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Northeastern Region
Improving the lives of women and girls

REGION PROJECT IDEA: SUPPORTING AN INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM

WHAT: All 10 clubs working together to raise funds to support a Soroptimist Matching Project. Governor Sara recommends supporting SI Kisumu, Kenya

WHEN: During the 2011-2012 club year (July – June)

HOW: Donations collected from clubs and individuals to the Region Treasurer, clearly marked “Donation for Project Match”

GOAL: \$2,000

ABOUT THE PROJECT:

General Information

Name of Club : SI Kisumu **Region/Union:** Kenya

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Name of the project: Support for women in mates, released prisoners and their families

Brief description of the project:

Background

Women are to a great extent the backbone of many families and the Country at large. It is unfortunate that many women will do anything and sometimes even engage in criminal activities to put food on the table for their families. There are 140 women in-mates and 20 children between the age of 0 to 4 years at any given time at the prison. Over the years the number of in-mates has increased and there are a lot of areas of need they require. This is a project to support the women in mates and their children with basic needs like counseling services, toiletry, food, reading materials, learning and playing materials for the children, payment of school for the ones at home in secondary school, buying school uniforms and other school requirements.



IMMEDIATE NEEDS

The school at the Prison lacks furniture and learning materials. The requirements are:

Purchase of desks - 500 US dollars

Teaching and learning materials - 562.50

Feeding programme - 375

The support for inmates includes basic needs, beddings, food, Stationery

Support for inmates with basic needs - 750 US dollars

Total: 2187.50 US Dollars

1. Goals of the project

The main objective of the project is to support the women –inmates, released prisoners and their children with basic needs

Goals of the project

- Train the released prisoners on business management
- Establish small business to generate additional income for released prisoners
- Purchase school uniforms and pay fees for girls in secondary schools
- Provision of counseling services to inmates once in two months
- Donation of food, TV, sport equipment, reading materials, toiletry and other requirements
- Having open days when prisoners meet with their relatives and friends. SI Kisumu will provide refreshments and talk to the prisoners
- Equipping the nursery school for the children who are staying with the inmates.
- Provision of beds, bed linen, crib and crib mattresses

2. Need project is addressing

Kodiaga women's prison is in Kisumu District and located in Nyanza province. It is the second largest prison in Kenya. There is a greater need to support women inmates, their children and to integrate ex prisoners into the society. The prisoners also have a right to dignity. The aim of follow up of the released prisoners is to break the cycle of poverty and reliance on benefits once women have transitioned from prison to the community. Some prisoners sleep on the floor since there are not enough mattresses, there is lack of qualified teachers, learning materials and desks. Majority of the prisoners are illiterate and this could be one of the reasons for them joining crime. Education plays a major role in reforming inmates. Inmates are crammed into small cells, food and drugs are inadequate. The sanitation is poor leaving prisoners prone to diseases which at times result in many deaths.

State the specific problem that the project is addressing.

The specific problem here is lack of basic needs. The project seeks to address this by providing support to the women inmates and their children in terms of food, toiletry, proper hygiene a better diet for the children, reading materials, learning materials for the ones in nursery school at the prison and by paying school fees, buying uniforms and other school requirements for those at home. Provision of business loans to those released to enable the women have an income by the time they return to their home.

What led your club to initiate this project

The club did not have a project on human rights and felt that having a project with the Kodiaga women's prison would enable us to address issues on human rights.

The club felt that prisoners were a neglected lot and some were not being visited and felt lonely. The club felt that they could start a project to visit the prisoners and interact with them since they have a right to dignity and to offer them a shoulder to cry on.

The ones who were released some of them were not being accepted back to society. There was a need to assist the released prisoners to be re-integrated into society and to assist them have an income to start their life anew.

The club saw the importance of taking children to school. The children staying at the prison with their mother are between age 0 to 4 years. Children start nursery at age 3 and 4. The club felt that to neglect this age group may result in lifelong challenges that may include physical and mental incapacity.

Kisumu District is one of the poorest population and Kodiaga prison being the second largest prison in Kenya. There was a need to eliminate poverty through ensuring women's full social and economic right.

The government does not provide enough money to run the prison and to make follow-ups for released prisoners. The club felt that they would come in and assist the released prisoners in whatever way they could at least once in two months.

Another reason which led the club to initiate the project was neglect of women prisoners by authorities due to poor prioritization of government policies.

Also the conditions the prisoners and their children live in is very pathetic.

How will this project benefit women and/or girls?

Girls

The girls who are unable to attend secondary school will be assisted by paying their school fees, purchase of uniform and other school requirements. Once they graduate they will be able to assist their families and their life will improve. The club will have fulfilled the objective of ensuring equal access to education and training for women and girls throughout their life span. The children of the prisoners in the prison will be able to attend nursery school and this will set a good foundation for the young children and break the cycle of generational poverty and illiteracy.

Women

The training will assist the women in making informed decisions and having a source of income will help them assist their families

By visiting the prisoners and providing them with personal items they will be able to go through their term at the prison with a relaxed mind and knowing that are people who care about them.

By providing the women with a chance to be educated they will be able to have a career in future.

3. Methods of implementing the project: Describe the specific activities that your club will undertake to achieve the goals of the project.

The specific activities the club will undertake to achieve the goals of the project are:

- Provision of counseling services once in two months
- Visiting the inmates and providing them with personal items
- Organising open days on quarterly basis when prisoners meet their relatives and friends and providing refreshments and talking to them on such days
- Attending events like Women's day (8th March), Sports day, , beauty contest (Every August) and assisting to provide prizes and other requirements they might need.
- Providing children with better diet and items needed for the nursery school.
- Providing teaching and learning materials and equipment to women inmates.

Who is responsible for the activities?

The club will be responsible for the activities with the help of donations the club will have received.

Where will the project be implemented

The project will be implemented at Kodiaga women's prison in Kisumu district, Nyanza province in Kenya

4. Expected Outcomes: Describe specific, measurable outcome(s) of the project.

The measurable outcome will be the number of women and girls and children will have benefitted from the project.

The number of released prisoners who will join the community and will be able to establish businesses by applying the skills they learnt while in prison

For the children early intervention result in tangible and measurable returns as a preventive measure.

Describe the outcome or impact of the project on the target group

The girls will be able to gain an education after graduating from secondary school. They will proceed to college and in future get employment to be able to be responsible citizens and to contribute to the Country's development.

The children in the nursery would be able to get a good foundation which is necessary for children at that age. Early intervention achieves the maximum impact for young children to develop their mental and psychosocial abilities at the right development stages.

The released prisoners will have a source of income and this will enable them provide for themselves and their families and lead a better life.

Include how many people will be impacted?

60 children
 Over 300 women
 Over 30 girls

Describe how the project can contribute to the well-being of the local community

The released prisoners will be able to integrate into the society and they will be accepted. The community will then live in peace and harmony.

The skills acquired from prison will assist them set up business. They will then have a source of income which will help them better their community and their living standard and well being of the community will improve.

The children from the nursery will achieve the maximum impact for young children to develop their mental and psycho social abilities at the right development stage. This education they receive will offer them a good foundation and they will be able to continue with their education once they leave the prison and this will contribute to the benefit of the community.

What will be the involvement of women and girls in the execution and follow up.

The women will be involved in that they were involved and consulted before the project was initiated and during the implementation stage. They will also be involved in the follow-ups since the club would be interested to know the outcome of the beneficiaries of the project.

5. **Partners:** Will the club be partnering with other organizations? Yes

Please list all other organizations involved in the project and describe the role that they will play.

S/No.	Organization	Role
1.	Government Department – District Agriculture Office and District Livestock Office	To provide expertise, advise and extension services on poultry, goat rearing and crop production
2.	SI Toronto, Canada	Has been providing funds for purchase of basic needs of the prisoners and their children
3.	Promotion of Private Sector Development in Agriculture (PSDA)	This is an NGO who will offer expertise and advise and assist in follow-ups.

Communication will be ensured by the Club President and the contact person

6. **Evaluation:** How will you evaluate the success of the project?

The success of the project will be evaluated by the number of the beneficiaries of the project. The club will be responsible for the evaluation.

Please describe when, how and what you will evaluate.

The evaluation will be done through holding club meetings and discussing the progress of the implementation of the project and even after the project is completed. Evaluation will be done by the club, writing and sending of reports to the union, federation and the donors.

The progress, success and failure of the project will be evaluated. Evaluation will be on quarterly basis and all stages will be evaluated.

How the project be sustained

The project will be sustained through income generating activities which will have been introduced. The prisoners will engage in income generating activities such as salon, poultry, dairy goat and other activities that will generate money. The proceeds generated from these activities will be ploughed back to the project to ensure the project continues to assist others in future.

What Role will the club play in ongoing support and monitoring of the project

Monitoring of the project will be done by the club and the union and the club will ensure the funds or donations solicited from donors are used for what it was intended for and according to the budget in the proposal.

The club will continue providing the basic needs of the prisoners from their account
Yes the club and the union will continue to monitor the project even after completion.
What will you do with the information that you found?

III. Budget

Please include an itemized budget for the project. The budget items must be fully itemized.

Item	Unit Cost Amount in US Dollars	Total Cost(Per Year) Amount in US Dollars
Nursery School (20 children) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Purchase of desks and chairs• Teaching & Learning materials per term• Feeding programme per term	25 187.50 125.00	500 562.50 375
Sub Total	337.50	1437.50
Education Support to 10 Girls <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tuition fees per year• Purchase of uniforms twice in four years	625 50	6250 500
Sub Total	675	6750
Support programme for in-mates (once in two months)	375	750
Sub Total	375	750
Workshop for 2 days for 20 participants Charge includes Buffet lunch, soda, 2 tea/coffee with snacks, 2 mineral water per day, writing paper and pen, flip chart, felt pens	300	600

@ 15	50	100
Hire of LCD projector @ 50 per day	250	500
4 Facilitators per day @ 62.50	25	50
Photocopying services @ 25		
Sub Total	625	1250
Income Generating Activities		
• Equipment for salon	250	250
• Dairy goat (3 males & 3 females)	862.50	862.50
• Poultry feeds	250	250
• Crop production	125	125
Sub Total	1487.50	1487.50
Total	3509.00	11,684