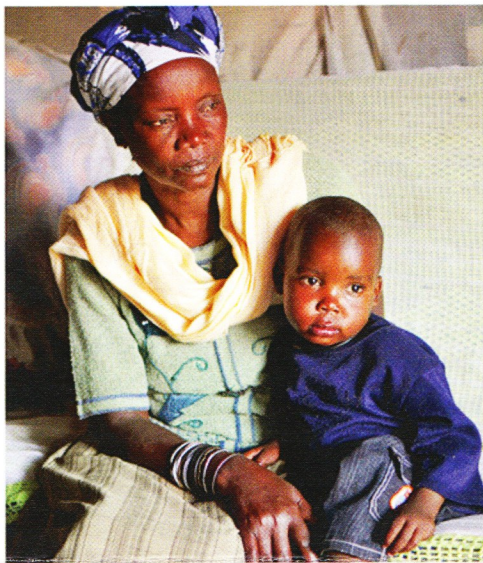


OUR VISION



What happens to the future of millions of AIDS orphaned children in Africa will have a profound effect on the future for us all. In our connected world, what affects one affects all, and entire generations of Africans are at risk without skills and education. The Nyanya Project was conceived to address the most vulnerable victims of the AIDS Crisis in Africa - orphaned children and the grandmothers who care for them. Because of AIDS, nearly 20 million African children have become orphans, and most are being cared for by their grandmothers, extraordinary women who are known as *nyanyas*. These grandmothers have limited education and skills and receive no government assistance. Most are widows, few have education beyond the sixth grade, and millions have buried their sons and daughters to AIDS. Now, they raise their orphaned grandchildren, and with less than \$1 per day that they earn from selling various wares, they hold their families together. The Nyanya Project opens Pre-School Centers for the youngest children and teaches skills to the grandmothers. Grandmothers earn, manage and reinvest increased income; serve as moral leaders to their families and communities; and keep their new families safe, healthy, educated and loved. By training grandmothers to become self-sufficient, we weaken three contributors to the AIDS Crisis - poverty, ignorance and disease. The grandmothers find new strength. Their families find new hope. The Nyanya Project supports sustainable, working cooperatives made up of these remarkable women in villages and cities in Africa. Roots deepen. Light spreads.

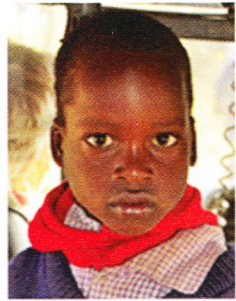
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A STORY OF HOPE



Two years ago, TNP selected four grandmothers from Nairobi to receive business skills training, our first program in Africa. The grandmothers were barely eking out livings in the Kibera slums by operating small stands that sell dried fish or vegetables. They and their families were living on less than \$1 a day. Grandmothers were trained by Amani Ya Juu, a crafts center serving marginalized women in Nairobi. After six months, the *nyanyas* told TNP that for the first time in their lives they could pay their rent every month, afford to send their grandchildren to a medical clinic and provide some school supplies. Grandmothers are required to save 20 percent of their income as part of their training. The fact that they do is testimony to their determination to create a better future for their grandchildren! As other grandmothers in the community noticed their success, our *nyanyas* came up with an idea - they wanted to open a day care center and hire grandmothers to help with its operation. In only six months, their own small businesses were thriving and the four *nyanyas* in Kibera had become entrepreneurs! In July, 2009, the Raila Odinga Nyanya Pre School Center opened in the heart of Kibera. Named for Kenya's Prime Minister, the Center hires our grandmothers part time, and their grandchildren orphaned by AIDS attend free. Their dream is now a reality, and other grandmothers and mothers throughout Kibera come to see the bright blue building with the happy yellow door. Their dream is also growing - a second Center opens in Kibera in 2010.



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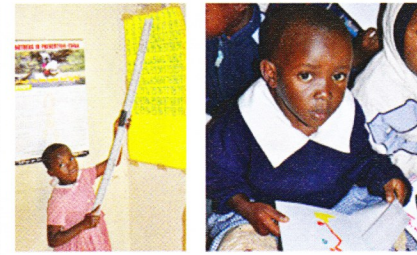


THE nyanya [PROJECT]

Changing lives of African grandmothers and their AIDS orphaned grandchildren

NYANYA PRESCHOOL CENTERS

There are no other African pre-schools where grandmothers, known as *nyanyas*, are part of the staff and help make decisions. Their love and wisdom fill our Centers and help guide our students. Children, ages 2-5, are taught with the Montessori method and receive hot meals daily. Nyanya Project-trained grandmothers work alongside the teachers, and their youngest AIDS orphaned grandchildren attend free. Entire communities are impacted - mothers and grandmothers of students are able to work longer hours and increase earnings. A second Nyanya Pre-School Center will open in 2010. With funding, this model will be replicated in other African communities. The cost per life changed is \$15, a vibrant model for future development.



TRAINING



Nyanya Project grandmothers are determined to secure education for their grandchildren. This motivates them to learn skills that increase their income and care of their families and to save 20 percent of their new earnings, a requirement. Savings are kept in grandmother-run accounts to use at their discretion. Training programs vary according to the regions where grandmothers live. Business skills are taught to urban grandmothers; traditional crafts such as basket making, batik and knitted products are taught to rural grandmothers who also receive donations of sheep. All grandmothers report that after training in Nyanya Project programs, earnings increase, up to five times the amount they earned prior to training.

A UNIQUE MODEL



As new Pre-School Centers open, grandmothers previously trained by the Nyanya Project are hired to work part time. The meshing of these two programs - Pre School Centers and training of grandmothers - is a viable, sustainable model with far reaching impact. Sustainability of this "meshed" model works: Since grandmothers have a safe place that cares for their grandchildren, our *nyanyas* can now use their skills to the fullest extent to generate income. In addition, our holistic approach of teaching grandmothers for tasks with which they are already familiar is highly effective. Urban grandmothers who operate small vegetable stands earned approximately \$5 per week before their training. After one year's training, their weekly income ranges from \$25 to \$30 - a 500% increase. American Grandmother Clubs pledge annual support for our programs.

