

Shammah Kibera



INTRODUCTION

SHAMMAH CHILDRENS Centre is a community based organization which is located in the hearts of Kibera slums in Kianda village which was established in the year 2007 by the late Jemmimah Mweu. The Centre began as a humble initiative to support children with extreme poverty, others as a result of post-election violence (PEV) which was In 2007/2008.

The Centre has grown significantly as an educational institution which offering early childhood education (ECDE) and primary education.

The school was initially located on a railway reserve .The Centre later faced eviction but managed to secure a piece of land through the efforts of the parents and the support of Madam Hanneke van Bruggen , FAPADAG foundation and Wilde Ganzen.

ATTENDANCE

SHAMMAH, since we did our renovations, has improved significantly we have received more children especially grades PPI/PP2 respectively, making total number to 160 as at 6/1/2026, whereby we are still expecting more. Most of the pupils are moving from the nearby schools to SHAMMAH Kibera because we have the best teachers for these two classes.

We have recorded 30 pupils, who graduated last year 2025. Almost 90% of the children don't afford to pay for their exams and any other requirements needed from the school, Most of the time we are unable to conduct school trips for them because they can't afford.

Most of the parents had promised to join the school but due to the hash economy they are unable but hope with time they will manage. We have five dedicated teachers who take care of these pupils by teaching them different lesson simultaneously from grades 1 to grade 5.



FARMING

Farming has been a challenge to the school because of the droughts we are experiencing. We haven't harvested anything for the last two years because the rains are not sufficient for the crops. Irrigation remained the only option but the water bills were too high we couldn't afford. In addition we are facing a challenge from the plot owners and the community at large threatening us to leave their plots while community members are stealing what we've planted.



BAKERY

This is now a source of income here in SHAMMAH Kibera. We can't complain much, at least we are baking on daily basis. The only challenge we are facing is means of transport. We sell them door to door when we have enough time especially after classes.



The bakery is now the backbone of the SHAMMAH KIBERA. A lot has been achieved though it was through struggling, we had no capital to start the whole process. The best time now for us to do baking is from Friday to Sunday targeting the weekends when we have more people over the weekends, then we sell our cakes from Mon to Thursday.

Queen cakes $(100 \times 10) = 1000$

Muffins $(100 \times 10) = 1000$

Burns $(80 \text{ pcs} \times 10) = 800$

Fruit cakes $100 \text{ pcs} \times 30 = 3000$, making a total of 5800 weekly if don't expire.

So $5800 \times 4 = 23200$ per month

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Electricity 6000

Water=1200

Cooks=10000

$23200 - 17200 = 6000$

We haven't made much profit. Our suggestions as we had made above, we usually move door to door especially in the morning and the evening hours, so if we could have a vehicle at least we can be able to move further and be able to sell our products since we have the best Bakers. We have enough Market for our products and that's why we appeal for any assistance in terms of transport which will facilitate and help us move further and in simple terms we will be able to make more profits.

SALOON

SHAMMAH School has a well-equipped saloon which can operate any time from now; as I had told you earlier last year, we shall be able to conduct our vocational trainings from April/May because this is the only time we can have learners. Most of the youths are unable to attend schools due to lack of school fees, their parents can't even do casual jobs instead they are engaged with illicit brews and drugs.



TAILORING

Due to lack of funds we have some parents who can't even manage to buy school uniforms for their pupils. We use the machines we have already to prepare uniforms for those who can't afford. Most likely we intend to conduct our vocational trainings again as from April/May this year.

KITCHEN



The old kitchen, before renovation

The kitchen was poorly designed initially without ventilations. The smoke could be seen all over the buildings making the walls dirty and polluting the environment but since we did our renovations it has reduced. The walls have been painted clearly giving the kitchen a new look.



After renovation

SOLARPOWER

We have 8 solar panels which are not working; the Batteries are dead and can't operate them. There is urgency for other batteries because solar energy is costless compared to electricity and environment free.

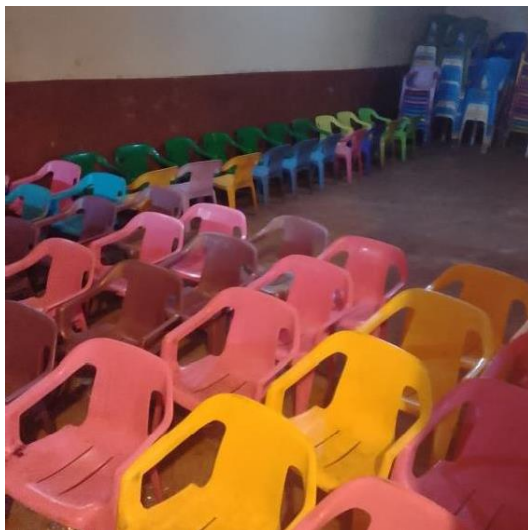


COMPUTERS

The SHAMMAH School has computers. Thou the room has not been set it will go a long way in helping our pupils in their learning hence their education nowadays is more of technology. For Vocational training we are hoping to commence by April/ May during vacations.

RENOVATIONS

It's exactly now three months since we started renovation from December last year. The building has acquired a new face from the ground floor to the fourth floor with elegance view. Almost 90% of the renovations have been achieved. Most of the previously unfinished walls are now completely looking good and the paint has changed the whole building to look new.



Basement



1st floor



2nd floor



3rd floor



4th floor

CONCLUSION

We are humbled by the way you have handled some of the critical issues concerning these vulnerable children at Shammah Children Centre. It's not that easy for any organizations here in Kenya to have done that without any help and mostly from you. Most of these children don't have both parents, Guardians or even family members. Most of them have one meal per day and others even go without any meal thus making it difficult for them to attend school. The food we cook here makes them attend school regularly and in large numbers. When the climates were favorable we could harvest enough food but for the last two years we are unable to harvest anything from the garden. Due to lack of food from home some pupils skip classes to look for any casual jobs. We highly thank you Madam Henneke Bruggen, Wilde Garzen, FAPADAG foundations for your kind support towards these vulnerable children.

Since the demise of Jemmimah most of the activities have been Inactive like Tailoring, Computers and Saloon. We hope that we will be able to measure up to your expectations by April; we will be able to start our vocational trainings especially for these three. It would be advisable in future SHAMMAH could own a piece of land where they could do farming in large quantities which can sustain both SHAMMAH Kibera and SHAMMAH Kalimani. It's our wish we will be able to maintain SHAMMAH Kibera and place it where Jemmimah wanted it to be. We don't take it for granted; we are thankful for all what you've done to this centre.

May God bless you.

INVOICE

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Sand	3 lorries	5000.00	
Cement	30 bags	700.00	21000.00
Nails	20 kg	600.00	12000.00
Scatting silkbrown	2 buckets	15000.00	30000.00
		500.00	15000.00
		17000.00	85000.00
Super gloss	2 buckets	20000.00	120000.00
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Front face	2 buckets	15000.00	30000.00
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Window panes		1500.00	
Floor tiles	50 boxes	10000.00	75000.00
Steel doors	3 pcs		30000.00

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SALOON

As I had informed you earlier we have a lot of youths most of them have left schools, others due to early pregnancies, drug abuse and many others GBVs. A lot of young women would have benefited from this project and they're willing to register from next month. We will be able to guide them through these programs and for sure it will eliminate most of the challenges they are facing, most of them are totally unemployed, unable to support themselves but taking drugs throughout the day.

KITCHEN

Kitchen so far has improved we don't get much smoke as we had experienced some few days ago. The project you did with the Norwegian Organization is still available and in good condition, the one we did recently is also working.

SOLAR

We did a review with an expert from one of the solar companies here in Nairobi who said the solar panels are still ok but the kind of solar we have can't work without the BATTERIES. The inverters are also worn-out they need to be replaced all of them for better results. Due to the high cost of power solar energy will be highly recommended since we will be able to use it during day time and also in the evenings.

COMPUTERS.

We are yet to know how Jemmimah used to deal with incentives, whom you said they were willing to provide the school with used computers, and also the laptops which were once provided by the Government. The total number of laptops we have right away in the school are less than ten (10). For these projects to move on we need some more laptops if needed.

CONCLUSION

All the projects are now accessible, TAILORING can be done in the school, we have some laptops which can be used in our learning centre Bakery, and saloon are almost complete. Farming has been a very big challenge here, the small no plots we used to plant has been taken by the owners, we are now doing very little in terms of farming. We are appealing to you to reconsider keenly the well-being of these vulnerable children we wrote to UNICEF, USK but have never responded. We are facing challenges in terms of food in the school, and also funds to run these projects precisely. It's our wish all these projects start working before May 2026. By the end of this year we have planned to have youths who are graduating from the centre with acquired knowledge from our projects.

The efforts made by the FAPADAG and the Wilde Garzen to this centre will always remain in our hearts for ever, more so not forgetting the late Jemmimah who worked tirelessly for these young pupils to acquire skills from the centre.