



# Ngong Outreach to Vulnerable Children

Empowering Disabled Youth to Become Self-Sustainable

— Ngong, Kenya —



Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.

MATTHEW 18:5



# Executive Summary

## Description

This project will encourage families and the larger community to accept, love and incorporate children with disabilities into the fabric of their communal life. It achieves this by helping alleviate the material burden of impoverished families, training caregivers and offering educational and medical assistance.

## Purpose

To empower vulnerable children and their families with an education and medical and material assistance that will allow them to achieve greater self-sustainability.

## Location

The Diocese of Ngong, Kenya, located near the Ngong Hills, southwest of Nairobi.

## Cost

**\$54,000** will empower this ministry to assist 50 vulnerable children in the Diocese of Ngong. Your gift will fund mobility devices, medicine, school tuitions, food, shelter, and other needs of these children and their caregivers.

## Highlights

### NEED

- The discrimination and stigmatization of vulnerable children sometimes result in their mistreatment and may even endanger their lives.
- Families living in poverty find it extremely challenging to provide proper care to children with special needs.
- While needy children can benefit greatly from mobility devices, education, and training for their caregivers, these opportunities are rarely available. Only through outside intervention can these children become active and contributing members in their communities.

### IMPACT

- Your support can transform the lives of 50 vulnerable children and restore their dignity.
- By providing mobility devices, educational support and medical assistance, you can bless these children and empower them to contribute to their community's life.
- This project will also provide food for 50 families with vulnerable children, as well as shelter and clothing for 15 of the neediest children.
- This project will educate the larger community to fight the stigmatization and the mistreatment of children with disabilities.



*One of the vulnerable children we hope to help through this ministry.*



## The Need: Holistic Care for Disabled Youth



*Our ministry partner recently checked in with James and is happy to say he is healthier than when he was met a year ago.*

James sits at home alone each day, and because he is disabled he is physically restrained to prevent him from leaving while his mother is away. It's a tragic situation, and some in his community are troubled by hardships young James faces, but most are too poor to provide any better level of care for him.

Unfortunately, stories of this kind are not uncommon in Kenya, where disabled children can be viewed suspiciously because of cultural beliefs that such problems are the result of a curse. In those cases, the disabled may even be victims of neglect or abuse. Poverty can also play a role in their hardships, because a disabled child may be seen as a liability. In those cases, their educational, medical and material needs may go unaddressed.

In the Diocese of Ngong, there are many vulnerable children suffering under these circumstances, however, the Church is in a position to help — with your support. Working in partnership with Good Samaritan Water Sanitation Services, founded by Father Fabian Hevi, we can offer these precious children the educational support, medical assistance and social protection they desperately need.

Some can be made more comfortable through mobility devices such as wheelchairs, crutches, orthopedic footwear and prosthetics. Others need help with tuition fees, required uniforms and school materials needed to further their education. Fr. Fabian even has a plan to provide vocational training so the children can acquire skills and support themselves in the future.

Family support provided by Fr. Fabian can also have a big impact because many of these boys and girls have families or caregivers in need of food, shelter and proper training. In

those cases, your gift will also bless them, stabilizing the family and setting up their children for success.

Through your compassion and generosity, our ministry partner in Kenya can have a big impact in all these areas — as well as provide the spiritual guidance these communities need. We believe Christ and his Church will eventually shift the mindset surrounding vulnerable children like James and create the kind of cultural changes that will bless children like him for decades to come.

**Please give today to help the children of Ngong — boys and girls who are precious in the eyes of our Lord!**



## Give Generously

Pope Francis once said, “Every child who a woman expects in her womb is a gift that changes a family’s history: the life of fathers and mothers, grandparents and of brothers and sisters. That child needs to be welcomed, loved and nurtured. Always!” We echo the Holy Father’s sentiments and hope you will partner with us in giving the vulnerable children in Kenya the love and nurturing care they deserve.

As you have seen, your gift can change their lives in profound ways! Through your financial contributions, these children will receive greatly needed food, shelter and education. Support that improves their mobility will also allow them to make valuable contributions to their community, restore their God-given dignity and expand their opportunities in the world.

The impact of your gift will help transform their communities too. As families see Christ’s love manifested in this way, they will also learn to see, know and love disabled youth as they are: unique and precious gifts from God!



*A young girl your gift could help.*

***Welcome Kenya’s beautiful children into your heart!***

## Our Mission

We mobilize the global Catholic Church to transform the poor and their communities materially and spiritually for the glory of Jesus Christ.

## Good Stewardship

We consider every gift we receive as a precious resource from God. We direct every donation to its intended project, provide honest and accurate reports to our donors, and keep overhead costs to an industry low. We handle funds with utmost integrity and hold our ministry partners in the field to the same high standards by asking them to document costs and the impact of their outreach. These detailed accountability measures have earned us ongoing accreditation by the following organizations:



The Chronicle of Philanthropy  
*The nonprofit world's No. 1 news source*

## Our Promise to You!

Donations from this campaign will be used to cover any expenditures for this project incurred through June 30, 2022, the close of our ministry’s fiscal year. In the event that more funds are raised than needed to fully fund the project, the excess funds, if any, will be used to meet the most urgent needs of the ministry.

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