

# Widows and Orphans in Rural Kenya (WORK)

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## A productive year for WORK.....

It has been a busy & productive year so far for **WORK**. We have increased our number of Orphans & have gained 2 more Widows groups.

In addition, **WORK** has almost completed 2 new Wards at St Bakhita Mission Health Centre. A Children's & a female ward. This will help us ensure a separate bed - so each child has a bed of its own & does not have to share!

The big highlight for this year is a new Ambulance – a fully equipped strong off road vehicle which will be based at St Bakhita MHC and serve the surrounding Communities.



*Our New Ambulance just delivered*



*The inside of the new Ambulance*

**WORK** is almost the only support many of the women & children have for an education or possibility of a safe home. We are based in far Western Kenya – bordering Uganda. It is a poor and forgotten area of the country with little or no employment opportunities.

In 2024 **WORK** has

supported 2 new Widows groups, a womens group & a local traders group in an effort to reduce the poverty levels at home & ensure there is food for their children.



*Some of the newest Widows group.....*



*Justine with her new tomato business*

**YOU are WORK and without you none of this would have been achieved.....**

**THANK YOU**

### Have you ever.....

Never seen a tap?

Walked an hour to school in bare feet on a rough path?

Never seen a computer?

Refused to go to school as you had to look after your younger sister who was only 3 and you had no parents?

Never been in car?

Never used electricity?

Only ever slept on a floor with no sheets or bedding

Wondered what it's like have a treat or something special?

## Health Issues in Kenya.....

**WORK** is based in Bungoma & Busia Counties. Both Counties are rural with limited infrastructure. Health problems are common & with the majority of people having to pay for the services. **WORK** has 2 Health Centres & always treats first before discussing any payment.

This year malnutrition & TB are a problem. HIV/AIDS is still common. **WORK** provides care & treatment wherever possible.



*A tiny babe with severe Malnutrition*

Jiggers & local parasites

are a huge problem for kids & the elderly



*Hundreds of Jiggers were removed from a 3 month old baby.*

Without **WORK** many of these babies would not survive. **WORK** takes the treatment to far rural communities and treats everyone free.....one small effort to improve the lives of those with nothing

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**Tries to offer hope  
and a chance to  
improve quality of life  
where there is NO  
HOPE.....**



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Invite friends for a Coffee or..... and charge them something small. Fun & productive!

Every little helps – **MANY DROPS MAKE A WATERFALL.....**

Asante sana.....

## Our Widows .....

Since 2006 **WORK** has supported many groups of Widows and numerous individual Widows. The groups once formed are a 'force to be reckoned with!' Many of the older Widows have never been to school & they sign their names with their thumb print....**BUT** ....they are tremendous and the 'power' behind stability of so many of our Students.

The success of the groups is amazing & to date they are growing & supporting their grandchildren..... often the only adult left for the kids:



*Jentrix has 3 orphans she looks after. She is the sole adult left*



*This group is planting seed on land WORK bought them*



*Deena has started this small business this year with help from WORK*

Each Widow on average has 5 kids they are responsible for – **WORK** has assisted over 100 Widows .....that is a lot of lives protected. **THANKYOU**

## Our Students in 2024.....

This year **WORK** is supporting 118 orphans. Most are desperately poor. Many have no real home & are moved from house to house where there is food! **WORK** has a hostel for those who are totally homeless. Almost all of our students go to Boarding schools to ensure their safety & ability to study and have food.



*Ruby outside her home*

Ruby is standing in front of her home. She lives there alone, She is now in Boarding School & doing well with her grades increasing!



One way **WORK** particularly supports girls is to provide them with sanitary pads. This ensures the girls are full time in class and not missing a week a month – resulting in poor grades.

As well as Secondary Students - **WORK** sponsors students in artisan skills. Mostly this is in a

Vocational Training College:



*We have 8 students here this year*

They are studying Masonry, Carpentry, Plumbing, Tailoring & electrics..... on completion they will be supported by **WORK** with tools & skills to gain employment.



*Phyllis is the first girl to study electrics at the College!*

**THANKYOU..... without your help these 118 kids may well not survive**