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HOPE FOR HOPE GIRL-CHILD



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WONDER WOMAN



TERESIA ATIENO (32)

Teresia Atieno is our Wonder Woman. born in Siaya county she is 32 years of age. Despite a cleaner at catholic church, Teresia hasn't stopped being a wife and a mother to not only her four kids but to the entire community. Her dream after secondary was to become a nurse and help her community, but her father wasn't able to afford fee, that forced her to get married at a young age. All she had in her was her caring heart and the passion for football.

In the times where the girl child is still not being attended to, Teresia started a girls' football club in Likoni.

She called it Vyemani Queens, Queens because in the game of chess the queen is the most powerful and she has seen the need of teaching these small girls to be powerful.

STARTING UP



When she was starting up she started the club with her three daughters and neighbors kids. She couldn't afford a new ball so she borrowed an old ball from a school near by. slowly the number grew and a little support from family she was able to get a pair of jersey for the team. She said, " times were tough, i remember having to walk 200m so that we can get to the field for our matches."

TRAINING

During school days we do not train but during the weekends we training for the entire day. Teresia heads the training of the girls team from 8 am in the morning so that by mid day the girls are able to relax and prepare for the league games. Over the times teresia could get water for the girls from her house, since they used to walk for long to get a good playing ground.



With the partnership we have with teresia we have been able to share the little equipment that we have, we have had friendly matches with the under 14 boys team so as to toughen and make the girls better. Also the older boys football team volunteer to train the girls team, every morning during the holidays as well.



PARTNERSHIP



The football girls team during training.

4 years back, Halima challenged us as a project on why we never paid attention to the girl-child. It's at that very moment that we realized we had a loop and we stepped up to fix it. The girl child in our community is still not given equal opportunities as the boy-child and we are doing all we can to change that. Successful stories like Mejjju, Riziki, and Zawadi has shown that we are able.

As a project, we share the same goal as Teresia and it's with this that we have seen the need to working together merge our girls' team with hers and grow them together to be power-girls.



PLAN



- Our plan is to have more equipment right from getting jerseys, football shoes for all the players, enough balls and so many other necessary tools to keep the girls team running.
- We also intend to have sessions that will empower the girl child, that way they can also get to know what they are expected to do as girls
- some of the sessions will talk about menstrual hygiene among other pressing issues.
- These are just but a few of our plans for the girls football team.

CONCLUSION

- We believe it's our duty to change our community, and we have taken up the duty to ensure the girl child is well attended to and she gets equal opportunities. We believe with this football project we are able to prevent girls from early pregnancies that lead to dropping out.
- In a society where 113 young girls deliver every month in hospitals and 46 young girls deliver out of hospital without proper attendance, We are able to help out and create a better life for the girl child.