



SHAMMAH CHILDREN'S CENTRE

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Introduction

Shammah children's Centre is a community based organization which was founded in the year 2007 and started with two vulnerable children along the railway reserve as a day care. Since then it has grown year by year from day care to a full fully operating Centre offering Kenyan system of education of ECDE and primary education and with a fully equipped operating vocational training Centre which is offering computer lessons and tailoring.

Students

The Centre has worked tirelessly to progress from one level to another, in the end of 2019 we had a total of 320 pupils 180 girls and 140 boys and 15 volunteers. In the beginning of the year 2020 we opened the school with a very high admission of children and we were very happy because our goal is to reach very many needy children. By the mid March 2020 we had a total of 346 learners 186 girls and 160 boys which was a good population to start a year with because mostly in the beginning of the year we start with very low population because most people relocate and transfer their children we admit new learners too but this time it was different in the beginning of the year all was well before corona pandemic.

On March 15th 2020 the president ordered all the schools, companies, working places to be closed and there were lockdown people couldn't travel and there came in poverty and trouble in the country and more so in the families because there was no income. Shammah Centre was also closed and being a Centre of learning and other activities including feeding programme most of its activities had to stop. The president ordered that people to work at home and learners to learn online. We found out that for us it was not possible to apply online learning because despite of Shammah having a fully equipped computer room parents could not afford bundles for their children to login for the online lessons, others had no smart phones so we could not continue with online studies.

During this corona season families suffered due to lack of income, children suffered because schools were closed resulting to drug abuses, child abuse, increase of gender based violence, theft, early pregnancies among teenagers among other dangerous behaviors which came up as a result of corona pandemic.

As Shammah Centre we got a privilege to get an emergency fund from Wilde Ganzen and FAPADAG whereby we managed to serve 420 households by providing food stuff, hygienic awareness and materials so as to be able to fight corona, and offered homework booklets to our learners which kept them busy throughout minimizing chances of our learners to engage in bad behaviors where by many adolescent and teenagers got lost due to idleness but our learners escaped the trap because they were busy.

Students Examination Results

In the year 2020, we had 10 candidates 4 boys 6 girls who registered for Kenya national examination council which should have been done by the end of the year 2020, however it was not possible due to corona pandemic which has been the headache worldwide. The schools

were closed on March 2020 so the school calendar was disrupted and the exam didn't take place as it was planned. Only in January 2021 schools opened.

During the month of March 2021 the candidates sat for the national exam which they were supposed to do by the end of 2020.

9 candidates out of 10 passed the exam so well that they attained grades that will enable them to proceed for secondary education and the one who didn't perform well will continue with tailoring training in the school, which she had already started. The performance of the ten candidates was as follows 402, 384, 380, 369, 366, 320, 311, 301, 289 and 120 out of possible 500 marks having a mean score of 324 out of 500 marks which was an excellent performance.

Staff

Shammah has grown from year by year from the founder operating alone to a whole Centre of 15 volunteers [6 men and 9 women] who serve the learners from ECDE level to vocational level. The staffs are all volunteers because they do not earn a salary because the children we serve are all needy and vulnerable and they are not able to pay the set school fees. The little amount learners pay as school fees and the sales we get from school projects is what we get as token after the expenditures of the school. We are yet expecting some funding from the government which will support teachers salary but it has not yet been released.

Vocational training

Shammah has a fully functioning tailoring and computer Centre.

Shammah received 16 computers with the help of Hanneke of FAPADAG and we ourselves purchased 20 other second hand laptops which were in good condition and so the computer room is growing slowly by slowly. There were 7 teenagers who had dropped out of school enrolled in computer training and upon completion four of them have secured job opportunities in cyber cafes whereby they are now earning for themselves. The remaining three were still training they didn't stop to come to school as they still look for job opportunities, they assist in the computer training because most of the Shammah learners from grade one were all enrolled in computer training so as to learn technology which has been one of the requirements of the ministry of education for education rolled out that technology to be taught to learners from early ages because the world is going the technology way.

There were 14 learners training in tailoring and due to corona break whereby everything went to stand still they didn't finish their training but resumed in 2021 January.

Animal keeping

Shammah has been practicing animal keeping as part of income generating activity for the school as well as a training Centre for both parents and learners of Shammah and the community as a whole. There is poultry practicing and rabbit keeping and most of the

learners are practicing animal keeping back at their homes after acquiring the skills from the school. Out of keeping the animals at home our learners and care givers are earning from selling the animal products which has improved their lives financially.

Agriculture



Learners discussing about their products in the school garden

Agriculture

For a long time Shammah has practiced agriculture which has greatly supported the school feeding programme , it has also helped the learners and their parents to achieve great farming skills which has also seen them cut down the cost of buying vegetables and using the one they have grown at their homes . Learners have learned how to recycle waste products like old sacks, plastic containers to grow their vegetables and put them in small available spaces at their homes or they hung them to their walls because there are no spaces for farming in the slums.

The plots have provided Shammah feeding with more than enough vegetables for the whole school and sell the remaining vegetables. It has also been one of income generating activities for the school. In 2020 schools were on only for two and half months because of corona pandemic. Since the children were not in school the vegetables were used to feed

Shammah community members without selling them because almost everybody was jobless and there was no income for the families. All these efforts of practicing farming has been done on the plots of people who now want their plots back so as to start developing their own plots.

The Centre is now looking forward to purchasing in a few years a big piece of land where we will be able to grow other food like maize and beans which will also be used for feeding the children. Until now we were not able to grow these crops in the peoples plots due to their small sizes. Maize and beans need a large space which should be enough to be consumed by the entire school.

Learners weeding the school garden before closure due to corona virus.



Solar

Shammah as one of the advocates of taking care of environment has been active in making our environment better and promoting use of fireless cookers and fire briquettes which lead to low cutting of trees . There has been training of learners, parents and the community on how to use and make solar products. The trainings and selling of the products at a low amount has been a great impact for income for Shammah and the environment where by people have learned the dangers of cutting down the trees which is leading to global warming.

Emergency Project

Shammah applied for an emergency fund from Wilde Ganzen together with the personal and financial support of Mrs. Hanneke van Bruggen and FAPADAG. Shammah received the emergency fund so that 420 households could be provided with food baskets, hygiene information and facilities to fight corona. Food helped our households to save their lives.

Although 2 guardians died due to corona, the rest of our target group could be saved by ensuring to feed them, provide hygienic materials and provide home work for our learners, what prevented them from teenage pregnancy and drug abuse apart from 2 marital cases which could be solved safely.

1200 masks were made on Shammah's own sewing machines and 3 masks were given to each household to help prevention of spread of corona virus. Shammah sold also over 1000 masks to other institutions.

Distributing food to the needy



Teacher marking homework for learners



Child with homework booklet and mask



A designer fitting a mask to a child



Conclusion

The year 2020 was not the best; it destabilized almost everything due to corona pandemic, people suffered due to lack of finances loss of jobs among other cases but people had to look for ways of adapting to the life that came up as a result of corona pandemic. Being in the slums most people survived through handouts which were still not enough for their families. Most people as a result of the pandemic relocated to their rural homes together with their families and some came back towards the end of the year.

It all started well in the 2021 until now the third Corona wave attacked the country again and things are not good because there is lockdown and most people were told to work at home which is not applicable to casual workers. Thus meaning people have again lost their jobs when they were trying to rise from their dust so there are still big problems in the families due to lack of finances.

Lesson learned is that people should learn to create their own income generating activities or jobs because most people who are employed have lost their jobs and those who have self-employment are still enjoying the little income they are getting from their own jobs.

Shammah will therefor strive the coming five years to become more self-supporting and create more opportunities for vocational training and self-employment.

Financial report 2020

Income					expenditure			
month	Fees/ Other incomes	Wilde Ganzen/ FAPADAG	total	feeding	Hygienic materials	Home work	Token for teachers	total
Jan	105,000	nil	105,000	40,000	nil	nil	42,000	82,000
Feb	92,000	nil	92,000	40,000	nil	nil	42,000	82,000
Mar	86,000	nil	86,000	30,000	nil	nil	42,000	72,000
April	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	15,000	15,000
May	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	15,000	15,000
Jun	nil	1,276,454	nil	281,000	69,000	60,000	19,300	429,300
Jul	nil	nil	nil	280,000	69,000	50,000	19,300	418,300
Aug	nil	nil	nil	280,000	58,000	50,000	19,300	407,300
Sep	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil
Oct	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	15,000	15,000
Nov	nil	nil	50,000	nil	nil	nil	15,000	15,000
Total	283,000	1,276,454	1,559,454	951,000	196,000	160,000	243,900	1,550,900

SHAMMAH CHILDREN'S CENTRE KIBERA FIVE YEAR PLAN BUDGET 2021-2025

YEAR 2021

ITEM	QUANTITY	Image	AMOUNT[€]	RESPONSIBLE PERSONS	DURATION
BAKING MACHINE	1		2,678.57	SHAMMAH BOARD OF MANAGEMENT FAPADAG FRIENDS WELL WISHER CHURCH DONORS Shammah to contribute 20% FAPADAG to contribute 70%	MAY 2021-MAY 2022
DOUGH MIXER	1		892.86		
BAKING OIL	500LTRS		892.86		
CRATES	50		111.61		
TOTAL			4577€		
		3DECK BAKING MACHINE			



Dough mixer . the size depends on the price



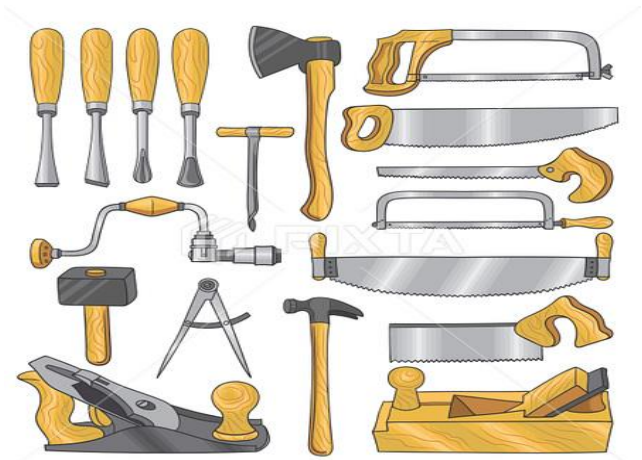
Crates

HAIR DRIER	10	 <p>Assorted salon equipment</p>  <p>Shaving machine</p>	2,678.57	SHAMMAH B.O.M (20%) WELL WISHERS FAPADAG (80%) FRIENDS DONORS CHURCH	JUNE 2022-JUNE 2023
BLOW DRIER	10		1,071.42		
SHAVING MACHINE	10		1,071.42		
MIRRORS			892.85		
ASSORTED SALON MATERIALS			2,232.14		
TOTAL			7946€		

ASSORTED CARPENTRY
MATERIALS



Wood working machine



pixtastock.com - 56620441

(Saw, hammer, chisel) assorted equipment

6,250

SHAMMAH B.O.M (20%)
FRIENDS
WELL WISHERS
FAPADAG (80%)
DONORS
CHURCH

JULY 2023-JULY 2024



Hole drilling tool



Assorted carpentry tools

LAND TO SUPPORT FEEDING PROGRAMME FOR THE SCHOOL	4 HECTARES With 4 hectares of land compared to the food consumed monthly the land will be enough to produce food for the entire school feeding programme		40,178.57	SHAMMAH B.O.M und FRIENDS WELL-WISHERS FAPADAG DONORS CHURCH	SEPTEMBER 2024-DECEMBER 2024
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Justification

Introduction

Due to lack of white collar job and lack of employment for too many youth, Shammah Centre wants to continue offering life skills and training vocational skills so as to be able to address joblessness issues

By offering the skills it will lead to self-employment and job creation to themselves and others. Due to lack of job opportunities most youth engage in bad activities which lead to different out comes ,girls engage in to drug abuse and prostitution leading to early pregnancies and contracting of STDs. Boys enter into drug abuse and others start smuggling which lead to death of young people when they are caught . Especially during this corona season many people have lost jobs who were employed and many have entered in to depression and they start the chain of poverty because they are not able to feed themselves and their babies and due to that people start misusing young girls. Due to this kind of behaviors an entire generation is

going to be wasted because they have no income and they are too much idle. Shammah has therefore chosen to offer the following extra training activities: pastry, hairdressing and carpentry. By offering these skills the learners will have acquired skills which will enable them to be independent in future by using the skills to seek job opportunities or to start their own business. Once we will have the materials to start the pastry, hairdressing and carpentry we will ensure that we get the best trainers who will be able to train the learners in a better way .

Pastry and Bread

By putting up a pastry training Centre Shammah believes that we will be able to instill skills to youth and engage them to be busy and by the end of it they will be able to get skills which will lead to job creation to them and to others who are jobless. Once they are trained they will be able to start selling the products and start earning from supplying the products and others will be able to start their own business by purchasing Shammah products in discounted prices . They will be able to grow their business day by day because they will be able to practice what they have learned and also seek job opportunity because they will have the skills. In pastry they will learn how bake cakes, breads and other many stuffs that are baked and are consumed daily thus meaning that the demand is always high because they are used on daily basis. Through the assistance of Shammah in terms of marketing we believe that our learners will be the first beneficiaries of pastry benefits because they will be the ones supplying the products and they will also earn out of that.

Hair dressing

Shammah will be able to train hair dressing skills to youth and adolescents who have not been able to complete school due to lack of school fees or something happened and who are not able to secure job in one way or another. We will be training a group of 30 girls for duration of between 3

months to six months and there after we will be able to identify those who have mastered the skills and graduate them. After graduating we will continue enrolling others for the training until we make sure we have trained many learners as possible. They will have skills which will enable them to start their own business and earn for themselves instead of hand outs and they will be able to create job opportunities for themselves and others and be useful members of the society.

Carpentry

Due to lack of job opportunities there have been a group of 25 teenagers and youth who have been too idle doing nothing with their lives just hanging around during day time around the school. The same group however would be available and help the Shammah Centre if we needed some assistance or some work to be done. For instance we had a challenge in our garden where by it was not fenced properly and pigs entered the garden and destroyed our vegetables, the same group volunteered to fence the entire garden and went ahead and warned the owner of the pigs to tame them.

Day by day we continued interacting with them one by one and get to know them better where we realized that most of them had not completed their studies and others had no chance to continue with their studies and yet they are very brilliant people who can be great workers when given the right skills. Most of them said that they were not able to continue with their studies due to lack of school fees and others said that they entered in to drug abuses because they didn't do good in school and ended up dropping out of school. We were engaging with them time to time and after asking them what they thought can help them in future they said that given carpentry skills they would be able to learn and be able to acquire skills which would enable them to earn a living and be able to withdraw from bad behaviors and concentrate on building their future positively.

Land

The Shammah Centre has a centralized feeding programme to feed the needy children. The present school garden whereby we have been growing school vegetables as well as training our learners farming skills is not our own. Many children and adolescents so far have acquired the skills to do farming, poultry keeping, rabbit keeping and grow vegetables for the school.

Shammah is aiming to purchase our own school garden because we practice farming in peoples undeveloped plots and lately people are now claiming there plots back because they want to develop themselves; thus posing a very big challenge to our school feeding programme. Shammah is now afraid that we may loose our vegetables because one of the developers decided not to approach us and went on and uprooted our tomatoes which were almost reaching harvesting season but were all destroyed and we had nothing to say.

Conclusion

It is important to put down our aims so as to be able to plan better for our future plans of what we want to achieve year by year as a Centre that is looking forward to better the lives of our community .We are looking forward to raise a generation that is healthy and independent .