



BARAKA CHILDREN'S HOME



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STATUS REPORT 2018

VISION

To be the best Care giving Children's charitable institution in the Region

MISSION

Provide Orphans and vulnerable Children with basic and secondary needs such as Food, Shelter, Education, Clothes, Medical care, Recreation, Parental and Spiritual guidance, Love and Vocational Training

BACKGROUND

The idea of a "Children's home" originated from a Women's self help group at Bamburi in October 2002. A group of six members proposed to start the home for orphans after encountering and observing several cases of neglected and abandoned HIV/AIDS orphans within the community. The vulnerable status of the orphans forced most of these children to live on Streets begging for food and money. It was heartbreaking to observe the destitute life of these Children exposed to unbearable abuse, Sexual and Economic exploitation, Child labour, hunger, lack of Education and Health care.

Baraka Children's home was started in January 2003. We kicked off in a Two-bedroom rented house at Bamburi Kidarajani. The vulnerable children we accommodate are identified through the Chiefs office/Community and District Children's Officer (**DCO's**)

Baraka Children's home is located in Nguu-Tatu village in Mwakirunge Sub-location since 6th January 2007. We acquired Five (5) acres of land to facilitate progressive development for Girl's Boys dormitory, Girls dormitory, Dining Hall and Education Centre

Our goal is to ensure that Children placed in our custody live a normal and fulfilled life and eventually integrated in the community as diligent citizens.

GENERAL OVERVIEW

The Kenyan Economy is recovering the tense Political environment generated by General elections held in August 2017 to elect the President, members of Parliament and devolved governments. Kenya also faces continued threat from Terrorisms. The increased security risk has negative impact on Tourism industry in coast region.

Baraka children remains standing because of the support we received locally and from external partners.

The Economic, Political and Environmental dynamics ascribe to difficulties Baraka undergoes as we struggle to provide essential needs for the children. We are hopeful that our partners will increase their support for Baraka Children's home.

KEY OBJECTIVES

- Supply Children with necessities; Shelter, Food, Health care, Clothing, Education, Parental guidance and guarantee quality life for the Children.
- Ensure Children are protected from any form of Abuse, Discrimination, Slavery, Cruelty, protected from sexual and Economic exploitation, and from use or trafficking harmful substances
- Construct a Girls Dormitory, Kitchen and a Dining Hall

CHILDREN'S ADMISSION & STATISTICS

Baraka Children's home supports Orphans, Destitute, Abused and Abandoned Children, in collaboration with the District Children's Office and the Community. A Child is selected purely on vulnerability status, without bias on Religion, Ethnic or Political affiliation of the Child relatives.

Baraka supported **36** Children overall. A total of **22** Children were accommodated at Baraka and **14** Children were supported through the home-based program. Baraka sustains support for Children reunited with relatives when they turn 18 years, However Baraka continues to fund their Education while the child resides with relatives.

FOOD SUPPLY

The food supply for Baraka Children was sustained with support from partners and friends. We have occasional received food donations from the well-wisher and Church groups.

BARAKA HOME

Baraka Children's home provides a comfortable home with basic facilities for the Children. The boy's dormitory is furnished and functional. 4 boys have been allocated one room, each Child with own Bed, Wardrobe and study table. The Girls have temporarily occupied the Administration block as Dormitory until the day we raise funds to construct the Girls dormitory.

Baraka currently operates a temporary kitchen constructed from Iron sheets; the plan for a permanent Kitchen has been in cooperated in the dining Hall construction plans. In future landscaping we plan to establish recreation facilities for Children.

Baraka's second-hand Nissan Van gradually depreciated and was disposed. The Children Loved their Van but with years of use, the cost of vehicle Maintenance was unsustainable.

EDUCATION

Baraka is committed to ensure each Child acquires excellent Education and our Education Sponsors agree that Education is an important weapon to fight poverty. Baraka is also committed support children acquire professional qualifications to pave way for sustainable livelihood.

We commend all our Education sponsors because their support has ensured children stay in school to get quality education.

In January 2017 Baraka had **(9)** Children in Lower primary enrolled at "**St. Anne's Academy**" The children were forced to relocate from Elite Academy in Mtwapa when the main sponsors pulled out.

Baraka also has **(6)** Children enrolled at "**Mekaela Academy**"; Eleven **(11)** children are enrolled in various secondary schools and **(4)** attending Technical Colleges for Diploma and Certificate course and **(2)** National Universities for degree courses.

CHILDREN'S HEALTH CARE

Baraka children generally enjoy good Health, with exception to few cases of flu, malaria and minor ailments. We also have two Children with mild cases of Asthma that is managed by medication. All Children with identified Medical conditions are closely monitored by the Management.

CHILDREN'S RIGHTS

The Management is responsible to ensure Baraka children are protected from any form of Abuse, Discrimination, Slavery and Cruelty, Protected from Sexual and Economic exploitation and from use or trafficking harmful substances. Progressively the management educates Children on their Rights, counsel's children against indulging in harmful Behaviour or Substances and ensure each Child is protected and respected. Baraka Children have freedom to express their Opinions, Complaints without fear; to report to the Managing committee/Director or Staff any abusive or irregular behaviour they witness or are exposed to by Adults or older children. Occasional meeting held at the home between Children and Management is an open forum for Children to express concerns and grievances.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Baraka has four (4) salaried employees that support the children. That is 3 Caregivers and one Manager. The Guard remains a daily worker until we secure funding.

The executive Committee makes Policies and Monitors Management of the home. The Director works as Volunteer to ensure Policies and Activities are implemented according to Plan/Budget, she also undertakes the responsibility of resource Mobilisation to sustain the home and external Communication with Partners.

RESOURCE MOBILIZATION

The plan is for Baraka to develop Resources mobilisation and Sustainable income generating activities to reduce donor dependency. However, the poor infrastructure and Land ownership issues hinder sustainable development in Ngu-tatu area, this makes it difficult and costly to initiate profitable projects in Ngu-tatu.

In August 2012 Baraka initiated a pilot poultry that eventually failed. The environment conditions and cost of feeds made the project unsustainable

Baraka's original dream is to establish an **"Education Complex"** our vision remains in our hearts until the day we secure adequate funding and support.

CHALLENGES

- Lack of donors, insufficient funds to complete construction of the Girls dormitory and perimeter Fence as required by the Government.
- Baraka did not raise adequate funding to complete planned activities. We also lost some long-term Financiers because of individual economic constraints.
- Cash flow challenges, donor funds are often received late. The cashflow delays affects Children's school needs and Payment of staff salaries is also delayed.
- The poor infrastructure makes our location unattractive to investors and development opportunities. And Logistics remains a challenge, Baraka needs a good mini Bus to facilitate children's needs
- The Risk of the Girl Child dropping from School because of early pregnancies has increased at Adolescent. And lure of quick cash combined with peer pressure has increased the Risk of Boys dropping out of schools to join Boda Boda business (*Motorbike Riders*) or taking illicit Drugs.

MILESTONES TO DATE

- The Girl's Dormitory and Dining Hall, Foundation initiated, construction is stopped because of funding constraints
- Baraka has Completed Construction of Toilets block adjacent to the Temporary Dormitory for Girls.
- Some Baraka Children performed well in their National exams and Education were enrolled in Top National Schools.
- Baraka signed 5-year Partnership MOU with Educlmpact.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Finance reports for earmarked funding was submitted to our respective Partners The donor reports are linked to specific conditions or Agreement stipulated by our Financiers. The Annual Audits is periodically conducted, the reports are submitted to relevant Kenyan Government offices together with Institution registration documents.

PARTNERS AND SPONSORS

Baraka appreciates all our Partners, Friends, Financiers and well-wishers for the Donations received to support Baraka Children. All Cash and in-kind Gifts, and visits to Baraka home to spend time with the children is Priceless. The Children feel cherished and Loved. Some Churches Partners help in mentoring Children, guiding them in the right path, Love, giving them hope and nurturing humanitarian values.

We appreciate all your support and for standing with Baraka siku kwa siku. We can affirm that Baraka stands tall because of your generous support, God's Mercy and Love.

We also acknowledge outstanding support and contributions in 2018 from the following Partners

NAME OF SPONSOR	PURPOSE	MODE OF TRANSFER	AMOUNT EURO	AMOUNT KES
Foundation Notre Dame	Eudacation, Personnel, Medical	Bank	€ 15,400	1,694,000
Jane Carne	Education, Food & Medicine	World Remit to Mpesa	€ 7,054	776,000
Assoc Educadev	Eudacation, Personnel, Medical	Bank	€ 5,000	550,000
Valeria Panini	Education	Bank	€ 3,826	420,860
Da Ros Katia	Education	Bank	€ 3,300	363,000
Albacore SA	Food	Bank	€ 2,964	349,752
Simionetta Pignattelli	Education	Bank	€ 974	107,140
Elena Giordano	Girls Dormitory + Food	Bank	€ 1,005	110,550
Marco Salvini	Education	Bank	€ 645	70,950
Kenneth Stainthorpe	Electricity & Water bills	Bank	€ 607	66,770
Michele Giambelli	Food	Cash	€ 500	55,000
Mr & Mrs Gitonga	Tuition Fee - Damaries	Paid direct to Institution	€ 487	53,554
Stefania Boschetto	Education	Bank	€ 837	92,070
Monica & Roberto Tronci	College Fee - Denise	Paid direct to Institution		0
Stefania Boschetto	Education	Bank	€ 475	52,250
Valeria Panini	Education (2019)	Bank	€ 2,906	319,660
TOTAL			€ 45,980	5,081,556

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