



God has enabled us to empower more children and families in Kibera throughout the past year. You will read in this report about the impact we have achieved including supporting 143 children in primary school and 63 children in secondary school. Preparing 25 more children to join or return to school and over a thousand children have benefitted from our community library.

2019 has seen us focus more on organisational improvement to increase the impact of our work.

We have been able to offer staff further training, review policies, improve our data collection, constantly monitor and evaluate our work and most importantly develop strategic plans for the next 5 years!

It is remarkable what we have accomplished.

This year we have also been able to grow our networks and partnerships. We have benefited tremendously from these networks by gaining more knowledge on how to improve our work. We would not have made such great strides were it not for these networks.

We look forward to seeing what God has in store for us in 2020 as we start implementing the strategic plans.

To all our dear friends and supporters, thank you for your continued prayers and love.

To my colleagues, thank you for your constant dedication to serve our children and families.

Judy Akoth CEO

## **Our Vision**

# Our vision is to see vulnerable families and children living in Nairobi's informal settlements achieve their full God-given potential

## **Our Mission**

Our mission is to demonstrate God's heart for the poor through programmes that relieve poverty, transform lives and restore hope amongst vulnerable families and children in Nairobi's informal settlements.

## Our Goals

We aim to provide access to quality education through our Kianda Children's Centre, Fountains of Hope School, and Secondary School support.

We aim to offer children learning resources and opportunities through our Community Library.

We aim to develop friendships with all the families we work with and demonstrate God's love through practical support.

# School Transition Programme

**The Challenge:** School dropout rates are high in informal settlements like Kibera due to poverty and poor quality of education.

Our Solution: We reduce dropout rates by investing in a strong pre-school foundation for children unable to go to nursery. We prepare kids who have dropped out of school to return to school, both academically and socially.

In 2019, the quality of our programme improved significantly as teachers adopted more play-learning approaches to teaching the youngest children with amazing results. We renovated the compound, creating a more child-friendly space. The children also visited an animal park which was the highlight of the year for many.

In 2019,16 children successfully returned to primary school

**9 children** completed their first year of preschool, they will stay in the programme one more year

It costs £15 (2,000Ksh) per month to provide daily breakfast and lunch for a child in our education programmes







# **Fountains of Hope School**

**The Challenge:** In Kibera, learning outcomes are low due to the poor quality of education provided in many schools.

**Our Solution:** The Fountains of Hope School provides quality primary education to vulnerable children in Kibera for free.

2019 saw students at the Fountains of Hope School taking part in many extra-curricular activities including inter-school music festivals and sports. We were excited to see some of our young singers and sportspeople progress to the county level in the competitions.

21 students graduated from the Fountains of Hope School this year. 76% of the students scored over 250 marks in their KCPE exams and the best student scored 368 points out of the possible 500 marks. Notably, our mean score was higher than that of all but one public primary school around Kibera. All 21 students have successfully transitioned to secondary school.

In 2019 we also supported **63 students** to attend secondary schools.

It costs £35 (4,000Ksh) per month to support a child in the Fountains of Hope School.



#### **Meet Peter**

Peter was learning in a small private school in Kibera but dropped out when his mum could no longer afford the fees. The teachers in his school were not trained. When he joined Transition, we found he was three school years behind his peers. This was a setback for him. He took some time to settle in and open up.

Peter and his teachers have put in a lot of hard work and it has paid off. Peter now scores 95% in Maths exams! He has truly shown



remarkable improvements not only in class but also in his character. We are so proud of his achievements and his determined spirit. He could have given up on many occasions but he kept going. Peter's story is just one of many stories of transformation.

# **Holiday Camps**

On your marks, get set, go! This year's summer camp, our first since 2016, was new for a lot of people. A new bunch of energetic youth ready to fellowship together and learn from God; a dedicated group of teachers ready to get in the groove and a team of coaches ready to stretch everyone's fitness.

We took 87 children aged 11 to 16 from the Fountains of Hope School. For most this was their first time ever to attend camps.

'I enjoyed the games, the food, the hot water, swimming and the spongy beds!' Iane





1,360

children visited the library, with a total of 3,837 visits.

**56** 

Children visited the library from 56 schools in Kibera



the level of a 7-year-old.

Our Solution: We provide space and books in Kibera for children to read, do homework and take part in other activities like art workshops. Volunteers help children with their reading and homework.

1,360 kids visited the library throughout 2019, the library received a total of 3,837 visits. We served children from 56 schools in Kibera.

We're grateful to our friends at Uweza Art Gallery in Kibera who offered their talents to paint a mural on the front of our library to attract more kids.

We launched a small mobile library programme this year, taking books, colouring pages and volunteers out to visit nearby daycare centres to provide some pre-reading experience for the pre-school kids.



**22 boys and 21 girls** attend the Turning Point Footbal Club

TPFC meets after school for training and mentor sessions. Both the boys and girls teams entered many local tournaments throughout 2019. Three of our best players received calls to join bigger clubs where they will be able to develop their skills further.

## **Supporting Parents**

85 parents attended our 8-week parenting course in 2019.

We aim to empower the whole family. Our annual parenting course equips parents to create nurturing environments at home.

"I want to share how I applied the teachings from the class on reconciliation. I had a falling out with a friend who sells groceries and in anger, I told a few more friends to stop buying groceries from her stall because she wasn't observing hygiene. Last week after class, I visited her, asked for forgiveness, started buying groceries from her and even went back to some of my friends and clarified the issue. I feel relieved" - Carol, parenting course attendee

This year we partnered with the Kraft Therapy Foundation to empower a small group of parents with tailoring and business skills. The mums grew in confidence and self-esteem through group counselling sessions.

After just six months, the group were able to make their dresses for their graduation ceremony which we hosted in our community library. Christine, a mother from Turning Point, finished top of the class and won a sewing machine.







67,200

School Meals provided



143

Children received primary education



3,837

library visits



85

Parents trained in positive parenting



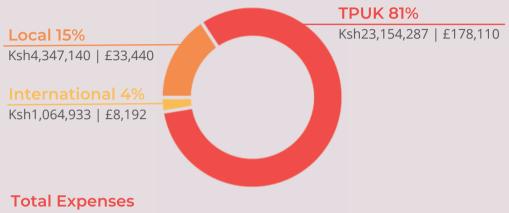
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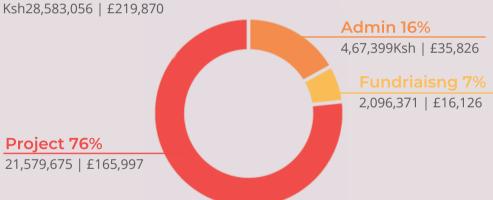
students supported in secondary school

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