



NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES OF KENYA

PROGRESS REPORT

**ON COMMUNITY HEALTH PROJECT
AND
THE GARBATULLA CHILDREN HOME INTERVENTIONS**



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Acronyms

ART	- Antiretroviral treatment
NCKK	- National Council of Churches of Kenya
PLWHA	- People Living with HIV & AIDS
YWCA	- Young Women Christian Association
PMTCT	- Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission

The Africa office of Global Ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and the United Church of Christ have partnered with the National council of churches of Kenya in supporting the NCKK Huruma community health project interventions specifically Orphans and Vulnerable Children in Mathare/Huruma and the Garbatulla children's home in upper eastern Kenya for a good period of time. This partnership has contributed to transforming lives of many children of Garbatulla and Mathare through various interventions.

1.1 Funding

A total of \$9994.75 was disbursed in early march and September 2007 from the Africa Office of Global Ministries for the following designated interventions:

- ⌘ \$3,561 donated for the Garba Tulla children's home
- ⌘ \$1,433.75 donated for the Mathare Valley Community health project
- ⌘ \$5,000 Week of Compassion resource sharing grant. This included HIV/AIDS projects.

2.0 Planned Activities

NCKK earmarked to support the following interventions over the reporting period.

- ⌘ Support orphaned and vulnerable children of Garbatulla and Mathare through subsistence and education
- ⌘ Support capacity building program for Huruma health project staff
- ⌘ Continued support for maternal child health care department through treatment and vaccination of children under the age of five
- ⌘ Prevention of Mother to Child transmission counseling and testing interventions

3.0 Major Highlights & Accomplishments from the global ministries support

NCKK HURUMA COMMUNITY HEALTH PROJECT

The NCKK community health Project was established in 1972 by the Council to provide basic curative services and the Community Outreach for the residents of Mathare.

The goal of clinic is to improve the health status of the of Mathare Valley residents through:

- ⌘ Increased accessibility and availability of quality health services
- ⌘ Increased affordability of health services
- ⌘ Ensuring sustainability of health services

3.1 ACHIEVEMENTS

The community health project PMTCT department benefited from staff support and facilitation of testing and counseling supplies.

With the objective of reaching out to HIV infected and affected families, the project has continued to facilitate psychosocial interventions to over 400 registered support group members.

Weekly group therapy sessions have been facilitated by a team of 15 volunteer community health workers, trained on various skills like home-based care, micro-credit management, and other HIV related courses on behavior change, and peer education.

During the International YWCA women summit held in Nairobi in the month of July 2007, the National Council of Churches of Kenya played a significant role in the organization of the town meeting held at the All Saints Cathedral in the city .where at least 150 women from these support groups were facilitated to attend. Several international and regional speakers addressed the concerns of HIV, women, and religion.



Members of the PLWHA Huruma support group rehearse their presentation for the YWCA summit in July 2007 during their support group meetings.

4.0 Garbatulla Children Home

The NCKK Garbatulla Children's home is supported by the council to facilitate vulnerable children in accessing education, nutrition, shelter and medical care for a meaningful and sustainable livelihood. The home situated in the Eastern province of Kenya in Isiolo district, supports 54 children in secondary and primary school.

Other interventions include adequate supply of food, educational needs and uniform for children living in the home.

Similarly, the grant has supported school fees for 16 orphaned and vulnerable children from the Methodist Church Kaaga Synod, one of the key NCKK member church supporting children within the Upper eastern region.



Beneficiaries of Garbatulla children's home. High school and primary school children

5.0 Community health project staff capacity Building

The community health project staff embarked on the following medical updates to improve service delivery:

- Prevention of mother to child transmission
- Voluntary and counseling/testing
- Update on retroviral therapy
- Facility management
- Pediatric Antiretroviral Therapy (ART)

At least seven members of staff have benefited from the training.



Interior and side view of the New MCH block at Huruma.

Expansion of Maternal Health services at Huruma Clinic.

One of the benefits the project has gained from the Government are funds to build an extension of the maternal child health .With support from Global ministries, the organization has been able to sustain utility expenses for the maternal child health unit during the reporting period.

6.0 Challenges

The community health project has undergone serious sustainability challenges, constrained by inadequate resources to support interventions for the increasing levels of orphaned children. In order to adequately meet the increasing needs, Staff costs and additional resources to expand the testing and counseling equipments are greatly required.

Global ministries is currently the only partner supporting the home and with increasing number of children who have joined secondary school ,demand for more resources towards secondary school education will be welcome. This issue has limited the number of new children required to be enrolled in the coming season.

Appendix 1: Financial Report for the period ending December 2007.

ITEMS	KSHS	US\$@69.00
Donations Received	689,637.75	\$9,995
Expenditure		
Program costs		
Maternal child Health treatment services utility expenses	100,000.00	\$1,449
OVC Interventions school fees Upper Eastern	210,933.00	\$3,057
PLWHA support group YWCA activities	78,000.00	\$1,130
Garbatulla Children Home school tuition fees	300,000.00	\$4,348
Total Expenditure	688,933.00	\$9,985
Surplus / (deficit) for the period	704.75.00	\$10

Conclusion

The National council of churches of Kenya wishes to sincerely thank the Africa office of Global Ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and the United Church of Christ for visiting the organization, and affirmation of the continued support and partnership in supporting the needy children of Kenya in various programs.