



AUSTRALIA INC.

Be Kids Australia Inc. is a non-government, charitable organisation dedicated to achieving sustainable, community-level improvements for the betterment of children's lives, working with communities to break out of the cycle of poverty, disease and disempowerment.

This life-loving not-for-profit organisation is working with and for some of the world's most disadvantaged children. Our goal is to improve their social, physical and economic environment.



*One
step
at a
time*

As a grass roots organisation, BE KIDS is able to help where larger, traditional aid agencies may not be as effective.

We work to implement self-reliance and empowerment programs for the provision of basic rights such as shelter, education, clean water, shelter and healthcare.

OUR AIMS

- Promotion of self-reliance and self-worth
- Nurture, education and protection of orphans and children in crisis
- Empowerment of women by way of resources, information and programs that enable them to protect themselves and to fulfil their responsibilities to children in their care
- Vocational training for older girls to escape abusive employment and early marriage choices
- Education opportunities to break through tradition and cultural beliefs that perpetuate poverty and subordination of children and women
- Sharing of education and information through international volunteer programs
- Food programs for orphanages and boarding schools
- Low-cost sustainable projects using appropriate technology managed by the community itself
- Community improvement programs



The children at Kangeta Day Care Centre in a concert

OUR PROJECTS

We work under the auspices of Rotary Australia's World Community Service (RAWCS) program and the Rotary Club of Claremont-Cottesloe in order to provide tax deductibility status for donations to our projects.

At present we are in Kenya and have begun exploratory negotiations in Myanmar.



Sister Lucy Kanjira, co-ordinator of the Kangeta Day Care Centre, with our children during a tree re-planting activity

KANGETA DAY CARE CENTRE

The Kangeta Day Care Centre Project was constructed with funds raised by Be Kids. It provides a safe, educational environment for children who, until now, have been unable to go to school because of poverty and physical handicaps.

Children in the area now have the chance to attend the centre on a daily basis. They are provided with food and are taught to a standard where they can qualify to attend schools in the region.

We have plans to upgrade the facilities at the Day Care Centre for uniforms, shoes and an improved educational curriculum.

The children are taught to protect themselves from abusers and predators – a real need in a socially dysfunctional region where hallucinatory plants are grown as a cash crop and drug use is endemic.



At an Empowerment Program meeting, women making straw bags to counter the overuse of plastic bags

WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM

We run a women's empowerment program in Meru, Kenya. This program provides interest free loans to local women so they can) earn a living to support their family. In turn, the participants mentor other local women and help them access the program.

The program seeks to redress the situation where, through custom, tradition and law, women are denied the resources, information and freedom to adequately provide for themselves and their families.

The women are encouraged to hold weekly meeting in order to share issues of importance and to support each other as a group. They are familiarised to the concepts of saving and bulk purchasing.

This program includes education loans for young women attending vocational schools.

Both of these projects are registered under Rotary Australia's World Community Service (RAWCS) Program.



Tamara and Joe working with the Marimba Community

VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Picture shows our volunteers Tamara and Joe O'Keefe, a husband and wife team who are put their carpentry and environmental science skills to immediate use in Marimba. They worked on a community farming program and together implemented a vitally needed irrigation system.

BE KIDS volunteers are also working in Kangeta teaching at the Day Care Centre and conducting English lessons for participants in our Women's Empowerment Program.



Art class – the first ever held in Kangeta! – conducted by our Be Kids volunteers.

HOW YOU CAN BE A PART OF BE KIDS

Each project undertaken by BE KIDS requires fund-raising for its successful implementation.

BE KIDS members and supporters are at the very heart of our fund-raising endeavours.

Become a member

For an annual fee of \$30 for your whole family.

Become a donor

Not a cent goes to waste and even a small donation to any of our projects makes a tremendous difference in the lives of the children we assist.

Become a field volunteer

Volunteer your expertise to any of our projects and exchange valuable skills with the communities we work with.

Volunteer your time

Take part in our fund-raising events. Make and sell merchandise made by members or communities in which we work.

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All donations sent to BE KIDS AUSTRALIA INC for projects that are registered under Rotary RAWCS program are tax deductible and 100% of your donation will go to the project of your choice without any deduction.



BE KIDS is a non-government not-for-profit membership organisation dedicated to achieving sustainable community-level improvement for the betterment of the lives of children and their carers.

MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name _____

Address _____

_____ Postcode _____

Hm Phone _____ Wk Phone _____

Mobile _____ D.O.B (optional) _____

Email _____

Add to email list? () Yes () No

I wish to become a member of Be Kids Australia Inc subject to Board approval and agree to be bound by the constitution and by-laws of the Organisation.

Signature _____ Date _____

MEMBERSHIP FEES

(valid 12 months from joining date)

() \$30.00 Full Single

() \$30.00 Full Family (includes family members under the age of 18)

Return this completed application form and payment by cheque to:

Be Kids Australia Inc
PO Box 1054
Central Post Office, Willagee, WA 6151

OR

Return this completed application form to the address above and transfer your payment electronically to:

Account Name	Be Kids Australia Inc
Bank	Commonwealth Bank of Australia
Branch	Palmyra
BSB	066 121
Account	101-89809