



### Income Generation.

NPYT has managed to increase its income generating potential with the addition of bridal and cake tents to our growing marquee and function furniture leasing business. With the inclusion of these

wedding specific tents we are able to provide more functions with all their various requirements.

### Re-socialising Youth

The rehabilitation of street children can be a very daunting task, especially for those who have experienced little or no love in their short lives. So often the reason they are on the streets is because of abuse and /or neglect. The very nature of street children's desperate existence plays a significant role in shaping their characters; they tend to be strongly independent (survival on the streets demands it). Re-socialising these young people is a tough task. Attempts to lead them too rapidly into a new environment which involves social constraints and different patterns of behaviour will often lead to failure. Many find a return to the streets more attractive than a difficult integration into a society that is essentially foreign to them.

A tolerant step by step approach is necessary. And gradually, as the children are relieved of the day to day pressures of managing their own survival, they become increasingly keen to learn and take part in social activities.

These young people have potential, all they need is someone who will listen to them, patience, a little help and a little love. That, unfortunately, needs funding.



children eat on a Kitale rubbish dump

### At Last!

After almost 3 years of applications, proposals, referrals and training, the National AIDS Control Council (NACC) has released funds for Liyavo Childcare Centre and Community Clinic. The council is the government body entrusted to coordinate and disperse funds in a national campaign to combat AIDS. With prevalence at least 12% in our district there are many thousands of children being orphaned every year with no social services or support network to fall back on. The Liyavo Project is taking a 4 pronged approach to effectively combat AIDS:

- 1 Encourage and facilitate knowledge of one's HIV status using outreach Voluntary Counselling and Testing (VCT).
- 2 Care for orphaned children at our Childcare Centre
- 3 Increase awareness of prevention and management of HIV/AIDS in 4 key groups:
  - a) School Children
  - b) Youth (particularly group leaders)
  - c) Elders, respected local heads.
  - d) Already established Women's Groups
- 4 Provide free condoms

This combination of knowing ones status, understanding how to avoid infection and having the tools to prevent infection, for those who choose not to abstain, will offer a real possibility of significantly reducing new infection rates and stigma, while affording those already infected with better and informed management from family and community.



condoms are a vital tool in combating AIDS

### Network Gets Down to Work

The recently formed Trans Nzoia Children's Services Network (TRACSEN), reported in issue No.6, has already organised and held one workshop entitled Post Trauma Counselling, especially pertinent following the recent outbreaks of violence. TRACSEN are now formulating their Strategic Plan to carry them through the next 5 years aiming to increase awareness and respect of the special rights afforded children

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