14) Praxedes Tororey
- 15) Jane Kagiri
- 16) Dr. Njoroge
- 17) George Mochama
- 18) Dr. Kurgat
- 19) Jayden Mathenge
- 20) And many others

CONCLUSION:



OMDC President(Jiri Pergl) and Vice President/ Executive Director Kenya (Hellen Gathogo)

We as the CEOs of OMDC succeed only because of the ongoing support we receive from you all. Offering a simple "Thank You" letter for your gift never quite feels like it's enough to us, because what you've done is help us save lives. The best we can do is telling you how much we appreciate your continued support for One More Day for Children Foundation. We hope we can

continue to demonstrate to you that we value you and your support and that we use it wisely to provide the help that Children in crisis in Kenya need. We are glad to have received your donation whether in cash or in kind and you can be assured that the money was well spent and for good and memorable purpose. Your donation is really a great help to us. We are blessed to have you as our donors and supporters. Thanks a million times!

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**OMDC SPONSORED CHILDREN WHO COMPLETED SECONDARY
EDUCATION IN 2015**

SP. NO	NAME	FORMER SCHOOL	MEAN GRADE	WHERE NOW?
057	TIM MURUNGI	ABOTHOGOCHI BOYS	B	MASENO UNIVERSITY
032	BEATRICE GATHONI	NAROMRU GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL	B -(MINUS)	TO JOIN UNIVERSITY
080	GELDINE MAKENA	KIBIRICHIA GIRLS SECONDARY SCHOOL	C +(PLUS)	TO JOIN KENYA MEDICAL COLLEGE
020	ALFRED KAMAU	TEMPLE MOUNT SECONDARY SCHOOL	D-(MINUS)	EMPLOYED