

ST. BAKHITA NURSERY AND PRE-SCHOOLS NARRATIVE REPORT 2013

BACKGROUND

St. Bakhita Pre-schools under the umbrella of Christ the King Catholic Church situated in Kibera slum in Nairobi, Kenya.

Kibera has a population of over 700,000 people. Due to Kibera proximity to the Industrial area, the population has increased over the years to accommodate constant rural urban migration.

The residents are a marginalized whose vulnerability is on account of poverty. Most of the population is wage earners working in industrial areas or neighborhoods as domestic and security servants. The stretched resources and lack of opportunity has resulted in crime.

There is a great political interest in Kibera as it commands huge votes. Violence during general elections is the order of the day. During election politicians manipulate residents along ethnic lines and this has often tipped to violence.

Currently there is a high tension in the community as a result of issuance of Title deeds for the 300 acre of Kibera to a group of community to the exclusion of the other communities, slump upgrading and eviction.



An overview of Kibera slum

The service of Education has been priority and value of Christ The King Parish. In order to achieve its goal, the Parish set up Early child hood education Centres in the three sub parishes to meet education needs of the vulnerable and poor children of Kibera slum.

The purpose of St. Bakhitas Nursery and Pre-schools is to fully prepare children for their future life and primary school. It does this by instilling excellent academic skills, great confidence and good self esteem into the children.

St. Bakhita Pre-schools runs the Montessori system from Baby class to Pre-unit with qualified teachers capable of intellectual, spiritual and moral formation.

SCHOOL PROGRAMME

In the year 2013, the school opened on 7th of January and closed on 12th of April 2013 for term one, 7th of May to the 9th of August for term two and 2nd September to the 22nd of November for term 3. The School enrolment stood at 360, 410 and 406 pupils respectively for the three terms. There was a drop in enrolment in first term; this was due to relocation of families from Kibera out of fear of the outcome of the general elections. However the number increased in second term as most of the families were then settled.

The school programme was well organized during the year. There was great cooperation from the parents and teachers who worked tireless to meet their goals and expectations.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMME

Indoor learning: Teachers applied various skills to ensure that their pupils are able to read and write, do simple puzzles, recognize numbers, be able to write the numbers improve fluency in speaking in English and be able to listen to stories.

Activities carried were:

- Usage of basic tools in reading
- Writing, drawing, painting
- Modeling & storytelling.



children attending lessons in class room

Outdoor learning: These exercises helped to build confidence and self-esteem, so that they enjoy coming to school, teach them to blend and socialize with others, increase the child's concentration span, build motor skills, understand to follow small commands.

Activities carried were:

- Games, singing
- Education trips
- Concerts.



children participated in outdoor learning

The success was marked with a colorful graduation ceremony commemorated at the end of 3rd term.



Children from St. Bakhita Pre-school Soweto during graduation

FEEDING PROGRAM

This is a factor that has contributed to the gradually increase in the number of children in the school. The programme is supported by DKA. The meals have helped the children to have sound mind in class throughout the day be active and jovial. The school provides Nutritious porridge at 10am, lunch with different menu each week and 3 o'clock porridge before they leave.



Children enjoying their lunch

Despite the cost of commodities escalating every now and then, through the help accorded by DKA, the parish is able to provide a well balanced diet meal to the children throughout the school year.

CHALLENGES

1. The demand for admission goes high yearly, though this is a positive attribute, our school cannot absorb all children seeking admission, this is due to lack of classrooms, playground space and enough personnel.
The parish wishes to make a humble request for more support, to be able to accommodate the increase number of children that knocks our door yearly, instead of locking them out which has not been our wish.
2. The school uses the church hall to facilitate its learning activities. The hall is partitioned in small portion to fit a classroom. The parish has provided small plastic chairs and desk to the pupils. The movement of these chairs & desks has caused breakage over the years; hence the parish spends a lot in purchase of new ones.
3. The slum upgrading project is a Government project, set to construct better homes & roads for the residences. The movement has affected all our

outstations, Soweto outstation will be demolished completely to pave way for the project, while part of Lindi and Shilanga will be demolished to pave way for the road construction. The parish is left with the option of renting rooms in Soweto and constructing new classrooms in Shilanga and Lindi outstations for the demolished portion or shutting down all the schools.

Having our children in mind, the parish humbly request for your continuous support to help us construct permanent classrooms for these children to help them achieve their dream.

4. The parish is also experiencing harsh economic times that have gripped the country and supporting the salaries for the teaching and support staff is a challenge. At the moment the current staff receives low pay.

Despite the challenges we encounter, the parish is trying hard to give all the support; academically, spiritually and economic to see the success of Kibera children and the entire residence.

The parish appreciates the continued support from DKA and looks forward to working together in the New Year.

A SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL REPORT

St. Bakhita Nursery Schools

Income & Expenditure from Jan - Nov. 2013

INCOME

| | |
|------------------------|----------------|
| BBF | 158.455 |
| DKA Donation- May 2013 | 2.240.901 |
| School fees | 1.487.740 |
| Total Income | 158.455 |

| EXPENCES | Budgeted | Jan - April | May - August | Sept - Dec | Total | Variances | Notes |
|--------------------------------|------------------|--------------------|---------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|--|
| Salaries | 1.500.000 | 481.600 | 481.600 | 541.800 | 1.505.000 | (5.000) | salary is inclusive of end year bonus to the staff |
| Feeding programme | 2.000.000 | 761.291 | 656.051 | 493.750 | 1.911.092 | 88.908 | |
| Detergents & cleaning articles | 30.000 | 8.935 | 14.150 | 1.650 | 24.735 | 5.265 | |
| water | 20.000 | 6.400 | 6.000 | 8.000 | 20.400 | (400) | |
| Transport | 2.400 | 3.020 | 5.690 | 1.650 | 10.360 | (7.960) | Transport incurred to transport food stuff to the schools |
| Charcoal/fuel | 150.000 | 46.800 | 74.000 | - | 120.800 | 29.200 | cost incurred to buy charcoal for cooking |
| Utensils | 65.000 | 65.000 | - | - | 65.000 | - | Utencils are bought at the beginning of the year |
| Stationaries | 50.000 | 36.656 | - | - | 36.656 | 13.344 | Stationary are bought at the beginning of the year |
| Exams | 20.000 | 5.114 | 5.114 | 5.114 | 15.342 | 4.658 | Exams are bought at end of each term to evaluate the pupils |
| School maintenance | 60.000 | 18.450 | 9.845 | 2.500 | 30.795 | 29.205 | Cost incured in the maintenance of the school, pupils chairs & desks |
| Communication | 6.000 | 2.000 | 2.000 | 2.000 | 6.000 | - | for coordination and adminstrative duties |
| Co-curricular activities | 80.000 | - | 59.230 | - | 59.230 | 20.770 | cost of education trip and curricular activities |
| Other utilities | 20.000 | | | 16.309 | 16.309 | 3.691 | budget line catered for graduation cost |
| | 503.400 | 1.435.266 | 1.313.680 | 1.072.773 | 3.821.719 | | |

Summary

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| Income | 158.455 | - |
| Expences | 3.821.719 | |
| Balance | Ksh. | (3.663.264) |

Notes:

*We expected an income of Kshs. 1,600,000 being fees collection, however only Ksh. 1,487.740 was collected.
This is due to some did not pay while other children dropped the school.*