

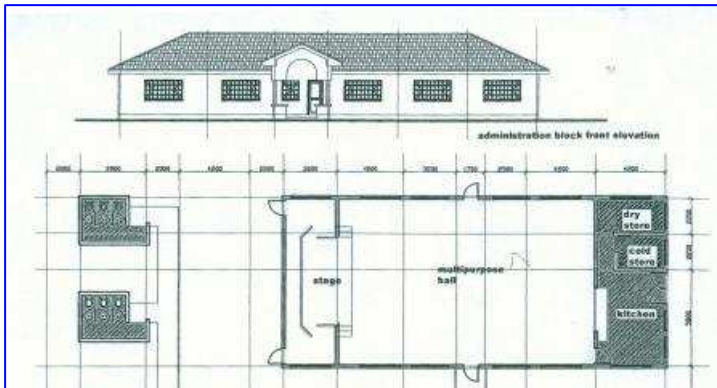


Isaka Memorial Foundation

Multi-purpose center for Vocational Training (For economic independence and empowerment)

The Multi-purpose Center

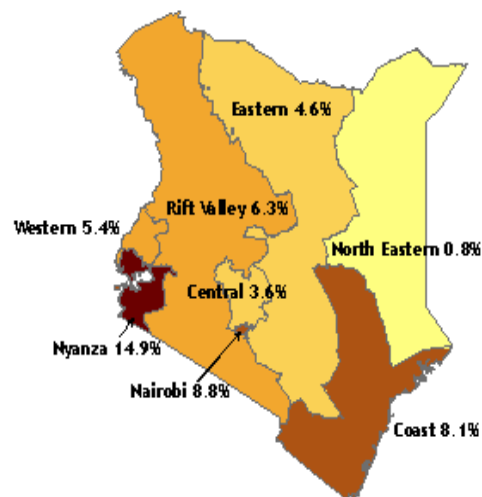
Isaka Memorial Foundation (IMF) proposes to build a Multi-Purpose Center in July 2010 to teach vocational training: tailoring, masonry, carpentry, agriculture and animal husbandry,



handi-crafts, computer literacy and business and financial management to AIDS orphans and vulnerable young people in Nyamila location, Siaya District, Kenya. Our main objective is to expand economic opportunities for young people so that they can realize their potentials and uphold their dignity in earning an honest and decent living for themselves and their families.

Why the Multi-purpose Center

For a country with a population of about 40 million, the youth comprise 29 million, and only 1% of the youth attain University education. Out of this 1%, only 27% have permanent employment. To address this situation, the Youth Enterprise Development Fund was conceived in June 2006 by the government of Kenya as a strategic move towards arresting unemployment which is virtually a youth problem. For young people to access these funds and to utilize them successfully, they must have appropriate skills/trades and must be registered in youth groups. In addition, the government supports youth polytechnics and vocational training centers as long as they have the facility and a minimum of 40 registered students. IMF has already registered a youth group at Nyamila Community Center. The location of this multi-purpose hall, Siaya district, Nyanza Province is one of the most economically depressed districts in Kenya, with Nyanza having the highest prevalence of HIV at 14.9% compared to the national average of 7%.



Siaya District has the highest prevalence of HIV in Nyanza and the country at large. The "Public funded education"¹ ends at eighth grade in Kenya. Secondary education requires fees and passing an entrance exam. Unfortunately, given these children's background, many of these children cannot pass the exam and those who pass are unable to continue with further education due to lack of school fees. As a result, over 70% of primary school leavers do not make it to high school. Many of the teenage boys are therefore lured away by the promise of easy money in the cities and end up selling drugs or living a life of crime. The girls are mostly hired as domestic help or are married very young to older men. IMF will concentrate on this group of children.

The Expected Impact on beneficiaries and their families:

It is expected that the youth will:

- Acquire skills and trades to enable them lead productive livelihoods that contribute to sustainable economic development for the sub-location and beyond.
- Unleash and redirect their potential towards productive economic activities
- Acquire life skills that will enable them to cope with the challenges of life, and above all;
- Will be prepared for adulthood and working life.

This project aims to train 50 young people annually and given that an average family size in Siaya district is 4, a total of 200 individuals will be directly impacted annually after the successful completion of the training and subsequent employment of the youth. It is expected that the multiplier effect will reach 50,000 people in the location who will benefit in various ways.

About IMF

Isaka Memorial Foundation (IMF) is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit registered in USA. IMF has established Nyamila Community Center in Siaya district, Kenya to give stability to AIDS orphans and other vulnerable children and their care givers. IMF supports these children by enabling them to stay with their surviving relatives/families that can provide a home and love, but are too poor to feed them or buy their school supplies. Through Nyamila Community Center, IMF provides school materials including uniforms to allow the children go to school, access medical services, good nutrition and above all have a semblance of a normal childhood. We currently have 173 children in Primary school (elementary) and five in secondary School (High School).

Cost & Work Plan

- **Total cost USD 140,000**
- **Building completion – Dec 2011**
- **Breaking ground - July 2010**
- **Installations - July 2012**
- **First Student Intake – January 2013**

¹ Even through Primary education is free in Kenya, parents are still required to pay administration fees, examination fees, books and school supplies including uniforms which most parents cannot afford. The situation is worse for orphans.