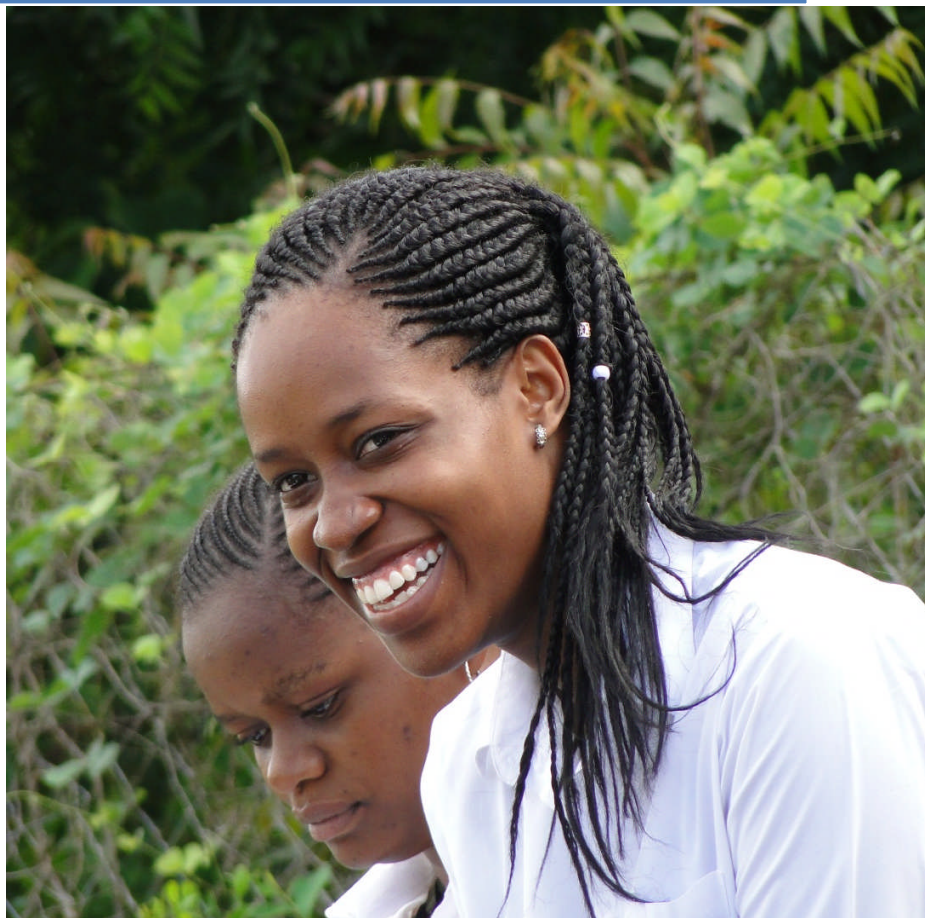




# Kianda Foundation



## BACKGROUND

In Kenya, 45.9% of the population lives below the poverty line. Consequently there is a huge population that has little or no access to basic human needs such as education, health, housing and water. Kianda Foundation was set up over 53 years ago to reduce levels of poverty through empowering women. At the time of the Foundation's inception very few women had access to education owing to the fact that the society was highly patriarchal.

The first project the Foundation initiated was Kianda College and it provided training opportunities for the first secretaries in pre and post independent Kenya. Today the Foundation runs more than 10 projects in five different counties in Kenya and its main focus areas are education, economic empowerment and health. To date the Foundation has directly impacted the lives of over 43,000 girls and women.

Kianda Foundation responds to the needs of the country and it has made significant contributions towards Kenya's economic and social agenda. Through our partnerships with donors and projects, we have contributed towards improved levels of education, health and poverty reduction. These efforts are geared towards sustainable development as well as attaining the Millennium Development Goals.

The Foundation's success is pegged on the commitment and professionalism of its staff; the strong networks with donors and implementing partners as well as its high regard for values.

## BRIEF HISTORY

Kianda Foundation was started as a non-profit making Educational Trust aimed at promoting the educational, cultural and spiritual welfare of women in Kenya. A Trust Deed established the Foundation on 9 January 1961. It achieves this aim through the establishment and management of schools, colleges, and training centres for both women and girls, thus promoting their general education. In the recent past the Foundation has also set up health, entrepreneurial and housing scheme programs for its beneficiaries. Kianda Foundation projects have grown continuously over the years in answer to the real needs of women's development in different fields at a particular time. The projects of the Foundation respond to the conviction of the Trustees that women provide the key to a social development based on Christian values.

The Foundation initiated one project in 1961 that is Kianda College and presently it supports 11 projects within the thematic areas of Education, Economic Empowerment and Health. The projects are:

- Kianda School
- Kibondeni College
- Kimlea Girls Technical Training Centre
- Tewa Training Centre
- Gatina and Maramba Nursery Schools
- Kimlea Clinic
- Children's Health Program (CHEP)
- Trainer of Trainer's Business Skills Program for Rural Women
- Faida Centre
- Fanusi Study Centre
- Wanjohi Farm for Internally Displaced Persons

### Kianda Foundation's Vision and Mission

**Vision:** A dignified life for every woman in Kenya through quality education.

**Mission:** To provide quality and personalized education to women and girls, developing all aspects of each individual to the full.

## PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

### I. ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM

#### Trainer of Trainers (TOT) project for empowering Rural Women with Business Skills

##### BRIEF

The TOT project was started in 2003 with the support of ICEP, an Austrian NGO. To date ICEP continues supporting this project and so far 2096 rural women have benefitted from this program. Over 80 % of these women have increased their family income as a result of either starting or improving their current businesses. The project engages University Students from Fanusi and Keri Study Centres who are trained on how to train rural women on business skills. The students then impart this knowledge on the women after which the women are followed up for six months to ensure implementation of the program takes place.

### II. EDUCATIONAL PROJECTS

#### Kianda School

##### BRIEF

Kianda School was established in 1977 and it consists of the primary school and secondary school sections. The School launched a Scholarship Endowment Fund in 2011 on the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Kianda Foundation. This was in a bid to sponsor bright girls in Nairobi who would not be able to afford to access the high quality education offered in the School.

#### Kibondeni College

##### BRIEF

Kibondeni College is a hospitality institution that has been in existence since 1967. The College targets young women from financially challenged backgrounds and it offers three main courses. Students pay school fees but this accounts for only 24% of the running costs of the institution as majority of them come from poor homes. The College is now self-sustaining owing to the output of the production unit that offers outside catering services. The production unit also serves as a training unit especially for the students taking the Kibondeni Certificate Course (1 year).

#### Kimlea Girls Technical Training Centre

##### BRIEF

Kimlea was established in 1992 and it offers technical skills to girls from poor backgrounds and mostly living in the tea and coffee plantations in Tigoni. Most of its graduates manage to get jobs and others have been able to start small trades. The donations received for the school were mostly used for scholarships and running expenses of the school. Most of the students are too poor to pay the actual fees required for the training hence they only remit about 12% of the actual fee.

## **Gatina and Maramba Nursery Schools**

### **BRIEF**

Gatina and Maramba nursery schools were established in the tea plantations in 1995. The project was set up to cater for early childhood education of the children of the tea and coffee plantations workers in the Tigoni area. These schools have enabled hundreds of children to get enrolled in primary school. Gatina is fully sponsored by Kianda Foundation while Maramba is partially sponsored.

## **Tewa Training Centre**

### **BRIEF**

Tewa Training Centre was inaugurated in 2010 thus opening its doors to its first 45 students. The institution targets women and girls from financially challenged backgrounds in Kilifi County. It offers in-house hospitality courses for girls and outreach programs for the rural women.

## **III. HEALTH PROGRAMS**

### **Kimlea Medical Clinic**

#### **BRIEF**

Kimlea Clinic was established in 2006 within the Kimlea Training Centre compound. Many tea and coffee plantation workers in Tigoni had little or no access to health care due to high levels of poverty. Consequently high levels of morbidity and mortality were recorded especially due to respiratory diseases and ailments resulting from malnutrition. Kianda Foundation saw the need for a health facility that would cater for this population at a very subsidized rate. The Clinic also caters for the students, parents and staff of Kimlea Training Centre as well as primary schools near the clinic.

### **Children's Health Program (CHEP)**

#### **BRIEF**

The Children's Health Program was initiated in 2009 to cater for the health needs of children in Tigoni and Limuru areas. This resulted from the fact that many of the children in primary schools near Kimlea Training Centre had no access to medical care leading to high levels of morbidity. Consequently the children performed poorly in school. Through this program a medical fund was established where a child is assured of medical care throughout their primary school education by a contribution of Sh.5, 000. The fund has been continuously growing and currently 3502 children have a medical cover under this scheme. The program caters for children from 4 Primary Schools and 2 nursery schools.

## IV. COMMUNITY PROJECTS

### Wanjohi Farm for Internally Displaced Persons

#### BRIEF

The Wanjohi farm was acquired by Kianda Foundation in 2008 in order to resettle Internally Displaced persons (IDPs) who had been camping at Limuru following the Kenya's post-election violence (2007 / 2008). The IDPs in turn are repaying the cost of the land and on completion each is issued with a title deed. A housing scheme began in order to provide proper shelter for the IDPs as well as a scholarship program for primary and secondary school children. In addition, water pipes and water tanks were installed to provide clean water for the population.

### Community Library in Nguu Division - Makueni

#### BRIEF

In 2011 Kianda Foundation hosted a family competition to mark its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. In this competition families were required to come up with community projects which they would like implemented and the winning project was fully funded by Kianda Foundation. The family that won this competition was the Nyalita Family in Makueni and construction of the library began in February 2012. The project was inaugurated in August 2012. This was the first community library built in Nguu Division and its main aim is to improve the standards of education in the region.

### Papa Moroy Nursery School – Shariani (Kilifi)

#### BRIEF

In 2011 a group of young women from Spain visited Tewa Training Centre and on returning back to their country they sourced for funds to build a nursery school in Shariani Primary School in Kilifi. These women got funds from one of the biggest banks in Spain (La Caixa) and construction of the nursery school was done in 2012. This initiative was driven by the fact that in this particular region hundreds of children had very little access to early childhood education. Through the funding from Spain it was possible to build two classrooms, staffrooms and pit latrines in Shariani Primary School so that these children could access education.



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