

GLOBAL HUMANITARIAN MISSION

PROJECT PROPOSAL

Mother Kevin School



Kaptembwa, Nakuru
Kenya

Overview

The Little Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi is an indigenous Congregation founded in 1932 by Irish missionary, Mother Mary Kevin. The Order was first started in Uganda, and has spread to Tanzania and Kenya, tending to the poor and the needy that they are called to love and serve, through apostolate ministry, such as education; healthcare, including managing hospitals and dispensaries; catechetical work; and social services, including caring for street children, orphans, single mothers, the aged, and people with disabilities.

In Kenya, **LSOSF**, now a population of over 700, is a blessing to the poor through Mother Kevin School, which sits in the heart of the Kaptembwa slums of **Nakuru**. Kaptembwa is a densely populated slum of **800,000** people, with the highest rates of HIV and AIDS.

Mother Kevin School was established in 1994, when newborn babies were being abandoned to the care of the Sisters at the Mother Kevin Dispensary. They were later placed with families and children's homes in the Diocese, but would receive their education at Mother Kevin School.

Today, **Mother Kevin School** is serving a student population of **1,104** in 1st through 7th grades, who are taught by a staff of **29**. Every morning, children from the neighborhood slums would wait at the school gate, knowing they would be admitted and fed, and the Sisters seized this opportunity to lure them to attend classes, with the prospect of breakfast and lunch. The facilities are now bursting at the seams, and grossly deteriorated by time and overuse.

Recently, the government has mandated that students in grades 6 and 7 must be separated from kindergarten and elementary-aged school children. So, the Sisters have been praying for a way to purchase land adjoining the existing school property, on which to build a separate classroom block for the 6th and 7th graders, in accordance with the new government regulations.



Where They Are

Country



Local



Coordinates: 0.2917° S, 36.0295° E



Project Snapshot

Global Humanitarian Mission, as a Christian organization, enacts the Corporal Works of Mercy to those we serve. As such, we recognize the enormous burden Little Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi are carrying in order to fulfill their charism of bringing newness and fullness of Christ's life in their corner of the world.

Little did the **Little Sisters** know the heights which **Mother Kevin School** would attain. Their gates are flooded with children, hungry and withering away from lack of care. The school is stretched to capacity.

GHM is now establishing the **Mother Kevin School** project to address the most immediate needs the **Little Sisters** have in caring for these children:

- Hire 6 qualified teachers for Junior school
It is projected that the first year of funding will increase the Junior School's rate of self-reliance and success.
- Purchase teaching materials and classroom furniture to create a wholesome learning environment

Your gift will ensure that the students of Mother Kevin School receive a sound education that will prepare them for a successful future out of the slums!

TOTAL COST: \$37,354.08



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Little Sisters of St. Francis Assisi need you!

Mother Kevin School is at a crossroads.

It has become the cornerstone of the Kaptembwa slums.

The children have come to rely on the Sisters as their mainstay.

They know they will not be turned away.

They come for food to sustain their physical needs.

And they are fed! They are fed on the "Bread of Life"!

For they are nurtured and guided and instructed in lessons, and in God's Word.

But the Little Sisters are stretched. Mother Kevin has grown to unimaginable heights.

Now they are stretched beyond their limits.

They simply do not have the resources to continue alone.

*The Little Sisters need your help to make sure these children of the slums
don't stay in the slums!*



*"Then Jesus declared, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry,
And whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'" John 6:35*

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