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Dignified ablution block for 22 girls at Eldoret Children's Rescue Centre

Project information

Structure	Eldoret
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Project title	Dignified ablution block for 22 girls at Eldoret Children's Rescue Centre
Project start date	01/08/2019
Project end date	30/11/2019
Project location	Kenya
Soroptimist Partners (Union, Club, Single Club)	Brande
External partner (NGOs, companies, local government, etc.)	Eldoret Children's Rescue Centre

Programme objectives

Health (including water and food security)
Violence against women and children

The story of your project

Please summarise your project in some sentences:

Eldoret Children's Rescue Centre takes in abandoned and rescued street children. The current population includes 22 girls who were in dire need of sanitation facilities.

Why did your club / union choose to do this project?

Eldoret Children's Rescue Centre opened its doors in 2002 to abandoned and/or rescued children from the streets of Eldoret and its environs. Currently, the centre has a population of 22 girls, 30 boys and 7 toddlers. The upper age limit admissible is 18 years but this is impractical due to special cases such as mentally challenged youth still dependent at 18 years. The center was in dire need for safe ablution facilities for the 22 girls. The project was earmarked after a visit to the rescue centre with visitors from SI Club of Brande, Union of Denmark who had earlier accorded support for a different project at the centre. It was observed that the sanitation facilities for the 22 girls were grossly inadequate. The two existing toilets and one bathroom were in a deplorable state. Girls require safe spaces to carry out their sanitation activities with dignity and without fear of being molested. Having a continuous supply of water for bathing, flushing of toilets and hand washing is very important for maintaining high standards of hygiene and guarding against water-borne diseases. During menses, the girls require safe spaces for changing, bathing and washing their soiled undergarments.

How did you implement this project? What concrete actions did you take to tackle the issue you mentioned in the previous question?

Following discussions, SI Club of Eldoret partnered with the SI Club of Brande to raise funds to construct three (3) toilets, (1 for the physically challenged) and two (2) bathrooms for the girls. A water tank was also hoisted and a water pump installed to ensure continuous supply of running water to both the toilets and bathroom.

Did you encounter any problems in organising or running your project?

Yes. The initial site allocated for construction was not safe for the girls but following discussions with the Board of Directors at the centre, an alternative site was designated where the ablution block now stands.

How did you solve this problem? What did your club/union learn from solving these problems that you would like to share with others Soroptimists who might find themselves in the same situation?

The Club of Eldoret engaged the Centre Director to appeal to the Board of Directors to consider the request for an alternative site. The Club members also held consultative meetings which equipped the Project Committee with great insights on the implementation process.

Did the members of your club/union consider this project a success?

Yes. The Project is a great success since it has been embraced by the end user and has also met the Club's expectations to cater for the needs of the girls. The girls have a clean and safe space in a convenient location where they can carry out their sanitation activities with confidence and dignity

Project results

Our project's main target were:

Girls

How many people benefited from your project in total?

22

How much money did you raise?

6'000 €

How many hours have you spent to achieve this project?

150

Supporting material

Women's voices

Do you have a nice story or quote from a woman or girl who directly benefited from this project? If yes, please share it with us in the space below.

"Haki mumetufanyia vizuri... Asante kwa kutujengea choo na bafu. Mungu awabariki" Ciiru remarked in Kiswahili. Loosely translated, "Indeed you have done us good. Thank you for putting up the toilets and bathrooms for us. God Bless you." Ciiru