



ST. BENEDICT COMMUNITY CENTRE

"Education is the key to Success"

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PROJECT : RELOCATION OF SCHOOL PREMISES

LOCATION OF IMPLEMENTATION: DANDORA, Nairobi, Kenya

BUDGET: USD 39'100

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PROJECT EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

ST. Benedict Community Centre is located in Dandora, Nairobi Kenya. Diana Jomo the founder of SBCC found it hard to ignore the suffering of vulnerable children who due to poverty could wake up very early in the morning and walk straight to the dumpsite to look for the filthy leftovers. As a result she established **SBCC** as an educational institution to offer humanitarian assistance to needy children. Apart from primary education, children are provided with two meals a day, guided on Christian values and their talents nurtured.

At SBCC, children are given the necessary care, love and their hopes for a better future restored. The care does not end when a child completes primary education, the centre always strives to link them with well wishers to assist them transit to secondary schools.

Since its establishment the centre operates in rented premises which are not conducive for learning purposes. The premise has small rooms made of old iron sheet walls and roof, poor drainage system, and no electricity. Due to poor drainage system sewer water usually floods the classes whenever it rains posing a health hazard to children. Cases of children having stomach upsets and respiratory problems are common due to this poor state of the current location of the school.

Besides all these poor state of the premise the owner has given the school an eviction notice, a threat to continuity of the centre and uncertainty to lives of many children who depend on **SBCC** for their Education and survival. The management of SBCC therefore makes an appeal for support of **Ksh. 2.619M** to assist in acquiring new premises that will be owned by the institution and void of the challenges mentioned earlier.

PROJECT BACKGROUND.

Dandora is located in the eastern part of Nairobi and the main dumpsite of all the wastes in Nairobi. It is divided into 5 phases; the school is located in phase 4 not far away from the dumpsite. The bad smell from the rotting wastes is environmental hazard and a health risk to people who directly depend on the dumpsite for their livelihood.

At times choking smoke fills the air from the burning waste making it difficult to breath and causes respiratory diseases among the residents of Dandora. With all these risks poverty stricken children find this dumpsite the only alternative for survival, directly consuming the leftovers.

Crime rate is high due to high number of children who drop out of school caused by lack of school fees. There are several cases of young boys and girls being killed by either police or mob due to crime. Most of these children are orphans who live with their poor relatives who cannot provide them with good shelter, school uniform, writing materials and good diet.

Education therefore plays a vital role as a change agent to children living under challenging circumstances and environment like Dandora. Education has the ability to address inequality, poverty, unemployment and problems associated with illiteracy.

SBCC was founded and registered in 2008 to address the challenges needy children in Dandora face. The Centre has had a steady increase in children enrolment with the current learner's population being 203. First group of beneficiaries are in various secondary schools across the country proceeding with their studies.

The need to have Centre owned premises is an overwhelming task that cannot be solved without donor support to ensure continuity of the school at a reduced cost of operation. We therefore seek support.

TARGETED BENEFICIARIES.

The targeted beneficiaries of this project are the learners who are already at St. Benedict community Centre ages between 4years to 14 years old. The project will also benefit students who are already in various secondary schools do their private study during school holidays. In Dandora there is no community library that can help students do research and study on their own, they cannot study at home as well due to congestion and noise. The smart learning room will act as a community library and reference point to other learning institutions. This room will offer a unique opportunity to children in Dandora of accessing quality academic contents and Christian teachings.

PROBLEM STATEMENT.

A child from slums rarely gets opportunity to access quality education as her/his peers from high income areas. As a result they cannot favorably compete for opportunities associated with education, these results into intergenerational poverty in families. Unless kept in school children face the danger of crime, child labor/abuse, and death due to unhealthy diet among other problems.

The vision of St. Benedict community Centre is to change one life at a time for a prosperous community by providing support and knowledge that restores human dignity. This very vision has been threatened by the poor state of premises we are in and the eviction notice. Without support to acquire new premises, children at SBCC are faced with the danger of dropping out of school and their lives consumed by the ugly challenges mentioned.

OBJECTIVES OF THE PROJECT

It is on this backdrop of circumstances that we set out an appeal for support to acquire Centre owned premises with the following objectives:-

- ✓ Secure a place owned by SBCC and reduce monthly operation cost.
- ✓ Shift to a place free from flooding, cold and secure for children.
- ✓ Increase capacity of SBCC to help more needy children.

- ✓ Have a room specifically allocated for smart learning with access to electricity.
- ✓ Provide children with a clean learning environment.

ORGANISATION OF ST. BENEDICT COMMUNITY CENTRE.

SBCC is a registered community based organization managed by the board members that comprise of:-

1. Chairperson
2. Assistant chairperson
3. Secretary
4. Assistant secretary
5. Treasurer
6. Project coordinator.
7. Staff representative
8. Community representative.

The board's mandate is formulation of policies that are in line with children education and development. Through the director who is the secretary, the board liaises with other charitable organizations to assist in realizing the goals of SBCC. In collaboration with WILEARN 4 LIFE, SBCC seeks to raise funds for the purchase of school premises. Apart from assisting SBCC raise funds, WILEARN 4 LIFE will offer technical support, monitoring and evaluation during the implementation.

IDENTIFIED PLACE.



After a long search and careful scrutiny at the government offices, the premises above have been identified, with ownership given a clean bill of health by the county government lands department. The premise has only one occupant who is the caretaker of the plot and keeps poultry (not in large scale) in the temporal structures shown.

Upon acquisition of this premise the owner will bear responsibility of clearing the area. The caretaker has also been informed of the sale and is willing to vacate once the deal is sealed. He will be responsible for the clearing of the plot.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PLOT

PLOT SIZE: LENGTH: 50 feet WIDTH: 28feet

WATER: There is a point for piped water from the county council, though it needs fresh piping and connections.

ELECTRICITY: It has no electricity, therefore needs connection. Once application is made to Kenya power and lighting company it will be immediately connected.

SEWER CONNECTION: The plot is well connected to the main sewer system and therefore free from flooding.

IMPLEMENTATION AND BUDGET.

	ACTIVITY	COST	TIMEFRAME
Phase 1	Search and Legal verification of ownership	600 USD	Completed
Phase 2	<u>purchase of the plot</u> 1. Drafting legal sell agreement by the lawyer-done 2. Cash transfer to the owner - partially done	12'500 USD	Partially funded – Titel transfer imminent
Phase 3	Planning and Construction of classrooms and facilities	24'000 USD	estimate 3 months
Phase 4	Electricity and water connection	2'000 USD	One day
	TOTAL	39'100 USD	
	Donations received to date	7'000 USD	
	Loan wiLearn until Dec 2023	5000 USD	for plot purchase
	Remaining fund required	32'100 USD	

MONITORING AND EVALUATION.

At each and every stage of the implementation of this project, all stakeholders will be provided with photo reports, written reports, legal documents obtained and transaction receipts.

Physical and online meetings shall also be organized for the stakeholders during and after the implementation of this project.