Project Match

NER Supporting
SI - Kisumu in Kenya, Africa
Northeastern Region Strategic Plan:
SUPPORTING AN INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM

WHAT: All 10 clubs working together to raise funds to support a Soroptimist Project Match (SIA/SIE partnership).

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

HOW: Donations collected from clubs and individuals

GOAL: $2,000

STATUS - April 2012
• $2,000 donation from NER was made available to the SI-Kisumu club on November 1, 2011.
• Approx $1,500 has been collected to date by 6 clubs providing various contribution levels and the proceed from Fall Workshop raffle.
• SI-Kisumu has provided an update of the program with photos
Kodiaga women’s prison is in Kisumu District and located in Nyanza province. It is the second largest prison in Kenya. There is a great need to support women inmates, their children, and to integrate ex-prisoners into the society. There are 140 women inmates and 20 children between the age of 0 to 4 years at any given time at the prison. Majority of the women have been imprisoned due to convicted crimes attaining basic needs for their family.
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
- Organizing 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 (8\textsuperscript{th} March), sports day, beauty contest (every August) and providing prizes & assistance
- Providing children with better diet and items needed for the nursery school.
- Providing teaching and learning materials and equipment to women inmates.
The expected outcome to be measured will be the number of released prisoners who will join the community and will be able to establish businesses by applying the skills they learned while in prison.

**The outcome or impact of the project:**

- The children in the nursery would be able to get a good foundation of care and support. Early intervention achieves the maximum impact for young children to develop their mental and psychosocial abilities at the right development stages.

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

- 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.
With the Project Match support, basic needs items were distributed on Women's Day 8th March 2012. Also, food and celebrations were brought in by the club on Valentines day which the Prison celebrated on 12th February 2012.

Some of the items distributed were: Mattresses, Blankets, Toiletry, washing soap, Toothpaste and Tooth brush, Panties, Sanitary Towels. Blankets and mattresses for infants. Vaseline.

We also bought items such as needles, threads, clothing materials, sisal twines, dyes, knitting threads. These were to support their sewing project which is an income generation unit where items made by the Prisoners are sold.
We are grateful for the support and we wish to request you to send our gratitude to your club members for the support.
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