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A KICKSTART KIDS INTERNATIONAL PROJECT



**BEST PRACTICE
QUALITY OF CARE
FOR ORPHANED
& VULNERABLE
CHILDREN**





OVERVIEW

Otturoto Children's Village (OCV) is a children's home established in Isinya, Kajiado County in Kenya. It was officially opened on 26th June 2014 with the aim of providing transitional, family-based, quality, alternative care to orphaned and vulnerable children.

The ultimate goal of all activities at **OCV** is to provide a conducive environment in which the children can develop/regain positive self-concepts.

OUR MISSION

Our mission is to work with impoverished communities in sustainable ways to kickstart the lives of orphans and vulnerable children

OUR 4 PILLARS The pillars upon which we work to achieve our mission

FAMILY

Recognising that the best environment for a child to grow up in a true family environment

COMMUNITY

Working in partnership with local communities to deliver projects that benefit Kajiado County

SUSTAINABILITY

Providing environmentally and financially sustainable programs that empower kids in the long term

INTEGRITY

Keeping the kids at the centre of everything

OCV aims to provide orphaned and vulnerable children with a safe and sustainable home environment where they can grow into responsible, productive, contributing and self-sustaining Kenyan citizens.

OUR TEAM

OCV is governed by a board of trustees drawn from different professional backgrounds who work on a **voluntary basis**. Each board member heads an internal committee, is actively involved in their project area and is passionate about employing their professional skills to make a difference in the lives of orphaned and vulnerable children.

We also have an **advisory board** made up of **subject matter experts (SMEs)** who volunteer their time to advice the board and sit in committees to provide their expertise in the running of the organization. OCV has a staff body led by a general manager that is spread across programme activities, operations, fundraising and the farm.



OUR VALUES

We remain committed to a set of values in all our dealings with the local communities we serve and partners we work alongside.

These values are:

- > **Openness**
- > **Transparency**
- > **Equality**

OUR WORK

We provide transitional, family-based, quality, alternative care to orphaned and vulnerable children in need of rescue from abuse, neglect, abandonment and FGM/early marriage. Our four areas of work are

- > **Child Protection**
- > **Empowerment & Sustainability**
- > **Advocacy & Legal Aid**
- > **Community Projects**

CHILD PROTECTION

CHILD PROTECTION IS OCVs CORE AREA OF FOCUS.



OCV achieves this through the **Rescue, Empowerment and Reintegration (RER)**

methodology. At the heart of our work is the belief that all children belong in a family and as such do not institutionalize children but rather support them effectively in the short term (1-3 years) until we can place them back into a safe, stable and sustainable home.

RESCUE

OCV identifies children for rescue by working with key stakeholders in a structured process through the following procedure:-

Step 1

Referral of a child at risk through Children's office, Police or local administration or other registered homes

Step 2

Fact-finding to establish genuineness and eligibility of case through assessments and meetings with stakeholders

Step 3

Case is formulated and presented to Children's committee for review against set criteria for admission

Step 4

Admission into OCV as per procedures or referral to a more suitable institution based on the findings of the Children's committee. OCV's admission policy is non-discriminatory and inclusive.

EMPOWERMENT

OCV identifies various interventions for the children based on their individual needs, case histories, particular circumstances or conditions in order to assist them return to an empowered state.

These interventions include:-

- a. **General care and protection** in a family based setting in line with basic requirements and rights of a child whilst ensuring the best interest of the child is always put first
- b. **Psycho-social empowerment** to reinstate the general wellbeing of the child and also address causes of separation and impact on the child
- c. **Education** - Enrollment into local schools to ensure continuation of academic journey and as part of integration into local community
- d. **Counseling** - One-on-one and group counseling on a continuous basis to address any underlying issues
- e. **Health Services** - Provision of medical interventions as required to restore and maintain a good health status
- f. **Life skills** - Empowerment with various life-skills to ensure the development of the child into a wholesome member of society
- g. **Nutrition** - Provision of suitable diet in line with identified nutrition needs on a case by case basis.
- h. **Child participation** - We have established a robust child participation process at all levels ensuring that the child's voice is always heard, opportunities for feedback are granted and the decision making structure is always in the best interest of the child. The children can advocate for their own rights and those of other children.
- i. **Mentorship** - Supervised and guided mentorship sessions with members of the OCV Circle of Friends (consistent contributors)

REINTEGRATION

OCV begins the preparation process for reintegration right at the point of admission. Reintegration is a continuous process from the onset as opposed to an event that culminates with the child successfully exiting alternative care and being reunited with their family in a **safe, stable and sustainable home environment.** The reintegration process is supported by the family empowerment programme as both are co-dependent.

OCV ensures a successful reintegration process by working to eliminate the cause of initial separation from the family, adequately preparing the child through counselling and other methodologies, empowering the family and establishing or strengthening a sustainable source of livelihood, and conducting a satisfactory placement assessment at the end of the RER programme. Whilst placing a child back into a family, the following options for reintegration are considered: -

- a. **Family reintegration** - where children have been completely separated from their family. The first step is to explore ways of reunifying them with family WHERE POSSIBLE and supporting that family to successfully move forward together with the child. Each case is evaluated and determined based on unique circumstances and case history. Reintegration is ONLY carried out when it has been fully determined that it is in the best interest of the child in all ways. Where reintegration is not possible, the below options are then sort.
- b. **Kinship care** - where a relative is willing and able to take in a child within a safe and secure environment and option (a) is not feasible.
- c. **Foster care** - where a child has no possibility of option (a) or (b) above foster care shall be sort.
- d. **Adoption** - where option (a) (b) or (c) are not feasible options, adoptive care shall be sort in line with government requirements. All the above shall be carried out in line with OCV's reintegration procedures.

EMPOWERMENT & SUSTAINABILITY

3-S MODEL

SAFE STABLE SUSTAINABLE

OCV works to **ensure the child and family are empowered** and a **sustainable environment** has been established prior to the reintegration of a child.

This is achieved through the family empowerment programme which aims at securing the **3-Ss; safe, stable, sustainable** home environments and consists of three main components which are implemented hand in hand with guardians of the children admitted at OCV.

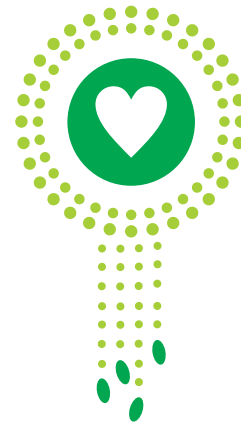
- a. **Enhancing family and psycho-social support systems** - OCV organizes family therapy sessions and capacity building in areas such as children's rights, substance abuse, family cohesiveness, counselling, parenting skills, nutrition and basic health care.
- b. **Self-help group** - OCV brings the guardians together through membership to a registered self-help group to address common issues and engage in table banking activities. Trainings and other wellbeing activities for the guardians are channeled through the group.
- c. **Economic empowerment and strengthening** - OCV trains the guardians on entrepreneurship and then assists them to identify a suitable micro-enterprise through our social-franchise partners. The guardians are then trained on the mechanisms of the franchise and assisted in establishing the micro-enterprise in order to secure a sustainable future for the family. OCV supports the guardians and closely monitors progress ensuring the continued success of the enterprise. The long term impact of this process is ensuring sustainable livelihoods for these families.

ADVOCACY & LEGAL AID

OCV **advocates for and promotes child protection** within our surrounding community e.g. schools through **trainings, awareness campaigns, clubs** and **barazas** in order to prevent escalation of child related abuse. We also provide **legal aid for children in OCV** with cases requiring legal intervention.

COMMUNITY PROJECTS

OCV **actively engages in and initiates community projects** that have both **direct and indirect benefits to children** and the **community** at large. We also ensure that all our **projects are environmentally friendly** and **sustainable**.



HOW TO GET INVOLVED & HELP US SUPPORT THOSE MOST IN NEED

You can get involved and contribute to our work through the following easy ways

Join our Circle of Friends (COF) and become a regular donor

Make a one-off donation

Refer us to a friend, colleague or family member

Engage with us as a corporate organization as part of your corporate social responsibility (CSR) programme

Become one of our development partners

Volunteer your time in one of our programmes

Visit the children and spend quality time with them

Donate food items, books, clothing, sport equipment or even your services

Contact us on info@olturotochildrensvillage.org to engage

INCOME GENERATING ACTIVITIES

OCV AIMS TO ACHIEVE FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY AS THE HOME CONTINUES TO GROW. AS SUCH, THE ESTABLISHMENT AND GOOD MANAGEMENT OF INCOME GENERATING ACTIVITIES (IGAs) IS VERY IMPORTANT. FARMING IS CURRENTLY THE CORE IGA AT OCV. HOWEVER, ADDITIONAL IGAs WILL CONTINUE TO BE IMPLEMENTED.



FARMING

OCV runs a farm with the assistance of various partners which is set-up under a **profit-for-purpose model** with the sole aim of **generating income** to ensure that the home is **financially sustainable**.

Over and above producing assorted vegetables for consumption by the children, the farm produces **horticultural crops** for both **export and local consumption** such as **fine/long beans, onions, capsicum, water melon and tomatoes** amongst others.

ANIMAL HUSBANDRY

OCV also engages in small scale **dairy and poultry farming** to **enhance nutrition for the children** through production of **milk and eggs**. Any excess produce is sold for additional income.

THE HUSBANDRY PROJECT

CREATES SAVINGS

Provides a consistent supply of milk & eggs
No milk & eggs purchases necessary

CREATES INCOME

Provides manure for the biogas used for cooking
Excess biogas sold to the local community

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

OCV ACTIVELY SEEKS OUT TECHNOLOGIES AND APPROACHES THAT ENSURE SUSTAINABLE CONSUMPTION OF FOOD, ENERGY AND WATER. AS SUCH, VARIOUS ENVIRONMENTAL FRIENDLY INSTALLATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE.



SOLAR & WIND ENERGY

All activities on site are **exclusively powered** through **wind and solar energy**. **Wind energy generates approximately 1.25KVA**, whilst **solar energy generates approximately 4KVA**.

The power generated is currently more than sufficient for domestic use. **OCV** also has a **solar pump** with a capacity to pump **108 cubic litres per day** for use on the farm. **50 solar panels** power the pump with a capacity of **12KVA**. The water pumped is sufficient to serve the entire farm.



BIOGAS

Biogas is the main source of cooking fuel for the home. New technology has been utilized through a **surface level installation** and **Flexi biogas digesters** made from pre-fabricated industrial scale tarpaulin envelopes installed above ground. The system is **very efficient** and assists in keeping costs down.



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PRIMARY GOAL IS
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