

# LIVELIHOOD EMPOWERMENT AGAINST POVERTY INITIATIVE

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## **ABOUT THE ORGANIZATION**

LEAP Initiative is a registered Community Based Organization (CBO) based in Nairobi founded in 2017 with the main objective of poverty eradication among community members living in informal settlements in Nairobi Commonly referred to as slums. Specifically, the CBO work is mainly focused on key areas: Education for vulnerable and needy children, youth empowerment and women empowerment.

#### WHAT WE DO

#### School feeding programme

We provide food support to mostly early childhood kids in Mathare, Kibera and Korogocho Slums. More than 1000 children from these slums are beneficiaries of the programme.

#### Provision of sanitary pads to adolescent girls in primary and secondary schools

In order to keep young girls in school and to reduce dropout rate, we support sanitary pads program for adolescent girls since majority of parents from the slums cannot afford the pads. Through the programs girl child empowerment is advocated for which has greatly impacted performance in schools.

#### **Literacy Programs**

The Initiative supports community libraries through provision of learning materials which promotes reading culture among children from the informal settlement. This program has attracted a number of children and has greatly reduced teenage crimes in the slums of Mathare, Kibera and Korogocho.

#### **Women Empowerment Programme**

We train Women on small business management, financial management, entrepreneurship and linking them to financial institution and other organizations which supports women empowerment. Through this programme, more than 500 women are now operating their business and supporting their families. This is a great achievement in the war against poverty reduction in slums.

# OUR APPROACH

Since members of the LEAP Initiative are residence from slums we understand the problems that children, youth and women face and provide long term solutions. We use the following approaches to meet our overall goal of poverty eradication

- Community Youth forums
- Community Women forums
- Research and Policy Formulation
- School mentorship programmes
- Education talk shows



Consultative forum between members of LEAP Initiative and Stakeholders that was held in Nairobi on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2019.



12 Beneficiaries of mentorship programme from the three slums which includes Mathare, Korogocho and Kibera after training session organized by the Organization.



Visit to a Kayole Children's home in May by volunteers from LEAP Initiative. This is in support of vulnerable children empowerment from community.



Award of Certificate to trainees by Project Manager, Mr Peter Dayan during mentorship programme Organized by LEAP Initiative in Mathare on 13<sup>th</sup> April, 2019. Majority of participants were teenage girls in secondary schools from Kibera, Korogocho and Mathare.



Mentorship programme for teenagers drawn from the three slums actively participating during the training



Women empowerment beneficiaries after financial management training by the organization. The participants are beneficiaries of the empowerment training whose major aim is promotion of self-reliance among community members.