UMOJA ORPHANAGE KENYA

(Project registered in Australia)

UMOJA CHILDREN'S VILLAGE – UKUNDA

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PROJECT INFORMATION PACKAGE

'A TIMELINE OF OUR JOURNEY'



TOGETHER WE ACHIEVE THE EXTRAORDINARY



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WHERE THE JOURNEY BEGAN



As a child, I always wanted to work in an orphanage. As time passed, however, I took a different path; I married young and had four beautiful children. For six wonderful years my family and I lived in Papua New Guinea with one of my children being born there. I particularly enjoyed the country, culture and simplicity of living.

I returned to Australia and started working as a Teacher Aide in the library at Walkervale State School. With the encouragement of my friend and mentor Lesley Bath, I worked and studied full-time for approximately 70 hours a week to become a primary school teacher. I loved the daily challenge of helping children reach their full potential, and I continue to work full time with children and books in my current role as the Teacher-Librarian at Walkervale. My passion for working with children has never wavered.

FURTHER DOWN THE ROAD

My second passion is travel, and I have been fortunate enough to travel extensively around this big, wide world. I first visited Kenya in 2010 to do a safari as part of a three month round-theworld trip, and I instantly fell in love with the land and the people.

My travel companions and I were overwhelmed with the poverty we were faced with in Kenya and Rwanda and the depths of despair the people tackled daily. I had seen poverty in many countries, and been touched by much human suffering, but Kenya affected me deep within my soul. We opened our wallets and hearts. But that was just the beginning.



THE PATH TO THE PURPOSE



Back in Australia, I vowed to return to volunteer in a local village school in the June 2011 school holidays. Destiny played its part and I decided that I would find an orphanage to work at myself rather than a school. I did some fundraising within my workplace and received donations from family and friends, which the orphanage was very grateful for.



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I returned to the East coast of Kenya in June 2011 and volunteered at 2 orphanages near Ukunda and Mombasa. I also did voluntary work in the local school and was overwhelmed at the class sizes, lack of resources, and poverty within the rural villages and schools. Overall, it was one of the most rewarding experiences of my life.

I had to go back, even if it was just to help one child. I told myself that I could sit here and do nothing, or I could sit here and do something. I kept thinking of an African proverb: *it takes a whole village to raise a child*. would start my own charity and begin fundraising to build my own orphanage.



REACHING THE DESTINATION

Destiny now has me on a journey where as a child I imagined I would be. On the 30th July, 2011, I launched my own non-profit organisation – Umoja Orphanage Kenya. *Umoja* is Swahili for unity and togetherness, and I am relying on the support of family, friends and strangers to help me achieve my dream. *Together we will achieve the extraordinary.*

I have a wonderful leadership team—Lesley, Gaye, Shanyn, and Kerrie-Anne—who work together to achieve the extraordinary. Umoja is also a project of Rotary Australia World Community Services (RAWCS) and the support we have received from Rotary clubs, both in Australia and overseas, has been fantastic. I have made lifelong friendships with some of the most genuine and generous people I have ever met



Umoja's mission is to provide a real alternative to child abandonment in Kenya. We will give children a second chance at life where they can reach their full potential in a safe and secure environment. Through a holistic care approach we will help children and communities **break the cycle of poverty**.



Umoja's goal is to build individual children's homes, where children will be homed in a 'family' environment. We began construction of our first children's home in October 2014 to take in our first little people who will be given a second chance at life. *Umoja Children's Village – Ukunda* will be self-sustainable through a permaculture model by farming crops and animals and selling excess produce to the surrounding villages. A safari side-business will also return profits back into the project to help pay local staff who will work in our orphanage. By employing local Kenyans we can provide invaluable skills for the future.

WHY KENYA?

Kenya is, by every economic indicator, one of the poorest countries in the world.

The situation of a large proportion of Kenya remains acute due to: socio-economic, cultural, traditional, development circumstances, natural disasters, conflicts, exploitation and hunger. HIV/AIDS has had a large effect on the country and there are now estimated to be more than **2 million Kenyan orphans**, with more than 50% of these due to AIDS.

The Umoja orphanage will be established in Kenya to assist the plight of orphaned children and to provide nutrition, shelter, education and a future in a loving environment.



UMOJA'S MISSION

The Umoja Orphanage Project will be a real alternative to child abandonment, offering interim and long-term care to orphaned children and preventing vulnerable children from becoming abandoned.

Without the Umoja Children's Village orphaned and abandoned children will continue to face uncertain futures, death and an indeterminate stay in the local government hospital. Every child deserves the basic needs for survival and the chance to reach their full potential.

We will create an environment that provides:

- **food** and nutritional support
- **shelter** where children can feel safe and secure
- protection from all forms of abuse
- care acceptable health care services
- **support** psychosocial and emotional support
- education educational and vocational assistance and training
- **spirituality** the right to fulfil their spiritual and religious beliefs
- **opportunity** to realise their physical, mental, and social potential
- **guidance** to realise their rights and responsibilities and understand shared values
- belonging unconditional love and a sense of belonging
- **hope** for the future.



WHO WILL THE UMOJA PROJECT HELP?



Umoja Orphanage Kenya aims to help children and communities break the cycle of poverty.

Umoja Orphanage Kenya will assist:

- ✓ **Orphaned and vulnerable children** aged 0 16
- ✓ Local widowed mothers—employed as house mothers and house aunties
- ✓ Local tradesmen and community—through the building of the project buildings and ongoing maintenance
- ✓ Local businesses—through purchase of materials, livestock and supply of goods from agricultural gardens on site
- ✓ The local community conducting first aid clinics free to the community 1 2 times a year
- ✓ Disabled local village people—to help teach skills of the Kenyan culture
- ✓ Local villagers—in vocational training and employment
- ✓ Local taxi drivers—transporting volunteers to our project and from airport
- ✓ Local storekeepers—to provide initial food
- ✓ **Neighbouring villages**—by sharing of our water supply
- Training community volunteers in practical support, material support, emotional support, educational support, recreational support, legal support, cultural & religious support, guidance on water and sanitation & health promotion
- ✓ Community sharing—through sporting fixtures, social events, first aid clinics and donations in kind to the local community



UMOJA CHILDREN'S VILLAGE - UKUNDA

Umoja Children's Village goals:

- ✓ Caretaker's cottage and storage
- \checkmark Secure perimeter fence and internal fencing
- \checkmark Individual family style homes first one completed
- Administration building and manager's quarters
- \checkmark Staff and sponsor accommodation
- Small school (including early learning centre)
- o School dining hall
- ✓ Sustainable farming
- ✓ Health clinics
- \circ Transition house for adolescent children 15+
- Teacher training facility
- Vocational training centre
- Sporting/games area



FIRST CHILDREN'S HOME DESIGN

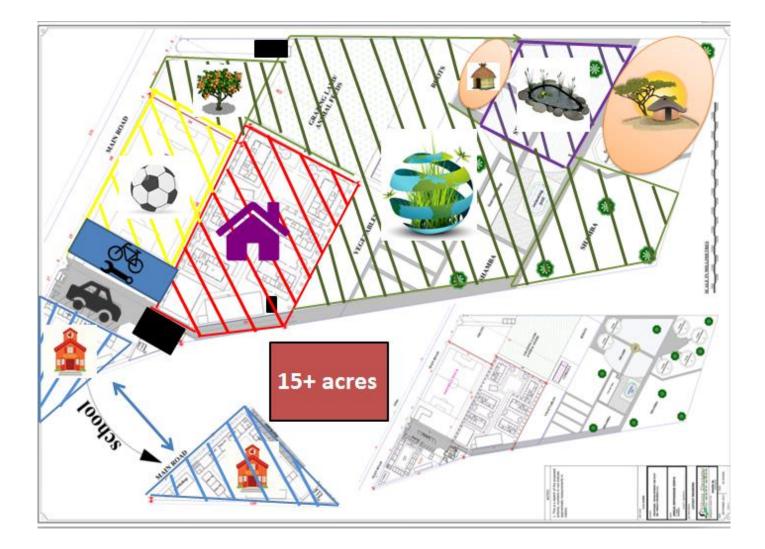




SUSTAINABILITY

Umoja Children's village will achieve sustainability through Permaculture Design principles. Self-sustainable projects include:

- ✓ Agricultural sheds and storage
- ✓ Vegetable garden and fruit orchard (selling surplus produce to villages and markets)
- o Solar Farm
- ✓ Fresh water borehole and water tower with 50,000+ litres of clean water storage (for drinking and irrigation)
- Bio-digester (to treat waste and provide gas for cooking)
- ✓ Dairy cattle
- ✓ Dairy goats
- ✓ Sheep
- ✓ Poultry house & chickens (eggs and meat)
- ✓ **Sewing**, (mechanical, carpentry training to come)
- Furniture production shed (to use in orphanage and sell to village)
- ✓ Safari side-business (generating profits back into project)





OUR PROGRESS 2011 - 2017 to date

DUE DILIGENCE

June 2011

 ✓ Cathy volunteers at an orphanage to Understand need and how orphanages are run





January 2012

- Cathy and Lesley visit Kenya for 3 months, volunteer at other orphanages, meet with village chief and find appropriate location for Umoja Orphanage
- ✓ Cathy and Lesley visit Tanzania to visit project run by another Australian woman for past 10 years

February 2012

- ✓ 15 acres of land was purchased near Diani Beach in Ukunda
 , Kenya and contracts signed
- Kenyan project manager employed to oversee construction

INFRASTRUCTURE BEGINS

August 2012

✓ Construction begins on caretaker's cottage and storage room

September 2012



December 2012

✓ Caretaker's cottage and storage room completed











VOLUNTEERS – THE BACKBONE OF OUR PROJECT

January 2013

- ✓ 7 Volunteers to the project
- ✓ Volunteers enjoy safari in Umoja's van
- ✓ Water tank connected
- ✓ Guttering installed on cottage

September 2013

- ✓ 15 Volunteers to the project
- ✓ Fencing 15 acre perimeter of land & training locals in fencing techniques
- ✓ Free health clinics offered to local community

April 2014

- ✓ 19 Volunteers to the project
- Construction of cowshed training locals in basic building techniques
- ✓ Free health clinic offered to local villagers
- Trained 34 locals in permaculture practices, design & building skills

January 2015

- ✓ **1 volunteer** to the project
- ✓ **Participated** in permaculture course
- ✓ Assisted on farm
- Trained 38 locals in permaculture design & practices

September 2015

- ✓ **11 volunteers** to the project
- ✓ Fencing & construct internal electric fence
- ✓ Trained 6 locals in complete fencing techniques
- ✓ Free health clinics offered to local community
- ✓ **Set up irrigation system** for crops not already irrigated
- Trained staff in basic first aid injection giving to livestock

SEPTEMBER 2016

- ✓ 6 volunteers including 1 Kenyan volunteer to the project
- ✓ Assisted in the children's home
- ✓ 'Days for girls' volunteer trainers visited 4 schools in our community & distributed washable menstrual kits & personal hygiene talks
- ✓ Held personal hygiene clinic at the project & distributed washable menstrual kits













October 2016

- ✓ 11 volunteers to the project
- ✓ Painting infrastructure
- Training locals in fencing techniques
- ✓ Maintenance of infrastructure
- ✓ Clearing of large area of land for further farming
- ✓ Assisting in children's home
- Assisting children with English
- Preparation of official opening day
- Assisting with irrigation and farm
- ✓ Free health clinics offered to local community
- ✓ Construction of a culvert at main gate

April 2017

- ✓ 2 volunteers to the project
- ✓ Assisting in children's home
- ✓ Assisting children with English
- ✓ Assisting on farm

September 2017

- ✓ 18 volunteers to the project
- ✓ Construction of cow shed and training locals in basic building techniques
- ✓ Construction of fence around 1.5 acres for fruit forest and training locals in fencing
- ✓ **Training** farm staff in further animal care and disease control
- ✓ Assisting in children's home
- ✓ Assisting children with English
- ✓ Setting up early childhood program
- ✓ Training house mammas in early childhood program
- ✓ Construction of playground for children
- ✓ Free health clinics offered to local community

November 2017

- ✓ 9 volunteers to the project
- ✓ Construction of roof over new cow holding
- ✓ and milking yard
- ✓ Assisting with weeding in crop areas
- ✓ Planting of new fruit trees in fruit forest
- ✓ Killing, gutting and plucking of 300 chickens ready for market
- ✓ Constructing another clothesline
- ✓ Planting of new seedlings for farm
- ✓ General repairs
- Free health clinics offered to local community
- ✓ Assisting in children's home
- ✓ Assisting children with English
- ✓ Assisting with early childhood program















PERIMETER FENCE & INFRASTRUCTURE

June 2013

✓ Cathy and Lesley travel to Kenya to survey land for fence
 Fencing materials purchased

July 2013

- ✓ 9 Kenyan locals casually employed to assist with fence
- ✓ Boundary of **land cleared for fencing**
- ✓ **Fence progress**: holes dug and fence poles cemented

May 2014

- Internal brick fence (compound) around future children' partially sponsored by Australian Aid
- ✓ **Greenhouse purchased** for crops
- ✓ Crop gardens began inside
- ✓ 2 dairy cows purchased

April 2014

- ✓ **Permaculture design course** for 34 locals including staff
- ✓ Further crops planted
- ✓ Cow shed built

August 2014

- ✓ Birth of first calf
- ✓ 4 Dairy Goats purchased
- ✓ **Extension to cow shed** for goat shelter

January 2015

- ✓ **Permaculture design course** for 34 locals including staff
- ✓ **Further** crop harvest and planting
- ✓ **Further water tanks** donated

April 2015

✓ Follow up inspection of villager's permaculture gardens after January permaculture training

May 2015

✓ **Borehole commenced** and completed













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September 2015

- ✓ **New crop fields** ploughed
- ✓ New crops planted
- ✓ **Further irrigation** of crops compl

CHILDREN'S HOME

October 2014

- ✓ **First children's house begins** construction
- ✓ **Motor bike** purchased
- ✓ Crops being sold

January 2015

- ✓ House progression to date
- 4th volunteer tour helping with agricultural part of project \checkmark
- ✓ **Trained 34 local Kenyans** in Permaculture Design Course Sponsored by Base Titanium Mining Company
- \checkmark Selected 5 Kenyans for further training (train the trainer)





















February 2015



✓ Cathy guest speaking at 5 Rotary International District Conferences in India over 5 weeks (Districts 3160, 3202, 3201, 3180 & 3211), and at universities & schools about the project & service above self







March 2015

- ✓ Connection of electricity to project & villagers permission to erect poles on their land
- ✓ **Further sectioning with fencing** of agricultural areas on the project with our trained fencers



April 2015

✓ Follow up permaculture training of locals who participated in January 2015 training and report written for sponsoring company





May 2015

- ✓ Roof beam erection begins on our first children's house
- ✓ Borehole begins
- ✓ Packing of donated items for shipping container to be sent to Kenya
- ✓ Artificial insemination of dairy cows











June 2015





- ✓ 40 foot shipping container transported from Bundaberg, Queensland, Australia departed the Port of Brisbane, Australia on 20th June with 7.9 tons of
- ✓ **Construction** of roof trusses for children's house and purlins completed
- ✓ Electric piping, socketing boxes and switch boxes completed
- ✓ Another vegetable harvest ready
- ✓ Borehole completed and tested clean and fresh water











July 2015

- ✓ **Further progress** on first children's home
- ✓ **Roof** goes on children's house



August 2015

✓ Shipping container arrives at Umoja



September 2015

- ✓ Further work on first children's home & septic system
- ✓ 5th group of volunteers to work on project (11 volunteers)
- ✓ Chicken shed construction begins
- ✓ 15 acres of fencing completed with galvanised wire
- ✓ Internal electric fence completed
- ✓ Irrigation of most crops completed
- ✓ Training of 6 local Kenyans in fencing skills & setting up of electric fence including energiser, solar panel & battery
- ✓ Holding 3rd FREE first aid clinic treating 181 local Kenyans

































October 2015

- ✓ Continuation of construction of chicken shed
- ✓ **Continuation of construction** of septic system
- ✓ Continuation of house construction





November 2015



- ✓ Continuation of construction of chicken shed
- ✓ Rendering and installation of window & door frames
- ✓ Beginning of 4 level water tower/bedsitter construction
- ✓ (Funded by Australian Aid)













December 2015

- ✓ **Continuation** of children's home
- ✓ Continuation of water tower constructior

January 2016

- ✓ **Continuation** of children's home
- ✓ Continuation of water tower construction







February 2016

- ✓ Purchase of a bull to increase our dairy herd
- ✓ **Completion** of chicken shed

March 2016

- ✓ Galana stone floor began being laid in children's house
- ✓ Further construction on water tower

















April 2016

- ✓ Galana stone flooring grouted
- ✓ Crops doing well
- ✓ Water tower/bedsitters continue construction











May 2016

- ✓ **5000 litre** water tank arrives for house
- ✓ Internal doors fitted in house
- ✓ 30,000 litre water tanks for water tower

June 2016

- ✓ **House continues** construction
- ✓ **Farm animals** doing well











JULY 2016 – FIRST CHILDREN'S HOUSE COMPLETION

- ✓ Kitchen completed
- ✓ Bathroom tiling completed
- ✓ Washbasins completed
- ✓ Lighting completed
- ✓ Outside doors completed
- ✓ Inside painting completed
- ✓ Curtains chosen
- ✓ Furniture delivered made by
- ✓ Security alarms fitted in house
- ✓ Curtain rods hung
- ✓ Security of project begins
- ✓ Water connected
- ✓ 8 new staff hired taking total staff to 12
- Our first 5 children (first two are twins!) enter their new home 30th July 2016 exactly 5 years to the day that the project was began

















































WE DID IT!!!! Our first 5 beautiful children

- Twins Alare (male) and Alexis (female) 5 months old
- Edna and Duncan (brother and sister) approx. 18 months and 3 years
- Kaingu approximately 1 year and 10 months.



























September 2016

- ✓ 6 Days for Girls volunteers including 1 Kenyan volunteer
- ✓ Assisted at the project
- Visited 4 schools in our community distributed washable menstrual kits & personal hygiene talks
- ✓ Held personal hygiene clinic at the project and distributed washable menstrual kits







October 2016

- ✓ 11 volunteers mostly Rotarians visit the project to work
- ✓ Official Opening of Children's Home by representative of Australian High Commission
- ✓ Farm expansion by 2.5 acres
- Repainting of cowshed, caretaker's cottage and clearing of further land for increased fruit forest and tree nursery
- ✓ **Construction of culvert and road** into main entrance of project
- ✓ **Further construction of bedsitter** in water tower complex

































November 2016

- ✓ **Farm workers** receive new work clothes
- ✓ **Children** settling in very well
- ✓ Purchase and laying of 2.5 acres of irrigation system
- ✓ **Beginning construction** of 2nd level of water tower bedsitters
- ✓ **Purchase of shade** net for farm for seedlings
- ✓ Planting of vegetable crops on new farming section
- ✓ Okra and spinach harvesting



















December 2016

- ✓ First Xmas at our children's home
- ✓ Chickens begin laying eggs
- ✓ First level bedsitter complete
- ✓ Edna prepares for school in January
- ✓ Another calf born 30/12/16

















January 2017

✓ Edna begins school

February 2017

✓ **Zulpha** our 6th child arrives



March 2017

- ✓ Another calf is born
- ✓ Three more sheep arrive
- ✓ 2 volunteers arrive
- ✓ James & Mary our 7th and 8th children arrive

April 2017

- ✓ Visitors from America come to visit
- ✓ Japanese Company donate solar lights for our hon
- ✓ Base Titanium donate more cots

May 2017

- ✓ Another 10,000 litre water tank arrives
- ✓ Hiring of 2 new staff
- ✓ 2nd level of water tower bedsitter accommodation nearing completion

June 2017

- Dolphin, Theresa & Christine, our 9th, 10th and 11th children arrive on June16th
- ✓ Umoja joins with other orphanages to celebrate
 "The day of the African Child."





























July 2017

- \checkmark **Donation** of solar lanterns
- ✓ **Irrigation** continues
- ✓ Further crop planting
- ✓ 2nd level of bedsitters complete

August 2017

- ✓ Van purchase
- ✓ Crop harvest
- ✓ **Construction** of guardhouse

September 2017

- ✓ 16 volunteers to the project
- ✓ Constructed playground
- ✓ Constructed cow shed
- ✓ Painted guardhouse
- ✓ **Constructed** fruit forest fence
- ✓ Trained more locals
- ✓ Purchase of 300 meat chickens
- Held free health clinics for our \checkmark community

October 2017

✓ Kenyan Manager Patrick sponsored to come to Australia to guest speak at Rotary Clubs in Qld, NSW, Vic, & ACT with Director Cathy Booth for 4 weeks

4th Time volunteer manages project in manager's absence

- Purchase of 300 meat chickens
- Area of farm covered in shade net \checkmark
- ✓ 300 meat chickens sold at market
- Purchase of large generator as power \checkmark backup

November 2017

- Kenyan Manager Patrick arrives back to project in Kenya
- ✓ 7 volunteers arrive at project
- ✓ **Roofing** erected over cow shed & cow yard
- ✓ Planting of 100 various fruit trees
- 300 meat chickens sold at market \checkmark































December 2017

- ✓ Ruiru Rotary Club Nairobi visit
- ✓ Base Titanium mine provide a Xmas for our staff & children
- ✓ Children prepare for school

January 2018

- ✓ 6 children off to school
- ✓ German visitors to project
- ✓ Crop harvest begins
- ✓ 300 meat chickens sold at market
- ✓ Birth of more sheep & goats















- ✓ Further crop harvest
- ✓ Completion of shed for generator
- Planning for second children's accommodation on site
- Annual Fire safety training for staff

April 2018

- ✓ Second children's house begins Construction
- ✓ Crop planting
- ✓ Maize & vegetable harvesting

July 2018

✓ New child Diana arrives taking our children to 12

August 2018

✓ 2nd children's house ¾ complete











HOW CAN YOU HELP?

NEEDS \rightarrow

- Funds towards construction of our 2nd children's home (AUD\$45,000 remaining)
- Funds to furnish 2nd children's home when built USD \$8,000 approximately)
 (District Grant opportunity)
- Furnishing of our Manager's Office USD \$2000 approximately (printer, desk, chairs, filing cabinet, storage shelving, office stationary, fan) (District Grant opportunity)
- Help complete construction of 3 level water tower self- contained bedsitters for staff USD\$8500 per level : 2 levels remaining (District grant opportunity)
- Funds towards excavation to deepen our water hole Approximately USD
 \$1500 to retain more water for irrigation
- Sponsorship to pay monthly current wages AUD \$3500 per month for 14 staff
- More sponsorship for children entering the home (AUD \$1200 per year) to provide clothing, medical, school fees, uniforms, school items, excursions and food if needed)
- Purchase of 2 beef cattle for breeding for meat USD \$1000 approximately each
- Purchase of 5 more goats for breeding for meat -USD \$70 each approximately
- Purchase of 5 more sheep for breeding for meat USD \$70 each approximately

WHAT WE HAVE PLANNED FOR 2018

- Umoja tours and safari company website live & promotion of safaris and tours – all profit to Umoja Orphanage Kenya
- Continued fundraising for 2nd children's home
- Volunteer tour September 20th for 18 days

• Further hiring & training of more staff from local community



- Further extensive development of agricultural farm to increase sustainability to pay wages, and maintenance at project
- Continued training of local community (1st aid, health, agriculture, sewing skills, speaking in schools to girls aged 10 18 on hygiene during menstruation and implementing 'days for girls' within selected schools, permaculture etc.)

MORE WAYS YOU CAN HELP

- Applying for or contributing to a rotary global grant/district grant on our behalf for one of the above items
- Making a monetary donation to one of the goals above
- Holding a fundraiser on Umoja's behalf **OR** joining one of ours
- Sponsoring an annual event (Charity Gala Dinner, Trivia Night, Golf Day)
- Volunteering in Kenya on an organised tour
- Sponsoring a staff member monthly
- Sponsoring one of our children monthly or yearly
- Inviting an Umoja member to speak at your district conference
- Spreading the word of Umoja to your family and friends
- Enjoy a personalised safari with us with profits going directly back into the project

WHERE CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?

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Umoja Orphanage Kenya offers a real alternative to child abandonment. Through a holistic care approach, we give children a second chance at life and help break the cycle of poverty. On 15 acres of fertile land in Ukunda, we are building a children's village to accommodate individual family style homes. We are on the road to self-sustainability by sourcing our own food from our fruit and vegetable gardens, chicken, goat, sheep and dairy farm. Donate to Umoja today and help orphaned and vulnerable children reach their full potential.



