**PROPOSAL FOR REHABILITATION, EDUCATION AND REINTEGRATION OF ORPHANS, STREET CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE CHILDREN**

**LOCATION OF THE PROJECT**

**KAYOLE *–* SOWETO SLUM *–* NAIROBI COUNTY**

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

There are currently an approximate population of more than 300,000 children living in the streets in Kenya. In order to address the plight of street and vulnerable children and youth, Tunaweza Pamoja CBO uses the rehabilitation approach, which aims to transform and empower existing groups of children. We have stepped into this environment as an expression of hope and love! Declaring that there is hope in the midst of hopelessness. We are also living in times of unprecedented family breakdowns, whether in the West, East or in developing countries, poor or rich. This attack on the family fabric means that many children are growing up in an unsafe environment. Many have become homeless children living on the streets.

Tunaweza Pamoja CBO has been working to transform these children to become acceptable by the society and change the perception of thinking that they are unwanted. We also believe that children are like acorns, born with a mighty oak tree within each. With love and spiritual care, they will grow up to be the change makers of our society and country. At Tunaweza Pamoja Centre, located in the Kayole*-*Soweto slum Area, in Nairobi, the children undergo counselling, rehabilitation for three months before they are reintegrated back to their families and communities. For children who are not rehabilitated back due to several reasons, they remain at our centre and we educate them while others are given life skills.

Street children and vulnerable children have increased over years in our urban centres and in streets. Compared to the previous years the number of street children has rapidly increased in every town in Kenya. These children run to the urban streets expecting to get assistance from the well up people who are working. They run to the street due to poverty, family breakdown, war, sexual, physical or emotional abuse, drug abuse, sexual works and death of their parents leaving them orphans with no one to take care of them. They also think that in the towns they will get jobs, money and other basic things for their survival. The problem of street children is not limited only to the Third World. There are hundreds of thousands of children running away from home and living on the streets of Europe, Canada, and USA. The reasons for this phenomenon are not just economical it is a rather complex issue that urges to become a pandemic problem for many governments in the World. Among the most often given reasons by children we talk to are:

* Child abuse
* Neglect
* Peer pressure

Tunaweza Pamoja Children’s Centre helps street, neglected, needy, orphaned, vulnerable, deprived and destitute children mostly from the Kayole-Soweto slum area and also from the Children’s Department. We help the children by paying their school fees, giving them shelter, food, clothing and medical attention. We provide a loving and safe, family environment that enables children the right to a happy, educated, skilled and healthy life. Currently we are helping 100 children aged between 6 to 15 years. However due to financial difficulties it is a bit challenging to manage the daily requirements of our Children’s Centre as we don’t have donors. We rely on well wishers and it’s amazing how much we have achieved as a result of their tremendous help. The greatest needs we have is financial help for; food, clothing, rent, salaries & allowances, running the office, transport, medical, school fees, books, beddings, chairs, tables, beds, etc.

Tunaweza Pamoja has also been on the front line to helping these children to get education, equip them with skills, counselling and getting jobs for them after exit. The centre has been mentoring the children spiritually, emotionally and socially. Tunaweza Pamoja CBO seeks partnership from your organisation in order to cater for the costs that are involved in running the Tunaweza Pamoja Children’s Centre and also to increase our capacity to help more children and youth.

We are seeking a funding of USD $ 50,000 from First Love International.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Tunaweza Pamoja CBO was established in the year 2011 to care for street children, orphans and the vulnerable children. The founder of Tunaweza Pamoja CBO saw the plight of many children loitering, looking desperate, lonely and hungry and started the centre where these children have a the common bond that binds the beneficiaries in the realization that they have hope and that being street children is not the end of their life. There is need to help the street and vulnerable children to reach their full potential by providing them with education and life skills. This can only be achieved in a conducive learning environment such as what we aspire to make this centre. "Most of them are abused, neglected, exposed to criminal and gang activities, suffer poor health due to their lifestyles and exposure to harsh environment, drug and substance abuse, and exposure to HIV/AIDS infection". The large numbers of children who live and work in the streets is a reflection of some of the most intractable development challenges of the society, which he attributed to lack of proper education and family guidance in upbringing.

**VISION**

To help neglected, needy, orphaned, vulnerable, deprived and destitute children into transformed families through building relationships, prayer, counselling, empowering, training and transforming them through the word of God and providing them with basic needs. We interview each child with a goal of reunification of families and a hope to help them find a stable living environment and future opportunities for education.

**MISSION**

To have a more focused and understanding youth movement empowering a generation of passionate children and youth who will become self reliant and accepted by the society.

**CORE VALUES**

* Encountering God’s love through his love and care.
* To see children and young people filled and operating in the power and becoming focused.
* Mobilizing children and youth to effect the world around them through mission and service opportunities that are there
* Equipping and empowering them to become future leaders accepted by the society.
* Networking with other people and organizations who share our same passions and vision.

**OBJECTIVES**

* Rehabilitate and facilitate the development of the vulnerable children and the youth at risk towards sustainability, human dignity, self reliance and restore hope for the lost.
* Empower children living on the streets and risk prone areas with formal education.
* To provide shelter/settlement to homeless children by proving a home for them at the Tunaweza Pamoja Children’s Centre
* To reconcile children to their families or immediate relatives
* To provide school and vocational training in order to produce skills and knowledge
* To preserve and promote the children’s artistic talents by means of singing, dancing, and drama
* The contribute to the reduction of HIV/AIDS and STD's and enhance behaviour change among the street children and youth
* To provide shelter, rehabilitation and primary health care for children living on the streets and other risk prone areas
* To provide skills training for street children

**OUR CAPACITY**

We have an experienced team headed by a board of directors, an executive officer who is supported by the departmental heads that comprises of social worker, matron, accountant and vocational department.

**PROBLEM STATEMENT AND JUSTIFICATION**

1. Some children are rejected and abandoned by their families because they are disobedient.
2. Others are abandoned by their parents and relatives because they have a disability or are suffering a certain disease.
3. Abusive parents and relatives as a result of domestic violence leave these children with no other option than to run in the street.
4. Parents also force some of their children to go on the streets to borrow, sell scrap metals, beg and do prostitution for money.
5. Other children are homeless and they head up in the street.
6. Poverty is a main source of rural to urban migration and therefore they head up to streets begging and borrowing.
7. Family separation where by their parents abandoned them and they end up in the streets
8. Death of their parents leaving them orphans with no one to take care of them

**METHODOLOGY**

In order to help these children, Tunaweza Pamoja takes them through education, counselling, training them with vocational skills and giving them spiritual education. The biggest challenge to the centre is to get money for education, meals and for their vocational training. In order to rehabilitate these children completely our organisation will do the following:

Identify street children and vulnerable children and enrol them in our institution. It is a boarding facility and therefore, they will be enjoying full board.

They will be cared for by;

* Social workers
* Counsellors who are well trained to take care of counselling matters.
* Institution matron

Tunaweza Pamoja gives vocational training which includes:-

* Hairdressing
* Bead work
* Catering
* Tailoring
* Computer studies
* Soap making

The younger children are enrolled in primary school and while the bigger ones are admitted in public secondary schools across the country. There is need also to provide allowances to our team of staff who have been working as volunteers.

**THE MANAGEMENT TEAM**

In order to ensure that this program is managed professionally and will remain focused on the objectives stated above, Tunaweza Pamoja has both the required technical expertise and manpower to implement, monitor and evaluate the program. In addition, a team of experienced facilitators will be put in place to ensure the training and related activities for the children and youth run smoothly.

**MONITORING & EVALUATION**

In order to ensure any concerns and/ or shortcomings are addressed there will be regular monitoring of the training exercise will be conducted by officers from Tunaweza Pamoja.

* Tunaweza Pamoja will make quarterly reports.
* Lessons learnt will be used as a means of improving the future programs.
* On completing the programs, the youth will be awarded certificates in their respective areas of competence.

**BUDGET – Annual Budget**

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| **DETAILS COST**  |
| Accommodation (Rent, soaps, beddings) USD $ 10,000 |
| Foods / Meals USD $ 10,000School (Sch fees, stationery, sch bags) USD $ 10,000Medical USD $ 2,000 |
| Clothes, beddings, sch uniforms, etc) USD $ 3,000Training kits / materials (sewing machines, computers, etc) USD $ 10,000Administrative costs (office & salaries) USD $ 5,000 |
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| **TOTAL USD $ 50,000** |
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**CONCLUSION**

We thank you for considering our proposal. We have attached the budget. If you have any queries or need any clarifications please do not hesitate to call the undersigned. We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

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