

2024 Kenyan Orphans Needs

Nyalwodep stands for Nyalgunga Widows and Orphans run by Pastor James Ouma. Our church mission has supported this home based orphanage designed to help women and children left homeless by the HIV/AIDS epidemic and other endemic diseases that take the lives of family before their time. The village project consists of a home based orphanage program with 22 Widows and caregivers, 64 nursery school children, a large number of primary school children, 12 students in secondary schools and 10 students in college or university.

All monies collected will be used to purchase needed items in nearby markets. We will prioritize spending based on need and feasibility as determined on arrival. You may also designate the use of funds specifically.

A serious concern is water. The current cistern is leaking and close to failure. This means families will have to walk 3 miles to the nearest water source.

Money collected will be prioritized based on our in-country assessment for:

- Potable water cistern replacement
- Serious need for school chairs and tables for the children
- blankets for widows (care givers) and for children
- Fabric for school uniforms and other household needs
- School fees for secondary schools
- Staple pantry items such as rice, sugar, beans and cooking oil for school meals
- Shoes for the children

School supplies: St. Johns Church members will be helping us with donations of supplies and we hope to carry a bag with school and craft supplies for the children as well as a few sweet treats.

Project Note:

We will be with the children each day and conducting activities. As a clinician, I plan to provide some wellness activities and Cindy is a teacher, so she was going to focus on working on reading and writing skills. We would love supplies for a dental demonstration of toothbrushing and for a bible based activity.

- We hope to carry dental supplies and carry out a dental outreach project for toothbrushing. For that we need an additional 35 toothbrushes and 75 sample sizes of toothpaste.
- As a Christian mission it would be great to bring along a preschool activity and the needed supplies for a bible based activity.