



ACTION

for children in conflict
Protecting street & other acutely vulnerable children in the Thika area

A JOB WELL DONE



Mrs Joel Kibe in their shop

Joel is a middle aged man who resides in Juja with his family. Before the post-election violence in 2008, he was living in Nyanza province, Kisumu, Kondele village where he operated a business in electronics but during the violence, all he had was burnt down but he was lucky that none of his family members were killed. AFCIC helped IDPs like Joel start life afresh and he was considered for a loan of Kshs.7,000 to start a "mali mali" business. Within 4 months, he had repaid the loan; was given a second and third loan of Kshs.15,000 and Kshs.18,000 respectively. Joel is one of the successful IDP clients under the support of AFCIC who is self dependent, providing employment to others (employed 4 young men), refunding the money given to him, making good savings and building his business. Joel confesses working hard so that he can help more people change their lives. Because of his great performance, he was awarded as the 2nd best performer among all IDP clients supported by AFCIC.

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VOICE OF A CHILD

AFCIC is a member of the Area Advisory Committee (AAC) in Thika and we advocate for the Rights of Children. We humbly request members of the public not sell glue, give casual jobs or money to the children on the streets. This is because it makes it difficult for these children to go back to school, fall back to the streets after rehabilitation or become permanent street children. As a result, the children no longer want to be associated or go back home to their families due to the poverty levels as life is comfortable on the streets. This makes it impossible to eradicate the street children menace in our town. The Thika District Children Office have been distributing leaflets to the members of public in Thika town discouraging them from giving handouts to children as this encourages them to continue staying on the streets. The AAC requests the community members to adopt or foster a child(ren) and help change their lives as they need a home, education and a more meaningful life.

FOR THE LOVE OF FOOTBALL

AFCIC's Ruiru outreach satellite clinic got a boost this month with the boys receiving football t-shirts from a well wisher. The clinic operates on weekly basis to try and prevent more children from falling to the streets. A good number of the children from this area have been rehabilitated, taken back



home/school or for skills training and most have reformed. Football is a very important sport as it enables the social workers to identify vulnerable children some of whom may need intensive rehabilitation, give them an opportunity to conduct group sessions and network with other organizations. Other than football, acrobats, creative arts and drama are also done with the assistance of local volunteers. Football also enables children on the streets, especially street boys, identify with AFCIC so that they can get help depending on an individual's case as they need different kind of help.

Thanks to our new AfCiC supporters!

AfCiC would like to thank the following new supporters of our organisation:

Gold Member:

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Bronze Members: Mr. S. Mwangi

Thank you for making a difference to vulnerable children and families in our community. If you would like to join our team and support at-risk children around Thika, please contact us!

