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## HENRY WANYOIKE FOUNDATION PROFILE

### Introduction

Henry Wanyoike Foundation is a registered organization founded in 29<sup>th</sup> May 2005 in Kenya by the blind marathoner Henry Wanyoike. (Triple world record holder in Paralympics). The foundation works across the country but has a bias in Kiambu County where we work. Our organization has four programs namely on Disability, Education, Environment, health & sports and Social economic empowerment. We promote Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) mainly goal 1, 2,3,4,5 6, 10 & 17 while the rest are cross cutting. Our beneficiaries are the less fortunate in the society (children, youth, women and PWDs) for direct programs but also involve the masses as secondary beneficiaries during our awareness/advocacy campaigns. We also organize an annual community run dubbed “Henry Wanyoike hope run” which attracts of 10,000 participants for mass target.

### 1. Education

We target the children who 3-6 years orphans and vulnerable children around Kanjeru slums and give them early childhood education where we have a nursery school (kindergarten) catering for 75 orphans and vulnerable children this eases them to join public primary schools for free education as nursery schools are paid. The nursery land was donated by Henry Wanyoike and it has been there for the last 6 years with 100 % transition rates. We also follow up the kids in primary schools where we assist with uniforms and books. (Age 7-14 yrs) and 15-24 yrs young people.

#### b) Our youth program

- We offer bursaries & scholarships for youth in secondary school and for vocational trainings.
- We also have a motivational program for schools where Henry visits school and Talk to students on his life experience since getting blind at age of 21.
- Talents nurturing (sports) .we have an athlete’s club with 30 upcoming runners.

### 2. Disability & Governance

- In governance we create awareness and advocate for disability rights. We promote inclusion of PWDs in all spheres of development and decision making promoting sustainable development goals and the call of leave no one behind.
- We have an annual community run/fundraising event (Henry Wanyoike Hope for the Future run) for last 13years that attracts over 8,000 participants for disability awareness. Every year we have a theme on disability.
- We mobilize for disability aids (wheelchairs, whitecanes, crutches, etc) where donate to PWDs across the country.

### 3. Socio economic empowerment

- We have a registered cooperative (SACCO) where we give simple loans for income generating projects.
- We also train the members on financial literacy and entrepreneurship
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### 4. Health, Environment & Sports.

- We promote conservation of our environment through planting trees and clean ups.
- We have an initiative where we encourage the community to start Mtaani (village) healthy clubs.
- We promote sports through supporting tournaments in football, darts, community runs. We also source for different sporting aids where we donate to clubs and also PWDs.

## **TANGIBLE ACHIEVEMENTS FOR THE LAST 12 YEARS (2005-2019)**

### **Disability**

- We have built a classroom for special needs at Kasambara primary school Gilgil inconjunction with Lake Nakuru lodge.
- We have built dormitory, greenhouse, a borehole at Machakos technical institute for the blind, Thika School for the blind drilled a borehole and a school bus in conjunction with standard chartered bank.
- We have built a disability resource centre at Naivasha hospital inconjunction with Safaricom foundation
- We have donated over 400 whitecanes across the country, 500 wheelchairs (300inconjunction with Kikuyu Hospital), 100 talking watches for the blind, 30 clutches. These are across the country.
- Support of 20 children with disability for special education in conjunction with sunshine international.
- Support of international day of disability (3<sup>rd</sup> of December) since 2010.
- Support of 10 blind persons for rehabilitation at Machakos Technical School for blind.
- Creation of linkages and referrals for persons with disability for assessments, employment and education
- Conducted over 10 workshops on disability rights.
- Initiated the Establishment of Kiambu disability network.
- Lobbied for PWDS to be employed in Kiambu County as stipulated in the constitution of Kenya.
- Henry Wanyoike has been in Kenyan delegation representing PWDs issues.
- Income generating activities for PWDs e.g. pig rearing (2) ,music (1) ,green grocers (5) ,tailoring etc
- Food distribution for over 1000 elderly people inconjunction with Sunshine International.

### **Education**

- Henry Wanyoike donated and built a nursery school at Kanjeru in 2012 where currently we have 70 children and over 200 children had gone through the school.
- Support of 50 students for secondary education in conjunction with Hilde buck education fund.
- Support of over 20 schools for prize giving day
- Motivational talks to over 500 schools across the country.
- Creating linkages for university scholarships 1 Strathmore and 1 in Kenyatta University.
- Award of partial bursaries to 300 students inconjunction with Sunshine international
- Donation of First Aid Boxes to 70 Schools Inconjunction with Harleys Limited.
- Distribution of 50 uniforms for vulnerable kids
- We have offered over 150 college scholarships for out of school youth in conjunction with various colleges.
- Referral linkages for children protection, education and livelihood support.

### **Sports**

- Donation of sporting aids to clubs. Over 500 footballs to clubs in Kabete,Limuru and Kikuyu constituency inconjunction with Alive & Kicking
- Donation of over 200 uniforms to various sporting clubs – donated from German partners
- Donation of dart boards to dart clubs
- Organizing of 5 peace football tournaments in Kikuyu and Kabete

- Establishment of of Hope for the Future run for the last 13 years attracting over 10,000 participants (Themed run)
- Establishment of athletes running club (reborn) supporting over 50 athletes.
- Motivation of children during sports days to over 100 schools across the country.

### Health

- Organized three medical camps in conjunction with Standard Chartered and the foundation.
- Medical support for heart surgery for 3 patients' in conjunction with Msamaria Mwema safaricom.
- Donation of 100 menstrual cups for young women in conjunction with Ruby cup.
- Drugs and awareness campaign with Alive and Kicking ( posters)
- Distribution and donation of old clothes to hundreds of families through online campaigns.
- Referrals and linkages for child support, counseling, rehabilitation etc.
- Sinking and building of a pit latrine for community at Gitaru chief's office.

### Environment

- We have planted over 5000 trees in schools Gatara, Kanyiha, Gathiru, Mahiiiani, Maa-ya-ihii ,Ngong forest, Kirieta forest , Kisumu and Kericho in conjunction with various corporate and UNEP.
- Organized over 5 clean ups exercises in partnership of other various organizations.

### Socio Economic Empowerment

- Registration of Raia SACCO with 150 members'. We have disbursed kshs 1.2m in terms of loans.
- 20 Income generating projects for the needy.
- We have donated over 200 chickens to disability groups in Kikuyu and Kabete constituencies.
- Donation over 50 dairy cows to needy families in Kikuyu, Kabete, kirinyaga, Machakos and Kericho. In conjunction with Boris Becker foundation.

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