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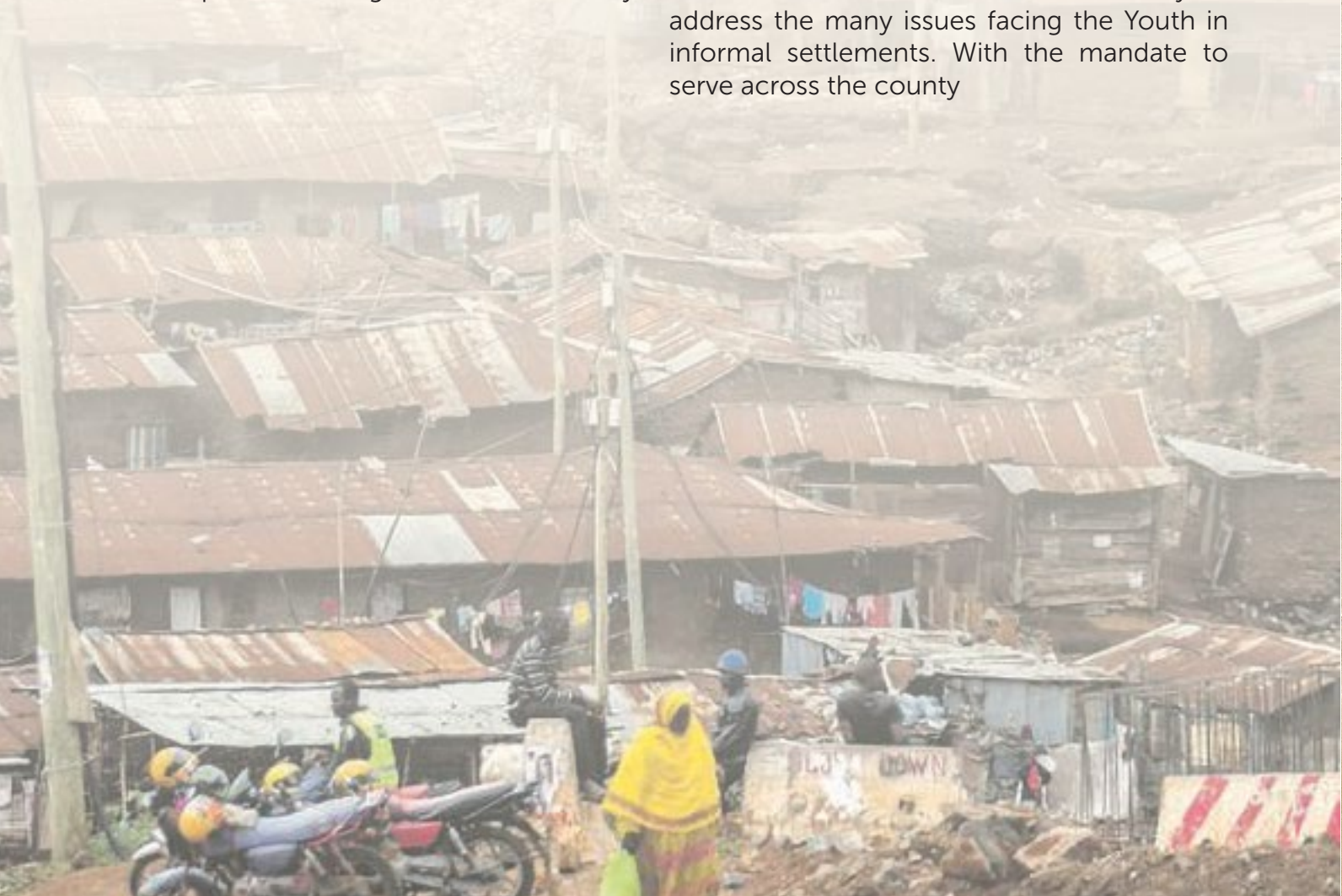


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Miss Koch Kenya (MKK) is a not-for-profit youth empowerment organization that transforms lives through education and mentorship, talents and entrepreneurship, mental and sexual reproductive health promotes behaviour change, child protection and development. .

MKK is a not for profit youth empowerment organization founded in 2001 as a Community Based Organization (CBO) to address the vulnerability of girls and young women in the Korogocho slum of Nairobi, Kenya. At the time of establishment, crime and gender based violence were rife in Korogocho slum. A group of committed young people decided something had to be done and recognized the need for a platform that could address these vices and push for change in their community.

In the year 2010, after years of good work in the community, MKK transformed from being a Community Based Organization (CBO) to a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) and was registered in 2010 under the Non-Governmental Organization Coordination Board Organization Act (Cap 19) of 1990. MKK continues to develop and gain experience across a range of areas critical to the Youth, building its competence and refining its vision and mission as to what is the best way to address the many issues facing the Youth in informal settlements. With the mandate to serve across the county





Our Vision:

Transforming lives by Empowering Minds.

Our Mission:

To empower young People through, Education, Nurturing Talent, Mentorship and Life-Skills for their sustained social well-being.

Our Goal

Synergize capabilities for resilience in transforming lives.

Strategic Objectives:

1. Young people's education and skills improved
2. Youth human rights defended
3. Funding sources diversified
4. Institutional processes and systems strengthened
5. Market linkages and networking improved
6. Investment in staff skills and tools improved

Our Values:

MKK seeks to be a highly Professional Organization that is characterized by being CREATIVE.

T- Trustworthy

R- Resourceful

A- Accessible

C- Caring

E- Ethical.

Our Work

MKK has four programmatic divisions that it uses to manifest change

Education & Mentorship



Teen pregnancy rates in the past 5 years and the effect of Covid-19 in the recent past made MKK realize the need for engaging Early Childhood Development (ECD) center's as an action to support the rising need supporting young children to have a center that can take care of their needs. After interacting and collecting data on the level of teen pregnancy in Korogocho ward we were hit with the reality of high teen pregnancies encountered since 2017 to date, the data revealed a high number of 415 teen pregnant girls and teen mothers. It is on this premise we were able to establish a center to serve as crèche to the vulnerable community that is faced with myriad challenges.

MKK resorted to scouting in various schools to see what would be done to make a significant difference in transforming the lives of young children. Among the schools and community spaces, we came across a school within the expansive Korogocho informal settlement that caught our attention. The head teacher after seeing that ECD center learners were running short of space, secured a space that could host 150 ECD learners.

We visited the site for more ideas and understanding. We decided to partner with the school in construction of a classroom and 3 toilets to help the young learners have their unique habitable place. We are also providing swings for the learners and also fruit trees that will benefit them in the future and add to the beautification of the place and environment. We are equipping the learning spaces with learning materials to accord learners with tools to conceptualize from a young stage.

MKK also factored in the nutrition elements of the children, where we planned to feed the learners on a progressive term and this not only builds in boosting the child's immune but the overall health and well-being of the child.

Talents & Entrepreneurship

MKK endeavours to nurture talent and skills in



young people to overcome high unemployment by providing safe spaces and improving access for the youth to participate in the creative arts industry, providing expert training in various creative arts, facilitating shows and events to showcase the young talent of Korogocho and its environs, helping to develop opportunities to earn a living from the creative arts industry; by linking young people to events and by training them in entrepreneurship.

Leadership, Governance and Human Security



MKK strives to safeguard and expand young people's vital freedoms through development works geared towards the expansion of opportunities that guarantee freedom from want and freedom from fear this is done by protecting people from critical and pervasive threats and empowering citizens/young people to take charge of their own lives.

Mental and Sexual Reproductive Health:



MKK helps young people embrace healthy lifestyles by changing their risk-taking behavior and by improving their knowledge and practice of sexual and reproductive health. We further lobby and advocate for the highest attainable standard of health within Korogocho, including reproductive health care, inform the youth on HIV/AIDS and STIs and how to avoid infection and bad choices, provide free contraception and advice on sexual issues and family planning to promote healthy choices and behavior, inform and promote the UNAIDS/WHO targets and guidelines as a lead agencies in fighting HIV/AIDS – such as Treatment for All and the 90-90-90 targets.

Through various programs, MKK is addressing the issue of Pregnant Parenting Adolescents (PPA's) and how these young people can share their lived-experiences. MKK is also engaged with like-minded stakeholders to challenge policies of societal exclusion and mitigation of child bearing age.

MKK and the SDGs

The work of MKK aims to contribute to the implementation of the UN 2030 Agenda for sustainable development. The work is particularly targeting Goal 1 (no poverty);



MKK is addressing this goal by improving lives of young people in advancing social and economic development of its constituencies through various objectives.



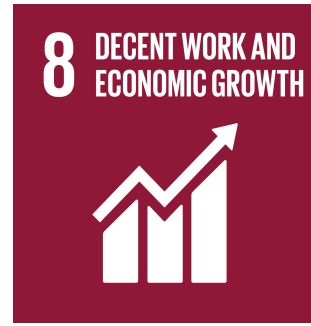
We also target Goal 2 (zero hunger) through the social enterprise arm that is looking at agriculture and through the agribusiness project. This project will supply organic food that will be beneficial to people, it will be ecologically sustainable, and contribute income that will support the implementation of MKK projects.



With respect to SDG 3 (good health and well-being), MKK focuses on the well-being of its young people who is the main target group for the organization. In several projects we are addressing the need for mental health and reproductive health. Hence, in implementing our projects, the MKK is forging partnerships that will strengthen youth-friendly services and promoting their well-being.



The SDG 4 (quality education), is one amongst the strongest goals that MKK has been fronting since 2003, that is, in seeing its young people access quality education. Through one of the programs focusing on education and mentorship, the MKK advocates for quality education for instance by offering scholarship to the needy young people to assist them to advance through education for sustained livelihood.



MKK has had a strong focus on its female. We are also making contributions towards SDG 8 in terms of advancing skills for self-employment (hence, job creation). MKK is doing this not least by nurturing existing opportunities for young people through fostering talents and entrepreneurship that will lead young people in creating sustainable livelihoods through employment creation. In the past, we have partnered with Kenya Community Development Foundation (KCDF) in creating meaningful employment among our constituencies.



With reference to SDG 5 (gender equality), the main agenda for MKK since its inception has been to address girls and women that face discrimination and violations. Through various programs, MKK is addressing the issue on Pregnant Parenting Adolescents (PPA's) and how these young people can share their lived-experiences. MKK is also engaged with like-minded stakeholders to challenge policies of societal exclusion and mitigation of child bearing age.



MKK is fostering partnerships to be able to implement her objectives in accordance to it's strategic plan and in line with SDG 17 gearing towards sustained communities. MKK is geared towards building synergies and capabilities through partnerships.



Achievements

MKK has been able to create impact through her programmes in partnership with individuals, corporates, INGOs, philanthropists, government and other local non government actors.

The following are achievements of MKK since 2001 to date:

- I. Supported over 8,000 households with food supplies
- II. Capacity building over 100 reformed youth in urban farming techniques
- IV. Provided and maintained 18 community hand washing water points
- V. Helping in reclaiming riparian land into proper use of urban farming and recreation parks in Korogocho
- VI. Reached out to 1000+ girls with sanitary towels
- VII. Supplied to over 300 young men in Korogocho with male condoms
- VIII. Currently supporting 38 students and transitioned 120 through scholarship.
- IX. Afterschool instructional support to over 700 girls in numeracy, literacy, and life skills.
- X. Counseled over 300 parents on how to support their children's education.
- XI. Trained over 140 youth in 6 art forms (music, dance, photography, fine arts, modelling and disc jockeying)
- XII. Trained 1,200 adolescents in Korogocho on life skills sessions with emphasis on child protection and SRHR Information in 15 schools.
- XIII. Trained over 100 young people in information and communication technology (ICT).
- XIV. Trained 90 DJs to work level in an intensive 3-month training Program.
- XV. Trained 100 Youth Peer Providers and Educators
- XVI. Reached out to 3,500 out of school youth on Sexual and Reproductive Health and family planning
- XVII. Winner of various awards, including the Mayor's Award 2004 Safer Cities Program, and Mashinani Award 2005.





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