

Introduction



Shammah children's centre is a community based organization which was founded in the year 2007 along the railway line reserve as a baby care centre. It has since then grown to a full school from day-care to class eight. It started with two *vulnerable needy girls* and now it has grown to a total number of a total of 262 orphans' vulnerable and special children.

Shammah has therefore worked hard to progress from one level to another. The school has also reached in a place whereby its learners are participating in national exams. 2017 we had four candidates who sat for the national exam and they all qualified to join secondary education. However our school is not registered and therefore pay money to another school which is designated for our children to do exam as if the learners belong to that other school.

We are looking forward to have our own exam centre because it feels bad when our learners perform well in their exams and credits go to the other school and as long as it's our children who go to sit for the exam they cease to be ours because all the certificates and results they receive bare the names of the other school and joy is that our learners turns out to be the best and emerge winners whenever they go to do the exams.

2017 being the election year in our country education was much affected and many kids relocated to other places because being in a slum there were leaders who took advantage of the most needy people and they used to give them some money so as for them to be voted in and due to that there was tribal clashes people were killed and too much blood shed. Due to that some of our children and parents run away in July because the elections where august and we did not finish the year with them. But we are aware that they will come back 2018 and continue where they left.



Shammah Children harvesting pumpkins from school garden



Children invited by agricultural officers during Nairobi agricultural show

Shammah staff

Shammah has also grown in terms of staff who are 13 in number, who volunteer to teach and take care all where by they get a small token to keep them going because they do not earn a salary. The 13 volunteers are able to take care of the children and co ordinate all activities in order to make Shammah a centre of excellency.

It is known by its performance and the skills which are taught and the learners are able to use the skills and create job opportunities for themselves and for others this kind of skills are bead work, soap making, poultry, rabbit keeping, bead work and school gardening.

Projects

Twinning project

The organization had an opportunity to link up with two occupational therapy students from one of the university of Applied Sciences of Amsterdam in the Netherlands. They wanted through twinning a school in Netherlands with the Shammah centre achieve mutual understanding of each other's situation and strive for solidarity. The Dutch school is de Wissel in Vlissingen in the Netherlands, of which the children of group 3 has been active and communicating to Shammah children and so far the two schools are exchanging their daily activities, like what do you eat, how do you celebrate a party etc. with each other. The Dutch students also donated six cameras to the school where by the children are able to learn how to take photos and share their experiences to a method called photo voice. Shammah kids and kids of the Wissel are looking forward to work together and children will be able to learn different cultures, world and lifestyles from one another and make new friends.

Solar Cooking project

Due to climate change which has caused drought and floods in the whole world, Shammah has been active in advocating for care for trees and the environment as a whole. For that purpose Shammah organised a solar cooking training through a school which has been advocating for solar cooking by the name Asulma centre together with a mr Samuel of asulma centre and Solar cooking Netherland/ Kozon, mr Didacus Odhiambo the chief executive of "farmer with a vision" who was the trainer and supported by FAPADAG who sponsored the training. 60 people participated in the training about solar cooking and they embraced the system and some are able to use it.

Shoe donation project



Children received shoes donation from one of the NGO in kibera

Shammam Building

Shammah is under taking a construction of a permanent 4 storey house, containing a basement which has three rooms which serve as the store, kitchen and a staffroom and a big dinning hall where by the school meetings are held and other school activities as well as an income generating activity where by people hire the hall to hold their functions and pay.

There is a ground floor which consists of seven rooms which serves as classrooms, 1st floor which has four big rooms which are incomplete but being also used as classrooms. The purchasing of land and construction came as a result of the school being located along the railway premises whereby there is ongoing development of the railway line and the school was supposed to give way. Therefore with the help of Fapadag Shammah looked for a land and bought it and started the construction. This was to transfer the centre's activities to the new building which is undergoing construction so as to move all the children into the new building. The children aged 4months to 5 years are still in the old school waiting for compensation where by the railway is supposed to compensate the school with two rooms. The school was advised not to move the kids before it is compensated because once the children are out they will loose this opportunity.

Currently the school is still operating in an incomplete building which has made it hard for it to operate fully and legally. Due to use of incomplete building we are not able to register and operate legally. The ministry of education demands all the centres serving children to register in education department so as to be fully recognised and get benefits of free education. We have therefore been looking for funds and applying for funds to different organizations. Together with FAPADAG we have been successful with a grant of the Wilde Ganzen. The applications at the Lions club, KCDF and For children sake initiatives so far were not successful. We are continuing applying for money so as to be able to complete the building and be able to register.



The school building



Children outside the school building

Tasks of the committee members

Shammah children's centre consist of twelve committee members who run the project by ensuring that all the planned programmes are all going on well.

Financial report 2017

month	Income					expenditure				
	fees	bus	soap	Poultry	total	feeding	token	Poultry feeds	total	balance
January	36,000	15,000	6,000	6,000	63,000	31,000	25,000	5,000	61,000	2,000
February	32,000	10,000	6,800	8,000	56,800	28,800	20,000	5,000	53,800	3,000
march	40,000	12,000	6,400	10,000	68,400	32,600	27,000	5,500	65,100	3,300
may	41,400	20,000	6,600	6,000	74,000	35,000	30,000	5,500	70,500	3,500
June	43,000	18,000	5,000	4,800	70,800	32,000	26,000	5,000	63,000	7,800
July	41,600	12,000	3,000	6,000	62,600	30,000	24,000	4,800	58,800	3,800
September	26,000	8,000	2,600	3,000	39,600	24,000	18,000	4,000	46,000	-6400
October	247,000	15,000	4,000	4,000	270,000	32,000	40,000	5,000	77,000	193,000
November	0	40,000	3,000	5,000	48,000	0	0	5,000	5,000	42,000
December	0	5,000	6,000	20,000	31,000	0	20,000	4,000	24,000	7,000
Grand total	507,000	155,000	49,400	72,800	784200	245400	230000	48800	524200	260000

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