

PROJECT PROPOSAL  
A House of Formation  
*For The Little Sisters*



*Postulants share alms with the community on their weekly Abstinence days*

Subukia, Nakuru County  
Kenya

# Overview

The **Little Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi** is an indigenous Congregation founded in 1923 by Irish Franciscan missionary, Mother Mary Kevin Kearney. 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, single mothers, the aged, people with disabilities, and orphans.

In Kenya, **LSOSF**, now a population of over 800, is a blessing to the poor through a variety of services, including teaching at all levels, community-based health care services, social ministries that care for street children and people with disabilities, orphans, the elderly, and prisoners.

The professed **Sisters** are spread out in all six regions of Kenya, and each Sister has a designated community. As they go out into the communities to serve the poor and the needy, each Sister is first charged to witness Jesus Christ.

There is a great demand for service in this region. One atrocity in particular is that young girls are being subjected to genital mutilation - some often against their wish, while others follow their culture blindly. Girls are also married off at a very tender age, and dropping out of school at the primary level because of this. They start giving birth at this underdeveloped age, and cannot afford to support their children. Consequently, the children develop disorders related to poor nutrition and starvation.

More **Sisters** are needed to work with these young women, to educate them, and provide resources for them to receive vocational training.

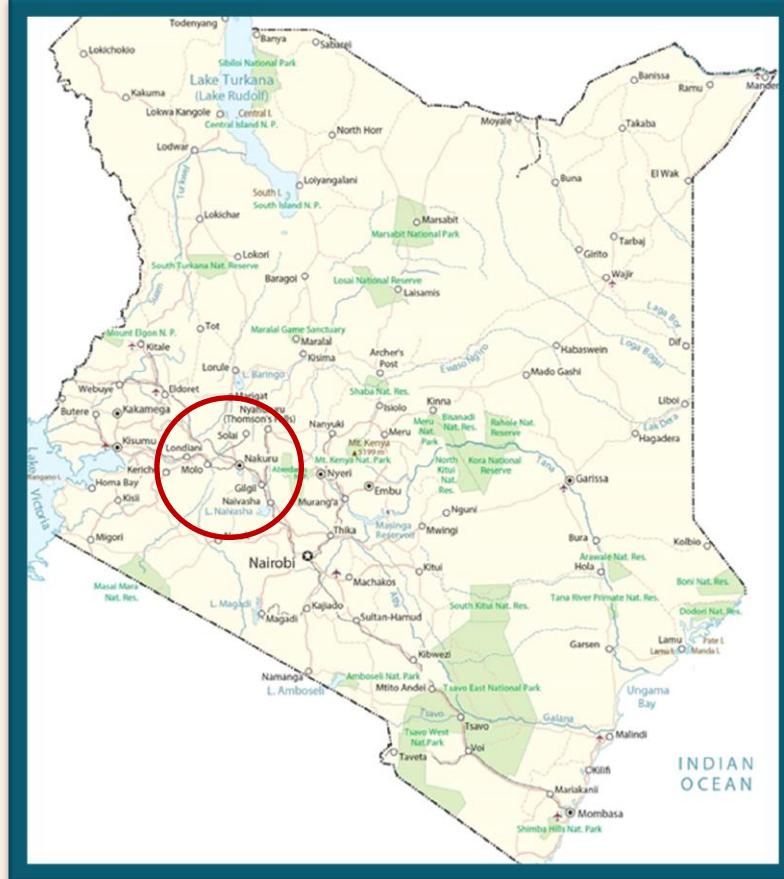
In East of the Rift Valley region, there are 182 **Sisters**, 62 of whom are over 65. The time is at hand, when they will need to be relieved of their heavy responsibilities to make way for young Sisters coming on board, in order to continue serving the poor and marginalized.

There is an abundance of young women all over East Africa, eager to join the Order and serve God through service to the poor. Since Novitiates and Postulates are required to be in separate facilities, a training facility is desperately needed to train Sisters to go out into the communities where they are most needed to serve the vulnerable.

***“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men.”***

**Colossians 3:23**

# Where They Are



Coordinates: 0.0019° S, 36.2278° E



*The Way of the Cross on Good Friday*

# 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.

**A House of Formation For The Little Sisters** is therefore being established to ensure that the LSOSF will be able to continue serving the Lord and serving those in great need.

The project will entail constructing a 2-Story Formation House on 20 acres of land, which the **Little Sisters** acquired in 2018. The land is arable farmland, and will also allow for cultivation to sustain their community.

The Formation House will be equipped with the following:

- 45 Hostel rooms
- 1 Chapel
- 2 Prayer rooms
- 1 Library
- 2 Study rooms
- 4 Staff offices
- 1 Dining room
- 1 Kitchen

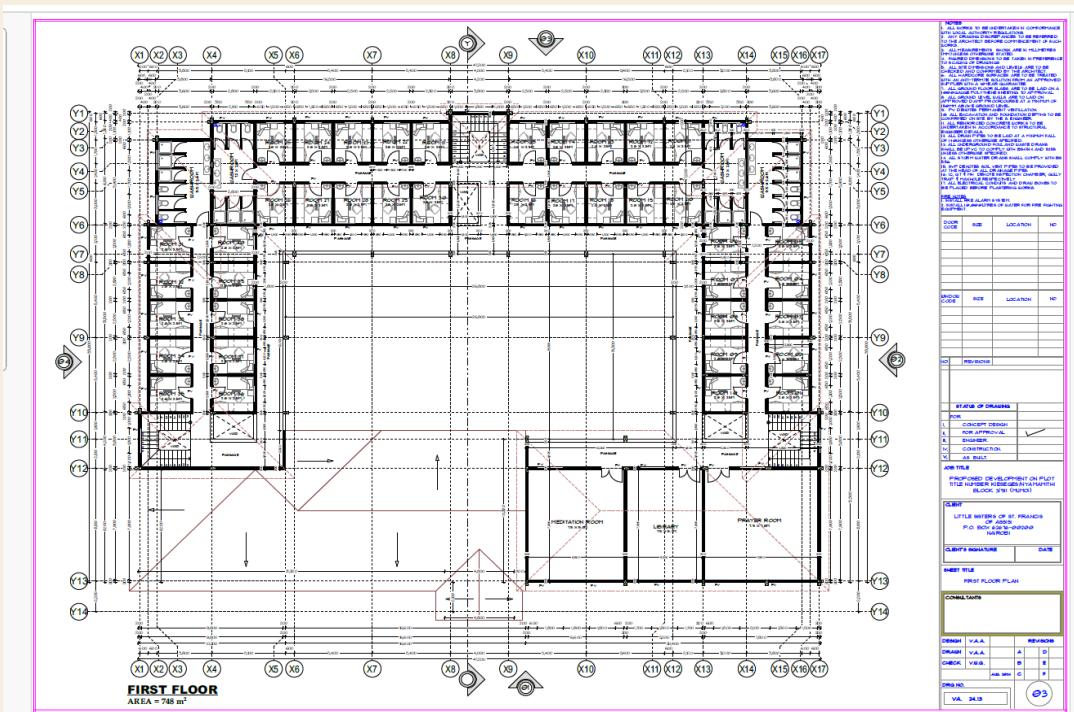
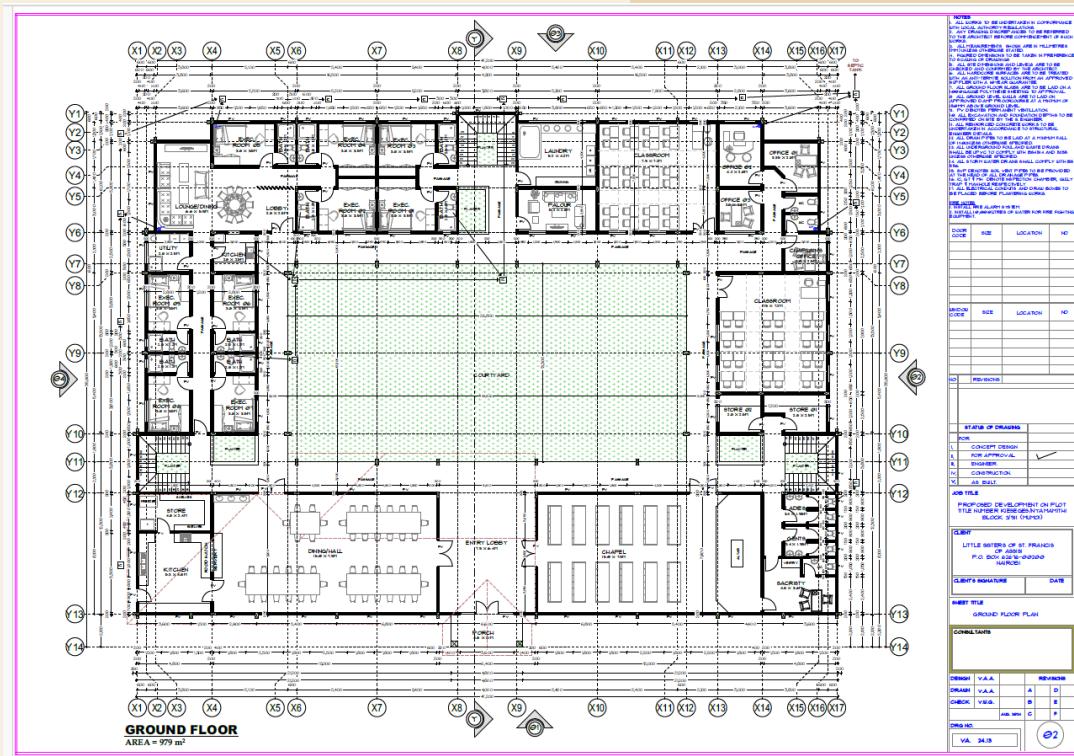
***For a two-year period, young postulates will be trained here, and prepared for the Lord's service to Kenya's most vulnerable.***

**TOTAL COST: \$670,024.37**

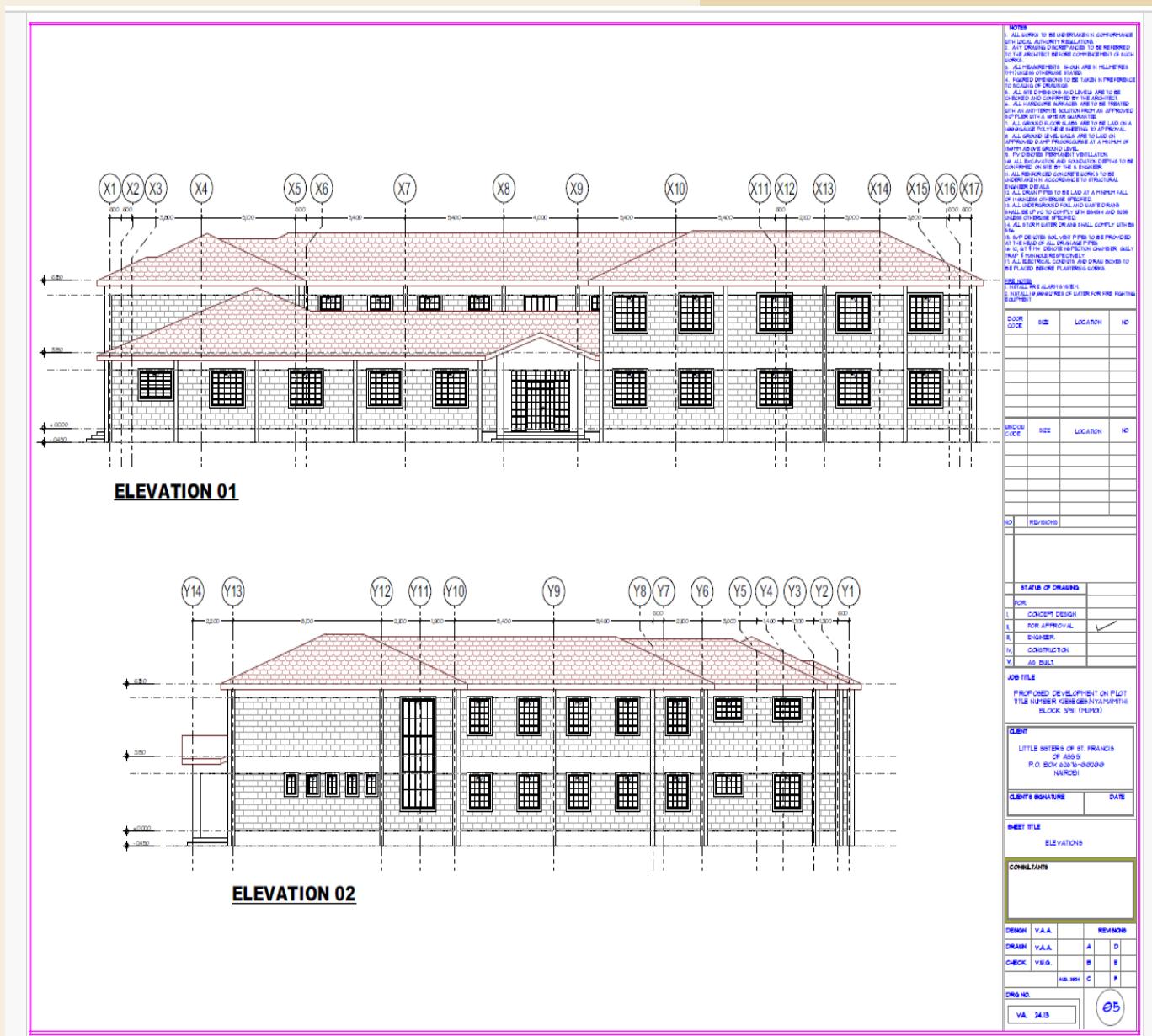


*Future site of the LSOSF House of Formation*

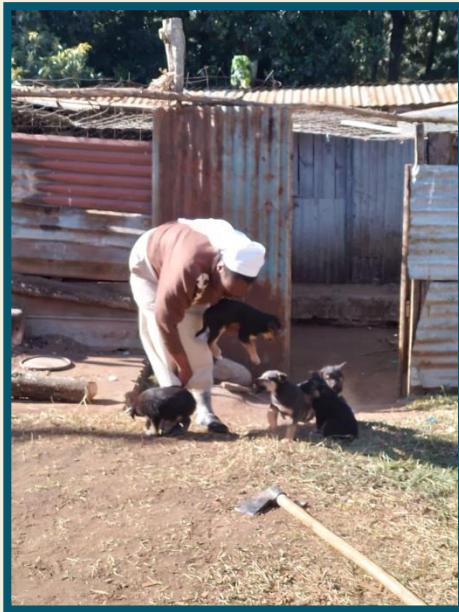
# The Plans



# Elevations



# Working In The Vineyard



*Taking care of the dogs and rabbits, milking the cows*

*"Let the kindness of the Lord our God be over us.  
Make the work of our hands last. Make the work of our hands last!" Psalm: 90:17*

# From Global Humanitarian Mission

***Little Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi need you!***

**Orphans, people with disabilities, the youth, Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs), refugees, patients with HIV/Aids, the elderly, prisoners - They all need you!**

**Young girls are being taken before their prime and mutilated! This must be stopped!**

***With your support, more Little Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi will be trained, so that they can go out into the communities of Subukia and shine light into the darkness!***



***Cooking lessons***



***Taking baby's weight***



***Reaching out to the community***

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