



NG'AA MASKANI KENYA

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ABOUT US

Ng'aa Maskani Kenya is a registered Kenyan NGO that seeks to address the plight of vulnerable boys and girls by offering psychosocial support, mentorship, guidance and counseling. Ng'aa Maskani was registered in 2021. We now reach out to over 1000 children-boys and girls with our weekly programs.

Ng'aa Maskani derived from Swahili name Ng'aa (which means SHINE) Maskani (which means residence) we seek to inspire boys and girls to thrive in their environment (communities, homes, rescue centers) through a guided curriculum. We seek to team up with caregivers in the community for better outcomes.



OUR VISION

Our vision is to impact lives. Through our programs, we aspire to see children leading decent, respected, positive social lives in a safe and healthy caring environment. Bringing out holistic, healthy stable adults.



CORE VALUES

The core values that are key to our identity and ambition are:



Integrity



Commitment
and hard work



Quality



Ethics



Child
participation



Accountability



Partnership

THE PROBLEM

Children in resource constrained urban and rural settings experience countless problems that often change their outlook of life. Some of these issues include; neglect, rejection, emotional abuse, early or forced marriage, lack of schooling, unmet health needs, stress, depression, physical abuse and FGM. Some children believe that because they were born to poor parents there is no hope. We have often encountered children who are rescued from FGM, GBV or Early marriage but still live with unmet counselling needs. We seek to bridge the gap where children have met physical needs and unmet emotional/psychological need where they live. We Empower boys and girls in resource-constrained settings to deal with their challenges and make better choices. By making better choices they change their lives and environment.

We endeavor to help create a safe space for abused, rejected, abandoned children in collaboration with communities, schools & shelter homes, to help them express themselves and live beyond their trauma.

OUR PROGRAMS

Our programs seek to support young people to; break the cycle of poverty by changing mindsets, Promote education, explore opportunity for economic empowerment and help children advocate for their own general good.



01 G.L.O.W programs;

This is a girl led, girl centered program, that seeks to mentor girls leaders and amplify the voice of girls. We use Global GLOW(Girls leading our world) curriculum for weekly programing.



02 Inform to transform outreach program

This is a holiday outreach program where we go to the community. Through community leaders, we gather and inform boys and girls during school breaks. The aim is to create a safe space for boys and girls to express themselves while at the same time learn from mentors. In this space, we seek to initiate community dialogues that will shift harmful cultures and promote care cultures. Our outreach program goes hand in hand with health and dignity clubs.



03 Health and dignity clubs

This is a menstrual hygiene program that seeks to reduce period poverty among girls in slums and rural areas. We inform and mentor girls on menstrual hygiene, working closely with partners to ease access of sanitary supplies.



03 Boys to men programs;

This is a gentleman's club that seeks to raise boys into men. Boys need guidance too. For impact in any society, men's involvement to drive change cannot be overlooked.



04 Teen mums initiative (TMI)

This is a mental health and counselling forum for teen mums, giving them second chances to rethink and strategize in life. Tmi helps teen mums explore opportunities for economic empowerment and education

RATIONALE

Mentoring is not just a great idea; it is a proven concept. Many people have gone further than they thought they could because someone else thought they could and mentored them. Having a mentor can provide one with many advantages. A mentor can help to shorten one's learning curve, open one's mind to new ideas and possibilities, identify opportunities and advise on how to promote oneself.



OUR APPROACH

We use a guided curriculum to conduct weekly sessions. Our mentors talk to the mentees on different issues that mentees need. The program uses structured activities that include; art, play, focus group discussions, debates, skits, pictorials, open Q and A sessions, drama, field competition and short lectures.

During the mentorship program, we build rapport with the children and encourage positive relationships and support systems to enhance what we learn even way after the program.

CONCLUSION

Numerous abused children are often been abused by adults known to them. Poverty and cultural practices increase vulnerabilities of children. By offering psychosocial support to children post trauma and in resource constrained settings, we bridge the gap between of care givers not knowing what to do with children that have been abused.

Through co-operation with communities, local authorities, the church, civil society organizations and government we aim to identify and break down barriers which lead to inequality in order to create the environment and activity for positive change. We aim to address practices which affect boys and girls, to empower them to champion positive change.

Your generous donations goes a long way to make a difference and help boys' and girls' life in the community we work in.





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