

# HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH, KANAM



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## St John XIII Education Sponsorship Program Holy Family Parish Kanamkemer September 2022 Comprehensive Report

### 1. Appreciation

We would like to appreciate the immense sacrifice and contribution you all continue to make towards giving life to the poor students through the sponsorship program. The impact of the programs goes beyond the now of the immediate students to their families and their future. *Asante!*

### 2. Beyond School Fees

In addition to the students on the program, there are others who also get assistance from the program by way of school requirements, fees, books and transportation. It is a manifest reflection of household poverty that parents are unable to buy basic school requirements for their children. There were cases where we had paid fees but the students are unable to go to school because of lack of material school requirements. As would be seen on section 9 on financial report, other facilitations gulp almost as much as the amount paid out in fees. In all, resources are helping to keep the students at school. Office stationeries, transportation and communication as well as stipends for facilitators are all part of the other facilitations.

### 3. Enrollment

The program currently has 30 students in 17 different schools and assists some other 68 students in various needs. They were 31 but one of them in form 1 got pregnant and kept off school. This incidence raises one of the many challenges school girls in Turkana face.

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## 4. Pregnancy Incidence and other social menace

A female student recently enrolled into the program this year and in Form 1, reportedly got pregnant and was discovered at school. She went home and failed to return to school. Efforts to get the Children's Office to take up the matter against the person responsible failed as the family of the girl did not want any case because the girl and the boy are related. The boy and the girl are both under aged. Kenyan laws allow pregnant girls to remain in school until they deliver their babies and then take 'maternity leave' from school to nurse baby and then return to school.

Simple things as sanitary towels, transport to school, school requirements, disposable income etc could easily make them do anything without minding inherent consequences. HIV/AIDS prevalence, early parenthood, abortion and drug abuse are on the rise among teenagers here. While we do our best pastorally from the parish and from the Diocesan Youth Chaplaincy (I am the Diocesan Youth Chaplain, Diocese of Lodwar), the ultimate and actionable choice, decision and onus lie in the hands of individual youth.

## 5. Monitoring

Periodic visitation and monitoring of sponsored students are organized and facilitated during which their presence at school, participation in academic programs, discipline and dedication are checked.

## 6. Results and Performance

We noted that some first-year students in secondary schools here have transitional challenges and hence generally perform poorly but a good number of them pick up as from form two. Given the stringent selection process through which they were admitted into the sponsorship, we are generally happy with their first and second term results except for

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some who had transitional issues. They have been addressed and promised to improve on their performance in the third term.

## **7. Fee Payments**

In terms of fee payments, we continue to support students partially by paying 85% of their fees and their families and guardians paying the remaining 15%. This has worked well as we insist on partial sponsorship in spite of mounting pleas and pressure from parents for full sponsorship. We also get students involved in the payment to know how much we pay for them, how the payment is made and to know their respective school's fee payment, balances and bank details. Details of their fee payments for the first, second and third terms are attached herewith.

During their holidays, we engage them not only in planned mentorship activities but also in community service activities that seek to teach them how to give back to society in appreciation for the unmerited sponsorship. The point is that we are not spoon feeding them but equipping them to responsibly fend for themselves and care for others.

## **8. September 2022 Holiday Program**

As part of our initiative to give sponsored students a holistic formation, they had an extensive program from 20<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2022 with facilitators taking them through different topics. A copy of their program, photos and their attendance list are attached herewith.

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## 9. Financial Report

Sch. Terms	No of Students	Total Amount	Other facilitations	Total
First Term (April 2022)	31	Ksh 465,000	Ksh 185,000	Ksh 650,000
Second Term (July 2022)	30	Ksh 298,345	Ksh 242,000	Ksh 540,345
Third Term (Sept. 2022)	30	Ksh 234,000	Ksh 294,000	Ksh 528,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>Ksh 997,345</b>	<b>Ksh 721,000</b>	<b>Ksh 1,718,345</b>

## 10. Documents

Documents attached to this report include the following:

- Photos of September holiday program;
- Receipts of third term fee payments;
- Register of first term fee payments;
- Register of second term fee payments, and
- Attendance list of September holiday program.

Finally, on behalf of the 30 sponsored students and other students who also benefit materially from your support, and on behalf of their parents, we thank you and pray God's blessings upon you now and all the days of your life through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Yours in Christ

Fr Livinus Onogwu sps

Parish Priest/Program Administrator