

Widows and Orphans in Rural Kenya (WORK)

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WORK is busy in difficult times.....

WORK has continued with its focus on Widows & Orphans in these increasingly difficult times.

The economic problems in the World affect the poorest hugely. They are the immediate victims. Climate change is resulting in daily challenges in these poor rural areas. If there is no food – death! Drought and floods are affecting Kenya and the majority of our Widows & Orphans are reliant on subsistence farming.

WORK has just supplied 2 deep boreholes to 2 poor Communities. Each Borehole is providing clean water to many families in the respective communities. Clean water is essential to health and life. Many young kids die from diseases carried in unclean water.....



Baby Leo brought in unconscious with Typhoid.....

In 2023 **WORK** has been able to assist more Orphans with their education – all thanks to you and your generosity. Education without doubt saves lives as well as guaranteeing hope for a future. This year we have 125 Orphans in Secondary & Tertiary education.



7 of our poorest kids in a Local technical college

Overall **WORK** has:
55 in Secondary School
61 in College or Uni
9 in Technical Colleges

WORK is supporting 3 new Widows groups who are gaining confidence & working well. The groups have a Table Bank which is enabling them to send their grandkids to school as well as ensure there is food and clothing at home. These Widows are remarkable ladies & in many ways are the backbone of Kenyan life.



Widows celebrating after their harvest collection

YOU are WORK and without you none of this would have been achieved.....

THANK YOU

Have you ever.....

Wanted just to see an airplane?

Had jiggers in your hands and face?

Shaved your head with a rusty blade as there were no scissors.....?

Had to wash in the same water that cows have just bathed in....?

Wanted to go to school but only your brothers went?

At 15 had to be parent to your younger siblings as there are no adults left?

Carried your shoes to school so they didn't get muddy and you might be beaten.....?

Developments at Namboboto.....

Namboboto is a village in the very south of the area **WORK** covers. It is poor, isolated & a forgotten corner. **WORK** has supported a Health Centre (HC) here for many years. It serves a population of over 8,000 people. This year **WORK** has provided 2 important projects.....

First a deep borehole providing clean water to the HC & the Community:



Overhead tank filled by submersible pump



Protected bore hole 80m deep

The second project was to upgrade the HC Laboratory from a 'cupboard' to a functional Lab. Without a good Lab it is impossible to diagnose Malaria etc and many kids would die.....



The Lab will be opened in Oct 2023

These 2 projects alone will save many lives.....

W.O.R.K.

Tries to offer hope

and a chance to

improve quality of life

where there is NO

HOPE.....



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Fundraising in 2023.....

You really are amazing people!
During these last few months
there have been tremendous
efforts' by many of you:

Plant sales – coffee mornings –
Spring Fayres – Sales of home
made cards – sales of knitted
baby clothes – Concerts – soup
and crust lunches and many
more.

We are enormously grateful as
without your help and initiative we
would not manage...

Asante sana.....

Can you help us at Christmas.....

*If you would like to help us over
Christmas we would be most grateful!
Some of our urgent needs are:*

Reusable Sanitary pads for girls - £5

£100 – Pedal sewing machine

**Fees for Students at School or
College:**

**£30 a month (£360 per year) or
anything to help.....**

£50 - Goat or a sheep for a Widow

**There is much need and great hunger
everywhere..... If you able to spare
something – however small we are
hugely grateful**

Asante sana

Name.....

Address.....

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..... Post Code.....

***Any of these items or any donation can
help us considerably. They literally can
help save a life. Just send a cheque, use
PayPal or direct to the WORK account. All
details are on the Web site....***

Thank you

Our Students.....

WORK has been supporting
Orphans since 2006. In these
intervening years we have
educated over 100 kids per
year. The majority have done
incredibly well. It is a great joy
to see a child from the streets
become a teacher, a nurse, a
carpenter, a dressmaker.....
etc. etc.....

The focus of **WORK** has always
been to help the girl child as it is
especially hard from the girls to
fulfil their potential in Kenya.
Here are some of successes'
that you have made
possible.....



*Sophia is a qualified
Tailor with her own
business &
supporting her family*

*Claire is a Laboratory
Technologist & has
helped us
considerably*



*Hellen is a Teacher &
has progressed to
completing a full
education degree*



*Mercy has completed a degree in
Accounts & Management. She is
now working for the Local County
Government.....*

*Nelly is a Librarian. She is now
married with 2 babies but working
full time.....*



These are just a few examples of what you
have achieved. Many of our students would not
be alive today if you had not helped them. Girls
suffer so very much and yet are the backbone
of everyday life & Kenyan culture.....