



PROJECT PROFILE

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NAME: KIPEPEO COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM (KCEP)

DATE OF FORMATION: 10TH OCTOBER 2009

DATE OF REGISTRATION: 1ST MARCH 2010

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Kipepeo Community Empowerment Program (KCEP) is a Community Based Organization, Non-Profit and Non-Governmental initiated in October 2009 to help spearhead community driven development initiatives and enable needy community groups participate in integrated activities to achieve quality livelihood and be self-sustainable. KCEP delivers its activities through the power and spirit of volunteerism approach to build sustainable communities / intercultural exchange and thriving villages in our country. Our main purpose is promote youth employment and information exchange among Kenyans and international communities (voluntary work-camps, short and long term volunteering) youth mobility, social inclusion, sports and physical activities, community development, promotion of peace among our diverse communities, understanding and unity of purpose.

KCEP provides services in entrepreneurship and development, information technology trainings and empowerment (ICT), education (Kipepeo Community Education Centre) health and education in HIV & AIDS management and awareness, malaria and TB awareness and advocacy, Rehabilitation of street children, supporting orphans and vulnerable children, deployment of both local and international volunteers to various community projects, community entrepreneurship/ community microfinance trainings and monitoring (Community Savings and loaning) , Capacity Building sessions to youth groups, vocational schools, primary and secondary schools, organic farming and agricultural activities, Eco-Tourism, Environmental education and Management.

KCEP harness and develop the power of young people, by effectively involving them in direct implementation of the core activities that develops their skills, enabling them become self-reliance and sustainable people in community service and development. We engage young people in a constructive manner enabling them initiative and build their ideas, develop prototype, test and develop products that meet the people's needs and help reduce the problems and challenges that most faced in development sector.

The Kipepeo Community Empowerment Program (KCEP) is based in Kima Market of Vihiga County, Western Kenya.

VISION

A better future and right livelihood for families and individuals in our villages and self-sustainable communities

MISSION

Our mission is to improve the quality of life of the local communities through sustainable local development initiatives in Kenya

CORE VALUES

1. People are at the very center and heart of development; they are the forces behind all we do and every endeavor we undertake.
2. Transparency and accountability drive our actions.
3. Sustainability is built into every intervention we pursue.
4. A holistic approach is essential to our treatment of ourselves and one another, with the aim of developing the whole person: health body, healthy mind, and healthy spirit

GOAL

Our goal is to support the local children, youths and women through capacity building activities to achieve knowledge, skills, networks and motivation that will make them aim to have an improved acceptable living standard and gain human dignity and self-esteem.

OBJECTIVES

1. Empower the community groups through microfinance development through saving and loaning.
2. Enhance tape and develop the volunteerism spirit by deploying both local and international volunteers to community projects.
3. To enhance productive livelihood and well-being for people living with HIV/AIDS and their families.
4. To build and create awareness on malaria, TB and other infectious diseases in our communities.
5. Support of Orphans and Vulnerable children, street children and open an orphanage for their care and rehabilitation.
6. To establish a community resource centre aimed at facilitating learning for orphans, vulnerable children, and street kids, as well as serving as a source of practical community and career development information to local community members and CBO-affiliated groups.
7. To engage community group members in an effort to mobilize and enhance income-generating activities and thus improve the communal asset base.
8. To assist community groups in initiating enterprises that will increase economic productivity, and lead to poverty-reduction and wealth creation.
9. To establish KCEP's own long-term and self-sustaining income-generating projects to support organization's activities.

10. To involve ourselves in the social empowerment of youths (orphans, street children) through community events such as capacity-building, youth trainings, and social activities which bring our youths and communities together.
11. To develop eco-tourism and environmental management activities in the region as a source of revenue for people in the villages.
12. Build reading programmes with local community schools designed to build and improve childrens' reading skills and English performance. We do this by enlisting volunteers and obtaining reading material from willing partners and volunteers. This will be an ongoing educational project for the long-term future.

ACTIVITIES.

1. Mobilizing community groups in a service network of savings and loans for community-based microfinance
2. HIV & AIDS, Malaria and TB awareness, counseling, support innovative programmes in orphans and vulnerable children and home based health care (HBC) for the HIV affected
3. Free computer training to orphans, vulnerable youths and women in the community.
4. A community Primary school (Kipepeo Community Education Centre) centre for orphans and vulnerable children in the communities.
5. A rehabilitation program for street children to support their basic needs and provide them with community-based education,
6. Educational support initiative to orphans, street children of Luanda and vulnerable children.
7. A capacity-building structure which involves educational training programs in leadership, group management, and financial skills
8. A volunteer program ; deploying of international volunteers and places villagers in groups charged with specific community tasks in relation to their skills, strengths, and interests
9. Alternative to violence peace trainings (AVP) for the community members.
10. Eco-tourism and environmental management
11. Programmes for cultural exchange
12. Provisional computer services for the community, such as typesetting, printing, photocopy services, internet services.
13. Youth empowerment activities such as sports, theatre, career development and drug abuse training, as well as building overall awareness and engagement through youth group projects.
14. Community library for reading, borrowing and exchange of ideas.

AREA OF OPERATION:

We operate in Western Kenya, covering Vihiga County, neighboring counties and its environs

TARGET GROUP.

The primary target of the is orphans, vulnerable children and street kids , people living with HIV and AIDS, people with disabilities, widows, youths and women who live in Luanda & Emuhaya Sub-counties and within its township. The target group is important and essential component of this project, it's expected that significant changes, learning and development will take place for our target group and have access to basic needs education, health care, protection and a sense of belonging to the society.

ACHIEVEMENTS.

1. Trained 55 groups with membership capacity of 30 in microfinance and entrepreneurship of which 38 groups funded by Poverty Eradication Commission-Emuhaya District on revolving loan fund.
2. Manages to empower street children of Luanda through microfinance to establish personal enterprise through microfinance trainings and small business skills development.
3. Increased participation of the rural grassroots community groups into HIV& AID, TB and malaria awareness and management.
4. Establishment of the KCEP community library to serve the poor and vulnerable shall going children in Emuhaya District.
5. Establishment of the project website that serves as a platform for projects publicity and promotion to the entire world.
6. Trained free computer lessons to five thousand (5000) orphans and vulnerable Youths in the community, graduated and awarded certificates.
7. Supporting of 16 orphans and vulnerable children to continue with education in High Schools and Polytechnics.
8. Training of 600 youths in alternatives to violence (Peace Training)
9. Establishment of a Community primary school (Kipepeo Community Education Centre) that has a capacity of 160 children.
10. Successfully carried out microfinance social impact survey in September 2011 using 58 community microfinance groups(savings and loaning groups)
11. Acquired a piece of land for construction of Kipepeo Community Resource Centre to create a platform for community empowerment and life skills development.

STRATEGIES USED.

1. Use of voluntary service from both local and international volunteers.
2. Capacity building of community based groups, women groups, youth groups, and people with disability groups.
3. Linkages and collaboration with various stakeholders, Civil Society Organizations, NGO and government departments.
4. House hold-centered approaches that link OVC services with HIV-affected families and strengthening community structures which protect and promote healthy child development such as churches, child area advisory councils/ committees
5. Social support including vocational training, income generating activities, social & legal protection and prevention services including positive behavior counseling.

COLLABORATIVE AND PARTNERSHIP.

1. The organization partners with the Constituency Aids Control Council to facilitate the sharing of HIV and AIDS information to the community.
2. The organization also partners with the District Youth Affairs and Sports Office- enhancement of youth sports centre at Mumboha
3. District Children Department on guidance and development of safe child environment.
4. The organization also works with Volunteer Action for Change-(VACK KENYA) that deploys international volunteers to KCEP community projects.
5. NOVOK-National Organization of Volunteers and Charity Workers in Kenya- Through human right education and monitoring of human right abuses in the community.
6. Ministry of Social Services- Through Social Development approaches in Luanda sub-county.

7. Digital Opportunity Trust (D.O.T)- Nairobi- training youths in Information and Communication Technology & entrepreneurship.
8. Poverty Eradication Commission- Emuhaya District- Monitoring, supervision, capacity building trainings to the revolving loan funded groups within Emuhaya District.
9. Service Civil International (SCI)- Mobilization and deployment of international volunteers.
10. Deutsch- Polnisches Kompetenzteam- Youth exchange and Erasmus+ projects.

FUTURE PLANS.

- Construction of a Kipepeo Community Resource Center which will provide the project's target youth population with structured career development information, skills and opportunities to get jobs, start own businesses or transition into higher education. It will as well serve as KCEP offices and host place for KCEP volunteer (Under construction, not completed due insufficient financial support)
- Mobilization of local farmers into moringa farming and production.
- Establishment of permaculture and ecological farming demonstration plots for exchange learning.
- Establishment of a community microfinance institution i.e. a Community Bank that will facilitate savings and loaning to poor people of the community.
- Establishment of a Voluntary Counseling and Testing centre (VCT) to help Youths and Women know their status.

NEEDED SUPPORT.

1. Linkage and collaboration to development partners.
2. Financial support for projects implementation and community development pillars enhancement.
3. Linkage to online platform to enable projects implementations with other international development organizations.
4. Partnership with international institutions eg universities and volunteer deployment organization to enable organization receive and host skilled volunteers to help empower the community.
5. Recommendation to donors and multilateral funding institution for project financial support.



KCEP Orphans and vulnerable children support project with their guardians.



Community youths sensitization and training on Alternatives to Violence (AVP) workshop held at Muchilwa Complex on 12/7/2010



Julius Kuya of KCEP awards an AVP participant certificate for participation in AVP workshop held at Muchilwa Complex Kima after 3 days extensive trainings on 12/7/2010



Community local traders Microfinance meeting savings and loans with Julius Kuya , KCEP microfinance facilitator and two Spanish volunteers offering capacity building trainings in business development and management skills at Esibuye AIC Church on 13/7/2010



KCEP microfinance facilitator Julius Kuya with the street children of Luanda taking through group formation, microfinance training, and business identification and establishment. The meeting was held on March 21st 2011 at ACK- Mumboha.



The 1st Graduation ceremony for KCEP free computer training students held on 5th April 2011 at Stone Mountain Resort Kima and below the 5th graduation made possible with KCEP & DOT-Kenya partnership.





The volunteers assisting to teach Computer class for the youths at KCEP office.



District Poverty Eradication capacity building meeting at Luanda Town Council Hall.



HIV & AIDS awareness education meeting for the youths.



Launch of KCEP Handbook on May 30th 2012



Youths undertaking computer classes at KCEP offices in kima



Community capacity building



Community outreach on HIV and aids, malaria and TB awareness at Kima market



School outreach programme of career development, health education and self esteem



Orphans and vulnerable children during Christmas party 2015





Youth empowerment meeting at KCEP offices.



Pre-Unit class Graduating at Kipepeo Community Education centre



Kipepeo Community Education Centre



KIPEPEO COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE UNDER CONSTRUCTION 2018



We appeal for any financial support to aid its completion, to provide space for community empowerment in life skills training for sustainable development.

Youth exchanges and capacity building training sessions.

