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Helping to build skills of women in the slums



Training women in beading and adding value of clothing materials using beads

Kiandutu slum is among the largest informal settlements in Kenya and arguably the largest outside Nairobi City. It lies within Thika municipality in Kiambu county within the Nairobi metro region. The settlement is over crowded, occupying an estimated 100 acres of land with a population of about 30, 000 people and 10, 000 households. It is situated along the Thika Garissa Road, Highway A3 about 35 km north of Nairobi.

The rate of poverty is very high and the prevalence of HIV/AIDs is very high. There is an atmosphere of uncertainty and insecurity because of the living conditions, limited resources, violence, and corruption. Over 60% of Kiandutu dwellers are women and children. The unemployment rate is very high which exacerbates crime in the region.

In order to reduce extreme poverty among women in Kiandutu slum, G-BIACK has introduced a mobile training program dubbed “Skills For Life program” where the slum dwellers, especially women, are taught different skills according to their interests. Working with beads for jewelry and for adding value to already made clothes, basket making, baking and cookery, family planning and health, and small business management are some of the interventions that G-BIACK is focusing on. In addition, methods for mini food gardening are taught using technologies like aerial gardens and container gardens to address the absence of space for kitchen gardens.

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