

Haven of Hope



Counselling and Rehabilitation
of Teenage Mothers

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As the autumn trees shed their leaves, preparing for a new season, Haven of Hope likewise set time aside to make an in-depth assessment of our activities, in order to prepare for the next phase with better defined goals on what needs to be done in the near future, and to reassess our medium term strategic planning.

The 31st August was set forth as the cut off date on which an overview should be made on the organization's activities and its achievements during the past 8 months.

During the month of August, we focussed our attention on three main areas, namely : signing tripartite agreements between vocational trainers, trainees and the organisation; finalizing of formalities for those who were readmitted in secondary schools and vocational training institutions by paying their tuition fees, providing them with funds to purchase books and other requirements for their studies; and loan agreements were signed between teenage mothers who received loan for their business, microfinance institution (CEMMED, African Dream) and Haven of Hope.

By the end of the period, 5 teenage mothers were registered to resume studies in secondary schools, 3 were registered in vocational training institutions of which one was to pursue studies in electrical engineering, one in nursing, and the third is due to complete an 8 months' intensive training course in baby care in December. Six started apprenticeship training with established entrepreneurs in sewing, decoration, hairdressing and beauty care. Five other single teenage mothers were given loans to either enhance their business or start afresh.

Between September and December the team is closely following up on the progress of these teen-mothers, to ensure that each one succeeds in her venture, and take corrective measures in case of any sign of weakness in a chosen programme.

This first batch of sponsored teenage mothers is due to finish training between June and July 2014. The next phase will be to ensure their reintegration into community life by giving them the means to start their own businesses. This will be achieved through small loan schemes, and supplying them with basic tools and equipment to start off, after following a three-day intensive business training course sponsored by HOH in collaboration with CCEMMED (African Dream).

During the reporting period, Haven of Hope had a total income of 5,673,481 fr.CFA, (€8,649.92). Direct aid to teenage mothers amounted to 1,598,675 fr.CFA (€2,437.38). The balance covered other sectors of the

assistance project. We estimate that an amount of €1,400.00 will be enough to cover pending commitments with educational institutions and vocational training trainers till the end of December 2013.

We highly encourage you to find out more detailed information on current activities, as well as our short and medium term goals, on our website <http://havenofhopetm.org/#/en/publications>, PRESENTATION TO CHARISMAGEX.

Thank you for encouraging us in this challenging work, and for the interest you have in Haven of Hope.

Gladys Ndang
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(Founder)

Teenage mother being trained in BABYCARE,
sponsored by HOH.
Here, she participates in a vaccination campaign.



Teenage mother selling oranges in the market.
She benefitted from our microfinance loan
scheme. A success story.

