

**DREAMS OF HOPE**

**CBO**

# **PROJECT PROFILE**

## **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

DREAMS OF HOPE is a Community Based Organization, on-Profit and Non-Governmental initiated in MARCH 2018 to help spearhead community driven development initiatives and enable needy community groups participate in integrated activities to achieve quality livelihood and be self sustainable. DREAMS OF HOPE 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.

DREAMS OF HOPE provides services in community development, civic, education, health 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 microfinance trainings, Capacity Building sessions to youth groups, vocational schools ,primary and secondary schools, organic farming and agricultural activities,Eco-Tourism,Environmental education and Management.

DREAMS OF HOPE 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.

DREAMS OF HOPE IS A COMMUNITY BASED ORGANISATION based in Ogembo town,Kisii county Nyanza province

### **VISION**

An Empowered and healthy safe community.

### **MISSION**

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

### **COREVALUES**

- **Respect: We treat all people with dignity and respect.**
- **Stewardship: We honor our heritage by being socially, financially and environmentally responsible**
- **Ethics: We strive to meet the highest ethical standards**
- **Learning: We challenge each other to strive for excellence and to continually learn.**

- **Innovation:** We embrace continuous improvement, bold creativity and change
- **Integrity:** Carry out all our work with the greatest responsibility and accountability.
- **Service:** Be of benefit to the public and our stakeholders

## **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 programs with local community schools designed to build and improve children's' 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. To formulate projects that benefit the community.
2. To organize and carryout charity work on the less fortunate people in our communities.
3. Free computer training to orphans,vulnerable youths and women in the community.
4. A rehabilitation program for street children to support their basic needs and provide them with community-based education (future goal)
5. Educational support initiative to orphans, street children of Ogembo town and vulnerable children. (Future goal)
6. A capacity-building structure which involves educational training programs in leadership, group management, and financial skills.
7. 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
8. Alternative to violence peace trainings (AVP) for the community members.
9. Eco-tourism and environmental management
10. Programs for cultural exchange
11. To educate the community on social economic and life skills activities to help them in resilience.
11. 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.
12. Community library for reading ,borrowing and exchange of ideas.

## **AREAOFOPERATION:**

We operate in Kisii Nyanza Kenya and neighboring counties and its environs.

## **ACHIEVEMENTS.**

- Helped in bringing youth groups together by introducing development projects that has helped them learn skills on how to make money.
- Educating less fortunate in the society.
- Provision of essential items to the orphans and poor children.

## **STRATEGIESUSED.**

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 stake holders of the community.
4. Socialsupportincludingvocationaltraining,incomegeneratingactivities,social&legal protection and prevention services including positive behavior counseling.

## **COLLABORATIVEANDPARTNERSHIP**

1. The organization partners with several local community based organizations' such as IMMANUEL YOUTH GROUP (IYG), OMORINGAMU SELF HELP GROUP
2. The organization also partners with the local youth affairs portfolio to ensure we have a better and healthy community.
3. Ministry of Social Services-Through Social Development approaches in Gucha sub-county.

## **FUTURE PLANS.**

- ▮ Construction of a DREAMS OF HOPE 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 DREAMS OF HOPE offices and host place for DREAMS OF HOPE volunteer. Mobilization of local farmers into agribusiness 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.