



CHANGE, NOT CHARITY



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Focusing On KENYA

2017 was a year of focus and expansion in Kenya, where our projects have yielded our greatest success. We have a total of 17 active projects worldwide but given our success in Kenya, we have chosen to focus and strengthen our work there. The revenue generated from our projects have provided nutritious meals, sent hundreds of children to school and allowed homes to hire social workers to reintegrate them with their families. A few of our recent projects below, clockwise from left: *LED Light Installation, 4 Greenhouse Farm, Exit Strategy and Reintegration Training, 7 Greenhouse Farm*



Kitechild is INFLUENCING policy



The highlight of our year has been being able to work side by side with the Kenyan government to influence policy. Traditionally, orphanages have focused their efforts on acquiring more children into their homes, with little thought to the long term care of the child or the possibility of reuniting children with their families. Our training, paid for by Kitechild and carried out by the Kenyan Government Children's Office, focused on 'exit strategies' to successfully reunite children with families and transition older children into adulthood.

Deauville Film FESTIVAL

Kitechild won silver at the 2017 Deauville Green Awards, in Deauville, France. Out of over 350 entries, Kitechild was selected in the sustainability category for our film "Greenhouses for Good", produced by InDigital Media and directed by Christoph Siegert.



Meet MARTHA



Martha Maina is Kitechild's Project Coordinator, Kenya. We met Martha by chance on our first trip in the field in 2012, and she has been an integral member of our team since then. With a Masters in Project Planning and Management from the University of Nairobi, as well as extensive experience working with vulnerable children for NGO's such as Compassion International and Help A Child Africa, we attribute much of our success to the passion, dedication, and leadership she brings in executing our long term, strategic goals. She is well respected in the communities we work in and is always willing to go above and beyond due to her incredible commitment to the cause and her passion for helping others. Her feedback and guidance have been invaluable to Kitechild's growth and our standing as a valued NGO in the community.



Projects In Our PIPELINE For 2018



Farm - Journey of Hope

The 1 Greenhouse + 1 hectare of land cultivation will provide income for journey of hope to continue their community outreach program, which provides meals and educational costs for children living at home. They also care for an average of 20 children on an emergency shelter basis until they can



3 Dairy Cows - Watoto Wema

The Dairy cows at Watoto Wema will provide fresh milk to their over 70 children. In addition, milk will be sold in the market to generate income for their exit strategy program (reuniting children with families and preparing older children for adulthood). This is the third project Kitechild has done with Watoto Wema, and a case study on their transformation is coming soon.



Exit Strategy and Re-integration Training Pt. 2

In conjunction with the Kenyan Children's Government Office, Kitechild will be hosting the follow up training to the conference we sponsored last year, on how homes can ramp up their efforts to return children to their families when possible, and help older children successfully transition out of orphanages into adulthood.



Farm - Fiwagoh Mission

Our third project with the Fiwagoh mission is expansion of their 7 greenhouse farm with the cultivation of 1 acre of land. The Mission is home to over 250 children, and our farm has not only been able to feed their children, but alleviate their financial burden as well. The revenue of the expansion will be allocated towards hiring additional social workers.

THANK YOU

We couldn't do it without you!



Why Kitechild?

In the countries we work in, there is little to no adoption, foster care, or a general social services department to aid children who are abused, abandoned, or living in extreme poverty.

While orphanages are not the best living situation for children, it is often the only choice during extreme times of need, given the lack of alternatives. And while there are many children who seek refuge in these centers due to abuse and abandonment, 90% of children living in orphanages have at least one living parent. Orphanages and children's homes are often used by families living in extreme poverty who don't know where else to turn for necessities such as food, healthcare, and access to education.

We are working in conjunction with private and government institutions to change the way in which at-risk children and their families are given the support they need. Our projects ensure that while children have to stay at an orphanage, however temporary, they are given the best care possible and all the support they need to grow healthy and happy.