

## **KIPAWA YOUTH VOLUNTEERS ORGANIZATION CRAN MISSION**

### **Introduction**

The CRAN Mission Home for orphaned children has been established in Mombasa, Coast Province, and is a home of 30 children aged between 1 and 18 years. The home was discovered by Benjamin, our National Programme Coordinator who encountered severe problems related with neglected children as a result of the HIV/AIDS Pandemic.

The main goal of the CRAN MISSION Home is to come up with intervention programmes that aim to provide opportunities to allow orphaned and vulnerable children to continue as normal a life as possible.

Kenyan orphans currently number a staggering 1.3 million, and this figure is projected to rise to 1.8 millions in 2007 (NASCO 2001). The HIV prevalence rate in Kenya is 13% of the total population and 700 deaths occur each day in the country because of AIDS alone (NASCO 2002). Sadly Kenyan society has failed on many levels to provide the important positive response on collective care and provision of basic needs for AIDS orphans. Furthermore, the stigma attached to these orphans has led to failure by the immediate family members to take the mantle of direct responsibility for the increasing number of orphans due to HIV/AIDS, which is rising at an alarming rate.

Basic needs like provision of food, clothing, shelter, education, health, psychological support, emotional support, security, and parental love are all missing for these orphans, as those ready to provide for them have been constrained by the government diminishing purchasing power due to high poverty levels. As a result, we find that the plight of OVCs results in poor nutrition, stigma, insecurity, poor health, lack of care givers, early marriages, destitution, abuse (emotional, physical and sexual), exploitation of child labour and psychological trauma. The CRAN MISSION focuses primarily on provision of home care for the OVCs against the propagation of an orphanage.

The CRAN MISSION Programme mainly networks with all the community-based organizations, youth groups and faith-based organizations to forge an acceptable strategy that will work to respond to all these needs accordingly.

### **CRAN MISSIONS' VISION**

Provision of care, support and defending the rights of orphans at the Centre, as well as in the location of coast at large.

### **CRAN MISSION MISSION**

The mission of this home is to improve the plight of HIV/AIDS orphans and vulnerable children by giving them access to the education, basic health care services, and the psychological support needed to enable them to continue their lives with real hope for the future.

## **BROAD OBJECTIVES OF UTULIVU HOME**

Building awareness and reducing stigma Extending the life of the parent child relationship Ensuring the child's future Preparing the family for transition.

## **SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES**

To provide legal services to the AIDS orphans and vulnerable children by taking up their legal problems and taking them to the Children Departments Office.

To provide basic needs to the orphans through provision of food, clothing and psychological support. At the moment this is done through the local staff.

To mobilize other groups to respond positively to the problems of widows, OVCs and income generating activities in the Mombassa Area in order to reduce the prevalence of HIV/AIDS.

To reduce the stigma amongst community members surrounding HIV/AIDS and increase the awareness of HIV transmission, management and VCT services in the community.

## **ACTIVITIES**

Statistical collection of OVCs Home visits Outreaches in schools, churches and communities Peer counselling Training Using of community based organizations Referral of legal issues to experts

## **METHODOLOGY /STRATEGIES**

KIPAWA employs a specifically designed questionnaire to collect AIDS orphans related data.

We use the youth, women and men who have been specifically trained in peer counselling, home based care, legal studies and human rights to provide their services to the community.

Trained volunteers amongst the youth will be recruited and motivated to increase awareness of HIV/AIDS dangers using theatre as their medium. **GENDER**

## **MAINSTREAMING EMPOWERMENT GROUP**

This is a local group that was formed in 2006. The group aims at eradicating poverty and educating the community about HIV/AIDS as well as caring for orphans both infected and affected.

Volunteers working with this group provide counselling, emotional support, and provision of clothes and food. The group's activities also assist an orphan centre called Victory orphans centre.

The group is located at Kaloleni, Rabai – Location – Kaloleni constituency- Kaloleni District, coast province.

**Victory Orphans Centre**

This group is a community based organization registered under the ministry of gender, sports, culture and social services. Its main focus is its feeding programme of the 137 plus children affected by HIV/AIDS. The programme also aims at rescuing these children from various and differing forms of abuse.

The activities of the volunteers entail visiting the centre at 1 p.m and staying with the children up to 3 p.m on a daily basis.

**Activities entail:**

- Feeding
- Counselling
- Provision of clothes
- Linking them to health care centers
- Looking for guardians and sponsors
- Doing games together and dancing and singing together.