

Kids Home International

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Mission:

Kids home international is a non profit humanitarian organization that seeks to improve the quality lives of the homeless and orphaned children through programs designed to develop their spirit, mind and body, so they can realize their full potential in the society.

- CEO Reviewed
- Board Chair Reviewed
- Not yet stakeholder reviewed

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1. What are we aiming to accomplish?

Kids Home International mission is to ensure that orphan and vulnerable children (OVC) in Kenya are cared for, protected and supported in order to achieve their full potential. Our objective is:

- To increase family based care and retention of orphan and vulnerable children within family/household set up
- To increase care and support of orphan and vulnerable children by communities
- To increase access by orphan and vulnerable children to essential services including but not limited to education, health care, nutrition, birth registration, legal aid, and reproductive health
- To ensure that appropriate policies and legislation for protection and care of orphan and vulnerable children are in place and operational
- To create a supportive environment for children and families affected by HIV/AIDS
- To increase the capacity of government and other institutional structures to coordinate OVC interventions

Expected outcomes by 2016 will be:

- Increased number of orphan and vulnerable children (OVC) taken care of within family set up and retained in these families throughout their childhood period
- Increased number of OVC accessing essential services
- Comprehensive policies and legislations addressing the needs of OVC are in place and are functional
- A supportive environment for OVC and families affected by HIV and AIDS
- Improved coordination of orphan and vulnerable children interventions at national, district and community levels
- Improved services for OVC by all stakeholders

2. What are our strategies for making this happen?

In order to accomplish long-term goals, Kids Home International has put forward five Strategies

1. Strengthen the capacity of families to protect and care for orphans and vulnerable children by prolonging the lives of parents and providing economic, psychosocial, and other support.

When HIV/AIDS begins to affect a household, family relationships provide the most immediate source of support. Recognizing this reality, strengthening the capacity of families to care for and protect orphans and vulnerable children is the core of our response strategy

2. Mobilize and support community-based responses to provide both immediate and long-term support to vulnerable households.

Reinforcing the capacity of communities to support, protect, and provide care is fundamentally important to building a

response that will match the scale of the HIV/AIDS crisis and its long-term impact on children.

3. Ensure access for orphans and vulnerable children to essential services, including education, health care, birth registration, and others.

The UNGASS Declaration of Commitment calls for parity and increased access to essential services for orphans and vulnerable children. Governments have an obligation to provide services to all children and communities. Partnerships with nongovernmental and civil society organizations are critical in extending essential services to vulnerable communities.

4. Ensure that governments protect the most vulnerable children through improved policy and legislation and by channeling resources to communities.

While the family has primary responsibility to care for and protect children, national governments have the ultimate responsibility to protect them and ensure their well-being. To meet this obligation, governments must undertake and receive support for a broad range of multisectoral actions. No single ministry has sole jurisdiction over issues affecting orphans and vulnerable children. Governments must find ways to bring together education, finance, health, social welfare, and other ministries to respond in a coordinated and effective way.

5. Raise awareness at all levels through advocacy and social mobilization to create a supportive environment for children affected by HIV/AIDS.

No single stakeholder has the resources and capacity to mount an effective national response to the impacts of HIV/AIDS. Collaboration is essential at community, district, national, regional, and global levels. Public, private, and civil society groups must develop a sense of shared responsibility for the protection and well-being of orphans and vulnerable children.

3. What are our organization's capabilities for doing this?

The challenge of protecting the rights and ensuring the well-being of children affected by HIV/AIDS is unprecedented. There is no quick fix or easy solution, but with a committed partnership to pursue the five strategies outlined above and to continually assess and improve programs, we can relieve massive human suffering and secure a better future for orphans and vulnerable children living in a world with HIV and AIDS.

Kids Home International offers leadership and expertise, and partners with other local and international organizations to create solutions that improve the lives of orphan and vulnerable children. Our Actions are grounded on these values:

Quality: we work and strive to excel in everything we do

Constancy: we are persistent in our efforts, recognizing that true impact requires long-term dedication

Empowerment: we believe ordinary children are capable of extraordinary things and that empowered children feel a responsibility to themselves and their communities

Partnership: we communicate openly and we believe that we have much to learn from each other as well as from other organizations

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Inclusiveness: we seek full participation of all people in our programs, staff and the community we operate in

Integrity: we are thoughtful and consistent in our approach, conducting ourselves in a transparent and respectful way

Other key assets include:

- A growing number of volunteers from the surrounding communities and global
- Kids Home International is accountable to our stakeholders and donors, who continue to provide a strong base of support
- Kids Home International enjoys a strong base of community support e.g churches, schools and individuals
- 11+ years of commitment to mission of caring, supporting and protecting orphan and vulnerable children
- Kids Home International is respected nationally as an advocate for orphans and vulnerable children
- The staff that provide direct care to the children are well trained in positive caregiving
- Kids New Home accommodates more children and provides a dynamic environment to address their physical, emotional and psychological needs

4. How will we know if we're making progress?

Systematic monitoring of program effectiveness and quality is critical in our programs, and identifying best practices and disseminating lessons learned will contribute to program improvement and the expansion of responses that work.

The program level monitoring will help ensure the quality of interventions, validate response strategies, and ensure accountability for attaining global goals. The following are Proposed Indicators for Monitoring our response for Children Orphaned and Made Vulnerable by HIV/AIDS.

1. Strengthen the capacity of families to protect and care for OVC

Core Indicators

- Food security: Proportion of households that are food insecure
- Psychosocial well-being: Ratio of orphans to non-orphans with an adequate score for psychological health
- Connectedness to an adult caregiver: The proportion of orphans who have a positive connection with primary caregiver
- Succession planning: The proportion of children for whom a caregiver has been appointed in case of premature death of current caregiver

2. Mobilize and strengthen community-based responses

Core Indicators

- Orphans living with siblings: Percent of double orphans who have siblings living in other households
- Children outside of family care: Proportion of all children living outside of family care

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- External support for households with orphans and vulnerable children: Percent of orphans living in households that receive external support

3. Ensure access to essential services for orphans and vulnerable children .

Core Indicators

- Orphan school attendance ratio: ratio of school attendance for double orphans to non-orphans for children ages 10-14
- Proportion of orphans who receive psychosocial support
- Birth registration: Proportion of children ages 0-4 whose births are reported registered

4. Ensure that governments protect the most vulnerable children

Core Indicators

- Orphans and Vulnerable Children Program Effort Index
- Property transfer: Percentage of women who have experienced property dispossession
- Quality of institutional care (based on international standards)

5. Raise awareness to create a supportive environment for children affected by HIV/AIDS

Core Indicators

- Percent of children under age 18 who are orphans
- Stigma and discrimination: Percent of adults expressing accepting attitudes toward people with HIV

Evaluation is done on a monthly basis with an emphasis on the following:

How much progress has been made in accomplishing the task?

What is preventing us from moving forward?

Is there a need to go back and revise the strategic objective?

What adjustments should be made to the Operating Plan?

Monthly reports on the status of the project and its activities serve as the basis of evaluation. These reports is prepared by the Management Representative and handed to the Country Director, who then compiles and table these reports before the Board of Directors.

5. What have and haven't we accomplished so far?

What we have accomplished

For the last 11+ years, Kids Home International has taken a leadership role on behalf of the public interest, stewardship, quality and fulfillment of its mission.

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We have strengthened the capacity of over 1,200 families to be able to protect and care for orphans and other children made vulnerable by HIV/AIDS. Recently we established a new home to accommodate additional vulnerable children and is now in operation.

We continue to support, care and protect 45 children within the home and 160 in community-based support program, 15 are currently in high school. Placement of 40 children to the community was completed on 11/2012.

We have entered into a well-defined relationships with other organizations, businesses, churches, governmental bodies, in order to achieve common goals. We currently have 16 partners and growing.

What we haven't accomplished

Kids Home International continues to solicit for funding, so that the vulnerable children can have access to essential services and protections.

- We have identified over 5,000 children that needs intervention
- We are looking for donors to achieve our vision of becoming a self-sustaining organization. We identified biointensive method of farming, which provides many benefits as compared with conventional farming and gardening methods, and is an inexpensive, easily implemented sustainable production method that can be used by people who lack the resources.