



# Kisaru Nkera Initiatives (KINI)

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*"Rescue a Child – Rescue a Community"*



## ANNUAL REPORT

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The 2018-2019 year for KINI was again one of growth and forming partnerships to give many needed positive changes to communities, education and the lives of the vulnerable.

KINI's main focus has been two fold, the care of the orphans and vulnerable children in the local and surrounding communities, as well as the education of those who are not able to continue their education because of financial and social restrictions on families, children and in particular girls.

At present KINI has 15 children in Barbara's home being cared for during holidays when boarding schools close. This is a very difficult situation as there are only two bedrooms in which to house the girls and 3 boys. However, the children are happy to have a clean and safe home to call their own and a family, which many do not have.

KINI is currently supporting 142 children in 40 separate schools/colleges which is an increase of 52 children over 2017-2018 year. There are still a large number who do not have sponsors, however KINI was able to obtain funds from generous donors to pay most school fees as the beginning of the year. Donors are constantly being sought for those children who do not currently have support.

KINI is always involved in many different aspects of the schools where students are sponsored from supplying infrastructure to learning resources, when these are available. Barbara has been appointed as a member of the Board of Management at one of the largest Girls Secondary Schools in the region. This is a high honour and shows the high esteem that KINI and Barbara are held in the wider communities and with the Education Department of the County.

KINI has also been given a further 2 acres of land approximately 8km from its headquarters. As soon as a reliable water supply is sourced in the form of a well, this land will be used for growing much needed produce for the home as well as a source of income. As there are many boys who are orphans and not living in good conditions, the future plans are for a boys home to be located on the land. This land has also now been fenced with an electric fence to ensure the safety of the future children and also enable crops to be grown.

A summary and highlights of the projects' many facets follows:

### **Medical**

KINI continues to help local people with transport to medical facilities in times of urgency as well as paying for medical care when otherwise children would not be treated because of the lack of funds.

Barbara has accompanied a small child to hospital to ensure tests were done to ascertain the reasons for his anaemia and lack of thriving. Often mothers are not given full details of the child's condition nor given the tests and treatment that is required.

Another major medical help KINI has given is to take a 7 year old boy with a deformed foot and bone growth issues with his leg, to the best hospital in Kenya for dealing with such issues, for consultation and plans for the future operation which is needed to correct the problem he has had since birth.

## **Orphan Care**

KINI's Home of Hope, Barbara's personal home, is a safe haven to 15+ orphaned and at risk children. KINI also supports and monitors a number of other orphans who at present live in very undesirable situations but because of the lack of space, these children are not able to be brought to the Home. This last year has seen an increase in the need to care for children in the home, with a number of girls not safe to go home as their father's wish to marry them off. Also two new orphans have come to call it home as well as they were not being cared for.



## **Sponsorships**

At the end of June 2019 KINI was sponsoring 142 students (across 40 schools/colleges) including 3 in University, one doing a mechanical apprenticeship and 3 doing mechanics at a Polytechnic.

Ten students in Enkereri School have their fees fully paid (with only three having sponsors) and the remainder of the 39 children have 50% of fees paid with the balance paid by parents/carers.

As there are many children in the sponsorship program without sponsors, KINI must use its very limited resources to keep these children in school, as all would be sent home for non-payment of fees and most of the girls married off. At the beginning of January 2019 KINI had to source a total of 1.5million KSH to pay school fees for the year for its students. We were blessed with two large donations to cover this shortfall however, it cannot be guaranteed for 2020 and therefore sponsors are urgently needed for all children in the program.

## **Local Schools Associations**

### ***Olkirreruki Primary School***

KINI's association with Olkirreruki Primary School continues to grow and this last year has seen an electric fence built surrounding the full school compound, at a cost of 1.5m KSH as well as a temporary staff room for teachers and the head teacher. Teachers' desks and students' desks and chairs have also been supplied.

We continue to provide a feeding program giving the children a healthy lunch each day which enables them to concentrate on school work and also spend more time in school for extra tuition. Many children would be without food for the whole day if not for this program as they live long distances from school and often do not have food at home.



We continue to pay 2 teachers at the school and provide ongoing support with sponsoring 8 children from very impoverished backgrounds.

## ***Enkereri Primary School***

From KINI's beginnings we have had a strong relationship with Enkereri Primary School and continue to pay 4 teachers and sponsor 39 children in the school. Enkereri School is always included with any projects for provision of books and learning materials when KINI is able to obtain them.

## ***Self-Sustainability***



To ensure the future sustainability of KINI and to reduce its reliance on donors to help with education of the many children constantly requesting support, KINI is working towards being self-sustainable.

KINI now has quite a number of sheep, goats and cattle which in the future and as needed, can be sold to help with much needed funds.

Mara honey is a very sought after product by visitors to Kenya and also the local people. KINI currently has 25 hives awaiting colonisation. Once these hives are colonised and in production, this will bring a very good and steady income to KINI which will be used in the running of the KINI Mara Academy.



An opportunity was given for KINI to take over the running, and eventual purchase of a tourist camp on the edges of the Masai Mara. 2018-2019 was spent getting the camp to a standard where clients could access the facilities, and market to potential clients. It is envisaged 2019-2020 will see the Kisaru Nkera Retreat Bush Camp becoming viable and able to produce funds for the running of KINI projects.

## **Rotary Club Associations**

Barbara has continued her membership and association with the Rotary E-Club of Greater Sydney and has continued her association with a number of Rotary Clubs in Nairobi. These associations provide opportunity for networking and meeting other Clubs and people who are willing to help KINI achieve its dreams.

A number of additional resource books have also been allocated to KINI to share with schools.

## **Partnership with Education Care Projects Kenya**

In October 2018 KINI partnered with Education Care Projects Kenya, an Australian-based Rotary approved organisation which provides education for children in Kenya. KINI has now taken over the care and educational needs of 24 students, with Education Care Projects Kenya providing all funds for fees and expenses.

A number of children were in boarding schools far from their homes and KINI after discussion with families, transferred children to schools nearer to their homes and also day schools where appropriate.

The KINI Home of Hope also gained another 9 year old girl who was a total orphan and had no safe home to go to.

Education Care Projects Kenya and KINI are working together to help further KINI's mission to help more at risk and orphaned children be cared for in a loving environment and ensure all are given the opportunity to gain an education.

## Looking Ahead

With future partnerships, KINI will be able to continue making huge impacts on the lives of the children, families and communities it touches.

At the end of 2018-2019 financial year, funds were secured for the building of the Early Childhood Development classrooms and offices, the earthworks starting on 30 June 2019. This will be a huge benefit to those in the community who are looking for an option for an Academy for the education of their children and will set a benchmark for all schools in the district. With the partnership with other organisations, KINI will have a fully equipped library for use by the community children for reading and studying, providing much needed resources for the local children.

Gardens have already been started on the 5 acres of land at Enkereri, however the lack of a secure water supply has impeded its expansion.

Future plans for 2019-2020 include:

- A Rescue Centre for Girls
- The completion of the ECD Complex, which will include teachers' housing
- Visitors' accommodation and office/storage space
- Water supply and the expansion of the gardens to provide much needed produce for the KINI Home of Hope, School and Rescue Centre
- A school garden for the children to care for and take produce to their homes

The Rescue Centre is the most urgent need for the coming financial year as there are a number of orphans currently in situations which are not ideal and with the Home of Hope bulging at the seams with 15+ children in a 2 bedroom home.

Sponsorship of children is also crucial to KINI's continued focus on providing education and safety for many vulnerable and orphaned children.

## Financial Report

2008-2019 saw KINI partner with other organisations and individuals to provide a number of larger projects and increase our school sponsorships. The following is a breakdown of income and expenditure for the financial year (in KSH):

### Income

<i>Brought Forward from 2017-2018</i>	<i>1,241,544</i>
<i>Rotary RAWCS Receipts</i>	<i>1,513,613</i>
<i>Includes for Vehicle and Sponsorships</i>	
<i>Other Sponsors (Special Projects)</i>	<i>4,175,017</i>
<i>Other General Donations &amp; Sponsors</i>	<i>1,830,800</i>
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,760,974</b>

### Expenditure

<i>Specific Projects</i>	<i>3,104,458</i>
<i>Buildings, Feeding Program, etc</i>	
<i>Wages</i>	<i>840,820</i>
<i>School Fees and Expenses</i>	<i>2,226,241</i>
<i>Motor Vehicle/Travel Expenses</i>	<i>1,097,793</i>
<i>Other Expenses</i>	<i>915,490</i>
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,184,802</b>

<b>Surplus to be carried over to 2018-2019</b>	<b>KSH 537,312</b>
<b>RAWCS Funds not claimed</b>	<b>38,860</b>

## **In Conclusion**

This report captures the major undertakings of KINI during the 2018-2019 financial year. However, there is much not captured in caring for children, being part of a community and involvement with the various schools in the form of Prayer Days, Visiting Days, Academic Days and general meetings including any disciplinary issues which may arise with KINI's sponsored children. Weekly, desperate parents and students come to Barbara's home requesting assistance to stay in school or for medical treatment or general help, thus many hours are spent in consultation and visits to homes and schools to ascertain whether these children are in immediate danger or need help to continue their education.

Unfortunately, because of the lack of funds, sadly many are turned away as we are unable to help with school fees or other emergency situations.

Without its many donors and partners, KINI would not have risen to the position it now in 2018-2019. With the partnership of some larger donors we have been able to finally realise our dream of building an Early Childhood Development Centre and look forward to the future of building the much needed Rescue Centre and other facilities.

We wish to thank all those who have sacrificed to help the children in KINI's program to continue their education, receive medical care, clothing and other necessities as well as provide schools with teachers, facilities, infrastructure and resources.

Without your love and care in a tangible way, many children would not have a home or family to love and care them and 142 children would not have an education so necessary for their future.



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