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IMANI  
REHABILITATION  
AGENCY

### *Imani A Kayole (Soweto)*

Is the mother centre and also where the older children undergoing their primary and secondary education reside, their ages range from six to eighteen years.

### *Imani B Kayole (Matopeni)*

The center caters for children of ages 2 to 10 years. A small animal farm is found in Imani 'B'.

### *Imani babies unit*

Takes care of abandoned babies from a day old to two years and gives them care, protection and primary health before releasing them for adoption or foster care.

### *Imani Malindi*

Is a rescue center for orphans and vulnerable children located in the coastal part of Kenya. It is also a holiday place for Children of the entire Imani family.

### *Imani Ngong's special unit*

It caters for the needs of physically and sexually abused children and children whose parents have been imprisoned.

### *After Imani projects (Kibera&Kasarani (reintegration preparation house)*

Project for the young persons (boys and girls) respectively who have not known families at any level and therefore when they attain 18 years and are rehabilitated they stay there as they pursue their tertiary education. Imani kasarani also doubles as a preparation house for children who are ready to rejoin their families after rehabilitation.

## **INTRODUCTION**

For over twenty years Imani Rehabilitation Agency has provided a stable environment with an attitude of achievement for children who have been abandoned, neglected, lost, orphaned and abused to providing primary health care, quality education and parental care and guidance to these children.

Imani sits on the pillars of integrity, commitment and perseverance in this ever dynamic world. We pursue to protect our children and ensure that they become the objects of change in the society.

## **HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR**

Imani Rehabilitation Agency enjoyed another year of exciting developments as the agency's management and staff worked together to ensure every child has a loving home in which to thrive in. The 10<sup>th</sup> March 2012 was a moment of pride to the entire Imani fraternity as we witnessed two of our children gets married in a very colorful occasion in Nairobi. On the same date we graced the 20th anniversary which was attended by friends both locally and internationally. It turned out to be an emotional reunion for children who had passed through Imani with most of them being significantly successful in their field of practice. We indeed felt the sweetness of the fruits of our toil.

Four of our children who sat for their final primary examinations performed well and secured positions in secondary schools, also one of our children who had been at home awaiting enrollment after secondary joined a course in Hotel Management. We secured a partnership with a new donor who pledged to cover our educational cost for 2013.

To enhance better understanding of Imani departments we came up with departmental manuals which gave a clear outline of the activities involved.

As the year came to a close we shared our bundles of joy as we celebrated Christmas in Imani B. We had a lovely time with our friends and local donors.

We would like to appreciate every individual, corporate and the community who made it possible for us to achieve our goals.

## PROGRAMME ACTIVITIES

### 1. Parental care and guidance

#### 1.1 New admission

Within the year our number increased with the reception of 87 children all below the ages of 5 however 15% were reintegrated back to the community.

#### 1.2 Motivation

We advocate for quality education and we also encourage our children to work hard in school as education is key to success. With this in mind our top achievers got to enjoy a great day of fun. After an education and moral assessment was done for every child, 24 of our children were rewarded with a sumptuous breakfast and later a trip to paradise lost which is a recreational destination full of fun activities.

In a bid to promote their individual skills and development, during holidays we engaged our children in activities such as daily household chores, taking care of the babies and cooking all of which were done under the guardianship of an adult profession.

#### 1.3 Children activities

We acknowledge the fundamentals of being appreciative hence the children in their own initiative visited two local donor companies Vegpro and Fresh and Juicy which donate to us fruits and vegetables to thank them for being supportive throughout the year.

Children also participated in hiking activities which apart from physical wholeness gave them an opportunity to interact with their brothers and sisters from other centers.

In the month of August our children from Imani branches A, B and Ngong teamed up and participated in an event organized by Sony. The event created an interactive forum for our children to interact with children from other children's homes. As a reward for participation we were awarded a Sony 21 inch flat screen television.



Top: pic. 1, receiving the award, pic. 2, 3 children entertaining friends during Christmas festivities, pic. 4 children painting baby beds at Imani B, pic. 5 children getting ready for a boat ride at paradise lost

We also participated in inter-homes activity which brought together three districts with over fifty homes participating. Our children came out as the best performers in a poem and dance and got an overall of third position. As a result we were awarded a DVD player.

During the school holidays we got to express our thoughts and feelings through "my flower, my message" initiative which gave the children an arena to convey an inspirational message by writing it on a flower pot for others to read.



**Children officer presenting the gift**



**Children making a performance**

#### **1.4 Counseling and psychosocial help**

In a bid to encourage positive behavior the children were engaged in different life skills training sessions that went hand in hand with teaching sexuality, peer groups, biblical values on purity and self awareness. The sessions were categorized in relation to sex and age which were either conducted formally or informally through debates, talks and life skill sessions.



**During a girls' counseling session**

#### **1.5 Circumcision**

According to the African cultural practice which is marked by circumcision 58 boys of the same age set (2-5 years) went through the rite of

passage. It was done under the medical care of a doctor. It is done for hygienical reasons and also as a prevention of HIV

#### **1.6 Imani Exchange programme**

This programme was incepted to address individual child needs such as poor health, recreation, adoption preparation and graduation depending on age. With this in mind 20 children

went through this programme in the different centres. In the company of our Manager and Director 20 children travelled to Imani Malindi for the Christmas festivities.

### **1.7 Holiday activities**

As a way of nurturing our children's talents during the holidays we engaged them in industrious activities such as renovations, child care, paintings, food preparation, housekeeping, animal care and cultivation among others



***Boys transporting ballast for construction***

## **2. HEALTH CARE**

Within the African continent, healthcare is still one of the prevalent post colonial challenges we have to battle with. Most of the cases that we handled were from the newly admitted children who presented signs of long term neglect, poor sanitation, physical injuries and medical neglect.

It was a trying time in this department as there were prevalent cases of rote virus and pneumonia that kept our mothers and nurse on their toes.

To address nutritional cases a nutritionist was brought on board to handle and advice us on proper nutritional care. As a result there was remarkable improvement on nutritional cases streaming from the last quarters.

Major cases handled both in our in-house clinics and outdoor consultation were diarrhea, limb correction, skin infections and breathing complications brought about by climate changes. In addition 2 children who travelled to

Italy for treatment arrived back having undergone surgeries for bladder extopy and reconstructive surgery.

We had an open clinical day where visiting child doctors from medical check-Holland gave free medical service to most of our children in the Nairobi centers (Imani A, B and Ngong) the activity which took 8 hrs saw at least 160 children get medical screening, children were educated on proper oral hygiene and were provided with toothbrushes to implement the practice. They also gave us drugs such as antibiotics, multivitamin, pain relievers among other personal prescriptions.

On a sad note, after trying all we could we lost to 6 babies who succumbed to health related issues.



***Visiting doctors from Netherlands***

## **2.1 Children with Special needs**

It is our obligation that children under ARV'S program continue to live a positive life. On occasion these children under went medical check ups to asses their progress and also control opportunistic infections.

In addition other special needs groups such as the epileptics and those living with albinism attended to their support group meetings for their best interest.

## **3. EDUCATION**

Four of our children who sat for the final primary examinations in 2011 performed well with three of them being among the best in their schools. All of them secured positions in secondary schools as two others who had been awaiting enrollment after completing secondary education managed to joined colleges of their choice.

In order to gauge the performance of our children we engaged in parental roles of participating in academic and social activities that required our presence. Issues such as child performance discipline in school, remedial and spiritual development were addressed. We also held an academic forum where through speeches both from the parents and children issues of hard work and discipline were emphasized.

We continued with our E learning programme which enabled our children to adapt to the current technological trends.

In general at the end of the year the children's overall performance was good regardless of the national strike that was encountered in government schools for 3 weeks.



***Education officer during a school social visit***

## **4. COMMUNITY STRENGTHENING PROGRAMMES**

We offered extensive support services to 137 walk in clients who are faced with diverse life predicaments such as tabooed children, unemployment, terminal illness and broken marriages. Among the cases we provided food baskets and situation management alternatives such as referrals, counseling and temporary

shelter, education and maintenance support. We also enrolled them in programmes that would expose them to opportunities to acquire skills and training on areas of child care, farm management and bakery among other basic life skills.

## 5. EXIT PROGRAMMES

### 5.1 *Reintegration*

A notable achievement would be the establishment of the reintegration preparation house in Kasarani where children who have recovered from trauma would be housed temporarily as they are being prepared for reintegration with their families. This is for the fact that Imani recognizes family based care as the most suitable environment for the growth of a child. However this was achieved with time

where activities involving extensive case work, group work, community assessment, field visits, follow ups and collaborations with major external institutions were conducted.

The 15 children who were selected for reintegration preparation within the year were finally placed back to their families on the 12<sup>th</sup> of December. In total, within the year 54 children left the centre through various channels.

### 5.2 *Adoption*

As one of the exit strategies at Imani, 15 children from the ages of 9 months to 4 years were given up for adoption within the year. Prior to the release of the children we conducted bonding and parental education sessions to the prospective adopters. We continued to face a

challenge as the adoption rules are still rigid as one is only allowed to adopt a child of the same gender. Statistics have it that most of the application that went through were of female applicants hence the number of male children in the centers continues to be high



*Adoptive parents with their children*

## 6. ORGANIZATION

### 6.1 *Personnel*

Two of our managers travelled to the Netherlands for ten days in a bid to personalize ground work being undertaken within Imani for the benefit of vulnerable people within the community.

We welcomed on board four staff an accountant, nutritionist, a masseuse and a messenger for easier management and coordination of activities in the centers. We lost

### 6.2 *Strategic planning*

In order to ensure that we have an exceptional strategic period 2012-2016 as an organization we

### 6.3 *Partnerships*

Imani being a community based organization, it is inevitable for us to work solely therefore with support from organizations that have the same mission which is to ensure that a vulnerable child has access to

opportunities we collaborated with a few organizations:

- Samaritan Purse- child reintegration programme
- A new donor- general maintenance of the home

### 6.3 *20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*

Our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary was graced by our local and international friends at the sarakasi dome on the 10<sup>th</sup> march. On the same day two of our children tied the knots with their fiancés in a

one of the women undergoing rehabilitation who succumbed to cardiac arrest.

Monthly meetings continued to take place within the centers which were geared towards improving performance for the benefit of the children under our care. In addition, a case review committee was appointed which will oversee the function of deliberating official matters as a team.

held occasional discussions to accommodate the ideas we had for the best interest and sustenance of the organization.

- A new donor- supports our education programme



During a planning meeting with the Samaritan's Purse

colorful wedding which brought together the Imani alumni.





*Women performing at the 20<sup>th</sup> ceremony    One of the couples that tied the knot*

#### **6.4 Volunteers**

Within the year we worked with 6 international and fifteen local volunteers who were incorporated in our programme activities depending on their line of specialty.

#### **6.5 Maintenance**

With the intervention of a new partner we were able to undergo a face lift on the buildings and structures which had been worn out overtime. Some of the activities undertaken were: repainting of the centers, installation of galvanized cookers and renovation of building



*Kitchen under renovation*



*construction of a concrete fence*

#### **6.6 Livelihood projects**

These projects are found in Imani Malindi, Ngong and Imani B which are favored by area factors. Imani Malindi received a dairy cow and domestic birds with the support of our friends.

The Malindi ponds were restocked with cat fish which has a faster growth and together with the poultry keeping project, homegrown sources of protein for our children have been made available.

## **7 HIGHLIGHTS OF DIFFERENT HOUSES**

### IMANI A

- Construction of a massage room for the babies to stimulate their growth

### IMANI B

- Renovation of sleeping rooms and purchase of beds

### NGONG CENTRE

- Construction of a modern kitchen fitted with all the requirements.

### MALINDI

- We received a new 26 seater bus for easier accessibility due to the big number of children found in the centre

### KASARANI

- All the children in the centre were reintegrated back to the community

### KIBERA

- One boy joined the centre and one boy graduated

## **8 APPRECIATION**

Indeed words cannot complement our heartfelt thanks giving that you made an impact in the life of a needy child. Taking care of vulnerable children could be overwhelming but through your financial, material and moral support we were able to persevere through the difficult times. We therefore would love to acknowledge the following for their continued support.

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