

## THE HOUSE OF NANNY

HIV/AIDS is a global problem calling for a global response. The House of Nanny is an initiative of Community Capacity Building Initiative (CCBI) and Adventures in Health Education and Agricultural Development (AHEAD) in collaboration with the Kenya Diaspora Network (KDN), under the auspices of the Western Hemisphere Africa Diaspora Network (WHADN - an African Union (AU) initiative, to reduce the impact of HIV/AIDS on orphans and their caregivers. The House of Nanny will have a North and South partners help in supporting the orphans and their caregivers, who are negatively impacted by HIV/AIDS.

The vision of the House of Nanny is to strengthen community network and NGOs by tapping into Diaspora resources to support in the task of caring for orphans and caregivers and to ensure a generation of African orphans who are physically strong, mentally healthy, emotionally stable, self reliant, educated and HIV/AIDS free to assist in the economic recovery process of Kenya.

The first phase of implementation of the House of Nanny will be in Kenya's Nyanza Province, where about 70% of orphans are taken care of by their grandmothers; hosting about 240,000 of the approximate 1.2 Million orphans in Kenya. Implementation will be done in partnership with the KDN member organizations and International NGOs in cooperation with the Government of Kenya.

The program has been designed to supplement and complement the Kenya government's response to HIV/AIDS in line with the National AIDS policy. The program will assist the Government of Kenya to meet some of the challenges namely: Low capacity of the communities to support and care for the orphans; insufficient financial resources and weak economic performance hampering national response; gap between knowledge, awareness and behavior change.

The program will harness resources from local Community Based Organizations, including Women's Groups and newly formed Men's Groups, youth Groups, Faith-based Organizations and Non Governmental Organizations to implement and meet the needs of orphans and their caregivers. The program will be implemented in collaboration with existing and new village based Associations whose members are drawn from grandmothers who care for orphans in close collaboration with other orphan caregivers.

The House of Nanny program fits within the National AIDS Control Council's strategic objectives of: Building capacity of the community to care and support AIDS orphans; Appropriate and Youth friendly HIV/AIDS testing and counseling centers for adolescents and youth; Meeting reproductive health needs of orphans and youth; Teen age pregnancy prevention. The program is also in line with World Bank's strategic focus on HIV/AIDS of supporting mother to child HIV/AIDS prevention as well as Adolescent Reproductive Health, TB and Malaria prevention.

AHEAD, Foundation for Democracy in Africa (FDA), CCBI and other NGO partners will mobilize and train community volunteers to teach the children basic reading skills, edutainment skills such as art, drama, poetry, puppetry, singing and sports. AHEAD and CCBI will link up with the faith based organizations including the Anglican Church (with its four dioceses in Nyanza Province).

KDN will assist AHEAD to strengthen the capacity of CCBI, and other NGO's, as well as the Private Sector in Nyanza Province to implement this program efficiently, effectively with full accountability and transparency while building sustainability mechanism.

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