



SMILE
COMMUNITY CENTRE
Protecting,empowering and giving a smile

SMILE CHILDREN’S HOME PROPOSAL

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ABSTRACT

The purpose of this proposal is to layout the information needed for potential funders of smile community Centre children's home. A project initiated by smile community Centre, a CBO registered under the ministry of labor, social security and services, certificate number 36795. Currently the Centre is running under the support of friends and members of the community within Kayole and Soweto slums. This proposal will provide information such as the need, objectives, methods, evaluation and future funding/sustainability.

Introduction

Smile Community Centre was founded in the year 2009 as a self-help group which involved training the women and youth to make bead-works, detergents and food items to sell. As time went by, we realized that formalizing the group to a community based organization will allow us to broaden programs and increase the reach of our support; hence we registered the group as a Community Based Organization (CBO) in 2015.

This has allowed us to open our doors to orphaned children housing them in our new establishment smile Community Children Home in Soweto Slums. It has also allowed us to Offer special programs such as education, feeding program and income generating program (Mostly bead works) to help the Centre. However this has not been enough to fully sustain the Centre due to the growing needs.

Statement of need

Smile Community Centre Children home was started to rescue vulnerable children brought by the local chief and community members. Most of the rescued children were referred to other neighboring children homes and as time went by, it proved to be difficult to admit them to the said homes since there was lack of space and facilities. There was an existing gap to support the rescued children so there was a need to establish smile community Centre children's home. The Centre was started in iron sheet rooms but due to persistent rain, the living conditions were not favorable, resulting to illnesses.

Through support from friends, we have moved to a better housing for the Centre at Soweto slums. The Centre now supports 26 children in fulltime and over 300 children on part time basis, mainly the feeding program. The need is still increasing where we lack enough resources to allow full-time support to more children at the Centre.

OBJECTIVES

Smile community Centre children's home objectives are aimed at improving the livelihood of the children and teenagers.

To provide Education – The rescued children come from poor family backgrounds with little or no income. The Centre provides basic education to empower the children for future livelihood. Currently the Centre supports 9 and 11 primary and secondary school children respectively.

Through well-wishers and volunteers, we also provide vocational training and hands on experience on income generating activities e.g. making bead works (Necklaces, Bracelets, Earrings, Bottle Openers, and Bags among others)

On vocational training, the Centre provides SRHR (Sexual Reproductive and Health Rights), HIV/AIDS education, Drug/substance abuse and Counseling services.

To nature and develop talent – The Centre holds sporting events; basketball and football games where the children participate in competition within and outside the Centre where they interact with children from other homes. They also participate in other talents such as singing, comedy and dancing.

Promote income – The income generating activity mainly involves making beadworks (Necklaces, Bracelets, Earrings, Bottle Openers, and Bags among others)

To promote nutrition and food security – The Centre feeds the children at the Centre and also holds a feeding program at Soweto slums social hall to provide food for over 300 children. This program is supported by well-wishers (E.g. shop owners) and friends of smile community Centre around Soweto and Kayole

To Promote Health and Wellness – The Centre provides health and wellness of the children through Fikiria Jamii Health facility at Patanisho in Kayole. Currently we do not health insurance cover for children living in the Centre due to lack of funds.

Provide Shelter and Clothing – The Centre provides shelter for the children at Soweto, Currently 5 rooms (4 are complete and 1 is under renovation). However, these facilities are not enough since we also need a library, kitchen and dining hall. We are also receiving requests to support more children but we are not able to do so due to limited facilities. The children receive clothes from friends and well-wishers. We also need uniforms and school kits.

METHODS

Addressing education

All the children are currently enrolled in community private institutions, we need them to go to better formal institutions of learning. Once we get sustainable funding we intent to take them to these institutions.

On vocational trainings, we intent to have regular trainings conducted by qualified trainers for teenagers on various disciplines such as artwork, tailoring, hairdressing and beauty, Mechanics, Computer and welding among others

Promoting income generating business

Through well-wishers, we have acquired a bone making machine. The machines are used for making bone products e.g. Bottle Openers, Horns, Necklaces, Curtain Holders, Bangles, key holders among others. Our main challenge is the market, the items are not well bought locally. We welcome well-wishers who have avenues to the outside markets to promote our products. This will increase income and provide employment.

Expanding Feeding Program

The feeding program is currently running at Soweto slums social hall once in a month however sometimes we keep the event postponed due to lack of enough resources. We would like to expand the program to run after 2 weeks however, we are not able to do so due lack of funds.

Promoting sports and talent

We intent to promote this program by purchasing sporting equipment and costumes, organize more sporting events and trainings to nurture the talents. On talents, we intent to purchase musical instruments e.g. guitars, drums, violins among others coupled with hiring of qualified trainers to support the children, we also plan to organize talent search/competition events.

Supporting Health and wellness

We intent to promote children's health through medical cover scheme. Currently we do not have any. We normally pay for their medical expenses which is very challenging especially in cases of emergencies.

EVALUATION

Smile community Centre is committed to ensure all our activities, revenue and expenses are properly documented/recorded and evaluated. To achieve this, we have been and also intent to continue being accountable by engaging appropriate person(s) to lead this cause.

Accountability

Currently we do not have an employed full-time accountant on guaranteed pay however measures are already in place to manage all our revenues through proper documentation. All our income and expenses are well documented and we get part time accounts support.

Once we get the funding, we will employ or hire an accountant to keep track of all the revenues and expenses. From our end, we will also document all our activities both offline and online through appropriate channels such as our website, social media.

Stake holders/partners review meetings

We intend to continue to have our organizational checklist to help us keep track of all our activities. We also plan to update our donors/partners about our progress through newsletters, stakeholders/partners review meetings at the Centre.

Data Analysis

We intent to use data/statistical methods of data analysis to project the state of affairs of our organization. Through and at the end of the financial period.

FUTURE FUNDING AND SUSTAINABILITY

Smile Community Centre intends to engage in seeking more funding and at the same time promote the income generating activity as the main source of income. Currently the income generating program needs to be expanded to provide more income and create employment opportunity for the youth and women and at the same time provide support to the Centre.

We intent to diversify our income generating activities in future. Currently the main income generating activity is bead work but we are open to new ideas.

BUDGET

This budget is for full-time children at the Centre who are given food, education and shelter. Below is the breakdown but it is not limited to well-wishers who want to expand their support.

Item	No. of Children	Cost Per Child/Month	Total/Month
School fees Secondary children	9	2,000.00	18000.00
School fees Primary children	11	1,100.00	12100.00
Food @ 180/day/child*30	20	5,400.00	108000.00
Medical Costs (Estimated)	20	800.00	16000.00
Stationary (General , No text books)	20	700.00	14000.00
Total			168100.00

Other Costs/Monthly	
Item	Cost Per Month
Housing	15000.00
Electricity	2000.00
Buying Water	5000.00
Kerosene	5000.00
Total	27000.00

Total Budget (Monthly)	195,100.00
Total Budget (Yearly)	2,341,200.00

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