

BE KIDS AUSTRALIA INC.

KOROGOCHO PROGRAM- KENYA

December 2011 ACTIVITY REPORT



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Magazine:

The printing December issue of the magazine has been sponsored by Goal Kenya which allowed us to have 1000 copies printed and reserve the Be Kids allocation of funds to be used to install electricity at the Kaya Study center (our second study centre) . The copy of the magazine follows in the next email.

Fund raising:

The “Tuko Pamoja” fundraising initiative kicked off in early December, with a series of meetings by the children and youth in Kengele.



Be Kids receives an annual donation for Christmas support to the Kengele children. This time we asked the children to use the funds to reach out to those who may be lacking anything at all, especially in Northern Kenya where it was faced with famine for an extensive time. The children’s research showed then that whilst at least in the Slum they got a meal a day, children in the refugee camps ate once about every 4 days!

Moved by this motivation, the children raised funds:

- Selling printed T shirts
- Sell of cards
- Sell of snacks and raffles



Chicken auctioned



- Music concert



By taking the initiative on their hands, the following was the amount raised:

Money received from Joan 25,000				
Expenditure			Money collected (Cash at hand)	Income
Card	1000	Produced cards to be sold from 20 shilling to 500 shillings	10,640	9,640
T shirts	10,000	Printed 50 T-shirts to be sold at 700-1000 shillings (sold 22 T-shirts)	26,700	16,700

Main event	5000	Paid the hall, bought snacks for sale, raffles stationeries	3396	3396
Logistics (transport & communication)	4000			
Balance			5,000	
Total	20,000		45,736	29,736

The money raised will be used to purchase food staffs and be transported to Northern Kenya in Western Pokot where Ben Wandei (Be Kids) has contacts. This is targeted for 10th to 12th February.

While there the Kengele youth will document the whole process and seek to establish a long-term relationship with the children and the community in Pokot. If security risks prevent us from doing this, we will bus the village elder and 2 children from Pokot to come to visit the children in Korogocho. This way our children will widen their understanding by having direct experience of this humanitarian crisis and be inspired to participate in change.

Study centers:

The children in Kengele program have been donating books that they are not using mainly because they are not in the same class any more or have finished class 8 and of form four.

This has helped their colleagues to get reference materials at the study centers. Also there was a small donation of used books from some of the members of the Karura Rotary Club that were shared between the two centers.

The Kaya Sdy Center in Highridge still lacks electricity but the proposal is to use part of the funds meant for the December magazine, to install electricity.

At the Kaya study center there has been a volunteer teacher in the past weeks, teaching the lower primary kids who attend the study center. The parents and the Kengele youth in High ridge who introduced her have welcomed this.

Plans are underway to encourage the youth in the community who have finished high school, to also volunteer their time in the evenings in guiding the younger children at the study centers in their studies.

Scholarship:

Four more Kengele children have finished class 8 and the following is their performance:

Name	Marks out of 500	School	Type of school
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Fardosa Ali	352	Shepherds Junior school	Private
Issa Bukura	347	Shepherds Junior school	Private
Kennedy Githingi	257	Marura Primary school	Public
Issinino Roba	193	Ngunyumu Primary school	Public

This year again the private schools in the country performed way better than their counterparts in public school. This is mainly due to the huge difference in terms of teacher student relationship in the two types of schools as well as the competitiveness in private school as compared to the public schools.

However we are encouraged by the performance of both Fardosa and Issa who live in Korogocho and have attended public school until they got the scholarship to shepherds junior school through Kengele program.

This is a clear indication that given equal opportunity on a leveled ground, the children in disadvantaged communities can perform as well as their counterparts in higher social and economic status.

Currently the National secondary schools are doing their selections and then will be followed by the provincial secondary school selections. The candidates must wait for this process to be complete and see which schools they'll be called to or make a follow up with the schools they are interested with depending on their performance and the available spaces in those schools. Towards the third week of February they should have joined secondary schools.

Supported students in the program

The schools have just resumed for the first term in this year. The following are the students sponsored in this program and the amount required for the school fees. A few students had accrued balances by the time we were picking them. I am yet to meet the parents/guardians and see the possibilities of them managing the outstanding balances.

I talked to the head teacher Mrs Mabango and she said the only option is to meet the parents and have a word with them on off setting the balances because that will continue reflecting. The meeting with the parents will be on Saturday 14th at 10:00am

Student	School	Balance	Fees for this yr	Total
Jemila Tei Odhiambo	Fatima	2,000	16650	18,650
Hussein Omar Khalid	Fatima	Nil	16650	16650
Maurice Oduor	Fatima	Nil	16650	16650
Everlyne Eyaonga Osunga	Fatima	4,100	16650	20,750
Lydia Sandra Ngesa	Fatima	50	16650	16700
Ian Amoshe Anjuku	Fatima	Nil	16650	16650
Christine Auma Otieno	Fatima	150	16650	16,800

Daisy Auma Odumbe	Fatima	7000	16650	23650
Dennis Munderu Kimondo	Fatima	12,500	16650	29,150
Winnie Makasi Mwinzi	Fatima	Paid in advance (1,050)	15600	15,600
Brenda Anguzuzu Oboge	Fatima	100	16650	16750
Philip Kamuli Mtemi	Fatima	Nil	16650	16650
Joseph Amahwa	Fatima	Paid in advance (7,050)	9600	9600
Maureen Njeri Wairimu	Fatima	10,950	16650	27,600
Totals			225,000	261,850

Student	School	Balance	Fees for this yr
Ralia Mohammed	Dr. Mwenje	Nil	18,000
Harun Thuo	Ndururuno	Nil	12,300
Idris Mukhtar	Estleigh High	Nil	22300
Totals			52,600

Our Lady of Fatima Secondary School may not be able to accommodate Haron and Ralia, since the form two class is full.

Radio Program

Date	Topic	Presenter
3 rd	Gender violence	Isinino and Nahashon
10 th	Children's Right	Ralia and Issa
17 th	Youth active participation	Victor
24 th	Merry Christmas wishes	Nahashon and Victor
31 st	Encouraging the youth on positive choices in the new year	Victor and Evans



- Gender Violence:

The topic was chosen as a result of increased cases of gender-based violence in Nairobi. This is a fact, which has been brought about by cases reported in the media. Some of the issues covered were rape and assault, family conflicts and girl child discrimination.

The listeners raised a lot of issues on this topic, with the main issue being family conflict.

Other issues raised by listeners were;

*Girl child education

*Rape

- Children's rights:

The main reason for this topic was to remind people and create awareness on children right. This was during the 16 days of activism an activity where by kengele children in conjunction with Goal Kenya and Koch Fm undertook to promote children's rights through various activities which included radio shows, road show and child right workshops

The main issues covered were child neglect, child rights and responsibilities.

From the listeners some of the issues raised included

- The need for the government to punish those who abuse children and also for the government to fully support the promotion of children rights
- Sustainable awareness among children and their parents on the responsibilities of the children both at home and school and even at the community level
- Community responsibility towards child protection
- Youth active participation:

This topic was to encourage the youth to participate in activities that are of benefit to them and the society instead of idling and engaging in negative activities.

Some issues covered were youth participation and behavior change
The main issues addressed by listeners included

- *Positive engagement
- *Behavior change

- Merry Christmas wishes:

The program aimed at wishing the listeners merry Christmas and joyous festive season. In this show the listeners participated through wishing each other happy holidays

- Encouraging the youth on positive choices in the new year:

On the beginning of New Year is when most people make new years resolutions. This show aimed at encouraging the youth to make wise choices in the New Year. The listeners encouraged each other to make wise choices for the year, planning ahead and avoiding violence in the New Year which will be an election year in Kenya.

Art:

The art team was mostly busy with the helping in fundraising activities during the month, however they were able to do the cuttings on the tins for the crafts which they hope to finish by the end of the coming month. Those who have finished form four are also helping in the making of the crafts.

The tin crafts will be of “angels” and “animals”.

Mama Shujaa:

Linah has been very supportive in organizing the group and especially during the fieldwork to find the different prices of the commodities they want to sell. The pace was a bit slow since the month also was involved with the Christmas festivities.

Another challenge sited by Linah and the team was lack of getting the correct information from the wholesalers since they were not buying at the moment. Linah and I are scheduled to meet the landlord to have him sign an agreement this week. The landlord was out of Nairobi.

I also met Ben and Grace the SIFE team from Nazarene University and we they are supposed to embark on a few more training with the women later in January. The University will be reopening in January

K-YOUTH MEDIA CENTRE

The month of December was very crucial for the K-Youth Media Centre. Things settled down with new students from the K Hub being incorporated in the Centre’s activities, students exploiting new grounds in filming and photography, with the

installment of internet and excitingly seeing the very students taking up cameras and doing photography and filming in the community. This was a month with a lot of new faces for the Media Centre as we penetrated in the community initiatives and campaigns organized by different organizations, this include, the **International Human Right Day Celebrations** by Youth Congress, **Conference of The People** organized by St.John catholic church, this one day event brought together the people of Korogocho to showcase their talents and livelihood and **Stop Child Abuse Campaign** organized by the Goal Kenya, Koch FM and the Government of Kenya that entailed teaching of children rights and responsibilities were documented. While the MediaCentre is stamping itself in the community, it did forget its main goal for the month and even beyond, the students and their trainers were busy winding up their set objectives with lots of internal activities that included.



VIDEO EDITING

After one long month training in filming and photography that majorly included pre production, the students were eventually introduced to editing. The trainer took quite some time to explain the different software to use in editing and the process of production and finally post-production. This was to let the student take on the editing by themselves in the forthcoming productions.



FILMING

Due to the available resources the students have made 3 successful documentaries and a lot of plan in the 2012. There is quite a big challenge when it comes to fiction films in which it has been made impossible due to the unavailability of certain equipment eg tripod, sound microphones and among others.

PICTURE STORIES

Students here are so impressive and with the little resource at hand they were capable of taking variety of pictures from the different communities of several topics. It was amazing that the student were able to tell stories from different points of view. These among other pictures will be online on Flickr Accounts. We are also trying to liars with everyone involved and come up with a Blog post where the students can be uploading their articles and stories and share it to others.

CHALLENGES

The centre still have to decide on the name to keep thing running efficiently as this will result to development of the centre's logo as well as coming up with sites online.

Although the Centre has been able to do all the above there has been some hurdles it had to put with.

The Centre is so much in need of still cameras, tripods, computers, tables, hard drives and other basic production equipments.
