



AKIKI, aged 15, who came to Retrak after suffering beatings while living on the streets

Across Africa, there are hundreds of thousands of children living on the streets. Every day they suffer hunger, poverty, abuse and violence.

Retrak is a charity which reaches out to these vulnerable children to provide them with the food, medicine, clothing, hygiene and shelter which they desperately need. Beyond this, Retrak works hard to tackle the reasons why children end up on the streets – this means helping families to heal rifts, enabling children to complete their education or gain a vocational qualification and providing children and parents with a means to earn a sustainable income.

This long-term approach helps to make sure that children never have to go back to living on the street and it works; to date more than three-quarters of the children helped by Retrak have remained at home with their families.

OUR VISION

Our vision is to see street children realise their potential and discover their worth.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission statement is to enable street children to have a real alternative to life on the street.

INSPIRING IDEAS

Do you want to make a difference to a child like Justus? There are lots of different ways to fundraise. Visit www.retrak.org to see all the different ways you can help!

DONATE TO RETRAK

There are lots of ways you can donate to Retrak:

- To send a check, make it payable to Retrak America and send it to our US office:
1133 19th Street, NW, Suite 1056, Washington, DC 20036.
All donations are tax-deductible and will be confirmed with a receipt.
- To set up a regular monthly gift, or to pay by credit card or wire transfer, logon to www.globalgiving.org and search "Retrak", then follow the step-by-step instructions. You can pay by credit card, check or PayPal in one fast, secure transaction.
- To make a one-time \$10 gift to Retrak by US mobile phone, text **"GIVE 2202"** to **80088**. Message and data rates may apply.



**HELPING
STREET CHILDREN
RETURN HOME**





"I NOW HAVE SOMEONE I CAN CALL FATHER AND MOTHER, I HAVE A FAMILY WHERE I AM ACCEPTED."

JOSEPH, 15, (In Retrak Foster care) Uganda

ABOUT RETRAK

Retrak has programs in Uganda, Ethiopia and Kenya where there are thousands of street children with nowhere to turn for help.

Retrak seeks to return children home, if it is possible and safe. The staff often go to extraordinary lengths to track down families. We provide care for children who cannot return to their biological families.

Poverty is one of the main reasons why children end up on the street. The stress of poverty means that parents have less time to spend building positive relationships with their children, they are simply too busy struggling to provide food, shelter and clothing for their family. As a result families break down and children are forced to live on the streets.

Retrak helps street children and their families to generate a regular income by learning a trade or setting up a small business with help from our micro-loans scheme and business training workshops.

For children affected by HIV/AIDS, Retrak provides medical care, voluntary counseling and therapy and family support to them cope and manage. Many children who come to Retrak have suffered terrible injuries while living on the street and without the help of our medical team they would not have survived.



JUSTUS' STORY

Justus left home because his mother and father had separated and neither of them had the money to look after him. He believed that nobody wanted him so he ran away to try and make a life for himself on the streets. He was just 8 years old.

One evening he was beaten up by a local gang and was left to die on the streets. He had deep cuts to his head and his fingers and his arms and his ribs were broken. Justus was taken to the hospital where his wounds were bandaged but no one would take responsibility for him. He crawled back to the streets with a high fever and needing help. A lady gave him some milk and some money when she saw how ill he was. He managed to offer someone on a bike the money to take him to the Retrak center.

When Justus got to Retrak, the staff on site were shocked at the extent of his injuries. His wounds were very deep and they were worried he might not recover. Eventually they found a hospital that would take care of him and after blood transfusions and an operation to repair his wounds they finally believed he would survive.

Justus spent several months in rehabilitation learning to use his muscles again. The Retrak staff managed to get in touch with his father and let him know how ill Justus had been. A month later Justus was resettled to his uncle's house as his father was ill and had little money. His uncle was pleased to look after him and his little sister as he had no children of his own. Justus is very happy now and thanks Retrak for helping him when others wouldn't. His uncle enjoys having the children in his house and appreciates the continued support that Retrak provide for the whole family.

"RETRAK MAKES A PERSONAL DIRECT DIFFERENCE IN SO MANY LIVES - WITH CHILDREN WHO OTHERWISE WOULDN'T HAVE ANY HOPE."

James McAvoy, actor and Retrak supporter



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