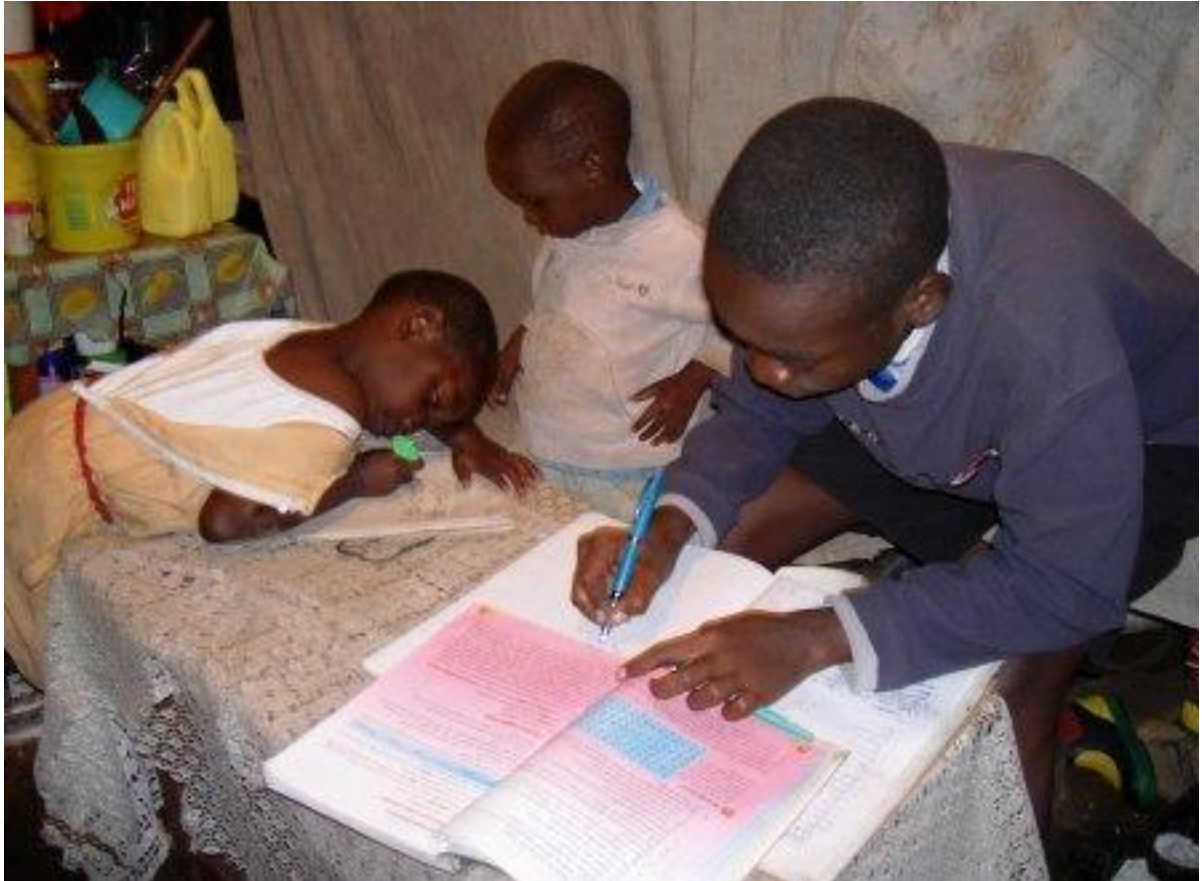


KENGELE PHASE 3

Education My Freedom

Progress Report January 2010



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Introduction:

Kengele Phase 3 follows on the success of the past two phases of the Kengele Children's Network (KCN) in Korogocho.

This Phase focuses primarily on education and mentoring young children through their academic journey with an eye to a profession that will lift them out of their current social and economic strata.

Phase 3 will see to the progressive installation of five children's study centres in the different villages of Korogocho

Activities:

- Photo documentation of the children studying at home
- Lobbying for spaces for the study Centres
- Sourcing for the price quotation of cargo containers
- Forum with mentors
- Meetings with facilitators

a.) Photo documentation of the Children studying at homes:

This activity was carried out by KCN children and guided by the facilitators responsible in different villages. The children went round the villages taking photos of their peers in Kengele at their homes to document how children do their homework and study. These photos illustrate and evidence the need to have study. These photos (and others) have also been used to lobby for the community members to support the provision of community space for the installation of the Study Centres for the best interest of the children





Most homesteads are made up of a single room, which obviously is congested. Approximately 8 people can live in such a space. Lack of proper lighting and enough reference books are other hurdles to be overcome.

b.) Lobbying for Study Centre spaces in the community:

Continuing the efforts since last year, together with the KCN children, we have been lobbying for spaces to put up study centres in the community. Due to scarcity of spaces in the community, the process has not been very easy. At the moment there is an upgrading process of the slum to improve the infrastructure of the area.

During January 2010, we held different informal and formal meetings with the residents committee for the upgrading as well as other different stake holders including Community Based Organizations on the same. “Education is not a priority in this community” at one point a member of the residents committee mentioned to us.

It is intended to have a study centre between the following paired villages:

Kisumu Ndogo and Nyayo	1 study Centre	40 ft Cargo container
Korogocho A and Korogocho B	1 study Centre	40 ft Cargo container
Highridge and Gitathuru	1 study Centre	40 ft Cargo container
Grogon A and Grogon B	1 study Centre	40 ft Cargo container
Ngomongo and Ngunyumu	1 study Centre	40 ft Cargo container

We have successfully managed to secure spaces for the study centre in the first two pairings, following consultation and meetings with Koch Fm in Korogocho B, a community based organization running a community radio and also Korogocho Poverty Eradication and Development Group in Kisumu Ndogo.

These two community based organisations have extensively shown an interest to host a Cargo container within their organization’s spaces, to be used as study centres for the Children.

However the one at Koch FM is proposed to be placed on top of the existing 40 ft container that houses the radio station.



Existing Koch FM container on top of which a container is to be installed as a study center



To the left of this building is the site for the Kisumu Ndogo and Nyayo study centre

The other village we are following up is Grogon A and Grogon B and the plenary lobbying efforts and talks with the Redeemed Gospel Church sitting between the two villages, are progressive.

We are doing our best with the children and facilitators in the remaining villages to also lobby for the same. Education is a fundamental universal Right for every Child.

c.) Sourcing For Price quotation for the cargo containers:

During the visit of Joan in Korogocho, we obtained quotations for the cargo containers from different agencies and dealers. The exercise was extensive and we managed to contact different people and companies to assist us in getting the best price for the cargo containers. The lowest price being 279,000 shillings and the highest at 290,000 shillings. The price excludes transport and placing of the cargo container at the specific venue.

During the briefing meeting at the Karura Rotary Club, Joan from Be Kids invited Rotarian members to assist in getting a better price for the same.

We further received a quotation on the price for materials and resources need to hold the cargo container on top of Koch Fm.

d.) Forum with the mentors:

Mentors are considered appropriate based on their ability to influence and guide the children positively, and through this help them improve on their academic and social lives.

Generally they are categorized into two:

Professionals:

Those people in professional careers who can take time and talk with children during the career talks in holidays, during the career field trips or actually inviting specific children to witness them on job and therefore have a feeling of what it is to be say a doctor, lawyer, engineer, etc.

Students:

Students in the different higher learning Institutions (universities and colleges), to also encourage children and guide them on a more regular basis especially academically. Kengele encourages those students who have excelled academically and are from the slum to feel obliged to mentor those behind them in achieving better results and slowly narrowing the gap between the rich and the poor.

Two meetings have already taken place as a preliminary step in developing a structure for the mentorship process. During the first meeting a spirited gathering of students and a few members from Karura Rotary club, selected a 5 team member to develop a better structure that would help the mentorship process achieve on its objectives.

The committee went ahead and prepared the tools to be used in the mentorship process. These tools included Child's Profile, Mentor's Profile, Child's accountability form, evaluation form and a list of dos and don'ts. The documentation is still ongoing.

e.) Meetings with the Facilitators:

There are 10 facilitators for Kengele Phase 3. Child Peace has already four existing facilitators while some mentors have been also been doubling-up as facilitators in some of the villages. The facilitators have been meeting the children and working with them in groups per village. It is intended that the facilitators will also form part of the management committee for the Study Centres in the respective villages.

The facilitators attend the regular Monday meetings to evaluate the week and plan for the next. The facilitators/mentors have demonstrated commitment through their attendance and participation in the process.

Each facilitator is responsible for 20 KCN Children in the respective villages and is charged with the responsibility of mobilization and profiling each child. The mobilization process is currently underway and the final list of the children to be finished by end of February.

Conclusion:

KCN Phase Three, has once again rekindled the hope for a better future among the children. Most of the children are eagerly waiting for the establishment of the Study Centres, which will for sure serve a huge purpose towards child development in the region.

List of the Mentors participated on 16th January 2010:

	NAMES	INSTITUTION/RESIDENCE
1	Nelly Njoki	Kenyatta University
2	Joyce Wanjiru	APHRC
3	Robert	Kenyatta University
4	Maureen	Kenyatta University
5	Bernard Mwangi	Nairobi University
6	James Ndegwa	Compassion Int'l
7	Jennifer Gitiri	Kenya School of Law
8	Vincent Amkumbi	Kenyatta University
9	Stephen Maina	Palace Baptist Church
10	Dennis Alphayo	Palace Baptist Church
11	Neville Pudo	Kenyatta University
12	Diana Rose	Unity collage
13	Dorothy Omondi	Palace Baptist Church
14	James Nyanjui	Grogan B village
15	Wilkister Nabwire	St.John Baptist Church
16	Godrick Barasa	Ngomongo village
17	Lucas Muthee	Moi University
18	Bernard Okoth	Nairobi University
19	Brook Carrington	Nairobi University
20	Erastus Macharia	Kenyatta University
21	Phoebe Gitau	Rotary -Karura
22	Dr. J Mbutia	Rotary- Karura
23	Marco Bliele	Germany
24	Monicah Wanja	Lucky Summer
25	John Mwaura	Thika High School
26	Njuguna	Mathare
27	Daniel Muhika	APHRC
28	Daisy Ngithi	Pan African University
29	Sharon Ashuma	Pan African University
30	Wilson Maina	Moi University
31.	Charles Maina	Child Peace
32	Ibrahim Murigi	Child Peace
33	Caroline Muthoni	Child Peace
34	Joyce Nduta	Child Peace
35	Alex Mugesha	Child Peace
36	Peter Mwash	Child Peace
37	Jonathan Olukoye	Redeemed Gospel Church
38	George Njoroge	Korogocho