

HELP KENYA'S ORPHANS AFFECTED BY AIDS

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You can help today through the
AED ORPHAN SUPPORT PACK

This project will enable AED to increase the number of orphaned children we are serving in Kenya. Every \$100 raised will provide a year's worth of basic health and education services, along with supplies such as a ball, a blanket and a parent memory book, to an orphaned child under five years of age.



Find out more at

www.changethroughchildren.aed.org/orphansupport





YOU CAN HELP.

As part of the Change Through Children campaign we have an immediate opportunity for schools, organizations, corporations and individuals to participate in a program designed to provide community-based care and support to orphans under the age of five affected by AIDS in Kenya. More than 11 million children in sub-Saharan Africa have lost one or both parents to AIDS. By 2010 that number is expected to reach 20 million.

Two other startling facts:

The number of children who will be orphaned by AIDS in sub-Saharan Africa by 2010



The number of all children under age five in America today.

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The AED Orphan Support Pack Project will expand the services and materials available to orphans in Kenya. For every \$100 raised, an orphaned child will receive a pack from the community mentor who is responsible for the child's well being.

Each pack will provide support for the child for one year and include the following items:



Every **\$100** raised will provide a child with:

- Preschool fees for one year
- Full immunizations:
 - BCG (Tuberculosis)
 - DPT (Diphtheria, Pertussis & Tetanus)
 - Polio
- Weekly home visits by a trained community mentor for one year
- Caregiver support group for one year
- A parents memory book (and materials to make)
- A blanket
- A ball
- A "sippy cup" and bowl
- A school uniform
- A notebook, pencil and crayons
- A washcloth and soap

SUPPORT A PROGRAM THAT WORKS.

In March, 2001, AED, with funding from the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), implemented a successful pilot program to help young children in the AIDS-affected community of South Kabras in Kenya's Western province. This ongoing program, called "Speak for the Child" (www.aed.org/projects/sfc), seeks to improve the physical, cognitive, and emotional care and development of these children by allowing them to remain in their communities and receive the individual attention they need to stay connected to their past and their future. The results of this program are impressive — it works:

Immunization: 95% of enrolled children are now fully immunized.

Education: 94% of eligible children are now enrolled in preschool.

Nutrition: 59% of caregivers are now combining and enriching foods to improve the diets of children under 5.

Verbal interactions: 57% of caregivers are now talking to the children, telling stories, trying to talk in a gentle manner or to shout less, trying to listen more.

Stimulation: 49% of caregivers are now spending more time with the young children, providing play materials, encouraging them to play and socialize.

Night terrors: 49% of caregivers now understand and allay young children's fears by explaining death and parents' absence and reassuring children about fears of abandonment.

If you would like to learn more about Kenya, its people, culture, geography, history, how the AIDS epidemic is impacting the country and, more importantly, how you can help an orphan affected by AIDS, please contact Aspasia Moundros at amoundro@aed.org or by phone at (212) 367-4617.

To register online to receive the free AED Orphan Support Pack information kit, visit our website at www.changethroughchildren.aed.org/orphansupport

