

## **VAZI PROJECT**

### **Back ground**

Vazi is Swahili word that means clothes. Clothing is a basic need yet for most children in Mathare, it's a luxury. MCEDO cares for slum orphans and the vulnerable children (OVCs) living in extremely deplorable conditions of utmost poverty with basic needs such as clothing and shelter being a luxury.

Though the CBO's initial focus was empowerment through education opportunities and it's remained the core mission, MCEDO has expanded its programs through custom made initiatives that address youth talent development as well.

School uniform and PE kits for majority of the children remains a big challenge in the school. This gap that kept on widening with time led to creation of vazi project. It has been designed to solve the clothing need (School and PE uniform) as well as equip young women with entrepreneurial skills to uplift their lives through creation of employment opportunities. These are mostly single mothers who have been living in the most horrible conditions and abject poverty within mathare slum.



### **Expected outcome**

Through successful implementation of community education and development based programs; the institution has given education opportunities to several economically disadvantaged children. This year, MCEDO has a population of 580 children aged between 6 and 18 years.

The project will provide fitting uniform for all students hence enhance equality among the students. Uniform gives the students identity and a sense of belonging to improve their inter relationships.

### ***The current state***



Currently, about 75% of the students have completely torn uniform. For some, it's beyond repair and the parents cannot afford uniform while others prefer going to school in home clothes. The project will also create job opportunities to at least 6 economically challenged women who are idling in the slum.

The project has already begun and production of sample items started as final touches on the structure continues. The initial beneficiaries were very excited to finally enjoy a new set of uniform (See samples below). The sewing machines average output per day is 15 units. The pullover machine average daily output is 7 units.

### **Sustainability of the project**

The project will be self sustaining in five months period from inception. The capacity is likely to double in less than twelve months. Considering that six women will have been equipped with skills that can be conveniently passed on to other women at no extra cost, there is more room for growth and consequently empowerment. Through sale of school uniforms to several schools located within the slum, MCEDO and the women will definitely overcome a major obstacle, financial challenges.

*Home and torn clothes*



*New School Uniform*



*New PE Uniform*



**Budget**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Unit cost</b>	<b>Total cost(Kes)</b>
Sewing machines-straight	2	10,000	20,000
Sewing machine-over lock	1	10,000	10,000
Sewing machine-buttons	1	12,000	12,000
Pullover machine	1	70,000	70,000
Assorted fabric			28,000
<b>Total</b>			<b>140,000</b>

### **Support the initiative**

Through friend's generous contributions, we have already purchased two of the above machines. MCEDO humbly requests for your kind support in making this project a reality. Kindly send us your donation. You can also donate the machines, fabric or your skill. Please use the contacts below for further enquiries.

### **Banking Details**

Cheques are payable to **Mathare Community Education and Development Organization** or deposits at Equity Bank, Account no. **0350190589456**, KNUT House Branch.

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