

Halfway House Rehabilitation Centre: Timothy's story

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Experience by Mukuru Slums Development Project (MSDP)
In Mukuru Slums, Nairobi, KENYA

Mukuru Slums is one informal settlement in Nairobi with deplorable housing and sanitary conditions. The slums dwellers livelihoods opportunities are diminishing by day which creates socio-economic pressure to families. This, most of the time, leads to parental separation with the women bearing the heaviest burden as they are left to take care of the children. Consequently, the basic needs of the family are not met and children end up in the streets.

The solution was to create the Halfway House Rehabilitation Centre for street boys

IMPACT

- Mothers able to pay school fees
- Empowerment of beneficiaries
- Boys out of the streets and back in school

Experience description

MSDP ensures the sustainability of the rehabilitation and family reintegration process, by empowering the family, both socially and economically. The social empowerment is done during the rehabilitation process when the boy is at the Centre; whereas the economic empowerment is done through business training and start up. To illustrate this, we have taken the case of Timothy Kimani who was rescued, rehabilitated and reintegrated back to his family in 2014. Timothy comes from a single headed family. His mother had difficulties undertaking casual jobs due to health problems which led to a lack of food and school fees were too expensive. This situation made Timothy run to the streets where he started stealing and abusing drugs. He was rescued and brought to Halfway House. After assessment, the mother was trained and started on a business to help address their economic challenge. At the end of his rehabilitation period, Timothy was reintegrated back to his family and placed in class 5. He has now completed standard eight with the support of his mother.



Other characteristics



BENEFICIARIES

- Boys and their families



CHALLENGES

- The number of people in need of this intervention is still high



LESSONS LEARNED

- Importance of good collaboration with street boys and their parents (collaborative approach)
- Need of a previous socio-economic analysis of the families

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