



KIDSCARE KENYA

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Believes that every child deserves the right to build on their future and develop the talents they have been born with. Therefore, together with our specialized partners, and in line with government policies we are dedicated to ensure that this basic right is being achieved. Our HomeCare program supports and counsels families with orphans, abused children, teenage mothers and children with special abilities be it mental or physical. Our service Centre is located in Mshiu, Lunga Lunga Sub County. The service center is a unique facility in its area, being made up of offices, a large conference room, meeting rooms, guesthouse, big in-and outside kitchen, a therapy room and a 10 acre model farm. This enables us to offer a wide range of services to the neighborhood, a unique concept in the Sub-County. Earnings of the facility are used for our child supporting programs.

Mission

“Uniting people with the expertise to help children discover, develop and use their talents, so to give them a better future”

Vision

“Taking Children and families from a position of disadvantage to one of capability “

Values

Achievement, Better World, Caring, Capable, Leadership, and Together.



Founded by a Dutch couple, Gerard and Lisette Geenen, and the Director Ali Mwaziro in 2010 as an NGO, KidsCare changed into a Trust in 2012. Since KidsCare’s establishment, Gerard and Lisette have continuously supported the organization from their own foundation in the Netherlands. KidsCare has blossomed into a well-functioning and dedicated organization powered by the extreme drive of all parties involved. The organization currently consists of more than 30 hard working and dedicated individuals, who work tirelessly to help children who are in direct need of help.



Strong together



Ali Mwaziro

Director KidsCare Kenya

It started with a belief that, all children regardless of their background or where they come from, deserves to be given the opportunity to grow, build up on their own future at the comfort of their own environment. To achieve this, we knew that an action had to be done and it needed to start with us and that's how KidsCare came about.

It has been more than 10 years now and here we are, in close cooperation with the Local and National Government of Kenya, potential donors, volunteers, stakeholders and other like minded organizations. Through homecare programs, In 2020 and the years back, KidsCare has been able to transform the lives of more than 360 households with more than 2,000 orphans and vulnerable children living in the Sub County of Lunga Lunga.

We all know that the year 2020 was one of a kind due to the Corona pandemic. It was a difficult year with all the sudden changes everywhere and life became even harder to the most vulnerable communities with hardly no income or any idea of where to find the next meal. Because of this and more we immediately knew that even though we are at tougher times, this is the time these communities needed us the most.

A great appreciation to all the parties who heard our call and came together to support us in giving hopes to the hopeless and bringing back smiles to the vulnerable communities!

In this report read more on how we together managed to bring back hopes and also learn more about our programs.

Ali S Mwaziro– Director KidsCare Kenya

Year in review 2020

◆ Seed food package

Ahead of the pandemic, many households living conditions became more difficult due to lose of source of income to the extent of not knowing when or how to find the next meal. KidsCare called upon donors and volunteers to come together for a long term solution and this is where in close cooperation with local government, we were able to distribute maize and peas seeds including fertilizers and pesticides to more than 600 vulnerable families. With trainings and frequent follow ups, many families harvested more than enough maize and peas for food, selling for income and also stored more for planting in the next season.



Mama Halima's story

Being a widow and a mother of 7 children (4 boys and 3 girls) with no source of constant income to fend for her family, life got even tougher upon the Corona period and mama Halima had no hopes of survival for the next meal but upon joining the seed food package program, there was light ahead. "I was constantly worried on where to get the next meal for my family as there was no any local business I could participate in to feed my children, it was even worse that one of them is a disable who needs to stay healthy with constant nutrition. Being in KidsCare program Children with Special abilities for my special child, KidsCare considered me as a priority for the seed food program. I received maize, peas seedlings, pesticides and fertilizer for farming.

There is now plenty of food in my home that I also started selling some of the harvest at the local market as a source of income. I am also planning to preserve some of maize and peas seeds for seedlings to use in the next farming season. Thank you KidsCare for always being there for me and other needy people in our society"- she narrates

◆ Special package to children living with disabilities

Not forgetting families living with special need children , KidsCare was able to distribute special packages of food items, including masks, soaps and sanitizers to more than 200 children and their families.

KidsCare was also able to create more awareness on corona and gave trainings to the care givers on how to take extra measures against the pandemic for the safety of their children and themselves.



Moving forward



Selection of new households

Due to the success of the Community Based HomeCare and Beekeeping project where 90 per cent of 360 households were able to transform their living conditions after 3 years of actively participating in the project, under the Community Based HomeCare Child Protection and Beekeeping project, KidsCare found a need to empower more villages by selecting another set of 24 villages with the most needy 360 household to embark on a journey of a bright side. This was also inspired by the request from local authorities and the communities themselves after witnessing KidsCare's visible impact to the communities.

The aspect of Child Protection entails to form and train 24 child protection committees with an aim to advocate and look into the matter of children rights within the selected villages.



Due to the government restriction against the pandemic, children had no choice but to stop attending schools for a long period of time. The classes became empty with no activities and it was so clear that children were missing school. Our social work team developed a special care plan for the children living with disabilities where they occasionally visited them at their homes to check on their general wellbeing and possibilities of doing any school relating activities at home while they await for schools to reopen. During this time KidsCare also took this opportunity to add more inventories in all the six special-school units including outside playing materials.



Our Programs

◆ The Community Based HomeCare Child Protection and BeeKeeping (CBHCPB)

The Community Based HomeCare, Child Protection and Beekeeping program is a unique innovation which aims to benefit 360 households through social guidance. With more than 2000 orphans and vulnerable children under CBHCPB. Within a given time frame of 3 years, KidsCare empowers these households to see

- Children are going to school.
- Formation of stable shelters with outside kitchen and latrines.
- Formation of income generating activities.
- Accessing of medical services and children sleeping under mosquito nets.
- Children are living in safe and secure environment.
- Formation of self help support groups.
- Formation of 24 beekeepers farmers groups.
- Formation of 24 child protection committees

The CBHCPB program is only achievable with the support from potential donors, stakeholders and the good cooperation from the national and local government. KidsCare also works with 120 KidsCare volunteers located in all the 6 selected KidsCare locations.

Why beekeeping

- Bees pollinate agricultural crops and wild plants.
- Honey, pollen and beeswax are healthy products.
- Products of bees provide income. Beeswax is used for candles and soap.
- Even poor people can keep bees. Materials can be made locally. Bees can be found in the surroundings. They do not need food from the beekeeper.
- Beekeeping has no need of agricultural ground. Bees gather in all sorts of places.
- Nectar and pollen are collected by bees and other insects only. There is no competition of other animals.
- Local craftsmen can make beehives and the equipment. Traders can process and sell bees products for their own benefit.
- Beekeepers have an economic interest in nature management, plant diversity and protection of bee-environment.
- People of all ages can keep bees. Bees do not need daily care. The hives-management can be done between other activities.



Our Programs

Children living with special abilities (CSA)

The CSA department focuses on the general well being of children living with disabilities from health, receiving quality education and living a well social life like any other children. With more than 150 CSAs, beneficiaries, KidsCare has been able to conduct awareness in different locations of the Lunga Lunga Sub County to enlighten the communities that given a chance, children living with disabilities deserves to live happily and build a bright future ahead.



With the scarce availability of special need school within Lunga Lunga, Sub County, in partnership with the county government, KidsCare established six special school units in selected six primary schools of Lunga Lunga. The aim of this project is to give children living with disabilities a chance to get quality education, learn and interact with other children regardless of their disabilities. Working in close cooperation with the school management, teachers have undergone trainings and schools are equipped with inventories to give quality services to the children. Each of the unit consists of a classroom and a day care.

KidsCare also works hand in hand with health stakeholders to offer therapy services to the most needy children. To ease time and costs for the care givers, therapies services are not only done at the center but are also extended to the special units in the locations.



KidsCare Outreaches



The locational social work team uses the six outreach offices for counseling, offering social services and referrals. This is also achievable with the support and close cooperation with

Village administrators

KidsCare locational Teams (KLTs)

Volunteers

Health workers

Ward administrators

Local organizations

10 years of strength

- ◆ Constitution of Kenyan Board.
- ◆ Well functional outreach offices.
- ◆ Well functioning six special schools units.
- ◆ Constant distribution of assistive devices to children living with disabilities.
- ◆ Distributed 30 bicycles fitted with special seats to be used as transportation to school for the children living with disabilities.
- ◆ Trained teachers and school management in the special school units program.
- ◆ Provision of school inventories.
- ◆ Successful stabilized the living conditions of 360 households from the previous Community Based Homecare and Beekeeping project.
- ◆ Rolled out of the new Community Based Homecare Child Protection and Beekeeping project (CBHCPB)
- ◆ Strengthened KidsCare capacity.
- ◆ Professional organization.
- ◆ Strengthened cooperation and brought on board more stakeholders and partners towards strong partnerships.
- ◆ Achieved local and international grants in reaction to the pandemic.
- ◆ Development of a 3 years strategic plan and annual year plans.
- ◆ Formation of 120 local KidsCare volunteers (KCVs).
- ◆ Gained the frontrunner tittle.
- ◆ Award winning nominee diversity and inclusion.
- ◆ 10 years specialist on HomeCare programs.
- ◆ Sharing of special and quarterly newsletters.
- ◆ Improved monitors and evaluations systems.
- ◆ Provision of unique hospitality services.
- ◆ Successfully implemented the seed food package programs in reaction to the pandemic.
- ◆ Successful managed to lead major awareness events on the rights to quality education to children living with disabilities.
- ◆ Gaining knowledge and knowhow from abroad.
- ◆ Strong local team.
- ◆ Good cooperation with the government.
- ◆ Originated from a private initiative.
- ◆ High involvement from volunteers.

A glance of our financial statements 2019-2020 & budget 2021

At KidsCare Kenya we have always undertaken several projects all in hope of realizing our goal. In close cooperation with specialized partners and in line with the government policy, we exist to help orphans and vulnerable children towards creating a better future for children.

Donations	BUDGET 2021	2020	2019
Donations Holland and Kenya partners	45,593,467	37,334,197	43,966,516
Expenditure			
HomeCare and Beekeeping	21,990,600	7,041,519	6,236,600
Children with Special Abilities (CSA)	2,500,000	6,441,518	4,700,060
Special School Units -Quality (SSU-Q)	6,000,000	4,997,798	9,491,731
Special Schools Units Construction and inventories (SSU-C)	4,959,130	10,107,646	19,348,217
Scholarship	1,600,000	1,318,646	591,717
Short term interventions	4,640,000	4,555,599	-
Other costs	3,903,737	2,871,472	4,581,159
Total expenditure	45,593,467	37,334,198	44,949,483

“We have not yet realized the whole budget for 2021 and we therefore welcome any willing donor to join hands with us as we strive to create a better future for the vulnerable children of Lunga Lunga Sub County especially in this difficult time of Covid-19 Global Pandemic”

Support/Donate

You can support our initiatives by donating a small fee because we can give children a better future

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