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Njia Panda Ya Tumaini

Transforming Children's Lives

CHAIRMAN'S REVIEW 2009

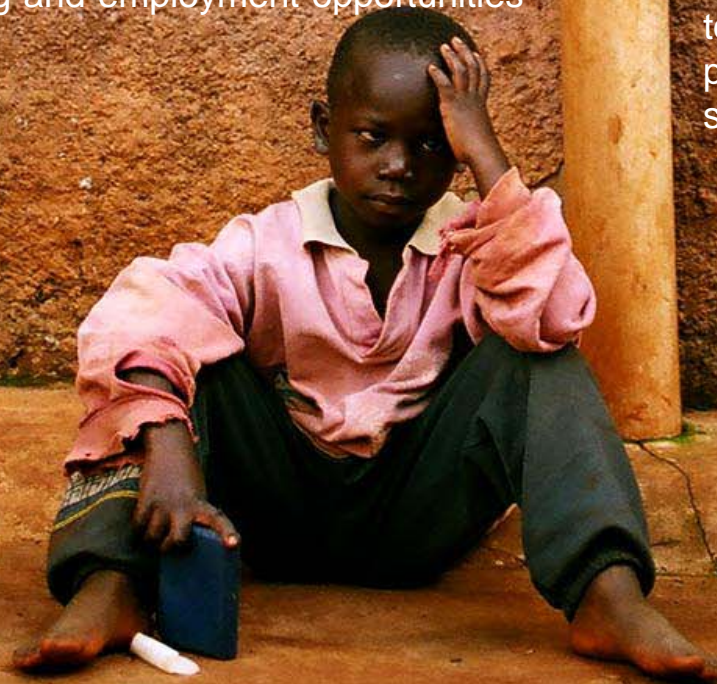
2009 brought hope. A considerable number of children taken into our care during displacement of families were repatriated, considerably reducing this unexpected burden on our finances. Furthermore, several potential donors have indicated interest in supporting us.

2009 also saw an increase in awareness of NPYT among both the local community and overseas visitors to Kitale. Two new members have joined our Board, both from the local business community. We hope this increased presence will positively impact donations, voluntary assistance, and sharing of resources. TRACSEN is proving a force to be reckoned with in this regard and also in strengthening the voice of children's organisations.

Funding for further equipment for our chair and tent hire business has helped towards a more self-sustaining future; the income provides food for our Liyavo project. After coming so close to 'the edge' during the post-election crisis, in terms of finances, we need funding to embark on more such projects, enabling us to become more self-sufficient and perhaps, in the process, providing training and employment opportunities for 'our kids'.

In this respect we should thank our staff who took the initiative to farm the gardens in their own time for the benefit of the project.

We rely on the generosity of our donors. Not only for the projects already underway, but for the pipedreams that form part of a long term strategy to not only prevent children ending up on the streets but to give them a viable future eg: community workshops on family planning, parenting and small business loans. We welcome all manner of support, financial, used items, ideas and moral support! Let us all work together to ensure that the street children rescued today will not end up as the parents of tomorrow's street children!



NPYT Vision: A world where children enjoy all their basic rights; especially the right to be a child.

Our Mission is to assist children in need while developing communities enabling them to better care for their own children.

Every day in Kitale town more children arrive.

In Trans Nzoia District an estimated 25,000 children are orphaned each year because of AIDS. Children flee their homes escaping abject poverty, political and ethnic violence, hunger and abuse.

Arriving alone in the town they have to fend for themselves and have no responsible adult guidance. They join the many children already on the streets who live a precarious life; etching a living and surviving day to day.

True, there is food in the dustbins, odd jobs can bring in a meal, but the streets are a dangerous place. Abuse of all forms is regular, 'sniffing' glue and other solvents is the norm. Children quickly adapt but that means joining the culture and accepting the abuse.

The glue sellers ply their trade, protection often requires favours. Nothing can be taken for granted, no one is spared.

NPYT reach out to these children, attempt early intervention and offer them a safe haven; time and space to objectively look at their situation, receive adult guidance and direction, and make informed choices that can positively transform their lives.

No child should have to sleep on the streets for lack of an alternative.



ACTIVITIES AND RESULTS, 2009

Outreach: 833 children reached, 78 new street arrivals identified.

Rescue Centre: 78 new street arrivals offered safe accommodation, 296 vulnerable children given temporary shelter, the remainder identified on the streets, or referred by police or Children's Office. 111 reunited with their families, 4 referred to long stay homes.

Long Stay Residential Care: 61 children receiving long term care, 3 in preschool remedial, 6 in Nursery, 52 in primary school. Over 66,000 meals prepared, 5 tonnes of maize grown.

Further Education: 10 disadvantaged youth graduate from our Vocational Training Unit, 4 youth in Secondary School

Vulnerable Children/Community Access to Health Care: 4,878 medical interventions. Children account for 3,594 and 1,284 adults. Just over 50% are female.

Community: Over 4,000 children vaccinated against measles. Community Hall used by 13 different non profit groups. Total of 76 meetings with over 2,800 participants.

Capacity Building: All staff have attended workshops in Child Participation. Managers participated in Counselling workshops.

Networking: The Trans Nzoia Children's Services Network (TRACSEN) has strengthened and consolidated it's position to become a strong voice in providing for and ensuring children's rights in the District.

HIV/AIDS Voluntary Counselling, Testing and awareness (in partnership with the National AIDS Control Council): 1,616 adults attend awareness programmes, 50 school children made aware and engaged in peer to peer awareness. 292 adults and youth, and 18 under 15's have been voluntarily tested and received counselling (VCT).



The background of the page is a photograph of a slum. It shows several makeshift huts constructed from various materials, including plastic tarps, cardboard, and other scavenged items. The huts are built on a dirt ground. In the distance, there are tall, thin trees and a clear blue sky with white clouds. A person in a red shirt is visible near one of the huts, and a small child is standing in the middle ground.

Many of those who frequent the streets start here, Kipsongo Slum. These huts will normally be home to 5 or more people. Cramped conditions, lack of sanitation and general squalor means health status is poor and alcoholism rife. Children initially make sorties to town often moving to the streets altogether. Susan (inset) joined our rescue centre after only one night on the Kitale streets. She used to go to the streets during the day as her Kipsongo parents were themselves scavenging for food and unable to provide for her. Then just seven years old she was persuaded by a friend just not to go home and sleep in town.

She did not like night in town; older boys harassed her and other girls stole her money. She came to us the next day. Following investigations and home visits it was decided, and Susan agreed, that as her family was unable to provide even the most basic of her needs, and, considering that she was a girl of tender age, she be taken to our long stay home at Liyavo.

She is now studying in Primary School class 2 and is enjoying life with the protection we take for granted, while remaining in contact with, and assisting her family.

TOMORROW'S WORLD

In 2010 NPYT have great plans and much optimism. Generally the worst fears of the recession have receded and where a year ago potential partners would just say sorry, now there are expressions of interest.

With this optimism of reaching our budget for the first time in many years, we are looking to make substantial inroads into securing children's rights; not only in the homes but also on the streets. To facilitate this we are planning the following:

ON THE STREETS:

- Formalise our outreach programme and get a base in downtown Kitale
- Work with street children to better understand why much of society spurns them and work to overcome this discrimination.
- Increase the understanding amongst the kids that they control their health and cleanliness.
- Build street children's self esteem through activities, sports and awareness.
- Initiate the long process of persuading the public and authorities that street children are not only people, but demand the respect afforded others.
- Work with and strengthen TRACSEN to lobby for children's rights and bring abusers to account.

AT THE PROJECTS:

- Encourage a mentor scheme where children who enter the project have someone they can talk to from day one and to befriend the child's family and community, to iron out any differences thus facilitating successful reunification.
- Social workers to concentrate their efforts on the children in the projects leaving the outreach to a different dedicated team.
- Increase the available places at the long stay home to 70 children.
- Reintroduce a limited one off grant to some families who show clear commitment to their children but need a little help to realise the practicalities.

All of these processes will reduce the number of children on the streets, improve the quality of life for those who remain there, and prevent new arrivals joining their ranks.

NPYT GLOBAL ACCOUNTS JANUARY - DECEMBER 2009

Kenya Shillings

To Balances Brought Forward

Cash at Bank - Njia Panda Ya Tumaini	279,647.95	
Cash at Bank - Liyavo	-9,447.65	
Cash in Hand	32,137.55	
Birunda ICT	20,629.60	
TOTAL	322,967.45	322,967.45

Receipts During the Period (Donations)

Railway Children	5,185,466.60	
UK Donations	811,406.20	
Oliver Lynton	250,207.50	
Theresa Heasman/L. Mukata	50,000.00	
George Wesonga	4,000.00	
Hazel Shellens	113,110.40	
Agatha Van Ginkel	176,176.50	
Heart of Hope	486,798.60	
London Vision Clinic	169,500.00	
Tin Collections	34,975.00	
Hope for Children	1,323,830.45	
Mr & Mrs Rossi	20,000.00	
Entwicklungshilfe Klub	260,068.15	
Ms. Esmail	5,000.00	
TOTAL	8,890,539.40	8,890,539.40

Receipts During the Period (Income Generation)

Chairs and Tents Rental	333,940.00	
Vehicle Hire	6,000.00	
Birunda Clinic	243,754.00	
Liyavo Clinic	122,715.00	
Water Collections	12,759.00	
Sale of Motor Cycle	10,000.00	
Sale of Water Tank	7,500.00	
TOTAL	736,668.00	736,668.00
TOTAL INCOME		9,950,174.85

Payments During The Period

By Njia Panda Ya Tumaini	1,982,102.00	
By Birunda Rescue Centre	3,577,092.50	
By Liyavo Village Community Project	4,056,801.50	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	9,615,996.00	9,615,996.00
BALANCE		334,178.85

By Balances Carried Forward

Cash at Bank - Njia Panda Ya Tumaini	110,704.35	
Cash at Bank - Liyavo	150,454.85	
Cash in Hand	53,519.00	
TOTAL CARRIED FORWARD	314,678.20	314,678.20
Difference		19,500.65

Note: Birunda ICT account was closed by the bank and we are still awaiting compensation





NPYT wish to thank all our partners, colleagues and friends, especially:

Railway Children

Hope for Children

Maitri Trust

Heart of Hope

Khetia Drapers and Gigamart

Entwicklungshilfe Klub

Diamond Trust Bank

And all of the individuals, our Board and groups who have, and continue to, make this work possible.

Our heart felt THANKS!

Children's names have been changed to preserve their right to privacy

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