

Hifadhi Africa Organization's Sponsorship Program 2019

Bursary Allocation to Bright Impoverished Students

Hifadhi Africa Organization raised a total of \$540 from GlobalGiving's Educating Impoverished Children in Kenya (37957) Project. The project intent was to provide scholarships, sanitary products and undergarments, scholastic materials as well as transport towards bright impoverished high school students in East Pokot. The money were received in phases of \$27 on 27th February 2019, another disbursement of \$315 was received on 27th March, 2019 and lastly a \$36 on 29th April, 2019. That makes a total of \$378 of money received. Our goal was \$108,550.

Funding Support from Bremerton Rotary Club

Hifadhi Africa received donation of \$5000 from Rotary Club of Bremerton, through Rotary Club of Port Orchard in Kitsap County, Washington, United States. Through Rotarian Robert Cairns, Hifadhi Africa got the great news. We jointly brainstormed on the best implementation plan and agreed to wait until arrival of Rotarian Robert Cairns and his wife Chris who were scheduled to visit all Hifadhi Africa projects implemented in Kenya. The Cairns arrived on June 5th and shall be leaving for Uganda on 21st 2019. Our decision was to visit all beneficiary schools in the company of Rotarian Robert and his wife and meet with targeted students.

The Need

Community Need

East Pokot is one of the world's extremely poverty ravaged places. The need for basic human needs and rights is on the extreme. There is nonexistent social support system. The Sub-County covers a land mass of 4528 square Kilometers, with a population of about 180,958 (Women 51% and Men 49%). Out of these, only 4% are literate and 60% of children never attend school in their lifetime. Climate change has desolated Pokot land – no farming can take place and dying of livestock spell end their pastoralism lifestyle. These

trends will leave Pokot people even more vulnerable and without source of livelihood. Current Absolute Poverty rate is 65%.

Institutional Need

Tangulbei High School in East Pokot has a student population of 600. It is a mixed school and 99% come from within East Pokot. Most of the students have been orphaned by cattle rustling. They do not have families to go to during holidays nor relatives to support with school fees. Most of them, according to Deputy Principal, Mr. Edwin, have never paid a shilling in the 4 years they have been in the school. Some students transfer from one school to another annually to avoid accumulation of outstanding fees that they may never afford to pay. Only 10% or less of the 600 students have made some sort of payments as of June 2019. Students owe the school Kes.25 million (approximately \$25,000) in arrears.

The picture above is even blink among schools in the peripheries. Chemolingot Day Secondary school is an example. The school has a population of 179 and none of the students have contributed any amount in 2 years window. Chemolingot Primary School pupils were crowded in few classrooms to make room for the Chemolingot Day Secondary. The school therefore operate out of a primary school. We were informed by Mrs. Florence, who acts as both the Primary Head teacher and Patron of the Day School told us that she pays volunteering teachers out of her pocket. We asked how the Day school feeding program. Her answer was that the students eat out of ration provided to the Primary School by World Food Programme. Basically, the Day School do not have food allocations. She also mentioned that the secondary school do not get any support whatsoever from the government of Kenya.

When we arrived at Chemolingot Day Secondary staffroom, we overheard a conversation between Miss Elfreda, a Kiswilihi teacher and a parent. The parent had come to school to seek permission for his daughter, Everlyne, to be allowed into school without the needed fee payment. Everlyne is in Form 2 and lives with impoverished parents. We overhead the parent begging the teacher while the teacher insisted for a \$5 exam fee payment. He walked out



with sorrowful face. So we called him back and asked him to narrate to us what was going on. We then held a joint meeting with all teachers, Everlyne and her father. The teachers narrated to us challenges poor parents face and the pressure to pay for at least some sort of money to facilitate learning. We also discussed 2 more students, Eugene and Caroline. They are needy bright students. But then again everyone at Chemolingot Day Secondary is needy.

Rotarian Robert and his wife Chris donated a further Kes.20,000 (\$200) in cash towards payment of the teachers or anything they wish to expense on. We hoped that the money will go a long way into motivating the volunteer staff. They are sacrificing so much already.

Implementation Plan

Considering the need, we agreed to distribute the \$5000 from Bremerton Rotary and the \$378 from GlobalGiving jointly as bursary to students already in high schools across East Pokot to a maximum of Kes.23,800. This shall be the highest bursary award given to any identified student across the 9 Secondary Schools in East Pokot.

Selection of Beneficiaries

For better selection of students in need, we planned to make selection of awardees by visiting identified high school institutions where students from East Pokot study. This way, we were able to identify needy students based on the fee arrears one has. We identified several schools that have high population of students from East Pokot and they include: Barpello High School, Tangelbei Secondary School, Chemolingot Boys High School, Kolowa Secondary School, Churo Boys Secondary School, Ng'oron Secondary School and Churo Girls Secondary School.

Schools designated outside East Pokot with students from East Pokot include; Athinai Secondary School, Kabarnet Boys High School, Kabiye Secondary School, Ossen Girls High School and Tabagon Girls High School.

We visited some of the schools above and identified students facing outstanding fees challenges in all the schools. We prioritized those who have been sent away from school as a result of pending fee balance. One of the

approaches we used was to request school fee structure from school treasurer and student arrears from prescribed needy student.

Criteria for Selection

- Priority was given to students from East Pokot region who have been sent home due to fee arrears.
- The amount allocated to each student varied depending on the amount of fee balance. Those with high fees arrears and perform well received reasonably higher bursary amounts to ease their fee burden.
- Priority was also given to those in their 4th year of study because Form Fours may not be allowed to sit for National Examinations with high outstanding arrears. Those in lower classes at least have time ahead of them to clear their school fees.
- Priority was also given to first generation high schoolers. Students from illiterate families and who are the only children in education system are at risk of dropping out and the bursary award may make a huge difference compared to students who have some sort of support from parents and uncles.
- Children from needy families with no alternative for support of their school fee balance, e.g. orphans will be considered first.

Hifadhi Africa plans to offer 60% of the bursaries to girls and 40% to boys. This is because, girls are at risk of early marriage and female genital mutilation when they are sent home due to fee balance.

- Students who perform well in their examinations will also be given a priority

Reporting

1. Each awardee will be required to write a personalized letter at the end of each quarter that reports the support they have received and progress of their study after receiving the bursary.

2. A photo and biography of each awardee will be available for review by the donors.
3. A bank deposit slip will be provided showing fees paid to respective schools
4. A stamped receipt of equal amount as deposited in the bank shall be provided by the school for each of the beneficiary student
5. An acknowledgement letter from the beneficiary school summing up all the number of students who have benefitted from this bursary and the total amount paid to that school for the purpose of fees arrears will be provided. The said letter will appreciate the donor support and explain how such support will positively impact learning and overall administration of the school.

Further to that, the following were donated by Rotarian Robert Cairns;

1. Disposable Sanitary Pads to last 89 Chemolingot Day Secondary School girls for one year.
2. Soccer balls to Nginyang and Nakoko Youth Groups, Chesakam Primary School and Chemolingot Boys High School.
3. Reusable Sanitary Pads to Barpello High School
4. Sanitary Pads to last CANA Girls Rescue Home for one year. CANA Girls currently host 52 victims of FGM, harmful traditions and domestic violence.
5. Red noses to Cheptunoyo Primary School pupils

Gallery



Photo 1: Hifadhi Africa Team with 24 teachers from 9 East Pokot schools on June 15th. Photo 2: Barpello High School receives reusable sanitary pads.



Photos 3 and 4: Chemolingot Day Secondary students and teaching staff receiving sanitary



pads and soccer balls.

Photo 5: Rotarian Robert giving red noses to Cheptunoyo Primary pupils. Photo 6: Hifadhi Africa team with sponsored students and a parent.

The photo below is profound. It shows Hifadhi Africa Organization's Finance and Administration head Kevin in black coat. Kevin is at Kabarnet Boys High School to issue cheque for one of the beneficiary student called Edwin. Those receiving the Cheque from Hifadhi Africa in the photo are the school principal, the student and school accountant.

We spoke with the father and shared these photos and he almost cried. He thanked Rotary Club of Bremerton for the kind donation saying that, "I have never managed to pay a shilling towards my child education in the last 3 years because of my financial inability. I feel really bad because it comes out as if I do not care or I am ignorant of education. I wish my son best education but I can't simply support him as I would wish. Hifadhi Africa and its donors are God sent".



Please note that submission of the final report on our GlobalGiving's Educating Impoverished Children in Kenya (37957) Project will be done upon receiving acknowledgement letters, students' performance progress, and students' payment history from beneficiary schools and scanned bank deposit slips.

Attached in this report are cheque copies made to beneficiary schools. Bank deposit slips will be attached against those cheque copies in the final report as evidence of funds transfer.

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Date

15/06/2019

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Pay Tangulbei High School
Kenya Shillings One hundred and twenty thousand Only
HIFADHI AFRICA ORGANIZATION 31/10/18

KSh 120,000/-

HIFADHI AFRICA ORGANIZATION

Cheque Number

Bank Code

Account Number

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Pay A.I.C Churo Girls High School
Kenya Shillings Fifteen thousand Only
HIFADHI AFRICA ORGANIZATION 31/10/18

KSh 15,000/-

HIFADHI AFRICA ORGANIZATION

Cheque Number

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Account Number

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Date

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Pay Tabagon Girls Secondary School
Kenya Shillings Twenty three thousand, eight hundred Only
HIFADHI AFRICA ORGANIZATION 31/10/18

KSh 23,800/-

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Pay Chemolingot High School

Kenya Shillings One hundred and five thousand

A/c Payee

HIFADHI AFRICA ORGANIZATION

Only 31/10/18

Cheque Number Bank Code Account Number

KSh 105,000/-

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Date 05/07/2019

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Pay Barpello High School

Kenya Shillings Forty thousand

A/c Payee

HIFADHI AFRICA ORGANIZATION

Only 31/10/18

Cheque Number Bank Code Account Number

KSh 45,000/-

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Date 03/07/2019

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Pay Ossen Girls' High School

Kenya Shillings Fifteen thousand

A/c Payee

HIFADHI AFRICA ORGANIZATION

Only 31/10/18

Cheque Number Bank Code Account Number

KSh 15,000/-

HIFADHI AFRICA ORGANIZATION



Date 03/07/2019

046-THIKA ROAD MALL BRANCH

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Pay Atthirai Secondary School
Kenya Shillings Fifteen thousand Only
31/10/18

HIFADHI AFRICA ORGANIZATION

Cheque Number Bank Code Account Number

KSh 15,000/-

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