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# SLUM CHILD FOUNDATION

*Half year Report*



Jan - June 2024

**EDUCATION: A TOOL  
OF TRANSFORMATION  
IN THE SLUMS**

*How we are using  
Education to  
Transform lives of  
slum Children*

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ENGAGEMENT: HIV/AIDS  
AND DRUG ABUSE**

*Our Role in drug Demand  
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# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This is a six-month report that touches on what has been done and captures the challenges faced and recommendations that will help in our programming in the next few months.

Furthermore, the organization has been able to reach several young people who have inspirational stories on how our intervention has been of great help to them, however, we are not able to document all of them but just a few.

Moreover, the report also captures the administrative part which includes the team that helps manage the organization's secretariat of the organization, funding and so forth. Engagement with staff and so on, it helps us give us their experience and what they have been learning since joining the organization.

Our plea is that we continue working together with partners, donors and friends of the organization to ensure

the wider population living in the slums of Korogocho is able to be empowered to be great and self-sustainable for the future.

In conclusion we have mentioned some of the challenges we have faced during this time and what we have been able to do to ensure the organization does not come down but is able to run smoothly by cutting some programs with much focus on the beneficiaries who remain to be at the center of all this.

Last but not least is that we are still seeking partnership with various partners and stakeholders to ensure more people are supported and a number of challenges are addressed with the best interest of the community and the beneficiaries being at the center

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# INTRODUCTION

Slum Child Foundation (S.C.F) is a grassroots community-based nonprofit organization in Kenya with ECOSOC status with the United Nation.

S.C.F. was founded in 2008 and works in informal settlements to advocate and protect the rights of children, youths, and women by guaranteeing quality education, promotion of life skills, better healthcare, and protection against substance abuse.

The organization draws its experience of work from the founder and Executive Director of the organization, Mr. George Ochieng, who was born and brought up in the informal settlement of Korogocho, where the organization operates now.



*Students from Our Lady of Fatima Secondary School, one of the Public Schools we work with*



*Some of the Toto Clubs Kids Playing Games during one of the Saturday Sessions*

S.C.F uses different interventions to support their target populations, including:

- conducting life skills programs for out-of-school youth to grow self-reliance;
- Lobbying and advocacy for the rights of the marginalized members of the community, including children with disabilities;
- community outreach within the Korogocho slums;
- Psychosocial support and family strengthening among needy and vulnerable children; and
- The provision of education scholarships for needy and bright children living in the slums.



# ADMINISTRATION REPORT

## 1. Personelle

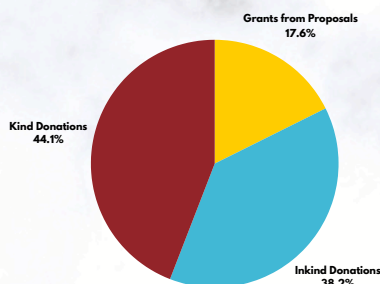
For the last six months we have had an amazing opportunity to work with all our team to promote our work from where we were last year to where we are now.

Last year, Joyce one of the interns went back to school. The other members of the team were maintained with ms. Joan graduating with her degree in social Sciences, which is a plus to our work.

For the last six months we have tried to submit 20 proposals to different organisations but we have not been able to get positive response but we are still working to submit more to ensure we are able to have projects that will enable us run effective programs



Some of the Organization Staffs join in for a group Photo



Pie Chat on Organization Source of Funding for 2024

## 2. Project Managed.

Since the year started we have been working on the following project.

- **Trees of Lives:** We have been working with korogocho children to ensure we protected them from harm associated with poverty and drugs, we are happy to report that we signed the grant for this year with a financial support of USD 5,500.
- **PEPFAR:** We have been working to promote a free HIV/AIDS community mores so to the drug addicted individual within the slums of Korogocho working with Comboni Health Project. The project will come to an end in the month of June end. Total amount received for the project is USD 4,400.
- **Education Grant Support:** with the support from st. Matthew United Methodist church we were able to supply education material worth USD 2000 to 120 families with USD 2000 being kept to the education kitty.
- **School Exchange Program:** This is a non financial project for us since we were linking the school and the good thing is that the project will fund travel of 2 teachers and 2 students to travel to sweden at the expense of the school in Sweden.
- **World University Service:** We just acquired a grant worth USD 7,400 for a project to promote intervention against period poverty. it will start in the month of June 2024 and run till December 2024.



# STAFF EXPERIENCE

As a Social Worker I have been able to understand the needs and circumstances of the families we support more so those who live in poor urban settlement. I interact with family members during these visits to hear about their struggles and show support. These visits facilitate solid relationships and the development of trust between our organisation and the community.

Our organization works with schools in the area as part of our school outreach programmes to improve children awareness creation on issues in the community. I facilitate some of the lessons on a variety of issues like WASH, Children Rights, HIV/AIDS and others. The school outreach programs have strengthened relationships with academic institutions and increased student involvement in activities that affect them.

Ms. Joan Tono.



Working as a radio manager at Sikiliza FM was both exhilarating and challenging. My role involves overseeing various aspects of radio station operations, ensuring smooth broadcasting, and maintaining high programming standards. Here's a glimpse into my experience:

1. Programming Excellence: I am responsible for curating engaging content that caters to our target audience. This includes selecting music playlists, planning talk shows, and coordinating special segments or interviews.
2. Audience Engagement: I focus on enhancing listener interaction through social media, contests, and listener feedback. Engaging our audience was essential for maintaining listener loyalty and increasing our reach.

Mr. Harrison Kuria



Witnessing firsthand the transformative power of education and life skills for children in slum areas has been incredibly enriching. This effort has strengthened the community and deepened my understanding of their challenges and triumphs, making it a truly fulfilling experience.

It is my desire that I will continue becoming a tool of change and transformation to the children of the world more so those who come from poor background.

Ms. Diana Mbinya





# INTERVENTION REPORT

## 1. Toto Club

Toto Club is a children program whose intention is to empower out of school children with life skills for self empowerment.

Since the year started we have been able to reach out to 150 children out of which 61% were Female and 39% being male whereas more than 120 families were reached with the said population, with most of the families coming from Gitathuru village at 36% with Highridge, Ngunyumu and Korogocho Villages at 33%, 18% and 12% respectively.

Lessons covered include:

- Drugs Prevention
- HIV/AIDS
- Art and Craft
- Games
- crime prevention
- civic education
- Climate change



*Toto Club Kids playing after a session with the teachers*

## 2. School Outreach

The Slum Child Foundation conducted a comprehensive school outreach program targeting health and personal development issues among students. The program was held across designated schools from Tuesday to Friday, once per week, and spanned over the past six months. Each session focused on a specific topic, aiming to educate and empower students.

The designated schools;

- Ngunyumu Primary School; 38 students; 23 girls, 15 boys
- Kariobangi Baptist Primary School; 30 students 18 boys, 12 girls
- New Starlight Academy ;40 students; 23 girls 17 boys
- Emmaus Primary School; 23 students;- 11 boys, 12 girls

Topics Covered

1. Drug and Substance Awareness
2. HIV/AIDS Awareness
3. Personal Hygiene
4. Children's Rights
5. Life Skills (Decision Making)



*One of the staff conducting a school outreach sessions*

## 3. Young Women Leadership Academy

The YWLA is an initiative designed for young women aged between 14-18 years with an aim of mentoring young women's leadership and decision making skills to take up various leadership spaces in the community while supporting gender equality, inclusive governance and community transformation.



*Members of the Young Leaders attending a workshop*



Through this program ,we have been able to reach out to 50 young leaders who are 100% Female who have been involved in various activities within our programs.

Lessons covered ;

- Civic Education
- Pastry
- Tailoring
- Group Discussions
- Counselling '
- Media
- Drug Prevention
- Child Care and protection
- Prevention of violence against children



Members of the Young Leaders attending a workshop

#### 4. Support group for Drug Addicts living with HIV/AIDS

This program entails clients that are living with HIV/AIDS and also affected with alcohol and drug abuse. The program consists of 55 clients, 40 Female and 15 Male, we conduct home visits and also formed a support group, these assist in offering counselling, needs assessment and monitor their progress in their addiction and also their medicine intake.

In the support group we bring facilitators to talk to them on different topics like nutrition, alcohol and drug abuse among others. They also have their own led sessions where those with successful stories of stopping use of drugs and substance among them, to encourage each other.

We also support a saving culture in the group instead of using the money to drink and we match up to the savings, where they are able to start a business to promote economic empowerment hence no idling.

The clients face a lot of challenges in their journey but their resilience and determination to be better is inspiring.



Some of the Members of the Support group in our HIV/AIDS Program in a workshop

#### 5. QUEENS LIFE SKILLS PROGRAM

From the name, the program aims to reduce the gender and social barriers to accessing social and economic opportunities for Teen Mothers ,focusing on providing vocational skills, entrepreneurship, and financial literacy training.

The program has a total of 20 ladies, aged between 16- 19 years, both in school and out of school. The Female gender constitute 100% of the trainees emerging from different villages in Korogocho Slums.

Some activities done include;

- Tailoring
- Pastry and Baking
- Savings and Lending
- Financial literacy
- Psychosocial support



One of the Queens Life skills Girls Doing tailoring



## 6. SPORTS ACADEMY

Slum child foundation FC aims to provide a fun, inclusive, and educational environment for children aged 7 -18 to learn and enjoy the game of football.

The club focuses on developing fundamental skills, promoting teamwork, and fostering a love for the sport.

Slum child FC was established by a beneficiary of the organization who recognized the need for a football club dedicated to young children.

The founder envisioned a club where kids could develop their football skills, make friends, and build confidence in a supportive and nurturing environment.

The FC started with 10 boy's kids only, but during the month of June we were able to recruit a total of 70 kids. The team consists of boys only, through the season we have been able to play a total of 7 games, winning 5 losing 2.

Below are the categories.

- Under 10 Years
- Under 12 Years and
- Under 14 Years



*Soccer clinic taking place at Ngunyumu Primary School in Korogocho*

## GOOD NEWS: WE HAVE A NEW RADIO STATION (SIKILIZA FM)

Sikiliza FM is an online radio station in Kenya dedicated to addressing the challenges faced by the youth in the country, the station is owned by slum child foundation.

The station focuses on providing a platform for discussions and conversations around issues relevant to young people, such as unemployment, education, mental health, relationships, and social issues.

Through its programming, Sikiliza FM aims to empower and inform the youth, as well as create awareness

and solutions to the challenges they face in their daily lives.

The station likely features a mix of talk shows, music, interviews, and interactive segments designed to engage and resonate with its youthful audience.

The radio has given more than ten young people an opportunity to sharpen their broadcasting skills to a wider audience of more than 500 listen ship at one given time

To listen to our Radio Station click [www.sikilizafm.co.ke](http://www.sikilizafm.co.ke) anywhere around the world



*Some of the presenters at Sikiliza FM Studios*



# CURRENT SITUATION & ANALYSIS

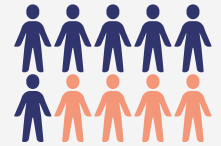
Slum Child Foundation operates in Korogocho slums which is one of Nairobi's largest and most densely populated informal settlements. The slum has a population of a range between 200,000 to 250,000 inhabitants living in an area of 1.5 kilometer square.

Slum Child Foundation works with Women, children, and Youths who make up 80% of the entire population.

For the last six months, we have been able to reach out to more than 30,000 beneficiaries indirectly and 5,000 directly with our programs.

## TOTAL POPULATION

150,000- 200,000 Pax

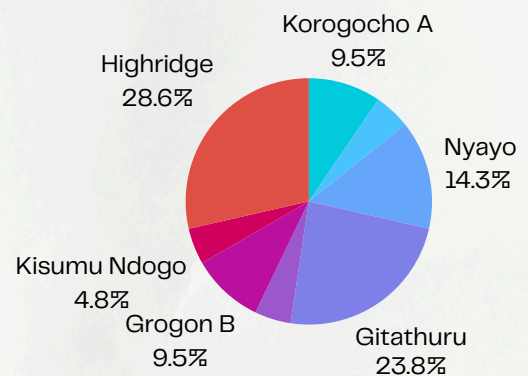


## ENGAGEMENT



Direct engagement ; 5,000 pax  
Indirect engagement : 30,000 pax

## Challenges Affecting the Population



## Village Engagement

SCF tries to engage all the villages in its outreach work.



# STORIES OF HOPE-1

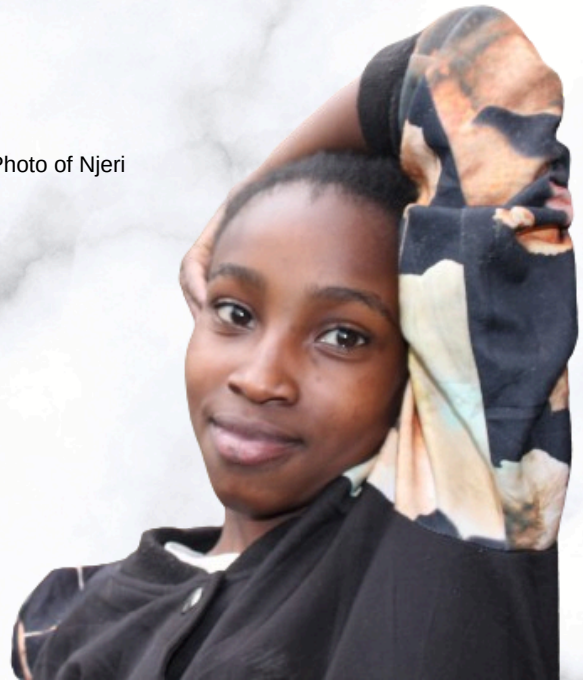
## Njeri's Journey with Slum Child Foundation School Outreach Program

Njeri, a 12-year-old student from Kariobangi Baptist Primary School, Korogocho, Nairobi, joined the health club initiated by the Slum Child Foundation as part of their school outreach program. Living in a challenging environment, Amina faced numerous health and hygiene issues, but her determination and the support of the foundation have transformed her life.

When Njeri first joined the health club, she was shy lacked confidence, and had limited knowledge of health-induced topics, hygiene, and peer pressure. The initial sessions focused on basic health and hygiene practices. Topics like hand washing, Personal hygiene, and nutrition were covered extensively.

Njeri quickly grasped the importance of these practices and began to implement them in her daily life. As the sessions progressed, the health club introduced more complex topics such as; Drug and Substance Abuse Awareness.

Photo of Njeri



She learned about the ways to prevent common diseases like malaria and typhoid and how to maintain mental well-being. Beyond health knowledge, Njeri's participation in the club significantly boosted her confidence and leadership skills. She started volunteering to lead discussions, demonstrating her newfound knowledge and passion.

Her teachers noticed and communicated on her improvement in school performance and her willingness to help her peers. Njeri's transformation did not stop at personal growth but encouraged other children to join the health club. Amina's journey with the health club has been a story of empowerment and transformation.

The Slum Child Foundation's school outreach program has provided her with the knowledge, skills, and confidence to lead a healthier and more productive life. Njeri's story is a testament to the foundation's impact and the potential for change when children are given the tools and support needed to thrive.



*Njeri with some of the Young girls attending a session at Ngunyumu Primary school in Korogocho*



# STORIES OF HOPE-2

## Bahati's Success Story and reintegration back to school

Bahati, a 17-year-old boy, was always a bright and cheerful student until he got to form two. His parents noticed a sudden change in his behavior, he became withdrawn and showed no interest in school. Despite their efforts, Bahati refused to go back to school, citing reasons that seemed unclear to everyone around him.

Bahati's parents were deeply concerned. They tried talking to him but nothing seemed to work. He spent most of his days walking around the village and engaging himself with bad gangs. It was clear that he needed help beyond what his parents could provide. After much consideration, Bahati's parents decided to seek help from the organization.

They reached out to the director, Mr. George, who will help in adolescent issues. The initial sessions were tough; Bahati was reluctant to open up and often sat in silence. However, Mr. George was patient and gradually built a rapport with him.

Over several sessions, Bahati began to open up about his feelings. He revealed that he felt overwhelmed by the pressure to perform academically and the stress of keeping up with schoolwork had made him dread going back to school.

Mr. George worked with Bahati on coping mechanisms. He also involved his parents in the sessions, educating them on how to support Bahati effectively. Together, they devised a plan to address the academic issue.



*Bahati on the Left with George on the Right having a Men to Men Talk*

With the combined support of his family, Mr. George, and his school, Bahati slowly regained his confidence. The school took measures to ensure a safe environment for Jack, and he was introduced to a peer support group where he made new friends.

After several months of counseling, Bahati felt ready to return to school. It wasn't an easy transition, but with the strategies he learned in counseling, he was able to focus on his studies.

His parents and Mr. George continue to support him throughout this period. Bahati's story is a testament to the power of counseling and the importance of a supportive environment.

Through patience, understanding, and help, Bahati was able to overcome his fears and return to school. Today, he is thriving both academically and socially, proving that with the right support, even the toughest challenges can be overcome.



# CHALLENGES & WAY FORWARD

**Major challenges faced during the six months period include but not limited to the**

## **1. Inadequate Funding**

We run so many programs that touch on the heart of many people within Korogocho. Sometimes our hands are tied and we cannot be able to properly implement our programs due to lack of or limited resources.

Over the last 6 months, we have been forced to stop some programs like the teen mum project which was aimed at empowering the teenage mothers with skills and initial capital for starting their own businesses.

We have also been forced to reduce the number of people we are reaching through the scholarship project which was keeping many children from our programs in school for the same reason. The community feeding program which has been so key for our Toto club children also had to stop.

Many of our friends and well-wishers withdrew their support due to high cost of living and this has really left us with a huge gap to fill which we are not a position to do so right now. The community needs are a lot and we are willing to help out if we can be able to get funding.

We have programs on HIV/AIDS, Programs on drugs, programs on young leadership academy, football academy among many others that need to be funded in order to be fully functional. We are trying our best to look for grant proposals that we can write in order to help us raise the money for the continuation of our programs.

## **2. Inadequate Personelle**

Last year we had 11 personnel but because most of our funded projects came to an end, we had to lay off some of them and remained with only 6. This has left a huge gap but we couldn't have them on board without a pay. Right now, the 6 that we retained have only been surviving on small tokens of appreciation.

## **3. Political Interference and Unrest**

Over the last one year, a lot has been happening in the country, from drought, to post election protests, to floods, to high cost of living to Gen Z's protests (Peaceful protest by young people against the government on the high cost of living and other areas) All these combined have really affected our operations and unfortunately Korogocho has been a victim of all listed above.



*Toto Club Kids being served Meals*



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