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Nyumbani Village Scholarships

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Nyumbani Children's Village is situated in the Kitui District, Eastern Province of Kenya. Developed in 2004, it currently gives direct support to 939 orphans, and 97 grandparents and carers impacted by the AIDS epidemic. A grandparent or carer may head a family of approximately 10 children. The goal of this project is to assist families that have had the main wage earner die due to HIV/AIDS. Approximately 581,400 Kenyan children are orphaned by the virus, and over 105,200 children under the age of 14 are living with HIV/AIDS*.

These children lack basic necessities such as food, clothing and shelter. They lack parental love, medical, psychological, spiritual care and educational opportunities. To help break the cycle of poverty through education, the compound currently has a primary, secondary, and Vocational Training Centre. Students who aspire to have a university education must seek this elsewhere. This project specifically aims to assist two students pursuing Diploma courses at university.

CHALLENGES AND SOLUTION

Over 3,200 immunosuppressant children/adolescents are beneficiaries of various Nyumbani programs. Due to the pandemic, the village closed its doors to visitors. Children and staff are being trained in the basic prevention strategies of washing hands, using sanitisers and keeping distance from one another. In Kenya, universities remain closed, but e-learning has commenced.

IMPACT

A vibrant community model for innovative green technology and building methods, Nyumbani Village is the first sustainable village for AIDS orphans in Kenya. The Nyumbani Scholarship is a long-term project nurturing young people through education, enabling them to lead and commit to the longevity of this thriving community.



ACTIVITIES

- Provide quality tertiary education scholarships to two orphaned young people from the Nyumbani Village
- Help young people gain employment or start their own businesses to become self-reliant and financially secure
- Upon graduation, and once they have gained employment, each scholarship recipient is asked to support their siblings who remain in the Village

* National AIDS Control Council | Kenya HIV Estimates 2018

