

## ONGOING ACTIVITIES AND HIGHLIGHTS

### 1 Education and Vocational Training

- SVF supported 31 students from very poor households in the low income slums of with fees, levies and personal needs enabling them to transition successfully through secondary and university or tertiary institutions and vocation education and linking them with employers.
- We supported girls with menstrual hygiene needs reaching over 800 girls. We continue to support more youth to get and education and employment for post—school.
- We are rolling out programs for supporting needy pupils in primary schools with basic needs such as learning materials supplied with the support of individual as well as publishers' donation
- We support coaching and mentoring and life skills for boys and girls an; menstrual hygiene and awareness on obsolete harmful cultural practices and beliefs, especially in the 21 FGM hotspot counties. With the support of our principal partner, Africa Circle of Hope Foundation (ACOHF) and other well-wishers, SVF assists students who from very poor backgrounds chose to pursue technical education or those who miss out on formal education pathway, to enroll in technical colleges and vocational training institutions, where they earn certificates and diplomas. SVF supports them with school fees, accommodation, food, and upkeep to ensure they learn uninterrupted. Courses include computer skills, basic book keeping and accountancy, driving, tailoring, food and beverage production, bead-work, and cosmetology (hair and beauty). Other courses are electrical engineering, community development and the environment; plant operation, plumbing, sales and marketing, carpentry, and social work.

### 2 Coaching and Mentorship

Cosely linked to education, SVF organizes two coaching and mentorship sessions annually to train organized youth, both in and out of school. boys and girls, with life skills training, coaching and mentoring and; career guidance with our support covering topics such as career choice and progression, sexual and reproductive health, hygiene, self-esteem and confidence, positive attitudes, national values versus personal values, community service etc. This program helps the youth mainly with charting their career path, helping others in society and being responsible and dependable citizens in a society where youth a faced with major challenges of first tracked social and technological changes.

### 3 Internship program

We leverage the diverse networks that our members and partners have to provide internship placements for the beneficiaries who are mainly students and volunteers in our programs.

We target formal settings and other environments that offer opportunities for technical experience. This boosts their chances of getting hired on more full time employment upon completion of studies. Others

are graduates of vocational institutions who we link with mentors on business and enterprise development and management. Through our partners, we provide training and business support services to entrepreneurs at all levels of entrepreneurship. This training includes: financial literacy, cash flow management, fundraising, resource mobilization etc. We also selectively provide some soft grants to graduates with good business ideas and follow through to ensure success and multiplier effect. Subsequently, we create a database of all our beneficiaries – particularly those who have already started their careers – to keep track of their progress. We have in place proper mechanisms for follow-up, monitoring, and evaluation.

Our evaluation measures the extent to which the sponsorship actually transforms lives and the beneficiaries willingness to contribute to our philanthropy kitty once they are established in their jobs or businesses. This serves to build sustainability of the program.

#### **4 Health and Sanitation**

- SVF has supported at least one school – St. Lucy’s school for the Blind, Igoji Meru through construction of an ablution block –separate for girls, boys and teachers benefiting school population of 300 generally improving sanitation the school.
- Educated community on preventive health and organized a dental health camp in Murang’a with the support of Kenyatta National Hospital and Muriranja’s hospital in Muranga, benefiting over 500 low income people

#### **5 Agriculture and Entrepreneurship**

SVF runs a program for promoting investment in agriculture by small scale farmers organized in cooperatives and chamas (small groups) and through a farmer support program (FSP) we support them with farming inputs, seedlings/seeds, technical assistance, and training, to enable them to farm efficiently and grow quality produce. The training includes topics on food preservation, value addition, financial literacy and basic record keeping and marketing. The aim of this program is to empower the farmer create jobs for men, women and youth.