

**MAISHA KARA TRUST
RESOURCE CENTER PROGRAMME
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TECHICIAL WORKING GROUP MEMBERS: GOVERNMENT CHILDREN DEPARTMENT- CHILDREN & PROBATION OFFICERS, CIVIL SOCIETY & MKT OFFICERS

Introduction

MAISHA KARA TRUST (MKT) continues its commitment to promotion of social justice by investing in life skills development & learning, livelihoods empowerment and rehabilitation of youth to mitigate their societal marginalization due to intellectual and emotional challenges and other special needs. MKT's entry point of proposed interventions is through supporting and facilitating required assessment, referral and rehabilitation of youth within national Remand homes, Rescue centres and Borstals. The aim is to enhance capacity of managers, social workers, government officers and partners in knowledge and skills for the future healthy development of these young people to become independent adults contributing to national development.

MKT's mission is to ensure that the gap in information and skills among institution managers and public children officers and their caregivers is greatly decreased and equitable access to relevant rehabilitation services is enhanced. Maisha is convinced that the establishment of this Resource and Information Centre will institute a much needed facility of updated, accurate information and skills on assessment, referral and rehabilitation and livelihoods empowered for the youth, caregivers and other private and government partners and professionals. MKT's comparative advantage is the ongoing and recently acquired partnership working agreements and Memorandum of Understanding with Ministry of Gender, Ministry of Education and Kenya education Management Institute (KEMI). MKT will use the same to leverage participation of key stakeholders to secure sustainability of proposed interventions.

MKT's programme beneficiaries will include but not limited to;

1. Children /Youth , caregivers (parents , guardians) with intellectual & emotional challenges and other special needs ,
2. Government partners in education ,
3. Private skilled professional in special needs and other development partners
4. Member Associations of various special need groups

Programme Objectives

The following were the proposed programme interventions:

1. To conduct operational research to obtain baseline data on the magnitude of young people with intellectual & emotional challenges and other special needs.
2. Advocate for appropriate policy and guidelines to enforce supportive care at institutional levels and dissemination of the same to various stakeholders to secure effective implementation.
3. To establishment & institute a Resource and information Centre where a database of updated information on talented & skilled youth , rehabilitation needs of youth and required sponsorship needs on required supportive care and vocational skills development ;
4. Capacity building of managers, social worker and children officers on assessment , referral and rehabilitation of children with special needs within Remand , rescue and Borstal centres;
5. Networking and partnership building with various public and private partners, development workers for the

Policy enforcement,
vocational skills
sponsorship.



**BRAIN RESOURCE CENTER
Graduation ceremony for deaf
& blind youth in agriculture
farming skills**



Interpreting during the ceremony



Urban agriculture skills planting vegetables in sacks for sale

Programme Implementation Activities July 2012 – December 2012

- 1. To conduct operational research to obtain baseline data on the magnitude of young people with intellectual emotional challenges and other special needs.**

Activity ongoing

1.1 Compilation of existing reports, surveys in ongoing by all TWG members for procuring of consultant to conduct Literature Review on magnitude of children/youth with intellectual & emotional challenges within

institutions.

- 2. Advocate for appropriate policy and guidelines to enforce supportive care at institutional levels and dissemination of the same to various stakeholders to secure effective implementation.**

Activities conducted

- 2.1** Held four consultation meetings with government partners from Ministry of Education & Quality Assurance and standards on the dissemination of SNE Policy framework of 2008.
- 2.2** Organized and facilitated a SNE stakeholder's forum meeting on 5th October of 20 participants to map the way forward on the revision and of SNE Policy framework of 2008 in light of the new education Bill and Constitutions. A key presentation on the SNE policy was made by Ms Ann Musalia Snr. Education officer MOE.

- 3. Networking and partnership building with various public and private partners, development workers for the policy enforcement and vocational skills sponsorship.**

- 3.1** MKT established partnership with **Bryan Resource center**. A center established by parents of a deaf/blind 25 years old young man for training deaf/blind youths in urban agriculture initiatives for income generation. The graduation ceremony on 6th December marked the graduation of 15 youths within the past 5 years.
- 3.2** MKT after undergoing organization vetting exercise by the MOEQA&S (Ministry of Education Quality Assurance & Standards) received a one year partnership agreement with the government starting September 2012 – September 2013.
- 3.3** MKT has held 3 consultation meetings with Children department officers namely; Deputy Assistant directors and project officers on the formation of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the implementation of the proposed interventions within Remand homes and rescue centers. A draft MOU developed by MKT was shared which initiated a meeting of key children officers to review the MOU for further follow up and sharing .MKT facilitated the meeting on 10th October which compromised of 5 children department officers, 3 officers from Rescue and Remand homes and 2 MKT staff. The outcome was the production of the final MOU draft document, which was then forwarded to director and Permanent Secretary for review and finalization..
- 3.4** Children's department officers were given the go ahead to initiate a technical working group (TWG) with MKT to develop action plans for the implementation of proposed interventions. Members of the TWG consists of representation from the ; Remand homes & Rescue centers, Probation officer, Charitable children Institutions , government children officers and institution mangers.
- 3.5** Refurbishment of ICT equipment at MKT offices was also undertaken during this period to enhance networking and communication with key partners. IEC materials such as banners and brochures were also updated and produced to improve visibility and share out during the various organized and facilitated meetings/forums.

- 4. To establishment & institute a Resource and information Centre where a database of updated information on talented & skilled youth, rehabilitation needs of youth and required sponsorship needs on required supportive care and vocational skills development.**

- 4.1** The process of indentifying a suitable facility and space is ongoing , while resources for the same are still being sourced through well-wishers and partners.

3.0 Next Steps

1. TWG meeting to be held on 15th January 2013 to review draft action plans and organize for initial visit to Rescue centers.
2. 2nd SNE Forum meeting on the planning the dissemination plan for the SNE Policy 2008 within the four programme sites in Nairobi, Kisumu, Busia , Mombasa and Kilifi.
3. Contract a consultant to conduct Literature Review on magnitude of children/youth with intellectual , emotional and other special needs within institutions.
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Presentations by partners during Brain Resource Center; Cheshire Children, Mr Shikoto of Brain Center and Catherine Maisha Kara

