

ORGANIZATIONAL PROFILE FOR ROCK OF AGES RESCUE CENTRE

INTRODUCTION:

ROCK OF AGES RESCUE CENTRE is a community based organization based at Marurui Slums in Nairobi doing rescue mission for street, vulnerable, destitute, abandoned and orphaned children within the slums. This profile gives an overview of the organization, its work, legality, challenges and proposed solution to both available challenges and posed threats. It is also an entry point for individuals, organizations and institutions to partnership, assistance and collaboration in bringing up these innocent but vulnerable children.

ESSENCE:

Rock of Ages Rescue Centre begun from a vision from Pastor Dorcas Karimi Nkoroï who had been assisting children in the streets while to and from the church services. She had done such kind of charity for a couple of years since twenty fifteen up to twenty nineteen. During all this time, she did not have a place where she could gather such vulnerable children for at least a meal a day. She thought of sharing her vision with other likeminded people whom she thought would be of great help to the project. She later found a place to keep rescued needy, vulnerable and children in need of care at Marurui Slums in Nairobi. She, together with other members of the community registered a Community Based Organization (CBO) under the name of ROCK OF AGES RESCUE CENTRE CBO. This was done in the year 2021. Since inception, the Centre has been taking care of 38 children aged between three years and 15 years. The Centre provide food, shelter, clothing, education support and psychosocial support. The Centre is run by Pastor Dorcas Karimi Nkoroï assisted by other community members as volunteers. None of the care givers is paid;

they work as volunteers. The children taken care of are done so through provision from well-wishers and people of good will.

ORGANIZATION:

Rock of Ages Rescue Centre Community Based Organization is organized by communities of fifteen people who constituted the CBO. These people are those who supported the vision of the founding member and who, some of them, formed the committee of the CBO. The CBO is governed through a committee but has three main officials namely, the chairman, secretary and the treasurer. The committee runs planning of activities while the officials execute these plans. However, day today activities are run by the officials and the volunteers of the CBO. The CBO has an arm for Friends of Rock of Ages Rescue Centre which meets quarterly to oversee the activities, share the challenges and plan for advancement in their supportive measures. The committee also meet quarterly to undertake evaluation and further planning. Amongst the members, there are several committees that undertake responsibilities geared towards sustainability of the CBO activities. These committees include Monitoring committee, Evaluation committee and Financial committee. This means that the CBO is run through community involvement. Our jurisdiction is within Marurui area within Nairobi County within Roysambu Constituency. Our service is to the communities of this area.

OUR WORK:

Following our name; Rock of Ages Rescue Centre CBO, we undertake rescue missions where we rescue vulnerable, orphaned, destitute, abandoned and discriminated children from the streets of Marurui Slums and within its environments. The children rescued are of diverse cultures and languages, tribes and clans because we are located within cosmopolitan area of Nairobi. We have children from far off who ran to the slums after losing their parents due to

HIV/AIDS and other reasons. Others had no one to cater for them. We undertake to care for them, house them, feed them, clothe them, and support their education and medication as well as providing psychosocial support to them. We do this in partnership with qualified individuals, organizations and churches as well as other charities and social organizations.

LEGALITY:

Rock of Ages Rescue Centre is operating legally being legally registered under the social services offices in Roysambu Constituency within Nairobi County. This CBO was first registered in the year 2021 and has been renewed as required by the Social Services Department within the government of Kenya ministry. Rock of Ages bears a Community Based Organization certificate that legalizes it. The CBO has legally operates a bank account with Equity Bank Limited officially opened through legal system of operating a bank account. The CBO is known by the area chief and works hand in hand with Child Information Protection System Management of Kenya (CIPSM-Kenya)

CHALLENGES:

Rock of Ages Rescue Centre faces a huge challenge of sustainable management due to the increasing number of children that need help. As population keep on rising in the society, the number of needy children, orphaned, abandoned, discriminated and vulnerable keep on increasing daily. The children already rescued by us need more than we are able to offer because, as they continue receiving education, the requirements keep on rising as per the level. Foodstuffs have also become a challenge due to the earlier prolonged droughts and famine and as a result of food insecurity in the nation. Almost everything has become a tall order for us to achieve due to high economic inflation within the nation and high cost of living. We urgently need foodstuffs, beddings, school equipment and materials, housing facilities and clothing. We need more partners to enable

us offer the services of care needed. We are challenged with foodstuffs because we do not have any farmland within the rescue centre and no money to secure one nearby or at reachable place. Depending on well-wishers is another challenge because some tend to withdraw without any notice. This is because charity is willingly and not in agreement.

POSSIBLE SOLUTION:

We feel that the possible solution to enable us offer the best care services is to

1. Have our own piece of land where we can construct spacious houses for sheltering the rescued children
2. To have a farmland where we can farm and have our own food sustainability program
3. Have a basic school that we support our children and those of communities around.
4. Have a sewing machine, solar system and water treatment facilities that will enable us sew clothes, use green energy for our activities and have clean and treated water for both consumption and sale
5. Have a spiritual centre for psychosocial services to both children and communities around
6. To have a broad list of volunteers, partners, donors and well-wishers who will support our activities forthwith and
7. To initiate diverse income generating activities to support our sustainability activities of the centre.

CONCLUSION:

We welcome all individuals, charities, cooperatives, donors and well-wishers willing to partner with us to do so through writing to us or calling us. You can reach us through +254 714 673 052, email: rockofagesrescuecentre@gmail.com and visit our website <https://rockofagesrescuece.wixsite.com/rockofagesrescue>