



THE HEALING TOUCH OF HEALTH CARE



The Kenya Economic Development Human Advancement Project (KEDHAP) is the development, peace-building, and relief arm of the Kenya Mennonite Church in the Diocese of Kisumu East. Thanks to YOUR support, KEDHAP has steadily grown and now serves thousands of participants through a wide range of programs in impoverished rural areas.

KEDHAP's primary work is in Female Empowerment, Education, Community Development, Health Education, Peace-making & Reconciliation, Food Security & Income Generation, and Leadership Development. A noteworthy project is **KEDHAP's assistance to People living with HIV and AIDS (PLWHA)**, wherein KEDHAP provides food for those unable to work or grow food, and seeds and other materials for those who can grow their own food.

The PLWHA program has been community-driven from its inception in 2000. By talking openly about the effects of HIV/AIDS on families, creating awareness, and supporting those who have declared their status, KEDHAP has helped reduce the stigma of the disease and encourage responsible behavior.



Thanks to your support, HIV+ boys like Joel (right) have benefited from transport, money, and food support.

A Holistic Approach to Supporting the PLWHAs

KEDHAP works towards improving health (and access to care) through various activities such as providing economically disadvantaged students (especially girls and orphans) with access to secondary education, providing deserving female students with sanitary supplies to allow them to attend school all month-long, supporting orphaned and vulnerable children, improving hygiene practices and education of such in schools, facilitating access to **Comprehensive Care Clinics (CCC)** for PLWHAs, enabling access to information, enabling capacity-building for KEDHAP-affiliated groups, providing subsidized food and seeds to those in need, and providing alternative options for healthy food through the promotion of organic farming.



Food support for PLWHAs at Ogen CCC



Community-driven Solutions for Sustainability



As KEDHAP has expanded, the initiatives for PLWHA continue to be defined by community members. As affiliated groups evolve to become self-sufficient, leadership is increasingly provided by the participants themselves. KEDHAP's base at the Resource Centre in Songhor offers a variety of services to the community, including a library and study center for students, IT training and services, and a private meeting space for groups discussing sensitive topics.

'Operation Triple Zero'

Aim: Empower adolescents with HIV to take control of their health

- All enlisted 313 adolescents attended their scheduled clinic appointments every month.
- Self-reported adherence has improved significantly, leading to viral load suppression over time.
- 298 adolescents reported zero viral load during their last clinic appointment in February 2022.



Supported by your donations, KEDHAP provides nutrition, and financial and emotional support to individuals who are living with HIV/AIDS through Comprehensive Care Clinics

L: Remmy, a pediatric adolescent at Ogen CCC, receives a donation of maize, R: PLWHA's in a group therapy role play at the Tamu CCC

The Last Few Months At KEDHAP

PLWHA Food Program Impact:

- Adults supported with food - 64
- Adolescents supported with food - 313
- Empowering girls and building their capacity to be able to exploit their potential through its programs is a priority.
- To tame HIV/AIDS, KEDHAP is advancing focus on three points of action:



L: Eva is grateful for the transport assistance to the Ogen CCC
R: Mildred receives maize to help with her nutritional needs

Reducing mother-to-child HIV transmission: Engage with youth and community members to reduce mother-to-child HIV transmission from the current 14% to zero% in collaboration with the various Comprehensive Care Clinics.

Advocacy: Advocate for change of behavior, especially among men, who have relations with and impregnate teenagers.

End of Stigma: Remind and encourage everyone to treat those living with HIV with respect. Promote inclusivity to build a community that is free from stigma or discrimination against those who are HIV+.

Watch Casira's Testimony on our Youtube Channel! →

KEDHAP currently has 78 HIV+ adolescents supported every month in these two facilities. In addition to a collaborative effort involving the government to provide ARV medication, KEDHAP also offers transport, maize, counselling, and seeds to adolescents.



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Funding Needs

- Costs have increased exponentially due to inflation. KEDHAP aims to provide each affected individual with food and transportation.
- These people often walk one way and get back with sponsored transportation. This enables them to get their medicines every month on time.
- We are praying for funds to sponsor transport, food and other supporting activities. Give a gift or support KEDHAP monthly: www.impacthope.kindful.com/?campaign=1107787

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CHANGING THE LIVES OF THE VULNERABLE IN TAMU & OGEN



Jerusa was enlisted as a member of the KEDHAP Support group at the tender age of 11. In grade 5, Jerusa often fell sick and missed school. A doctor at the local Ogen Clinic recommended an HIV test, and Jerusa was sadly found to be HIV+. In a deplorable health condition, Jerusa was immediately put on ARV medication. With the support of Ministry of Health officials and KEDHAP, she and her widowed mother were counselled, and this helped them accept their condition. This intervention was the turning point in their lives, and today they lead a dignified hopeful life.

Jerusa sat for her KCSE exams in 2021 and is planning to join college for a diploma course. KEDHAP assists individuals like Jerusa with monthly transport to reach the clinic and get their medication on time. They are also provided with maize for nutrition, essential while taking medication. Psychosocial support and counselling is a beneficial service that KEDHAP staff offers to such individuals.

TKEDHAP's efforts have allowed HIV+ adolescents like Jerusa to stay healthy and live openly. Jerusa is now one of the adolescent mentors at Ogen Clinic. She counsels her peers with encouragement and ways to live positively. She leads by example by showing that despite having HIV, adherence to medication, adopting healthy habits, and having the right mindset; can enable one to live a normal life!

KEDHAP has impacted the lives of hundreds of PLWHAs thanks to YOUR support and encouragement. Your gift can be the difference between a life of fear and a life of empowerment for many vulnerable people like Jerusa!

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