

The courses provided will enable the students to become employable or self employed and will also provide students with an opportunity to progress their education to higher levels including polytechnic and universities. All courses offered at the Center will be based on a National curriculum endorsed by the National Industrial Training Authority and Technical and Vocational Education and Training.

VTC PROGRESS AND NEED

The Tumaini Children's Ministry launched the construction of a modern four-story, 29,000 sqft purpose built building located on a one-acre plot donated by the Riamukurwe Primary School adjacent to the Tumaini Children's Home. Construction commenced in 2014 with an aggressive completion target in 2019. On completion, the building will have classrooms, workshops, cafeteria, meeting rooms and offices.

To date, financing of the VTC construction has primarily come from individual donors, locally and internationally. An estimated Kshs 46M will be required to complete the construction project.

VTC Construction and Vision as of February 2018



KSHS. 46M



Tumaini Children's Ministry is seeking financial and in-kind support to accelerate the construction process and subsequent benefit to the community.

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TUMAINI

VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTER



FOSTER DIGNITY

INSPIRE HOPE

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TUMAINI CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

The Tumaini Children's Home was inaugurated on July 27, 1997, out of a need to service the overwhelming number of underprivileged children of Nyeri who lived on the streets and could not afford even a day's meal. The Ministry was founded by the former Moderator of the Presbyterian Church of East Africa (PCEA), the late **Very Reverend Bernard Muindi**, upon his retirement and is co-located with the church on 4.5 acres of land. Reverend Muindi and others then began to place these children in need under the care of the PCEA Riamukurwe Parish where well-wishers began collecting food and distributing to those children.



Today, the Ministry caters to vulnerable children from across Kenya and operates two homes - **Tumaini and Huruma Children's Homes** with the goal of giving hope to the hopeless or to the violated, neglected, abused and orphaned children in the society regardless of tribe, creed or religious affiliation. The Huruma Children's Home, formerly government run, caters primarily to disabled youth while the Tumaini Children's Home accommodates the remaining majority. To ensure that no children are left uncared for, the homes provide food, shelter, clothing, education and medical care to over 200 children residing within them.

Since inception of the Tumaini Children's Ministry, over 300 children have graduated from secondary school and many are now productive citizens and are financially and non-financially giving back to the community. Recently, these youth registered a Community Based Organization – **The Tumaini Huruma Alumni Association** – that is operating and managing bakery and poultry social enterprises. These enterprises are demonstrating to the community the benefits of vocational skills as an enabler of development and financial independence.



VTC VISION

When the Tumaini Children's Ministry was started, the goal was to help marginalized children grow holistically. One of the cornerstones of the ministry was to empower the children with a formal education to enable them to become productive citizens in the community.

While some talented youth have completed high school and are pursuing university or vocational type training at several institutions of higher learning, and have become an inspiration to others, the majority of the graduates are unable to find jobs or become self-employed due to a lack of practical skills or opportunities. Additionally, the cost of attending public technical institutions is prohibitive and is not a realistic option for the majority of impoverished high school graduates.

The vision of the Vocational Training Center (VTC) was driven by the need to meet a local and nationwide demand for skills training to enable youth employment. With one in five youth unemployed, high cost of technical education, and Tumaini's strong desire to prevent the young graduates from returning to their original environment, compelled the Tumaini Children's Ministry to development and implementation of the Tumaini Vocational Center.

In 2013, the Nyeri County (population 698,558 2009 Census), had 584 primary schools and 194 high schools with a population of 145,906 and 47,524

students respectively. While Nyeri, like other counties in the country has youth polytechnics, it continues to experience low transition from primary to secondary school with the overall dropout rates averaging 3.5%. The pivotal issue of high school drop out is more common in informal settlements in Nyeri County where poverty levels are high. Consequently, the youth in these areas are more prone to undesirable criminal and anti-social activities. Girls are also at a greater risk of getting into early marriages, engaging in prostitution and/or becoming teenage mothers

VTC COURSE OFFERINGS

The initial course offering at the Center will include trades that are considered highly marketable and relevant to the local context, specifically:

- Plumbing
- Tailoring
- Computer Technology
- Culinary Arts
- Beauty
- Mechanics
- Carpentry
- Masonry

The development of future skill sets in photography, video production, graphic design, and others is also envisioned.

The estimated number of students that the building will be able to accommodate at any one time is approximately 400.