

HOPE ALIVE GIRLS EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM

ORGANIZATION PROFILE



Introduction

HAGEP is a registered (Reg. No:OP.218/051/13-0360/9492 PIN No:P051530082Z) Kenyan based non-profit making organization which was founded by a young girl in her late twenties and her four sisters in the year 2013 with the sole aim of offering moral, material and financial support to young and talented bright school going girls from financially disadvantaged families in Kakamega County of the vast Western province. We do this by connecting needy girls to people of will with immeasurable kindness and generosity who find pleasure in supporting disadvantaged children.

Apart from advocating for girl child empowerment through education scholarships, we also offer life skills training meant to equip the girls with information that they may not have access to through the normal education system.



BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Having been brought up in a financially disadvantaged background by their mother, who only worked out to their one-time achieving their dream, the family -which neither had any reliable source of income nor particular knowhow for their education had to undergo so much ado to fend for itself and ensure just elementary education for the five (5) girls. At first, it seemed like another "Hopeful Dream" to ever attain high school education. Thanks to one-kind-hearted well wisher whose support brought back hope to these young girls and ensured that dreams of these bright sisters became a reality.

In deed HAGEP is just the best way the five sisters would wish to give back to their society. To someone out there, this would sound absurd especially in the environment where the girl-child has received all the odds supported by culture. However, for anyone willing and is ready to walk along with "her" (the beneficiary) "all the way up the education ladder" would receive this as another good news. As the old saying goes "Educate a girl and you educate the whole society". Who knows, these young girls might end up being the best doctors, teachers, lawyers, businesswomen and so on. Just like any other child of the society, such girls would also wish to be in such places and hold those positions. Not to mention that one of the five sisters is an assistant project coordinator in a private company based in Nairobi. This should only prove that anything is possible.

We believe that if we secure enough resources and other grants from well wishers/donors, friends and relatives, we will be in position to extend our work far and beyond to needy girls in our rural home, and help them realize their potentialities. This could reawaken back their dreams. We intent to get rid of 'bad' cultures and also help reduce poverty, crime, early marriages and girl child abuse that has been rampant among the uneducated girls and still paves way for more scenes.

We also believe that in supporting higher education, the girls are empowered thus enabling them train in various careers of their choice that shall in turn strategically position them in job markets and help them make a decent living not just for themselves but also for their families. This will mark the beginning of transformation as we wish to see this world better placed especially for the girls to live in, this applies to all those who believe in girls' empowerment. Our support is extended to all those girls who qualify both academically and intellectually irrespective of their races, ethnicity or religious affiliations in Kakamega and the entire country.



OUR VISION

HAGEP envisions a society where young talented bright girls are nurtured and empowered through education into mature responsible, informed and wise decision makers in the society (women for others)

OUR MISSION

HAGEP exists to empower young girls from financially disadvantaged families by offering moral, material and financial support to enable them pursue education to the highest level possible and equipping them with basic skills to deal with real life issues



Our Objectives

1. To bring back hope in young girls from financially disadvantaged families whose dreams have been shuttered or are slowly dying due to lack of support and financial resources necessary to further their education through our secondary school sponsorship program
2. To empower the girl child to better decision making process and wise enough to make informed choices in life through our life skill program
3. To reduce cases of school absenteeism in girls during their menses by providing feminine hygiene products (Sanitary Towels) to girls from poor backgrounds in public primary schools
4. To reduce cases of early marriages/motherhood by reducing the number of school drop-outs by ensuring that the girls stay in school and finish their education
5. To establish partnership/relationships & linkages with other organizations/institutions that deal with issues related to girl child empowerment
6. To build and maintain a strong network of friends who are or wish to become potential sponsors of the HAGEP Community

SPECIFIC PROBLEMS ADDRESSED

Our programs are geared towards addressing the following:

- ☒ Lack of financial resources to enable the girls pursue secondary education
- ☒ Existence of cultural barriers that prevents the girl child from proceeding with education
- ☒ Lack or limited access to menstrual hygiene management products and information
- ☒ Early/forced teenage marriages among rural girls/ school dropouts
- ☒ Child prostitution and labor

STRATEGIES ON HOW TO TACKLE THE PROBLEMS

In order to achieve our objectives and goals in tackling the stated problems, we have three main approaches that we use namely;

A. Secondary School Scholarships: - The secondary school scholarship program is meant to ensure smooth continuity in education among academically gifted needy girls. During our baseline survey, we discovered that most girls from poor families are unable to proceed with secondary education due to lack of school fees and they end up looking for jobs in towns as house helps and other odd jobs at a very tender age. The deserving girls are taken through intensive vetting process before they are awarded a four year scholarship.

B. Sanitary Towels Program: - This program was initiated after we discovered that girls from poor families lost 5-7 days of learning during their monthly periods due to lack of proper feminine hygiene products. This indeed affected their overall academic performance in class, others after being subjected to series of humiliation after soiling their school uniforms by their male counterparts they end up dropping out of school completely, some stayed ground in class while others played outside during break time, others were forced to get pads from older men in exchange for sex which exposed them to risks such as HIV & AIDS infections, unplanned pregnancies to name but a few. Under this program the girls are guaranteed of receiving monthly supply of sanitary towels and at the same time they are taught lessons on menstruation, menstrual hygiene management, reproductive health and HIV & AIDS.

C. Life Skills Program: - This is a new program launched in the year 2015 whereby adolescent girls are taught life skills education in order to equip them with skills and information that will enable them deal with day to day life challenges. The lessons are designed in such a way that it will help the girls understand who they are, interact well with their peers, respond positively to stressful situations and make wise informed choices. The program will not only target girls from public primary schools but also those from private primary school.



ACHIEVEMENTS

Within two and a half years since inception, we are glad to have positively impacted lives of needy girls in various ways as listed below and we believe we shall even do more in future provided we have more people on board sponsoring our programs.

Here's a summary of our achievements since June 2013 to date;

1. We have enrolled seven girls under our secondary education program and awarded them a four year full scholarship in different national schools across the country
2. Through our mentorship program, we assisted many girls attain 330-370/500 which enabled them to join a National school & provincial schools, in fact one of them became our first beneficiary from St. Lawrence Primary School who is at Butere Girls High School
3. Under our Pledge A Pad Initiative, we have reached out over 5,000 (Five thousand) girls from various schools within across Kakamega County. Approximately we have donated 20,000 packets of sanitary towels.
4. Corporate Social Responsibility, our noble cause attracted Miss Tourism Kakamega County 2013, Iddah Nakova whom we worked with in our event held over Easter holiday. Apart from just donating several cartons of sanitary towels, she was actively involved in the actual distribution, contributed on reproductive health talks and encouraged the girls to work hard. Currently she's the face of Pledge A Pad initiative. Her dream is to ensure that girls from poor families in Kakamega County stay in school even during their menses.
5. Our good work attract corporate organizations who sponsored our pads program during our first International Day of the Girl Child (I.D.G) celebrations held on 11th October 2014 at an event that saw over 600 girls from 5 different schools come together to celebrate. The girls received 4 months supply of sanitary towels each.
6. Partnership with BREAKFORTH, an international organization based in Ireland specializing on women and girls' empowerment programs under our Pledge A Pad Initiative. Through the partnership we have received 2000 packets of sanitary towels. We have also entered into partnership with Sporting Chance International AND Brighter Futures CBO in preparation for (International Day of the GirlChild IDG2015

LIST OF SECONDARY SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP BENEFICIARIES SINCE 2014

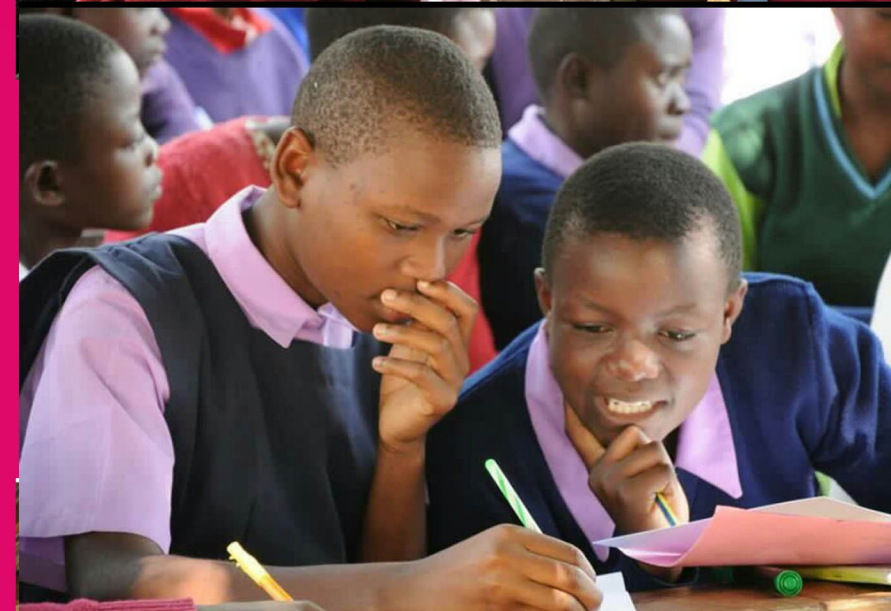
SR	BENEFICIARY	FORMER PRIMARY	MARKS SCORED (out of 500)	CURRENT SECONDRY SCHOOL	EXPECTED YEAR OF GRADUATION	SUB-COUNTY
1	Concepta Aluka Miheso	St. Lawrence Ichina	370	Butere Girls High School	2017	LURAMBI
2	Winnie Omusundi Oketch	Emashere	379	Limuru Girls School	2018	BUTERE
3	Shirlene Anjeli Madegwa	Lihlanda	415	Lugulu Girls High Shool	2019	SHINYALU
4	Sharon Nyadenge	Mahiakalo	348	St. Annes Namirama	2019	LURAMBI
5	Flavian Khakali	Mukumu	351	Butere Girls High School	2020	SHINYALU
6	Janet Faith Mirikawa	Ebwaliro	374	Mukumu Girls High	2020	MUMIAS
7	Valentine Mwanje	St. Basil Lurambi	336	St. Clares Maragoli	2021	LURAMBI

LIST OF OUR CORPORATE SPONSORS

SR	NAME	CONTACT PERSON	CONTACTS
1	Nakumatt Holdings Limited	John Manyuru-Branch Manager	+254 722 475 973
2	The Golf Hotel Kakamega	Joseph Oduor-Manager	+254 724 349 431
3	Lotus Healing Seva Group	Tolia & Monica-Members	+254 725 368 931
4	Yako Supermarket-Kakamega	Maurice Anyanje-Branch Manager	+254 727 830 965
5	Western Prestige Shuttle	Gilbert Odhiambo-Driver	+254 720 830 743

PARTNERSHIPS/COLLABORATIONS WITH OTHER NGO'S

SR	NAME	CONTACT PERSON	YEAR
1	BREAKFORTH	Adeline	2015
2	Sporting Chance International	Fredrick	2015
3	Brighter Futures CBO	Hemmed	2015
4	M-Pesa Foundation		2016
5	St. Bartholomew Church-UK	Stella Shee	2016
6	Navakholo Dev. Network	Branice Wanjala	2016
7	Asira Foundation	Frankline Asira	2017
8	One by One	Becky Murray	2017



LIST OF SCHOOLS UNDER THE PADS PROGRAM SINCE JUNE 2013 TO DATE

SR	NAME	SUB-COUNTY	NUMBER OF GIRLS
1	Kakamega School for the Deaf	Lurambi	20
2	Mwiyala Primary School	Lurambi	100
3	Mahiakalo Primary School	Lurambi	120
4	Ebwambwa Primary School	Lurambi	130
5	Emusala Primary School	Lurambi	160
6	St. Lawrence Ichina Primary School	Lurambi	115
7	Ebwaliro Primary School	Mumias	250
8	Ematetie Primary School	Lurambi	80
9	43 Secondary School & Centre	Navakholo	30
10	Daisy Special School	Lurambi	35
11	Angayu Primary School	Lugari	250
12	Eshisiru Primary School	Lurambi	150
13	Arise & Shine Special Shool	Mumias	20
14	Shikhombelo Primary Shool	Ikolomani	50
15	Eshiruli Primary Shool	Khwisero	100
16	Eshibinga Primary Shool	Khwisero	250
17	Mwirembe Primary Shool	Khwisero	100
18	Mundeku Primary Shool	Khwisero	250
19	Mwichina Primary Shool	Mumias	100
20	Khabakaya Primary School	Mumias	100
21	Shitoti Primary School	Mumias	100
22	Bumwende Primary School	Mumias	100
23	Lubinu Primary School	Mumias	100
24	Ebubole Primary School	Mumias	100
25	Ingotse Primary School	Navakholo	100
26	Shimuli Primary	Navakholo	100
27	Siyombe Primary School	Navakholo	100
28	Budonga Primary School	Navakholo	100
29	Shinoyi Primary School	Navakholo	100
30	Musanga Primary School	Navakholo	100
31	Burangasi Pirmary School	Navakholo	100
32	Navakolo Primary School	Navakholo	100
33	Lwakhupa Primary School	Navakholo	100
34	Ekatsombero Primary School	Khwisero	109
35	St. Denis Munjiti Primary School	Khwisero	100
36	Emulanda Primary School	Khwisero	70
37	Eshikhungula Primary School	Khwisero	100
38	Nyamboga Primary School	Khwisero	115
39	Mwikalikha Primary School	Khwisero	90
40	Ikomero Primary School	Khwisero	130
41	Mundakha Primary School	Khwisero	80
42	Ebushibungo Primary School	Khwisero	120

CONCLUSION

Our organization is run by a team of professionals who offer their services to the community on voluntary basis. We are very passionate about girl child empowerment hence we welcome anyone willing to join us on board by either offering services, financial support, material/donations in kind or advices that will enable us achieve our stipulated objectives

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