



Our Assets, Our Power, Our Future

**THE NGAO FOUNDATION  
FUNDING REQUEST;  
SECURING A PERMANENT SAFE  
SPACE FOR CHILDREN IN  
KANGEMI**

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## **Introduction**

For over 2 decades, The Ngao Foundation, an NGO that acts independently of government has been serving communities in Kenya. Focused on uplifting children, youth and women, the foundation's philosophy centers around the belief that every individual possesses inherent potential and, when provided with a positive and conducive environment, each person will thrive to reach their fullest potential. With a primary focus on nutrition, WASH (water, sanitation and hygiene), scholarships for education, mentoring platforms and licensed vocational training that connects to employment, The Ngao Foundation has become a beacon of hope for thousands of people. For more than 10 years these programs have had significant growth in Kangemi, a slum, located on the outskirts of Nairobi Kenya.

## **Background**

The Ngao Foundation was founded by Anthony Richard Hulula. Some 23 years ago, Anthony served children that live on the streets alone, without parents and without hope. As Anthony established trusting relationships with the street children, the program evolved into a dedicated scholarship, mentoring initiative in Kenya, Uganda, and the Democratic Republic of Congo. Through education and a personal commitment to changing the lives of these forgotten street children, Anthony journeyed them into jobs they were passionate about and ending the cycle of poverty.

In South Sudan, Anthony trained in social workers and teachers to create similar community empowerment programs across these borders. In addition to mentoring and training, Anthony is a trained practitioner in ABCD (Asset Based Community Development). ABCD is an approach to sustainable community-driven development that was founded in Chicago Illinois. Through this process, community members share what they're most passionate about, the skills and assets they already have and how to mobilize those assets to bring about social improvement, economic development and self-sustainability goals/outcomes. One example of this in The Ngao Women's Bead Group. Anthony sat with 2 women some 15 years ago and asked what skills they had and what they were passionate about doing. Evelyn & Emily shared they had learned a paper beading skill at church that they enjoyed learning and could make jewelry to sell. They needed fish line and a gloss mixture to begin as the paper is available by using pages from recycled magazines.

To this day, Evelyn and Emily have trained 450 plus other women and all the women live self-sustainable lives paying for their rent, daily food and children's education. Some of the children have graduated from university. The ladies would be among the forgotten by their families because they live with HIV. In most cases, their husbands infected them and have either passed or left the family with the women in charge to support themselves and their children. The items they create are beautiful; unique jewelry, purses and other artisan works.

## Testimony

Anthony Richard Hulula is a graduate of Saint Mary's University of Minnesota at Christ The Teacher Institute for Education in Nairobi Kenya. I met Anthony while attending a supplemental graduation for our Kenya alumni community in July 2014. Anthony's commitment stems from his incredible family that live in Western Kenya. Anthony's parents, Henry and Elizabeth, his brother and sisters, Betty, his wife are also examples of making the world a better place by giving back to others. In addition to being my alumni brother from Saint Mary's, Anthony is also an esteemed member of Rotary and has held different office positions with his Rotary Club of Westlands in Nairobi Kenya. Anthony was a breakout speaker for the District #5450 WASH Symposium in Denver Colorado in October 2023 virtually and in person, October of 2024.

Anthony is also a Co-Founder of The Centre of Love Foundation(TCOLF), NGO in Kibera, the largest slum in Kenya where over 1 million people live. TCOLF was created by Anthony, myself and a 3rd co-founder, Jeremiah Mumo, also a graduate of Saint Mary's and a fellow Rotarian. Jeremiah's organization, Friends of Love Kibera was in need of a permanent place for the children he serves. As The Ngao Foundation was continuing to grow, Anthony provided leadership and support to secure land for TCOLF to create a safe and permanent space for FOLKS in 2017 as some 180 plus children Jeremiah was serving at that time kept getting moved from rental spaces. Anthony also assisted TCOLF in the creation of a purified water system and hygiene program for more than 3000+ community members, toilets and showers.

One month ago, we broke ground for a building dedicated to vocational programs, licensed and certified learning platform for youth aging out of the FOLKS feeding and informal learning program. This will complement the Women's empowerment program started by our partner FOLKS that teaches women simple tailoring. I share this, because, all the while Anthony has been the strategic visionary for the growth of TCOLF, The Ngao Foundation has been leasing land for the community members they service in Kangemi.

## Current Initiative for The Ngao Foundation

**Create a safe & permanent place for the 400+ children of Kangemi.** Currently, The Ngao Foundation is leasing land from 8 different landlords. Many are families receiving benefits from The Ngao Foundation. Sadly, even with the lease payments being made consistently and on time, the landlords don't always pay electrical payments on time creating a disruption in service to children, women and the underserved members of the community that rely on The Ngao Foundation.

## Objective

Secure permanent land for The Ngao Foundation. The identified property is within walking distance from the current site. All current and future programs will be at this new site. Existing buildings and the water kiosk will be moved to the new site. In addition, the site allows for more people to be served.

## Funding Request

The Ngao Foundation has successfully raised \$30,000 US towards the purchase of the land. An additional \$120,000 is necessary to make the deposit for the land. The total cost of the land is \$200,000. We are currently raising additional money through the Global Giving platform. We kindly ask you to consider a \$100,000 donation. Our lease is up on the current land in June 2024. In negotiations with the existing land owner, the Ngao Foundation will be able to move to the property once we have 50% raised. We're asking for \$100,000 donation as we have anticipated costs of moving the existing buildings.

## **THE NGAO FOUNDATION'S MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

At the Ngao Foundation, we're incredibly proud to have achieved significant milestones in our mission to uplift communities and empower individuals. Details of The Ngao Foundation's achievements and future projections:

### **1. Food and Nutrition**

Through our Food and Nutrition program, we provide nutritious meals to over 450+ children every weekend, and during school breaks ensuring they have access to essential nourishment for their physical and cognitive development. In most cases, what we provide is the only meal that day or even two.

The Ngao Foundation has provided nutritional training for more than 350 women and completed 2330 children malnutrition assessments since January 2024.



### **2. Water Sanitation and Hygiene**

Access to clean water is a fundamental human right. The Ngao Foundation Water Sanitation and Hygiene program, provides over 8000+ community members and 12 institutions with safe clean drinking water serving more than 3500 households.

In March 2024, The Ngao Foundation in partnership with The Centre of Love Foundation completed a water filtration machine for St. Joseph Primary & Nursery School in Kangemi which will serve more than 700 children, staff and ensuring safe and clean drinking water for households. The project was funded by District #5450 Denver Colorado.



### **3. Mentorship**

The Ngao Foundation, firmly believe in the transformative power of mentorship. The mentorship program is designed to empower the next generation by providing them with guidance, support, and inspiration as they navigate their paths to success.

The mentorship program pairs individual youth with experienced mentors who serve as guides, role models, and sources of encouragement. These mentors, numbering 34 in total, are carefully selected based on their expertise, experience, and commitment to making a positive impact in the lives of young people.

The aim is to foster meaningful connections between mentors and mentees, creating opportunities for personal growth, skill development, and self-discovery. Mentors offer valuable insights, share their own experiences, and provide practical advice to help mentees overcome challenges and seize opportunities. Currently, our mentorship program serves 330 mentees, each of whom is on a unique journey of self-discovery and development.



## **4. Education Scholarships**

The Ngao Foundation recognizes the transformative power of education in shaping the future of individuals and communities. The Education program is committed to breaking down barriers and ensuring that every child has the opportunity to access quality education, regardless of their socio-economic background.

Currently, the education program has facilitated 56 scholarships for children from vulnerable families. These scholarships provide crucial support to students who may otherwise struggle to afford the costs associated with schooling. From uniforms to tuition fees, stationery, and development fees, we understand the financial challenges that many families face when it comes to accessing education. By providing scholarships, we aim to alleviate these financial burdens and empower children to pursue their academic aspirations.



## **5. Vocational and Rehabilitation**

The Ngao Foundation understands the importance of providing practical skills and training to youth and women in our community. Through Vocational and Rehabilitation Program, Ngao aim to empower individuals with the tools they need to secure employment and build sustainable livelihoods.

The program offers training in a variety of valuable skills, including electrical work, tailoring, dressmaking, and bead making. These vocational skills not only provide individuals with practical knowledge but also open up opportunities for employment and entrepreneurship. By equipping youth and women with these skills, Ngao helps them unlock their full potential and become self-reliant members of society.

Currently, The Ngao Vocational and Rehabilitation Program has impacted the lives of more than 450 women in the community. These individuals have undergone training in various vocational skills, gaining valuable expertise that can be applied in a range of industries. In Kenya, where the unemployment rate is over 50%, access to vocational training programs is crucial for addressing the challenges of joblessness and poverty. By offering training in high-demand fields such as electrical work and tailoring, we are helping to bridge the gap between skills and employment opportunities.



## **6. Women Self Help Group**

Empowering women is key to community development. Through our Women Self Help Group, we provide support and training to help women learn the importance of saving and financial management through table banking.

These accomplishments are a testament to the dedication and hard work of our team, partners, and supporters. Together, we are making a tangible difference in the lives of those we serve, and we remain committed to our mission of creating positive change and fostering sustainable development.



## 7. Recovery Alive (AA)

The Ngao Foundation recognizes the profound impact that substance abuse and addiction can have on individuals and their communities. Ngao established the Recovery Alive program, which provides vital support and resources to those struggling with addiction.

Ngao Recovery Alive program is tailored to individuals who are seeking to overcome alcohol addiction and achieve sobriety.



Through Recovery Alive, participants have access to a range of resources and support services, including counseling, group therapy sessions, educational workshops, and peer support networks. These resources are aimed at helping individuals understand the root causes of their addiction, develop coping mechanisms, and learn essential life skills to support their recovery journey.

Currently, our program has over 50 members actively participating in Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) meetings. These meetings provide a safe and non-judgmental space for individuals to share their experiences, seek guidance, and draw strength from one another as they work towards sobriety.