



The Visha Jamii this year marked a significant milestone in the ongoing efforts to uplift and empower vulnerable children in the Kibera community. With what God provided we were able to gift 83 participants, including 38 boys and 45 girls spanning various age groups between 3-14, the event aimed to address the critical issue of footwear scarcity that disproportionately affects marginalized populations. Organized by the Youngsters for Christ team and supported by the mission visionary Pastor Sammy Njiru, the event sought to provide shoes to those in need while fostering a sense of dignity, belonging, and hope among community members.

Unexpected turnout and resource constraints, the initiative left a lasting impact by improving foot health, enhancing school attendance, and boosting self-esteem among beneficiaries.

To identify beneficiaries for the program, YCT Mission Kenya undertook a comprehensive approach that involved partnering with four local village schools and conducting door-to-door visits within the Kibera community. Through these efforts, vulnerable children were identified based on their socio-economic and diverse backgrounds and footwear needs, ensuring that assistance was targeted to those most in need.

The success of the initiative was made possible through collaborative efforts and partnerships that extended beyond. Additionally, collaborations with local stakeholders, including school administrators, teachers, and community leaders, helped ensure the success of the event by providing insights.

One of the most compelling success stories from the Visha Jamii event involved a young boy who received a pair of shoes and the opportunity to address a previously unattended health concern. With tears of joy in his eyes,

he expressed, "Afadhali sasa nikona viatu, sitakuwa nakanyaga chini" ("Now that I have shoes, I won't have to walk barefoot anymore"). His experience exemplifies the transformative impact of the initiative, illustrating how a simple act of kindness – providing shoes – can bring hope, dignity, and empowerment to vulnerable children in the community.



The Visha Jamii initiative revealed several key outcomes, including improved foot health, increased school attendance, enhanced mobility and safety, boosted self-esteem and confidence, and socio-economic opportunities for beneficiaries. Additionally, some beneficiaries are now wearing the shoes provided by Visha Jamii to school, leading to improved educational outcomes and community integration.

To sustain and expand the impact of the Visha Jamii initiative, recommendations, expanding outreach efforts, securing sustainable funding, enhancing monitoring and evaluation, providing education on foot care, fostering community engagement, establishing partnerships for health services,

promoting sustainability practices, offering skills training opportunities, and advocating for policy change.

In conclusion, the Visha Jamii initiative has emerged as a beacon of hope and empowerment for vulnerable children in the Kibera community. Through collaborative efforts, compassionate leadership, and unwavering dedication, the initiative has made a tangible and positive impact on the lives of beneficiaries, providing them with the tools and opportunities they need to thrive. As we look to the future, let us continue to build upon the successes of Visha Jamii, working together to create a more inclusive, resilient, and compassionate society for all.



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