

Down, but not out!

“The death of my children remains the most painful experience I still have to overcome. As frail as I am, I have to learn being a parent all over again!” exclaims Esther Mudhasia, 73 years old. “But it’s so different now!!”

She is just one among the over 60 grandmothers taking care of their grandchildren in Kapkoi, one of the villages in the sleepy township of Moi’s Bridge, about 60 kilometers from Eldoret town.



“My son passed away and within a short span, his wife also died, leaving me with their children. I also have to take care of other children left behind by my widowed daughter. Its becoming too much for me,” sighs the feeble but determined grandmother.

Esther is currently parenting 11 grandchildren. “I don’t know what I could have done without GEMINI’s intervention. Most of the children now attend school, they have new school uniforms, I can access some basic food ratios and I have been able to cultivate my small piece of land and plant this season,” she says a wry smile touching the corners of her lips.



With GlobalGiving funds, we have been able to reach out to older carers in rural areas where healthcare facilities and services are inaccessible.

Most of our beneficiaries are in small groups that also enable them share their experiences and relieve stress. Unlike Esther, most of them have no piece of land and no source of income.

“We have talked to Stella about our plans of acquiring a few goats or chicken that will enable us strengthen our income-generating activities as well as provide our grandchildren with some nutritional food,” she says, her hands gently stroking Cheptoo, one of her granddaughters. “We still don’t know whether she will have the funds to support our initiative.”

On behalf of the grandmothers from Kapkoi village, GEMINI wishes to thank all of you for your continued support. It seems a long journey but with your support, Esther’s wishes will surely become a reality. THANKS SO MUCH!