



CRANES OF DAGO THIM

SELF HELP GROUP

Group Profile
2015

1. BACKGROUND

Historical Background

The **CRANES OF DAGO THIM SELF HELP GROUP** (formerly known as KONYA AKONYI SELF HELP GROUP) was established in 1998 as a self-help group. The new name was registered in 2015, registration No. S/H/G NO. 947/015.

It was also established to make an impact on the growing problem of vulnerable children, widows and orphans rights to sustainable development. This group is dedicated to promoting and protecting the rights of the children and supporting the vulnerable, widows and orphans. Cranes of Dago Thim organizes routine trainings on farming for the widows and youths for sustainability projects.

Vision: A Self Sustainable Community

Mission:

To promote human values through advocacy and community out-reach programs, provide care and support to the vulnerable members of the community, Education/ financial support to the less fortunate members of the society, training widows and youths on IGA and development issues to enhance their opportunities to realize their full potential and capabilities.

Core values

- ❖ Team work
- ❖ Honesty
- ❖ Equality
- ❖ Integrity
- ❖ Respect

Governance and Leadership

Executive office :

Composed of five (5) members elected at the annual general meeting. They include: The Chairman, The Secretary, Treasurer, Vice Chairman and Assistant Secretary the work is to coordinates the day to day activities, source for resources and to supervises implementation of programs.

Program Coverage

The geographical coverage is Nyahera Sub-location, North Kisumu Location, Nyahera Division, Kisumu County.

ACTIVITIES

Income Generating Activities

Cranes of Dago Thim has leased a farm from a member at affordable cost. It is a small farm within the member's homestead where the group rears local poultry for meat and eggs, cattle for resale, meat and milk and a small portion for planting cash crop i.e. bananas, vegetables,

tomatoes and fodder. The farm produce is sold to the locals and in the local markets and some are distributed to the supported individuals. The money realized is used in supporting the group programmes

The farm is managed by group executive office and members take turn in ensuring that the day to day activities are carried out.

a) Poultry farming



Feeding the chicken



Produce from chicken made ready for market

b) Cattle farming

The group rears local cattle for resale and milk. The farm is managed by group members in turns.



c) Cash crop farming



A member harvesting bananas

d) Selling firewood

Firewood is commonly used by the locals for cooking, so that makes its market readily available



Members preparing firewood for market

Preventive activities

- a) Coordinating and Mobilizing campaigns and actions on child right at the community levels
- b) Training youths and widows on sustainable farming



Trained widows, Youths and disadvantaged members of the community on sustainable farming

c) Anti jiggers program



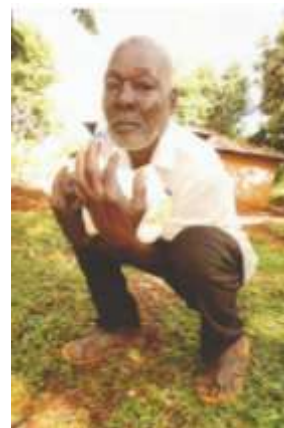
Volunteers from Canada washing the infected feet during anti jigger campaign

Support and donation

a) Support to orphans, widows and the disadvantaged.



Some of the Orphans and vulnerable children supported by the group



Some of the disadvantaged members of the community supported by the group

b) Distribution of sanitary towels to the girl child in public schools

Funding

The activities and programs are supported by contributions from members and gains from Income Generating Activities, donations from friends and well-wishers, Organizations that we partner with, County Government and Government Ministries.

Achievements.

- ❖ Capacity building to members in various field through trainings and workshops
- ❖ Members with spirit of voluntarism
- ❖ Well managed and running IGAs that contribute in supporting the orphans and vulnerable children.
- ❖ Through networking both at local and international levels a number of local and International Volunteers have come, worked and shared experiences with our group. Notably Volunteers from Canada and other local organizations. We still need to network with other organizations/ groups/ institute through exchange of experiences, material support, financial etc. for the benefit of our target group.
- ❖ The group has managed to sponsor 1 children in Formal Education and partly supporting 4 others with school uniform and basic needs.
- ❖ Cranes group has supplied 240 dozens of sanitary towels to girls in 2 public school within the locality in the past 1 Year.

Challenges

1. The group needs to get a long-term funder to support and fulfill its long-term planned activities and programs.
2. Inadequate funding has hampered its development plan. There is need to strengthen and diversify the funding to facilitate the planned activities
3. Empowering the trained youths and widows with equipment and material or loans is still a problem.
4. There is need to strengthen this area to have a successful story of the rehabilitated children and youth.
5. High expectation from the community

Networks/ Collaborators

- Ministry of Gender and social services
- Ministry of Children and Youth affairs
- NAAC – National Aids Control Council
- Ministry of Agriculture

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