

# IMANI REHABILITATION AGENCY

2020



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## **1.0 Director's Note**

Dear friends and partners,

Our theme this year has been gratitude. We have so much negativity that we have experienced but we have chosen to see and enjoy the good things that we have been blessed with.

First and for most we are grateful that we are alive and in good health, our children, staff and partners. We were so afraid for our children when the pandemic started and we give thanks that we have not had not even one case of the virus despite us being in the center of a slum.

Second of all we are grateful that we never lacked the basic needs for our children. As many people were and still are going to sleep hungry, we have been fortunate to have friends who have stood with us in those hard times.

And lastly, we are grateful to you all our partners for holding our hands throughout this dark period in spite of you going through the same pandemic as the rest of the world. Words cannot express the appreciation and the high regards we have for you.

Thank you all and may God bless you and your loved ones!

Kind regards,

Faith Imani

## 2.0 Summary

This is a report for the year 2020 highlighting all the notable events that happened throughout the year.

## 3.0 PARENTAL CARE

We strive to make sure that all our children receive love and care from Imani family. They are placed in different centers across the country according to their individual needs.

### 3.1. Admissions

We have had a total of 29 admissions this year. We were very careful when admitting the children to protect them from Covid-19. We have been checking the children through the nurse as well as isolating them for 2 weeks as per the directives.

Branch	Boys	Girls	Overall Total
Baby Unit	26	24	50
Imani A	16	20	36
Imani B	29	20	49
Imani Malindi	35	29	64
Imani Ngong	23	12	35
Imani Kasarani	2	0	2
Foster	5	9	14
<b>Overall Total</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>250</b>



### 3.2 Family Re-unions

We have had a total of 18 family re-unions this year.

*Figure 1 a Good Samaritan with a child during admission process*



*Figure 2 a family re-union*

### 3.3 Adoption

We have so far given out only one child for adoption in 2020 which is due to the courts closing and also the adoption agencies had applied for the renewal of their licenses and could not operate otherwise. The renewal of their certificate took almost a year.

The social work office is currently working on roughly 20 children who will be given out for adoption in 2021.

One of the major issue that has been stalling the adoption process this year has been lack of committals for the children which are issued by the court, we are currently waiting on the way forward by the children's department.

### **3.4 Foster Care**

We currently have 14 children of different ages under foster care system. We added 3 more this year and exited 3. One of the children was re-united with the parent, another one was adopted by the foster family and the other one was through with school and is currently working.

Throughout this period we have maintained in giving the families support as we also understood they might be going through hardships. We have maintained the following except for visitation which we could not do:

- Food basket which contains food stuffs like maize flour, wheat flour, sugar, cooking oil and hygienic products e.g. soap, toothpaste, body oil, bathing and washing soaps.
- Assorted clothes and shoes
- School fees, tuition and boarding fees, pocket money and any other amount required by the school like school trips etc.
- Medical cover, we make sure all children admitted in Imani are under NHIF insurance.

### **3.5 Other forms of Exit**

We unfortunately lost one child, a girl, in November due to septicemia which is a serious blood infection even after numerous hospital visits/admissions and treatment. The child was 3 months old.

## **4.0 EDUCATION REPORT**

This program has been the most affected by the pandemic but after raising the issues that the children were facing we were able to get assistance through addition of teaching staff for the children. The children have been able to keep up with their studies as they wait for the official opening in January 2021.

The candidates i.e. grade 4, 8 and form four opened earlier in October and will be joined by the rest in January 2021 and are currently doing preparations.

#### **4.1. School performance**

We have not been able to track the progress of the children merit wise due to the fact that the schools were closed earlier on in the year before they were able to do examinations.

But we are confident that the children are still on a good progress because we were able to get teachers who taught them for the better part of the year.

#### **4.2. Early learning program**

With most of the education programs disrupted by the pandemic, the early learning program was not so adversely affected by it. The only activities that were disrupted were activities that involved the children going outside the centers for example visiting schools , churches etc.

We have had quite a number of children in the program, 39 of them in total.

To reduce movements from the two centers due to corona the children were taught in their respective centers.

The center at Imani A has also received a TV in addition to their learning materials which has helped the teacher and the children keep up with the changing trends, learn new songs and dances etc.





*Figure 3 a learning session in progress*

### **4.3 KCSE and KCPE**

The examinations administered by the Kenya National Examination Council were postponed to March 2021 different from the norm of the candidate sitting for the examinations every end of the year.

The candidates i.e. grade eight and form four together with the now added grade four are the only ones who have gone back to school leaving the rest of the children to start theirs next year.

### **5.0. HEALTH CARE**



Our main goal this year was to make sure that we had very few cases of children getting admitted to the hospital especially due to diseases/infections that we have influence over and we are doing well in that department as compared to other years.

We have also been vigilant to make sure that none of our children and staff members got infected with Corona virus as it would have been very difficult for us to manage it considering that our children's immune is really low due to lack of breast milk and the fact that they are many in one room and they share some of the essentials.

We are still following the governments, WHO and our health workers directives on how to take care of the children in the midst of the pandemic and it has been working quite well. This is not only to protect us from the corona virus but from other infections/diseases as well.

### **5.1 Registration of children with NHIF (National Health Insurance Fund)**

We have a number of children who require NHIF as well as others need renewal of their NHIF cards. One of the major issues that have led to this is lack of committals for the children which is a requirement for them to be registered. As explained earlier, the courts have been delaying in issuing them and we have to rely on the children's department to advise us on the way forward.

### **5.2 Clinic attendance**

We are still taking the children for their clinics on time. We have taken 93 children to date for their various vaccinations and checkups.



*Figure 4 house mothers preparing to take the children for clinic*

### **5.3 Treatments**

We have one child at the moment that is admitted at Kenyatta hospital due to a leg fracture but is doing well. In total we have taken 9 children to hospital and only 4 have been admitted the whole of this year.

### **5.4 Therapy session**

We still have 13 children under therapy. Two were discharged and we have not added new ones. We can still see a major improvement of their health of the children due to the therapy.

### **5.5 HIV & AIDS**

We had reported earlier on in the year that was a shortage of septrin which is taken together with their medicines and we had been forced to buy which was still an issue as they were hard to find. Since the last hospital appointment, we were able to get the medicines for free to last the children one month.

We are hopeful that there will not be another shortage.

### **5.6 Special needs**

The special needs children are still doing well. There has been no major change in their well-being.

### **5.7 Deworming**

The children were dewormed in December after the last one which was in August.

## **6.0 CHILD PARTICIPATION & MOTIVATION**

### **6.1. Extracurricular activities**

During this period the children have had an ample time to enjoy their extra-curricular activities.

The children are also continuing with their counseling sessions for the bigger children.



Figure 5 the children learning weaving

#### 6.4. Christmas party

The children enjoyed a Christmas party on the 25<sup>th</sup> of December 2020.



Figure 6 the children enjoying some food on Christmas



## 7.0 ON-GOING PROJECTS

### 7.2. Mtaa Safi Na Imani

All the centers are still holding off on this project and have been limited to cleaning just the areas around the centers.

### 7.3. Imani Farming Project

The farming project is going on well though earlier in the year we had lost 2 cows and 7 goats to foot and mouth disease.

The chickens also have reduced the number of eggs they lay as they are past their laying capacity/age. We are looking to replace them with a new batch in 2021.

### 7.4. Maintenance

We have done a lot of maintenance in all the centers. We have applied fresh coat of paint in all the rooms, walls and the gates.



*Figure 7 newly painted gate and the roof being repaired*

## **8.0. CONCLUSION**

We want to take this opportunity to thank all our partners and friends for their support and for standing with Imani throughout the years.

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