

OMWABINI

Serving Orphans, Families, and Communities Living in Poverty

**Restoring hope and dignity in Western
Kenya Communities**



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MESSAGE FROM THE PROJECT MANAGER

This is a message to our donors, friends of Omwabini, staff and volunteers.

Greetings Brothers and Sisters!

We at Omwabini take this chance to thank Rev. Mary Austin, Luke Hamstra, Sue Cohen, George Michael, Rick Sharpe, Set free ministries (USA), Philip & Marian (USA), Real Gap volunteers, and local communities for your immensurable support and commitment to the realization of the great Omwabini's vision.

Our unity is full of color and the opposites yet our focus is one, helping the orphans, impoverished communities and families living in poverty. We have moved this far due to the respect we have for each other. The virtue of "this respect" has never barred anyone of us from speaking out our mind nor deterred us from acting in accordance to our conscience. Because of this, I salute each one of us.

We have reached a point of no return, but that makes it a point of serious reflection as we embark on the road ahead.

On behalf of The Omwabini and the local impoverished communities, I wish to implore upon all of us to grant Omwabini further financial, technical and spiritual support to enable realization of communities' immediate needs and sustainability.

All of us remain in my thoughts and in our prayers as Omwabini. May God bless you and bless Omwabini!

**Mary Bunyasi
Project Manager**

FOOD SECURITY

Omwabini purchased own land (4 acres) and planted maize and beans. The food will help feed 200 orphans being educated at Omwabini center and 20 impoverished families upon harvest later this year. The harvest from the 4 acres will avail food for these orphans for a period of 6 months. Omwabini supported 15 impoverished families with food relief supplies. The relief supplies comprised of maize seed and fertilizer.

THE BOYS HOSTEL

With the girls hostel already complete, there was great need to construct a permanent boys hostel. The hostel is under construction and expected to be complete in 6 weeks period. This hostel will accommodate 35 young boys (orphans) who are currently housed in semi permanent structures at the center. These structures don't avail adequate shelter and floods with water whenever it rains. With the adequate shelter at the orphanage there is no doubt that the children's health will be guaranteed and like the girls, the boys will fair well in their education.

OMWABINI MEDICAL CLINIC

The dispensation of Omwabini clinic at the center was a tremendous achievement for Omwabini. The clinic prides on two qualified nurses, a medical laboratory and donations of medicine. Before the establishment of the medical clinic we used to take the children to government district hospital for laboratory test then our own nurse administered the treatment based own the laboratory results. Now we undertake the tests from the Omwabini center and also administer the treatment also at the center. Apart from taking care of the orphans' medical needs, the clinic also serves the immediate impoverished community. Omwabini currently runs a community medical outreach program twice a week. Our immediate need is to acquire an ultra sound-scanning machine.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAMS

Under our community outreach programs, Omwabini undertakes house construction for impoverished families and spring protection to avail adequate shelter and clean water respectively. Over the last 5 months, Omwabini staff and volunteers have helped construct ten homes and 5 water springs, an average of two houses and one spring every month. The 10 newly constructed homes are benefiting a total of 58 orphans and 5 widows. Omwabini provided enough blankets and mattresses for each of the 10 households that received a new house. The five water springs have helped to avail clean water to 268 households, one medical clinic and 2 primary schools with a population of 1,454 pupils and 59 teachers.

EDUCATION SPONSORSHIP

Schools and colleges opened in April 2010 and Omwabini helped sponsor a total of 6 orphans in college and 29 others in secondary school. Besides the college and secondary school sponsorship, Omwabini also provides for the education needs for the 65 young orphans staying at the orphanage. Such needs include, the school uniform, shoes, books, pens and tuition fees. Two of the Omwabini sponsored orphans who sat for their final exams last year qualified for the university entry and will be joining the universities in August this year. The two Fred Wanyonyi and Joram Wambulwa sponsored through Rev. Mary Austin's initiative will be studying degrees in disaster management and Education science respectively. Another sponsored orphan Shadrack Juma who also qualified for university is currently volunteering at Omwabini. Shadrack help facilitate the orphans to play and talk and to develop socially, and giving them basic exposure to numeracy and literacy which is often crucial in enabling them to go on to receive a primary school education. His skills and experience in relevant areas of the organization has helped ensure sustainability and a code of excellence.

MILK COWS

Omwabini purchased two exotic breed milk cows to help produce milk for the orphans living at the care center. The cows are milked twice a day and we plan to purchase 3 more milk cows in order to produce enough Milk for all the children in the orphanage.

GIFTS IN-KIND

Goodwill donations cover a fair part of Omwabini's day-to-day running expenses. Churches and well-wishers donate clothing food to the Home-based Care programme while health and agricultural professionals give of their time for free.

Not all who work at Omwabini are employed. There is no doubt the help of volunteers is a valued donation of time and skills. There are those who volunteer their services because they care about the impacts of the disease. There are those who want to be busy at what is proving to be a very vibrant and active rural node. At any given point, there are at least 5 foreign volunteers helping out and sharing their skills and approaches to the work.

IMPACT OF THE APPROACH

There is evidence of change and upliftment in the communities with which it works. Staffs have determined impact indicators for the programmes, and records for analysis are routinely kept. This is with a view to establishing a database of statistics, as well as a thorough study of the organisation's impact.

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