



## **Feed 522 At-Risk Children in Kenya for One Year**

**Project Title:** Food Security Program for Orphans and Vulnerable Children of Naomi's Village  
**Total Project Budget:** \$160,000

### **Summary of Action**

This proposal aims to support Naomi's Village in Maai Mahiu, Kenya, in addressing the food insecurity challenges faced by orphans and vulnerable children. Naomi's Village serves over 500 children, providing them with education, healthcare, and daily meals. The overall food supply budget for Naomi's Village for 2026 is \$160,000. This includes 96 children in Naomi's Village Home, 426 community based children at Cornerstone Preparatory Academy. The funding will contribute to the food supply, specifically for the 96 orphaned children in the permanent care of Naomi's Village Home. At the home the children receive shelter, education, healthcare, clothing, mentoring, spiritual care, clean water, and daily meals. This allows for the purchase of nutritious food and supplements to sustain the well-being of the children, all of whom come from severely disadvantaged and traumatic backgrounds. The project seeks to ensure that all children have access to at least three nutritious meals and two snacks per day while alleviating the ongoing challenges of hunger and malnutrition in the region.

### **Relevance**

#### **Needs and Constraints of the Target Community**

Kenya faces significant challenges related to food insecurity. According to the World Food Programme, approximately 4.4 million people in Kenya are facing acute food insecurity (WFP 2023), including many living in rural areas such as Maai Mahiu. Orphans and vulnerable children in this region are particularly at risk of malnutrition and its associated long-term consequences, such as stunted growth and cognitive impairments. In rural areas of Kenya, 29% of children are stunted which nationally translates to 2 million children (FAO 2024). Naomi's Village addresses this gap by providing essential food and care to children, but the financial pressures of sustaining such a service are considerable.

#### **Problems to be Resolved and Needs to be Met**

The primary challenge is food insecurity. The children at Naomi's Village Home, have lost one or both parents due to poverty, disease, or other circumstances. Without regular access to balanced meals, their physical and cognitive development is at risk. This project will support the need for daily food by subsidizing the cost of feeding the children, allowing the ministry to purchase the necessary food and nutritional supplements.

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## Actors Involved

The key actors include:

- **Naomi's Village:** The primary implementing organization, responsible for the care, nourishment, and well-being of the children.
- **Local suppliers:** Food suppliers and agricultural partners from the Maai Mahiu area who will provide local, fresh ingredients for meals.
- **Kenyan Government:** Relevant local authorities and agencies that support Naomi's Village, ensuring that the project aligns with national development plans related to child welfare and food security.
- **Donors:** The organization's global network of donors who provide financial and material support to the project.

## Objectives and Expected Results

- **Objective 1:** Provide daily, nutritious meals to 96 orphans and vulnerable children at Naomi's Village Home.
- **Objective 2:** Ensure that children receive a balanced diet to improve their health, growth, and educational outcomes.
- **Expected Results:**
  - Reduction in malnutrition rates among the children.
  - Improvement in physical health and energy levels, contributing to better performance in school.
  - Increased community involvement in supporting children's health and nutrition.

## Added Value of the Action

This project adds value by directly addressing food insecurity among a highly vulnerable group in Maai Mahiu. It enhances the sustainability of Naomi's Village and empowers local actors, such as suppliers and community members, to contribute to long-term solutions for hunger and poverty alleviation. By integrating food security into child care services, the project creates a holistic approach to improving the quality of life for orphans and vulnerable children.

## Methodology and Sustainability

### Main Project Activities

- **Activity 1:** Purchasing and distributing nutritious food items (e.g., grains, vegetables, fruits, proteins) and supplements to support daily meals for children.
- **Activity 2:** Establishing partnerships with local farmers and suppliers for a consistent and cost-effective food supply.
- **Activity 3:** Monitoring and evaluating the nutritional outcomes for the children to ensure improvements in health and development.
- **Activity 4:** Raising awareness in the local community about the importance of child nutrition and food security.

## **Main Implementing Partners**

- **Naomi's Village** will be the primary partner responsible for overseeing the implementation of the project and ensuring its smooth operation.
- **Local Suppliers and Farmers:** Long-term relationships with local food suppliers and agricultural initiatives will be developed to ensure sustainable sourcing of food products.
- **Government Agencies:** Coordination with local health departments and social services will help strengthen the support network for the children and align the project with national child welfare policies.

## **Achieving Sustainability**

The project will ensure sustainability by building local partnerships with suppliers, diversifying food sources, and exploring cost-effective ways to produce and procure food. Naomi's Village currently has agricultural initiatives within the village, such as vegetable gardens, maize fields, and a greenhouse to reduce dependency on external food sources. These initiatives will also serve as an educational tool for the children to understand food production, sustainability, and nutrition.

## **Multiplier Effect**

The project's success will serve as a model for other orphanages and child welfare organizations in Kenya. By demonstrating the effectiveness of collaborative partnerships with local suppliers and using a holistic approach to nutrition, the project will inspire others to adopt similar strategies. Additionally, the focus on community awareness and involvement in food security will have a ripple effect, fostering broader regional efforts to combat food insecurity and supporting the overall mission of Naomi's Village of providing all that is necessary for every child we serve, at every age, to grow up to be world changers for Christ.

## **Expertise and Operational Capacity**

### **Experience of Naomi's Village in Project Management**

Naomi's Village has extensive experience in managing child welfare programs, including providing housing, education, spiritual care, and health services to orphans and vulnerable children. Since its inception, the organization has been dedicated to improving the quality of life for children in Maai Mahiu through a holistic approach that addresses their physical, emotional, spiritual, and educational needs. The organization has successfully implemented various donor-funded programs, including those focused on nutrition, healthcare, and education, and spiritual formation and discipleship.

### **Experience of Partners on the Issues to be Addressed**

Naomi's Village partners with local food suppliers and agricultural experts who have a strong understanding of the food security challenges facing the community. These partnerships ensure that Naomi's Village can procure affordable, nutritious food that meets the needs of the children. The organization has health professionals on staff who monitor the children's growth and health, ensuring that food and nutrition are aligned with their developmental needs.

## Conclusion

The funding of \$160,000 will have a lasting impact on the children at Naomi's Village, significantly improving their food security and health outcomes. By addressing the root causes of food insecurity, this project not only meets immediate nutritional needs but also sets the foundation for long-term sustainability and resilience within the community. With Naomi's Village's operational capacity and experience, coupled with strong local partnerships, this initiative is positioned for success and will serve as a model for similar efforts across Kenya.

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