

## **GIVE HOPE TO 10 VULNERABLE CHILDREN IN SOUTH AFRICA**

### **Project Summary**

This project will provide business skill training and seed capital to 10 initial foster parents and guardians to enable them start income generating activities in order to feed and keep 10 orphaned and vulnerable children in school in South Africa. The skill training takes 3 months and during this period Harambee Entrepreneurship Programme provides food rations and schools fees to the vulnerable children.

### **The Challenge**

South Africa has the world's largest number of HIV-infected people mostly younger-to-middle aged adults resulting to an estimated 2 million orphans. Many more are vulnerable living with sick and bedridden caregivers. The burden of taking care of these orphaned and vulnerable children has been left to grand parents who mostly have no source of income apart from the occasional US\$ 30 per month Government grant. This amount is barely enough to feed a child and keep them in school and many times the grannies have to make a choice between feeding the children or taking them to school.

At present 26% of South Africa's population regularly experiences hunger, and an additional 28.3% are at risk of hunger. Children and the elderly bear the brunt and many times children sleep hungry as their foster parents struggle to make ends meet.

Nursery schooling is not readily provided by the Government and the gap is filled by private schools that charge a small fee in order to pay the teachers and the bills. Parents and guardians are expected to pay this school fees together with transport fees to take the child to and from school.

When grannies and foster parents are unable to afford food they children also drop out of school affecting their growth and development.

### **The solution**

Harambee Entrepreneurship Programme identifies orphaned and vulnerable children in South African and working with local schools provide the children with food rations and school fees for 3 months and within the same three months provide business skill training and seed capital to their guardians and foster parents to enable them start income generating activities in order to continue meeting the needs of the children in the absence of further donor support.

The businesses will generate income which will be used to improve the livelihood of the children giving them better nutrition, education, healthcare and shelter. The supported children will be educated and will develop into useful and productive people who will be able to play their role in solving community challenges and in making the world a better place for all.

Your donation will secure a future for an orphaned and vulnerable child. Kindly donate now.