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**MULLY MARATHON 2019  
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Saving Children's Lives



## 1 THE DAY OF THE AFRICAN CHILD 2018 CELEBRATIONS.

The Day of the African Child 2018 was commemorated on 16th June 2018 under the theme “*Leave No Child Behind for Africa’s Development.*” The day is commemorated annually to remember the Soweto Massacre of Children in South Africa in 1976. The day is marked to sustain campaigns to safeguard child rights and protection.

As a lead agency in child protection issues, MCF played a central role organizing the celebrations for Yatta Sub-County which were held at Matuu Town and attended by stakeholders including government representatives and over 2000 children representing over 30 schools and institutions within Yat-

ta Sub-County. MCF also oversaw the feeding of all children who attended the event at Matuu. The Day of the African Child 2018, presented a great avenue to institutions and agencies addressing themselves to the plights of orphans and vulnerable children to reflect on their programs as well as interventions

During the event, MCF was recognized by government representatives and stakeholders for its unwavering support to Children in need of care and protection and remaining at the forefront in providing resources, expertise and support to activities, and programs geared towards saving children’s lives in the region.

*Below: Children from MCF and community school participating during the event.*



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## TALENT SEARCH AND SPORTS, DEVELOPMENT

### a) MCF Football Club

The MCF Football Club which was promoted to Second Division of Kenya Premier League in 2018 has continued to climb the ladder in ranking and was in Position Two as at 1st July 2018 in the Football Kenya Federation South and Northern Zone. MCF continued to support the MCF Football Club (*inset during training session at MCF Ndalani*) during the review period to honor all fixtures which included both Away and Home matches as part of MCF strategy to scale up talent development of children and youth. The support included provision of remuneration of the technical team, purchase of soccer boots, socks, uniforms as well as meals and accommodation allowances during away matches.

### b) The MCF Mission Team

Training of the MCF Mission team and outreach continued during the review period. The mission team held activities and performances in different forums for awareness creation. MCF Mission team is composed of different children clubs that participate in various co-curricular activities to enhance their own talents and include the Choir (*inset during MCF appearance on KTN News Centre on 29th June 2018*), Acrobats, Karate as well as drama and dance troupe. Professional trainers in areas of Music, dance, acrobats and martial arts were hired to facilitate ongoing training activities.



### 3 SCHOOL OPENING FOR 2018 SECOND SCHOOL TERM

The children were out for school holidays in April and part of May 2018 during which various mentorship and skills training activities were undertaken. Schools reopened in the Second week of May 2018 in all MCF branches in Kenya. The second school term began routine school programs including children participation in competitive co-curricular activities. The main activities included the following;

- a) Purchase of scholastic materials to support learning in all schools
- b) Sustenance of routine learning programs
- c) Participation in co-curricular activities including Schools Music and Drama Festivals.

*Inset: students of Dr Charles Mulli Secondary School - Inyanzaani*



### 4 CAPACITY BUILDING ON THE NEW EDUCATION CURRICULUM IN KENYA

MCF education program is experiencing increased demand for resources for compliance after the government of Kenya rolled out the new 2-6-3-3-3 education curriculum in Kenya in January 2018 and is expected to gradually replace the 32-year-old 8-4-4 system. The requirements include purchase of new course books, computers for children's digital learning program and in-service intensive training of teachers on competency based curriculum content, competencies, and instruction and assessments methods. The new system is a competency based curriculum and replaces the current Standard One to Form Four with Grade 1 to Grade 12. It has been categorized into three phases: Early Years Education covering nursery education to Grade 3, Middle School Education covering Grade 4 to Grade 9 and Senior School covering grades 10 to 12.

During this review period, MCF facilitated the head-teachers of MCF managed schools to attend an orientation meeting presided over by the Kenya Government Ministry of Education on implementation of the new curriculum. In the last review period, an initial induction training of teachers within MCF on the new curriculum was undertaken in line with government guidelines in the last review period.

Other pending requirements which must be complied with during the year and subsequent includes;

- a) Purchase of new books and reference materials.
- b) Purchase of computers to implement digital learning program.
- c) Retraining of all teachers.
- d) Purchases of stationery and related teaching aids.



## 5 MATUU STREET CHILDREN OUTREACH AND FEEDING PROGRAM

The project goal is to see street children still on the street get hot balanced and nutritious meals regularly, access medical services, given psychosocial support for possible rescue, and eventually reunited with parents/guardians. The weekly feeding and related support services of street children at Matuu Town continued between April and 1st July 2018. The program has enabled MCF to continue creating rapport with the children and devise appropriate mechanisms for repatriation as well as rescue and placement in MCF education and training programs.

This program was initiated in January 2018, in response to the street children menace in Matuu town which is the largest urban centre within Yatta Sub-County in Machakos. The program was officially launched on the 8th International Day for the Street Children celebrations on 12th April 2018 during which 22 street children aged between 6 years and 16 years were rescued and admitted at MCF Ndalani for residential rehabilitation. This ongoing street outreach and rescue program supports the national initiatives in ensuring that no child suffers neglect on the street.



*Top: Daniel after rescue (April 2018) and now enrolled for metalwork craft course at MCF Yatta Vocational training centre in June 2018.*

*Below right: Daniel Musyoka before rescue from Matuu town*



## 6 COMMUNITY SCHOOLS FEEDING PROGRAM

After reopening of schools for Term Two in May 2018, MCF continued to undertake community schools feeding program targeting 6 schools to keep children in school alongside providing occasional food relief supplies to vulnerable families as well as daily clean water supply. The Community Schools feeding program

is positively impacting the lives of over 6000 children in both primary and secondary schools in Yatta and Lodwar sub counties. MCF Ndalani, Yatta and Lodwar programs traverse regions that have arid and semi-arid climatic conditions. Child poverty and destitute families are common features among the neigh-

borhood communities who also depend on MCF for clean water supply and even occasional relief food supplies. Perennial drought and flash floods whenever rains come always lead to agonizing seasons for families and children in the local communities.

## 7 SCHOLARSHIP OF STUDENTS LEARNING GERMAN LANGUAGE

To enhance international cultural exchange, the MCF founder identified 40 students (inset representation) to study German Language which commenced in August 2017 and continued in 2018.

As at July 2018, 14 of the students had taken examinations in various stages – Module A1, B1 and B2 at Goethe Institute Kenya while preparations were ongoing for upcoming examinations later in August and September 2018. The students learning German Language were selected from candidates who completed Grade 12 in MCF High Schools in 2016 and 2017. The teaching is being facilitated by Tutors from Germany.



## 8 MULLY COLLEGE PROGRESS

Mully Vocational College – Yatta Campus admitted 68 students (inset photo - Left) in the month of May 2018 who are taking various craft, certificate and diploma courses. The Vocational Training Department of Mully College also continued to enable a total of 130 trainees comprising of child-mothers (inset photo - below) and boys to access diverse trade skills during the review period which included hairdressing and beauty therapy, tailoring and dressing making, knitting, metal-work, masonry and electrical installations.

The college has increased access to college education by MCF beneficiaries and students from the community pursuing Vocational Craft courses as well as Diploma and Certificate courses. Mully Children's Family's education department is the flagship programme in all MCF endeavors due to the direct impact it has on MCF beneficiaries. MCF managed educational institutions as well as academic sponsorship and scholarships programmes are a clear testimony of the work and vision MCF has for its beneficiaries from the point of rescue to reintegration.





## 9 MEDICAL CARE SERVICES AND COMMUNITY MEDICAL OUTREACH

MCF continued to enable children and target communities to access both preventive and curative healthcare services through MCF Ndalani and MCF Yatta

Medical Centres. The medical care services included routine and emergency referral services of children and members of the community. The children at MCF

Vipingo, Kipsongo and Lodwar were facilitated to access regular medical services in private and public hospitals.

## 10 IMPACT OF HEAVY AND TORRENTIAL RAINS

MCF projects are located in areas with arid and semi-arid climatic patterns in Kenya and experience seasonal or perennial drought. Ironically, the counties worst hit by heavy torrential rains and rainstorms were those previously ravaged by drought including areas where MCF work.

The heavy torrential rainfall

which Kenya continued to experience in April through May 2018 had devastating effects on MCF farming activities. The heavy rains have caused massive destruction and loss to our farms. Farming activities in all open fields in both MCF Ndalani and MCF Yatta have been temporarily halted due to flooding, causing

destruction of the crops including vegetables and French beans that were already in the farms. However, farming activities in smaller scale was revived in the month of June and is expected to pick up before the end of 2018 when greenhouses repairs as well as rehabilitation of open fields will have been completed.

## 11 EMERGENCY RESCUE OF CHILDREN WHO ARE VICTIMS OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE

Between May and June 2018, a total of 26 orphaned and vulnerable children were rescued from extreme poverty backgrounds as well as from sexual abuse and violence. The cases were referred to MCF by Kenya Government

agencies and other stakeholders for rescue and provision of comprehensive care support services. 13 referred children were victims of sexual violence. Anchored on the commitment to saving children's lives, MCF continues to

rescue such referred cases in anticipation to restore both their emotional and physical health as well as guide them in the knowledge and healing power of Christ.

## 12 CONSTRUCTION OF GUEST KITCHEN AND DINING HALL

Mully Children's Family initiated the construction of a modern kitchen and dining lounge project in April 2018 to enhance catering services delivery towards increasing numbers of resident guests hence effectively complement services in two established Guesthouses at MCF Ndalani. This project anticipates boosting

development. Guests also visit for purposes of receiving practical training on the Mully Model for replication to serve humanity. Upon completion, the project

*Below left: Guest Kitchen ground floor under construction in May 2018:*



MCF income generation and sustainability of child rehabilitation and transformation programmes as well as MCF hospitality services. We have had to borrow internal funds to enable commencement of the work.

Guests form an important component of MCF rescue and rehabilitation of OVCs through mentorship, role modelling, promoting sponsorship opportunities for children and general support in programmes de-

velopment. Guests also visit for purposes of receiving practical training on the Mully Model for replication to serve humanity. Upon completion, the project shall be a two-Storey building comprising of Kitchen area on Ground Floor, Dining lounge on First Floor and Stores section on the second floor. The timelines for completion of the project shall depend on availability of funds and remittance of the project pledges from well-wishers. Providing quality catering service at cost is also an important component in MCF hospitality initiative and shall strengthen MCF sustainability of its child development programs.

*Below: First Floor Slab under construction early June 2018.*





# 13 REPAIRS OF CROP PROTECTION GREENHOUSE – MCF YATTA FARM

Crop protection greenhouses form an important component in horticultural farming activities at MCF Yatta Farm. The

greenhouses were constructed 2007 and 2009 and effectively supported production of horticulture crops for an average of 10 years. However, due to wear and tear as well as seasonal rainstorms which blew away the nettings and roof covers in the recent years, the Greenhouses became extensively damaged beyond sustainable use since January 2017 hence necessitating repairs of all greenhouses covering 20 acres land area. The repairs which commenced in January 2018 involves the following activities; clearing of sites, removal of old nettings and torn poly-

thene roof covers and replacement with new ones, replacement of old aluminum roofing materials, replacement of damaged drip lines and water supply pipes, repair of misting systems, and soil fumigation before planting commences.

It is anticipated that the repair work shall be completed by September 2018 and all Greenhouses commissioned for planting of various horticultural crops including vegetables and green beans for domestic use as well as for sale of surplus production for income generation.



*Left and below: Ongoing Crop protection greenhouse repairs as at April and May 2018*

Mully Children's Family (MCF) is a children's charity registered and incorporated in Kenya under the management of a Board of Trustees with the main responsibility of providing oversight and leadership in management of the affairs of the Mully Children's Family for achievement of its mission and vision. MCF support system and assistance to Orphaned and Vulnerable Children (OVCs) has continued to evolve since 1989 when it was founded and seeks to keep pace with changing legal, social and economic environment for the best interests of its target group.

Children accessing care and support at Mully Children's Family are of diverse and devastating backgrounds and include; former street children, rescued child mothers, child labourers, HIV+ children, Orphans, and destitute children. MCF has also strengthened its community based child care projects and community empowerment initiatives to promote child care and protection at community level.



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